

## Newsletter

Summer 2011



FRIENDS OF THE JEFF DAVIS COUNTY LIBRARY

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## Friends Award Two \$1000 Scholarships !



Friends Secretary, Elaine Harmon) as the recipients of \$1000 each toward their higher education.

It was a tough decision but three judges from the Friends Board of Directors chose from among nineteen applicants from Fort Davis, Valentine, and High Frontier (A.L.C.) school students to select Winona Leon and Taylor Mathes (in the photos with

Winona will pursue a career in teaching English while Mathes envisions his future in the field of marine sciences. Their winning essays, National Honor Society and other academic achievements,



plus their service to the community made them a perfect match for the scholarships.

Congratulations, students!

## Introducing: The Library Terrace Project

This year, the Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library is launching a campaign to raise funds for "The Library Terrace Project," a beautification project for the north entry to the library with a patio, benches, native plantings, free Wi-Fi connection at all hours, and ADA compliant doors that will lead into the children's area. There will also be a kiosk with interpretive panels about the history of the library building and the West Texas area to inform guests from out of town.

President Cyndee Barnes presented the concept to the Commissioners Court on June 13th and gained approval to move forward into the planning stage for this project and was promised funds as they become available. The following month, past President Judy Thomas

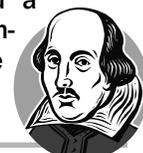
attended an awards ceremony in Midland, Texas and accepted a \$10,000 grant from the Permian Basin Area Foundation to be applied to this project. Additional grant requests are pending. An artist's rendering is now on display in the library. Please see the enclosed pamphlet for the drawing with more details and also for an opportunity for you to help us with this project.

According to the American Library Association's journal, *The Voice for America's Libraries*, librarians are participating in the growing movement to connect children with the environment. Richard Louv feels that "libraries can create outdoor reading and learning centers, where children will discover the gifts of nature." This will be an added benefit from the library terrace project.

## Back By Popular Demand: A Midsummer Night's Dream event !

Mark your calendars to be sure to join us on **Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the beautiful garden at the Hotel Limpia where students of Sul Ross State University's drama fraternity will present excerpts from Shakespeare. Under the direction of Dona Roman, the program this year

will highlight *Othello* along with other Shakespearean plays. Musicians Marina Azar and Betty McGehee of Alpine will play Elizabethan music and a wonderful selection of refreshments will be provided by the Hotel Limpia Dining Room. Don't miss it!



Shakespeare

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*

*Garden Party*

# Mystery, murder, intrigue...

*(What could be better than that?!)*

*Featuring:* Sul Ross State University-Drama Fraternity  
and live Elizabethan music

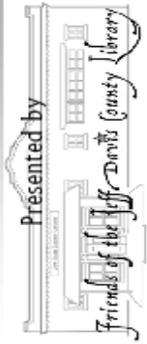
**Saturday, August 27;  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

*Hotel Limpia Garden*

*Fort Davis*

Free and open to the public;  
donations support projects and  
scholarships of the Friends of the  
Jeff Davis County Library.

Gourmet  
hors-d'oeuvres,  
canapés, and libations  
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