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It is a genuine pleasure to introduce all of you to our first edition of Columns Magazine.

We know Columns has been a tradition with Pecan homeowners for many years. It has been a product which members use to keep track of what is going on in the neighborhood. We hope to continue that tradition and if possible, make the magazine even more enjoyable and timely.

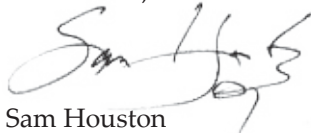
The Hyde Media Group produces magazines for other similar communities, and with our knowledgeable and experienced staff, I am comfortable in saying you will enjoy each issue of Columns that we send you each month. You can expect more photos and more feature stories. You will find interesting and usable information about the wonderful neighborhood where you live, and the people who live there. I hope you are as excited as we are!

Our staff is eager to undertake this endeavor, knowing the high standard which the Pecan Plantation Communications Committee has established in their many years of producing Columns. I sincerely congratulate them on their years of service and for the standards they have set. We have every confidence we can continue their fine work, and work diligently to improve the magazine where we can.

Please feel free to reach out to us with stories or photos that you believe should be part of Columns (see article, page 4). We are here to serve you and to present the best magazine experience available.

I hope you enjoy this edition and the ones which follow. It is a pleasure for me and our staff to create them for you.

Best wishes,



Sam Houston
Chief Operating Officer
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Darren Clark

Calling All Writers and Photographers

We want to hear from you. What do you see around the neighborhood that makes you think "that ought to be in the magazine!" Send us your ideas for stories, and even better, let us know if you would like to write for the magazine. Let's see what we can cook up. Contact us at columns@hcnews.com.

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We are eager to kick off the New Year in style and are planning to make 2023 a great year for Columns.



Jay Ann Cox

Jay is a lifelong writer, educator and editor who wakes up early to drink coffee and do the crossword, plays word games for fun, always wins at Jeopardy! (when she is home alone), reads at the dinner table, and loves to talk about writing. Her six-word memoir is "I wish we had more time." What's yours?

Nancy Pricer, a resident of Pecan Plantation since 2001, has lived in Hood County since 1989. She writes an occasional recipe column for the Hood County News where she has worked for over 20 years. Her recipes are usually fast and easy to make as well as time tested with family and friends.



Nancy Pricer



Mary Vinson

Photographer Mary Vinsons' heart is in Hood County, and she relishes her role as Hood County News staff photographer. A job she often refers to as her crazy comfort zone. Mary loves sharing stories and images spanning her 20 years of photojournalistic adventures with the Hood County News and the natural beauty surrounding us here in Hood County.

ON THE COVER



NEW BEGINNINGS

Santé. Prost. Skål. Sláinte. Salud. Here's to you – all ways to toast the New Year around the world. Let's kick 2023 off by kicking it up a notch or two. Let's celebrate what's "new" and what's "now." It's going to be a great year.

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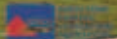


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ART MATTERS

by Linda Parks

Welcome to all Pecan Plantation dwellers. Are you an artist? An aspiring artist? Or simply enjoy art? Do you dabble in paint or jewelry or pottery or photography or jewelry making? Then the Pecan Art Guild wants you.

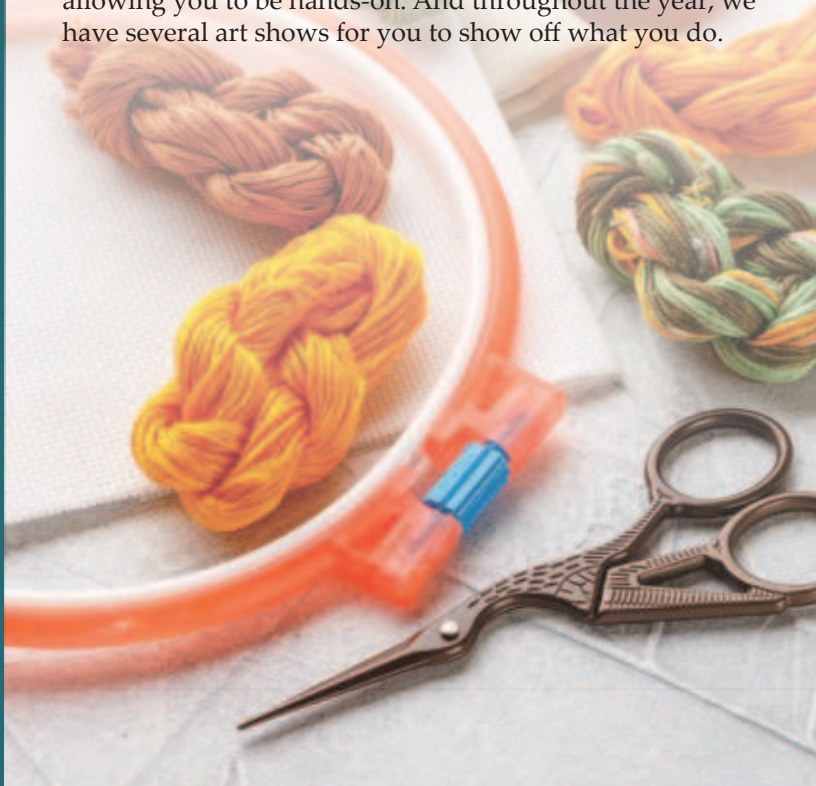
No need to be an expert at all. Come see what we are all about at our January meeting Jan. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Pecan Activity Center in the back room. Meet fellow artists and participate in a “steam-punk rock” art class during the meeting.

PPAG December Art on the Wall features our Artist of the Year Margo Gary. A collection of her mixed media works can be seen at the Clubhouse Brazos Gallery.

When Margo retired, she says she was lucky to move to an area with a flourishing art community which has encouraged her in her artistic endeavors. The result is a combination of her love of needlework, found organic materials and geometric designs. Recently she has added leather and beads with a nod to Native American design. Margo has won the Best of Show awards for the Guild Spring Art show in 2022, has won honorable mention at the LGAA Fall show 2022, and also has won honorable mention at the 2021 Guild Spring show.

Read our newsletter, “The Monthly Canvas,” by clicking on the QR Code on this page. It is also available at www.pecanplantationartguild.com. The newsletter is filled with information on our current and past monthly events as well as artsy tidbits of information.

The Guild meets every second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the PAC. Dues are \$35/year. In addition to our monthly demos on various art forms, we offer monthly workshops allowing you to be hands-on. And throughout the year, we have several art shows for you to show off what you do.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By New Member Orientation Committee

Nancy Bowden, Westover Court, moved from Knoxville, Tennessee. Nancy is retired from the nuclear industry and enjoys bridge, cards, arts and crafts and plants. Nancy moved away from Texas 48 years ago and finally made it back. She worked at the site where the first atomic bomb was made.

Zach and Dana Hunt, Westover Drive, moved from Mansfield. Zach is employed with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and enjoys golf and pickleball. Dana is employed with First Financial Bank and enjoys shopping and their dog Lacy. They have two children.

Tim and Matzcia Kurcz, Airpark Drive, moved from Horseshoe Bend, Idaho. Tim is retired from Loctite Corporation and enjoys flying, boating and autocross. Matzcia is retired from the plastics industry. A member of the American Quarter Horse Association and all-around horse competition, she also enjoys water and snow skiing, autocross, shooting sports, running, swimming – and is a Peloton junkie. They have a large yellow lab named Hudson and he manages their home. They have two children.

Matt and Sarah Naper, Weatherby Road., moved from Buda. Matt is employed with the Travis County Auditor's Office and enjoys golf, traveling, auto-detailing and eating. Sarah is employed with the Texas State University Albert B. Alkek Library, and she enjoys reading, gardening, cooking and traveling.

Noe and Cheryl Villanueva, Ravenswood Road, moved from Cleburne. Noe is retired from 31 years in the grocery industry and enjoys buying and selling cars and Bible study. Cheryl is employed with the Godley ISD as the HR Director and enjoys reading, working in the yard and their granddaughters. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

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Celebrating the retirement of Chief Sandra Winfield

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, Pecan residents and the Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service crews gathered to celebrate and honor retiring EMS Chief Sandra Winfield at a come-and-go reception in the Pecan Plantation clubhouse. Residents dropped by to show Sandra and her very supportive husband, Jerry, appreciation for her years of dedicated service (1998-2022).

During her tenure, Chief Winfield brought a new level of expertise and respect to our Pecan Emergency Medical Service. Best wishes to this deserving couple as they enter this new phase of life.



Above: On behalf of the Auxiliary, President Joy Rice (left) and Secretary Vicki Paxton (right) presented Sandra Winfield (center) with a lovely orchid plant and an engraved brick memory marker that will be placed in a special place of honor on the EMS grounds.

NEW OFFICERS

Auxiliary officers approved by membership to serve in 2023 are: Co-Presidents Donna Bullis and Jeanie Curry; Shelley O'Toole, vice president; Vicki Paxton, secretary; Susan Thillen, treasurer; Bill Reilly, parliamentarian. Lana Robinson will continue serving as publicist and Emily Kinney remains in her role as hospitality chair.

NEXT MEETING

Due to the federal observance of New Year's Day on Monday, Jan. 2, the first regular business meeting of the PPFVD/EMS Auxiliary will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9, at the EMS Meeting Room, 9528 Monticello Dr. All adult Pecan Plantation residents are invited to participate in the Auxiliary's mission of planning and implementing fundraisers in support of Pecan volunteer firefighters and emergency responders.

Below: Co-workers and colleagues joined retiring EMS Chief Sandra Winfield at a reception at the Pecan clubhouse on Nov. 16.

Back row, from left: George Gerdes EMS Assistant Chief, Licensed Paramedic and Flight Paramedic; Jake Ruffu EMT-B; Brandl Stephenson, incoming EMS Chief and LP; Lavern Franzen, maintenance supervisor; and David Paxton, Fire Chief & EMT-B. Middle row, from left: McKenna Tatum, EMT-B; Dawson Perry, EMTB; Nathan Delaney, EMT-B; Thomas Mead, LP & CCT; Connie Wimberly, LP; and Steve Boggs, Captain and Chaplain.

Front row, from left: Mary Stapleton, EMT-P; Lydia Torres, EMT-B; René Garrett, Deputy Assistant Chief/Office Manager, LP and NRP; Sandra Winfield, outgoing EMS Chief, LP, NRP and RN; Juliana Eckley, EMT-B; Jerry Winfield, Sandra's husband and IT; Billy Wimberly, Firefighter Engineer; and Bill Vogler, VFD Captain.



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The number of new home permits issued during November 2022 managed to climb a bit from last month's zero mark with the ACC approving two (2) New Residence Construction Permits, ten (10) Miscellaneous Construction Permits and no Construction Revisions or Permit Extensions. The ACC construction permit list currently contains (44) active permits for new homes under construction and (41) active miscellaneous permits for various other improvements.

The following new homes were approved to begin construction during November 2022:

- 4107 King Air Court, 2,735 sf, Hank Landman, owner; Donny Couto, builder.
- 9004 King Air Drive, 4,040 sf, Kevin O'Neill, owner; Will Steed, builder.

COMPLIANCE

During November 2022, the Compliance Office received 54 calls and 38 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 12 calls and six emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 511 calls and 78 emails requesting ACC, plat/lot, rules, C&R or construction information.

HOME SALE NOTE

Upon the sale or transfer of home ownership by any other means, Section-17 of PPOA Rules & Regulations requires residential property to be in compliance with all applicable elements of PPOA's Governing Documents. If ownership is transferred with an existing non-compliant issue, the new owner will be responsible for bringing the property into compliance. When it is requested by a title company, lending institution or prospective buyer, PPOA will perform a compliance inspection and return a report stating whether or not the property is in compliance and detail any deficiency if it is not.

Since compliance certification requests are frequently received only a few days before the scheduled closing date, we remind members who are contemplating the sale of their home to help avoid any last-minute surprises or delays by contacting the Compliance Office for an early inspection that will identify any issue that may require corrective action.

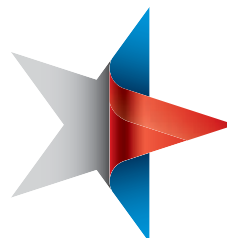


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SOUP'S ON!

Make-ahead, hearty recipes for colder weather

By Nancy Pricer

Here we are again. January. The new year inspires new resolutions that usually involve changing habits. Popular resolutions include saving calories and money.

The colder days and nights had me thinking about soup, which led to me going through my recipe collection. I came across some soup recipes that brought back memories and will help you save both calories and money.

Some of my favorite ones include the Lincoln Del's Diet Vegetable Soup that my mom made frequently when I was growing up.

The Lincoln Del was located in Bloomington, Minnesota. My family lived about 90 miles south in Austin, Minnesota. My mom would take us on shopping trips, and sometimes we would stop by the Lincoln Del. It was always a special treat.

The restaurant was an institution. It closed in 2000, but I still have the soup recipe to share with you.

LINCOLN DEL'S DIET VEGETABLE SOUP

Makes eight one cup servings. One cup equals 54 calories

- 1 (46-ounce) can tomato juice
- 1/2 cup chopped green peppers
- 1 (8-ounce) can French-style green beans, undrained
- 1 (4-ounce) can mushrooms, undrained
- 1/2 (16-ounce) can bean sprouts
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Dash of pepper

Note: original recipe calls for 1/2 teaspoon liquid artificial sweetener (not Equal), but it's not necessary.

Combine all ingredients in a large pot and bring to a boil. Then simmer for 1/2 hour. This is also good to refrigerate overnight and reheat the next day.

MOM'S BEAN SOUP

Here is another one from my mom. She said, "This is a wonderful bean and ham soup. It's low fat, and mashed potatoes give it a delicious creaminess." Makes 8 servings.

- 2 cups any type of dried white beans, soaked overnight or boiled and simmered 30 minutes
- 1 ham bone
- 3 quarts water
- 1/2 cup mashed potatoes
- 3 onions, chopped
- 3-4 stalks celery, including leaves, finely chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- Parsley (optional)

Cook beans and ham bone for two hours until beans are about half cooked.

Add mashed potatoes and stir until mixed. Add chopped onions, celery, garlic and tomatoes.

Bring to boil and simmer 1 hour.

Remove ham bone, chop meat and return to soup, and serve.

TACO CHICKEN SOUP

When whole chickens go on sale, I usually buy several to throw in the freezer or boil and debone for future use.

I came up with a chicken soup recipe that has morphed over the years into a family favorite. It freezes well and is economical.

- 1 whole chicken, boiled, save cooking liquid (use just enough water to cover chicken)
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 can corn, undrained
- 1 can pinto or black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1-2 cans diced green chilies
- 1 onion, chopped
- Tortilla chips
- Shredded cheddar cheese
- Fresh cilantro, chopped (optional)

Place chicken and enough water to cover chicken to boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer until chicken is done. Debone chicken. Cut chicken into bite sized pieces and put in pot with the broth.

Add remaining ingredients except for chips and cheese.

Bring to boil and simmer about an hour. Break chips into individual bowls and add a few tablespoons of cheese. Ladle in the hot soup, sprinkle with fresh cilantro. 🌿





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Friday, Jan. 6, 2-3 p.m.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Saturday, Feb. 11, 1-3 p.m.
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May 7: Free Mother's Day Crafts

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Sign up for another fun session of painting at the Pecan Activity Center with Kathy Yoders.

The class is on Sunday, Jan. 15, 1-4 p.m. and will feature step by step instruction for acrylic painting. All supplies are included. The cost is \$75 and participants

should wear an old shirt or apron.

Register at the PAC, then email your pet's photo to Kathy, kathylyoders@gmail.com.

The submission deadline is Jan. 9.

Call Kathy, 682-258-1457 or the Pecan Activity Center, 817-573-7952.

PECAN PLANTATION BRIEFS

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Come learn all about Pecan Plantation with long-term residents. Get all of your questions answered and meet other new residents.

- Jan. 7, 10 a.m. in the Terrace Room at the Clubhouse
- Jan. 17, 10 a.m. in the Terrace Room at the Clubhouse

BRIDGE

Wednesday Bridge met on Dec. 7 in the Terrace Room for our annual Christmas party. Our hostesses were Bev Franzen, Janet Willis and Annabell Wullaert. Chef Jordan prepared a wonderful meal and we celebrated the December birthdays of Brenda Pack and Judie Turner with a delicious chocolate dessert. A big thank you to Brenda Palmer for making the Terrace Room so festive.

Winners were 1st Carolyn Blackstock; 2nd Diane Brown; 3rd Vicki Leggett; 4th Judie Turner; 5th Francis Queen; 6th Lynne Butler.

Next meeting is Jan. 4, 2023.

If you are interested in joining or visiting our group, call or text Sharon Green, 817-559-2974.

GENEALOGY GROUP

The Genealogy Group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Pecan Plantation EMS Training Room, 9518 Monticello Dr. behind the fire station. Everyone is welcome. Participants do not need to be residents of Pecan Plantation. Those coming from outside Pecan should tell gate security they are attending the genealogy meeting.

About the meeting: Texas history from the early to middle 1830s was packed with key historical events that led up to the formation of the Republic of Texas. Phil Harris tells a compelling story of the fight for Texas independence from Mexico using a background of period Texas flags to illustrate the tale. Phil Harris is a member of the David Crockett Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

WebEx will only be available upon request. If you would like to set up a WebEx connection, please call or text Ronda at least 24 hours in advance (512-461-5128).

PAC: BEGINNING GUITAR LESSONS

Have you ever wanted to learn to play the guitar but cannot read music? You don't have to read music to learn the guitar.

Beginning Jan. 5, a new session will start every six to eight weeks. Participants will need to attend all classes in each session

- For adults, a maximum of 8 people per class, one hour once a week from 5-6 p.m.
- For children ages 10 to 18, a maximum of four per class, 45 minutes once a week, 6:15-7 p.m.
- Cost: \$25 per week. Bring a guitar with newer strings on it.

You will learn how to tune it, so don't worry.

The instructor is Carolyn Troland, a Pecan resident. Carolyn is self-taught, cannot read music, and has been playing the guitar for 60 years, and has taught many people how easy it really is to play guitar.

"I will have you playing your favorite songs in no time. The guitar is one of the easiest instruments to learn. Plus, I will show you how to find the songs you want to learn and download," said Carolyn.

The average amount of time to learn the basics is six to eight weeks. It is very important to start your lessons with the first class, "How to Tune Your Guitar," and to learn the first four chords.

If you cannot make the Jan. 5 start date, you will need to sign up for the next session.

Call the PAC to sign up, 817-573-7952.

BINGO

Join the Bingo game on Jan. 17 from 7-9 p.m. Reservations are limited to 100, \$10 per person. The game is held in the Clubhouse Ballroom. Contact Clubhouse Reception or Events Coordinator Brenda Palmer for more information.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINING

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, let Pecan Plantation Clubhouse serve you and your sweetheart a nice, romantic dinner. Seating times to be determined. Call Reception or Events Coordinator Brenda Palmer, ext. 325, for more information. 🍷

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	Actual YTD		
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Christmas

TOUR OF HOMES 2022

The Pecan Plantation Christmas Tour of Homes, a Pecan Plantation Woman's Club event open to the public, has come into its own. What began as a progressive multi-house party among friends has now evolved into an impressive event that draws hundreds from the whole community. This year is the 34th event, with brunch, the tour itself, the festive Santa's Market and an evening of dinner and dancing. Your support by attending the Christmas Tour of Homes, enables Pecan Plantation Woman's Club to light up and decorate Pecan Plantation from the front gate to the back.

PHOTOS BY MARY VINSON



Welcoming guests at the Duke home were Sandy Halverson, a volunteer guide, hostess Linda Duke and Cassie the Pomeranian.



Jackie and Allison Gilmore proudly show their main Christmas tree (one of eleven!), hung with nearly 500 ornaments. Allison has been collecting ornaments since she was a teenager and displays them every year. The Gilmores even have a kitchen tree!

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on Long Drive

ALLISON AND JACKIE GILMORE
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on Sundance Place Court

SHELLEY AND MIKE O'TOOLE
on Skyhawk Drive



At the home of Ann and Brandon Hale, visitors were welcomed by statuesque nutcrackers flanking the doorway. Photo by Karen Gomez



The Lisenbees, both Master Gardeners, made their beautiful décor from all-natural materials. The mantel was adorned with garlands made of dried orange slices and evergreens. The table was dressed with artichokes, pomegranates, apples and greens. In their garden proper, a "birdie" tree was made from dried grass, some cardinal friends and a clay pot for a tree-topper.



Held on the morning of the Tour, Santa's Workshop and Bakery kept the shoppers and "elves" busy.



This jolly old St. Nick greeted visitors to the O'Toole house.

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BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

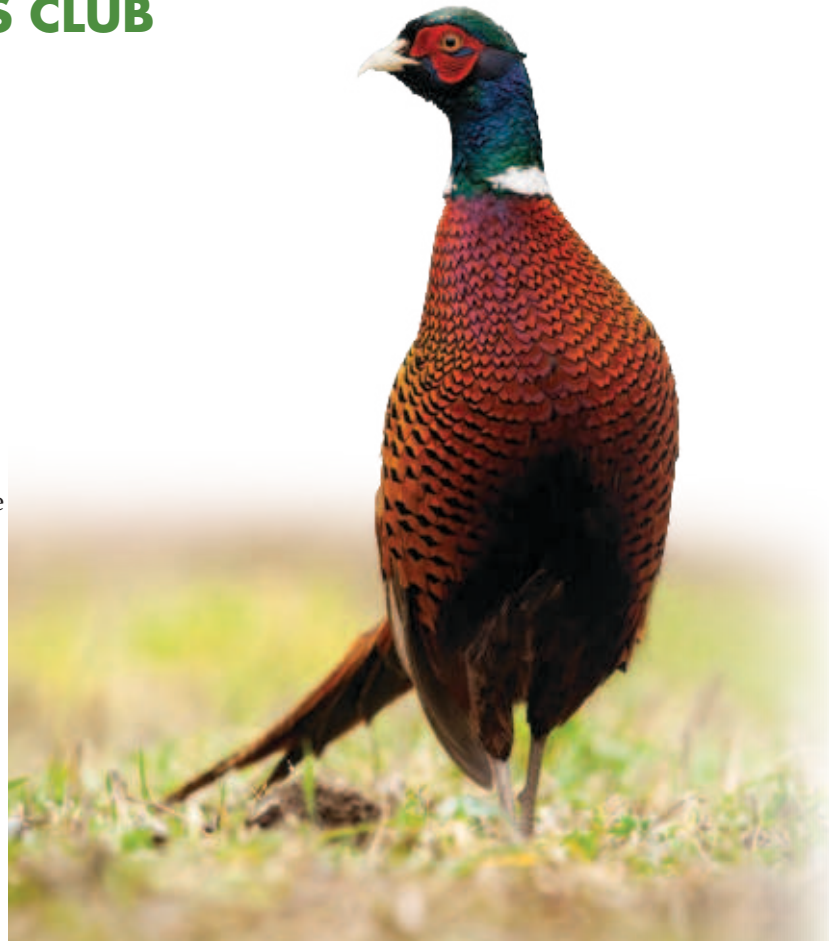
With the off and on cold weather of the last couple of months, club outings have been occurring as weather permits. Recently this included fishing, hunting and regular events of our gun enthusiasts.

Regular trips by several anglers to Comanche Creek Lake have produced large numbers of catfish and crappie. Fishing on the recently re-opened lake has been producing lots of nice bass, crappie, catfish. You can also catch tilapia. If you are taking a boat, don't forget to check the lake website to see if you need a reservation as it can get busy.

Several members traveled up to the Gainesville area for an afternoon of upland game bird hunting. They were able to take pheasant, chucker and quail, which will make for some great eating.

Our members who enjoy shooting sports have continued to have outings at least once a month to Defender Outdoors in the Aledo area for some shotgun shooting as well as an occasional trip to the Pirates Den in Granbury for some pistol competition. If you have an interest in these activities, join the Club and become active with the group.

The Club has regular meetings generally once a month and outings for various activities throughout the year. If you have an interest in joining the club, you can contact Cecil Caldwell, ccald67@gmail.com and we can get you on our email list.



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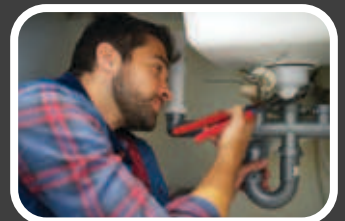
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Gardeners are year-round enthusiasts. We gather in numbers when there is work to be done and fun to be had, with a monthly workday, a spontaneous special planting day for some winter crop seed-sowing, and a quarterly member meeting all happening these past few chilly weeks.

Tomatoes are late-appearing stars of the garden. Patience paid off as bowls on countertops throughout Pecan Plantation display tomatoes (and peppers) seemingly participating in the joys of the Christmas season by sporting their festive colors.

On Nov. 15, our membership meeting at the PAC was a celebration of what we've accomplished, as well as an election for 2023 officers – Billie Colbert, Gae Seal and Susan Harris. Several "backups" to the officers stepped forward and we anticipate a great year of

growth, with our 2023 "Sow and Grow" plan in our sights. With so much to celebrate, a cake and hot cider were in order.

If you'd like to learn about the Community Gardens, to the right of the PAC, and how you can come play in the dirt with us, visit our website at www.ppoa-communitygardens.org. There is myriad information, and even a button you can click to join. On the website, members will find useful watering and care tips, and anyone is welcome to view and try out our tried-and-true recipes and produce-preservation tips. On Facebook, we have a group (PPOA Community Gardens), a resource for "the latest at the gardens." Questions? Email us at ppoacomunitygardens@gmail.com.

Stop by when you see someone in the Community Gardens so we can show you around.



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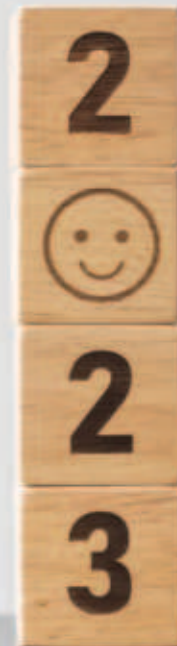
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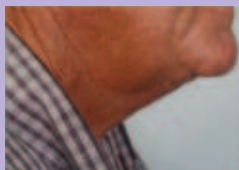
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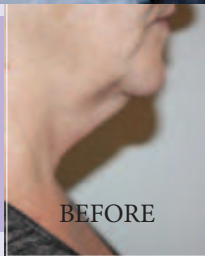
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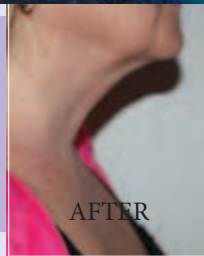
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WILDLIFE FOCUS: CEDAR WAXWINGS

By Mary Lou Wood

Cedar waxwings begin moving through North Texas in mid-January during spring migration.

Preferred habitat consists of trees at the edge of wooded areas, or forests that provide access to berry sources. Waxwings are attracted to the sound of running water. They favor well-spread trees; golf courses; bushes that provide berries; and a nearby water source such as a fountain or birdbath.

The cedar waxwing is a member of the family Bombycillidae. It is medium-sized, mostly brown, gray and yellow. It is a native of North and Central America, breeding in open wooded areas. Its diet includes cedar cones, fruit, holly berries, and insects.

Cedar waxwings are approximately 6-7 inches long, weighing 1.1 ounces. With a wingspan from 8-11 inches, their markings are accented with a subdued crest, rakish black mask and brilliant-red wax-like droplets on the wing feathers. The tail is somewhat short and square-tipped. Adults have a pale yellow belly. The crest lies flat and droops over the back of the back of the head. It has a short and wide bill. The waxwing's black mask has a thin white border. Males and females look alike.

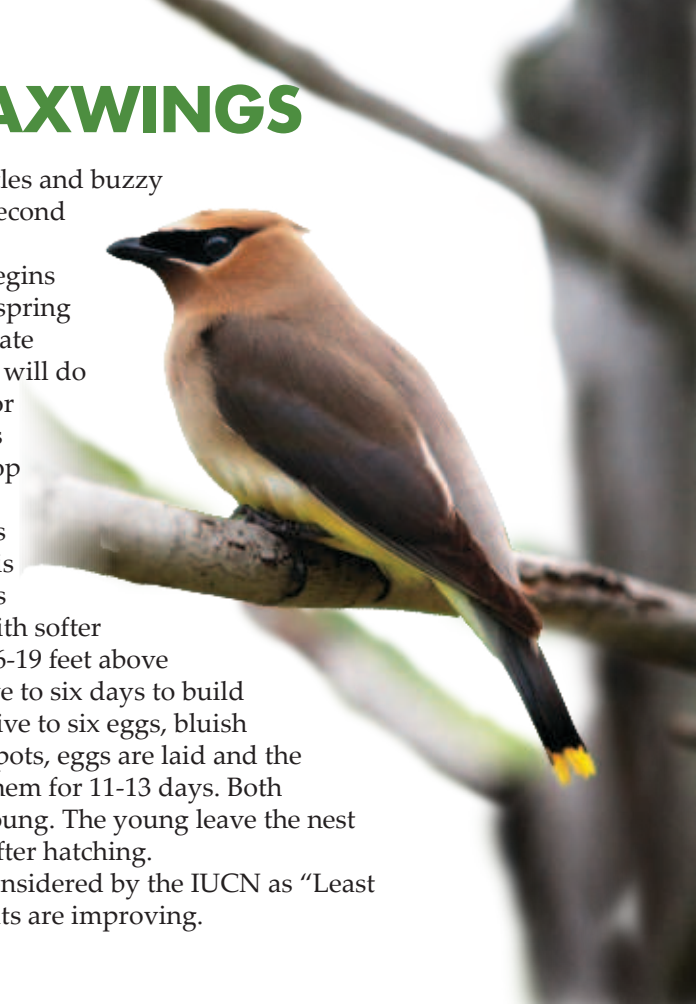
The two common calls of these birds include very

high-pitched whistles and buzzy trills about a half second long.

Mating season begins around the end of spring and runs through late summer. The male will do a hopping dance for the female. If she is interested, she'll hop back. Mating pairs will rub their beaks together. The nest is a loose cup of grass and twigs, lined with softer materials, usually 6-19 feet above ground. It takes five to six days to build the nest. Usually, five to six eggs, bluish gray with brown spots, eggs are laid and the female incubates them for 11-13 days. Both parents feed the young. The young leave the nest about 14-18 days after hatching.

Waxwings are considered by the IUCN as "Least Concern" as habitats are improving.

Source: Wikipedia.



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LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Carol Bishop, President

What a year it was! Hope everyone survived the holidays and is now ready to get back to what's important – golf.

Our Christmas Party was wonderful, the food was fabulous and all who attended had a joyful time. A huge thank you to Donna Berry and Terri Cantrel for all the work that went into that party.

The new PPLGA Board and committees have been introduced. In case you missed it, I am proud to be your President for 2023. The new people aboard this year are Pam Bollero, 1st Vice President (18-Hole Playday Chair), Delaine Sharkey as Secretary and Michelle Mills is the Tournament Chair. The 18-Hole Ringer and Awards will be handled by Charlene Fair, and the committees are as follows: Christmas Party - Charlene Fair and Patti Andrews; Guest Day, Nancy Savage; Garden, Pam Meyer; and the big one, Chair for LGA Pecan Plantation Belles Member/Guest Tournament will be Judith Forshee. Since Judith is fairly new and doesn't know all of us, I know there will be lots of helpers who will contact her and let her know you are willing to give her a hand, or two, or three. Also new to the group is Tammy Sparkman who will be our Sunshine Lady. All other positions will be filled by those who agreed to stay on for another year, and I am grateful for them all.

This year you will see some changes in Playday formats, which I think will be great, and changes in Guest Day Procedures, which I also think will be great. I know all of you will support this team and be willing to assist when needed.

Contact me at 918-424-3825.

LGA PLAYDAYS IN JANUARY

(proposed, current at press time)

1 p.m. shotgun start, winter rules, play ball up one grip length

Jan. 3 Low gross/low net

Jan. 10 Throw out one hole front and back

Jan. 17 Low gross/low net

Jan. 24 Low gross/low net

Jan. 31 Even holes



MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Ray Urbano, President

My name is Ray Urbano. I am the new President of the Pecan Plantation MGA for 2023. I previously served as the Tournament Director. In the upcoming year, I will do the best I can to make our golf experience the best possible. In this next year, upgrades, repairs, and improvements will take place that will enhance the operation and appearance of our course. I look forward to working with you, JD and Duff to see these things completed.

The board will also be looking into changing a few of our scheduled tournament formats to enhance member participation and enjoyment. Please know that all members of the board are here to serve you, and we seek to create an enjoyable experience for all. Also, if you have an interest in participating in the Adopt-a-Hole program, please contact the Pro Shop and leave your contact information and I will get it to the Adopt-a-Hole coordinator, Steve Jairett. I understand that approximately 12 volunteers are needed.

Thank you in advance, and let's have a great 2023.

MGA TOURNAMENT PLAY

By David Madsen, Tournament Director for 2023

Jan. 5 – Scramble (Pro Shop sets teams)

Jan. 14 – Shamble – Count best 2 Balls (Pro Shop sets teams)

Jan. 19 – 4 Man Team – Count 2 Best Balls (Pro Shop sets teams)

Jan. 26 – Low Gross/Low Net Individual – Pick your own foursome



TENNIS ASSOCIATION

By Kenneth Schreiber

Greetings, tennis aficionados! In December, we had another play day with 40 PPTA members attending the Snowball Express.

After receiving a first estimate on purchasing an overhead cover for one of the courts, it's safe to say our \$40,000 pledge for a seventh court is very safe.

It's time to search out "new blood, old blood" to step up for numerous PPTA volunteer positions. This includes our aluminum can coordinator (Gus) as well as the consolidation team, the can delivery team and board members. There has been very little turnover in any of these positions due to how well everyone has gotten along and dedicated themselves to the various positions. As a result, this is a great time to join a great group.

With one play day (February/March) and the annual membership picnic in April left to go in this term, it's time to voice your willingness to serve in these very "easy on your time" positions so you can have a bigger voice with PPTA. As a member of numerous PPTA Board of Directors, I can easily say this BOD is the most agreeable/enjoyable I've seen.

Please don't forget the aluminum can recycling efforts. We bring in close to \$200 a month, thanks mainly to a half dozen folks. A dozen would make this effort three times easier (I have a degree in fuzzy math).

The PPTA also appreciates GM Rick Langtgen's recent tour of the facilities. Langtgen mentioned that he recognizes the need "to add two tennis courts and to refurbish the restrooms."

Finally, we have new hats and shirts available to order at the tennis shop. Place your orders there!

AT YOUR SERVICE

By John Ingram III
USPTA Master Professional

Happy New Year! Remember, "Pecan Tennis is the place to be in 2023." If you don't already play tennis, let this be the year – come join us at the Tennis Center for forehands-n-fun! Check with the shoppe for "Intro to Tennis" groups.

A big thank you goes to the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club for the beautiful Christmas decorations all over the tennis center during the holidays.

Winter Junior tennis begins Wednesday, Feb. 1, 4:30 p.m.

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PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

By Carol Herrick

Thank you, neighbors, for supporting PPWC's 2022 Christmas Tour of Homes and Santa's Workshop. It was an amazing success. Your support enables the Woman's Club to decorate and light up Pecan from the front gate to the back. A big thank you to Daniel Van Patten and his crew for hanging the lights and reaching the places that are impossible for us to reach. The tour couldn't happen without the amazing homeowners: Linda and Jim Duke, Allison and Jackie Gilmore, Ann and Brandon Hale, Colleen and Robert Lisenbee, Shelley and Mike O'Toole.

PPWC is a group of women who promote fellowship among Pecan Plantation women. We use our club resources to support the community needs of the Pecan Plantation Owners Association, worthy charitable causes and scholarships for deserving young women in Hood County. There is no better way to get involved in Pecan, meet fun and dynamic women, and make a difference.

Come join us at the next program and luncheon on Jan. 19, beginning at 9:30 a.m. (See announcement at right.)

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Pecan Plantation Woman's Club

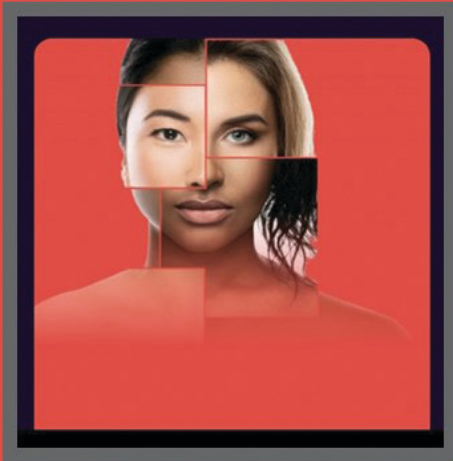
PPWC Luncheon & Program

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RV CLUB NEWS

By David Kroon

The RV Club enjoyed a joint Christmas Party along with the Brazos River Sportsman's Club. It was a great dinner prepared under the guidance of Chef Jordan, and the entertainer got us up dancing afterwards.

This year's rallies include a trip to Oklahoma City to the north and Stonewall, Texas, to the south. There also will be local mini rallies at our Shady Campground Pavilion in May and September where several will stay in the campground. If you RV, this is a good opportunity to come visit.

The next meeting is on Jan. 15 and will be held at Spring Creek Barbeque. The new board members will be placed.

For information on the Pecan Plantation RV Club, contact David Kroon at dk1341@swbell.net.



At the RV Club's meeting are, from left, Daysie Robertson, Lewis Robertson, Barb Wilson and Steve Wilson.



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PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

By Jana Reeves

Pecan Plantation Pickleball Association members, we encourage you to run for the board to help lead our organization. Nominations need to be made prior to Feb. 1, and the election is slated for the latter part of February. If you are interested in helping, contact any current board member for more information.

With the completion of the Fall Drop-In League, scores were tallied. David Stilwell, Lisa Moore, Charlotte Bishop and Sandra Hatley handed out awards to the top three competitors in each category.

Winners in the recreational league were first place John Bowen; second place Marian Carlson; and third Mo Romanoski (also a board member).

Winners in the competitive league were first place Bruce Hutto; second place David Burch; and third place Bob Mueller. Thank you to all members that participated in the league.

Recently, two PPPA board members Lisa Moore and Sandra Hatley competed in the Road to Victory Pickleball Tournament in Waco. They did a fantastic job representing Pecan and took gold in their division.

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By Tammy Dressman

Have you ever heard of No-Stirrup November? Admittedly, I have not but apparently “we’ve all heard” would indicate I would be in the minority.

I came across an interesting article in a recent “Horse & Rider” magazine regarding “no-stirrup riding exercises.” While I have occasionally ridden with my feet out of the stirrups, it was not for exercise or on purpose. According to this article, no-stirrup exercises are not only a great way to improve your balance but are helpful for building core and leg strength as well as confidence. Now I realize those things make sense, but honestly, I did not think no-stirrup riding was something that one should do often.

It is a good test of whether you’re getting in your horse’s way or whether you’re staying soft and quiet. Of course, for people newer to riding, this should be done slowly so you can build up the proper strength.

If you are a more experienced or more active rider, you probably have more strength to complete the exercise. Work on

transitioning between speeds gradually. Go from a walk to an extended trot (thinking balance, balance) then to a lope. Come back down, remembering to stay focused on your position in the saddle at each different phase.

When comfortable, incorporate some spins and stops. Be focused on your balance in the seat. Do you lose balance going in circles or when cueing the horse to stop? Are you leaning over the saddle horn when stopping? While it may seem basic to some, it’s always a good reminder to sit deep in your seat and release your legs when stopping.

If you see someone working in the arena or out on the trail and they’re riding with no stirrups, maybe they are doing so with purpose.

A huge thank you to all who attended the stables’ December Open House – Christmas with Santa and the horses.

We continue to be at full capacity at the stables. If you’re interested in getting on the wait list, please call the PPOA office at 817-573-2641, ext. 337.

For all other questions and information, call Tammy Dressman, 817-614-9744.



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BOD Committee Workshop:

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Committee	Frequency/Day	Time	Location
Airport	2nd Thursday	8 a.m.	CH Conference Room
Appeals	2nd Tuesday	10 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
ACC	1st and 3rd Thursdays	2 p.m.	S&S Conference Room
ByLaws	3rd Monday	1 p.m.	S&S Conference Room
Communications	2nd Wednesday	1 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Entertainment	1st Wednesday	2 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Finance	Wednesday prior to 4th Thursday	3:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Golf	1st Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room
Horse Owners	Jan. 17, Mar. 21, May 16	6 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Infrastructure	1st Tuesday	9 a.m.	CH Conference Room
LRP	Not Scheduled		
Marina	2nd Wednesday	3 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Membership Orientation	1st Saturday & 3rd Tuesday	10 a.m.	Terrance Room
Safety & Security	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
Sports & Rec (Grounds)	1st Tuesday every other month	1 p.m.	PAC
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