

Our Lov

Visit us online

amarillo.com

A neighborhood publication serving

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Women's Equality Day

Luncheon to honor women in STEM jobs

The sixth annual Louise Daniel Women's History Luncheon and Women's Equality Day Celebration will be at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 28 in the Great Hall of Polk Street Methodist Church, 1401 S. Polk St.

The occasion will honor past and present women in the STEM fields — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in the Texas Panhandle. The luncheon is held annually near the end of August to coincide with Women's Equality Day, which commemorates the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote.

Keynote speaker will be Emily M. Hunt, professor of mechanical engineering and director of the School of Engineering and Computer Science at West Texas A&M University, on "Women in STEM: Our Journey." Hunt, a graduate of Canyon High School who earned her Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University, teaches primarily in the thermal fluid sciences. She holds patents for work in developing novel nanostructured materials and has authored two books, including the popular children's book "Engineering Elephants." She has made numerous presentations as an invited speaker both nationally and internationally.

Natalie Waters, an industrial engineer at the CNS Pantex Plant, will speak about the history of women in STEM and present a vignette about women in the Pantex work-



Emily M. Hunt

force with STEM degrees. Waters acts as a human factors subject matter expert, High Reliability Organization lead and Lean Six Sigma facilitator for business process improvements across the Engineering Division at Pantex. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in psychology from New Mexico State University, a Master of Science in industrial engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso and a Ph.D. in industrial engineering from Texas Tech University.

The public is invited to attend. Luncheon cost is \$15 for students, \$25 for others and \$200 for a table of eight. Reservations should be made by Friday by calling committee secretary Jane Harlan at 806-355-4125 or 806-676-3305 or sending a check made out to Amarillo College Foundation to



Natalie Waters

Harlan at 4015 S. Lipscomb St., Amarillo, TX 79110, noting that it's for the Louise Daniel luncheon. Proceeds will benefit the Louise Daniel Women's History Lecture Fund at the AC Foundation.

Daniel, who died in 2003, was an Amarillo science teacher, advocate for students and teachers and a landscape photographer. The luncheon will honor her last wish — to remind women of all ages of the struggles and efforts of earlier women to overcome barriers to equality.

A special audio-visual presentation prepared by staff of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on the history of women in STEM in the Texas Panhandle will be on display. A drawing will also be held for one of Daniel's nature photographs.

— Submitted by Louise Daniel
Women's History Luncheon Committee