

Lending a helping hand



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Bent County Correctional Facility Warden Brigham Sloan shakes hands with Las Animas Superintendent Scott Cuckow at the Las Animas School Board meeting last week. Sloan was in attendance to ask for support from the board.

Historical Society awarded grant

HISTORY awarded the Pioneer Historical Society of Bent County a \$10,000 Save Our History grant.

The grant is for Pioneer Historical Society to partner with Las Animas High School - True Blue, for "Hands-on History: Teaching Bent County History through Museum Management," to educate students and the community about caring for their heritage through the proper handling, preservation, cataloguing, research and exhibition of historic artifacts.

The Pioneer Historical Society is one of 11 history organizations nationwide that

received Save Our History community preservation grants. These grants fund innovative preservation projects designed to bring communities together, actively engage children in the preservation of their local history and communicate the importance of saving local history for future generations.

The Pioneer Historical Society is committed to engaging youth at every level of museum management at the John W. Rawlings Heritage Center. Under the direction of a curator, students will initially learn about researching historic artifacts

and exhibit design. A conservation specialist and the curator will provide students and interested community members with information on how to clean, mark, store and care for artifacts. They will be covering textiles, paper and photographs, glass/ceramics, natural objects, metal and wood, in order to prepare the items for the move to the new facility and exhibition.

As a final project, the students will install the exhibits they have designed from their research and the Pioneer Historical Society will host an open house to showcase their work.