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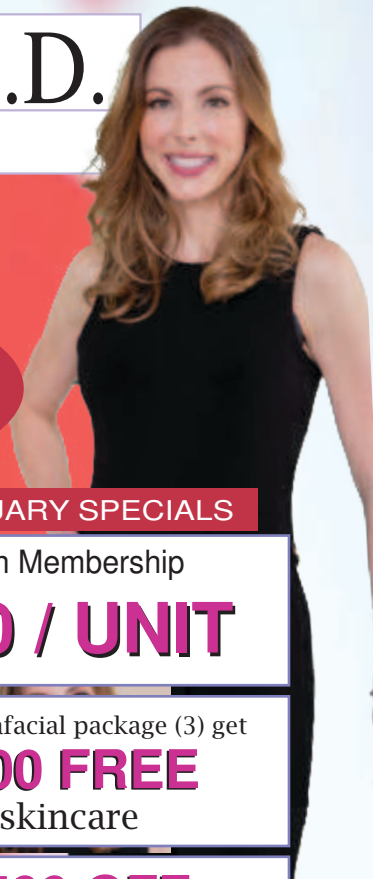


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BOD Meeting:
Feb. 23, 2023, 6 p.m.

BOD Committee Workshop:
Feb. 9, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Both meetings in Ballroom



COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

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	2nd 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	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.	Terrace 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
Wildlife	2nd Friday	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room

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New Member Orientation

10 a.m. in the Terrace Room

FEBRUARY

Saturday, Feb. 4
Tuesday, Feb. 21

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Saturday, March 11
Tuesday, March 21

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Darren Clark

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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?

Ashley Inge is a writer for the Hood County News. She has a bubbly, colorful personality with hair to match. She has been known to snack at her desk often and complain of being cold. She enjoys anything glittery and walking the halls of the newsroom in her hot pink fuzzy boots.



Ashley Inge



Donovan Reese

A resident of Pecan Plantation, Donovan Reese is a professional photographer and a longtime contributor to Getty Images. He has traveled all over the world to capture images, including the Arctic and Antarctica.

ON THE COVER



HEARTS TO YOU

Valentine's Day is coming up and you may see hearts everywhere. It's also American Heart Month and National Bird Feeding Month, and don't forget Groundhog Day (Feb. 2), President's Day on Feb. 20 and National Margarita Day on Feb. 22. However you celebrate February, it's always a good time to have a heart.

COLUMNS MAGAZINE DEADLINES

If you have editorial or photography for Columns, please write to Columns@hcnews.com. The deadline for submissions is the first day of the month prior to publication date. EX: Jan. 1 for the February issue.

Advertising closes on the first of the month prior to publication date. Contact Karen@hcnews.com or call 817-573-7066 and ask for Karen Chandler.

CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT

	Actual YTD	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 747,683	\$ 830,775	\$ (83,092)
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ (95,577)	\$ (117,046)	\$ 21,469
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 652,106	\$ 713,729	\$ (61,623)
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (421,349)	\$ (451,420)	\$ 30,071
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (255,288)	\$ (251,550)	\$ (3,738)
Net Income (Loss) Before Depreciation	\$ (24,531)	\$ 10,759	\$ (35,290)

RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,137,880	\$ 3,137,880
Fund Deposits	\$ 66,853	\$ 1,069,748
Fund Expenditures	\$ (10,700)	\$ (2,568,410)
Ending Balance	\$ 3,194,033	\$ 1,639,218

NEW CAPITAL FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 207,162	\$ 207,162
Fund Deposits	\$ 4,014	\$ 240,840
Fund Expenditures	\$ -	\$ (91,581)
Ending Balance	\$ 211,176	\$ 356,421

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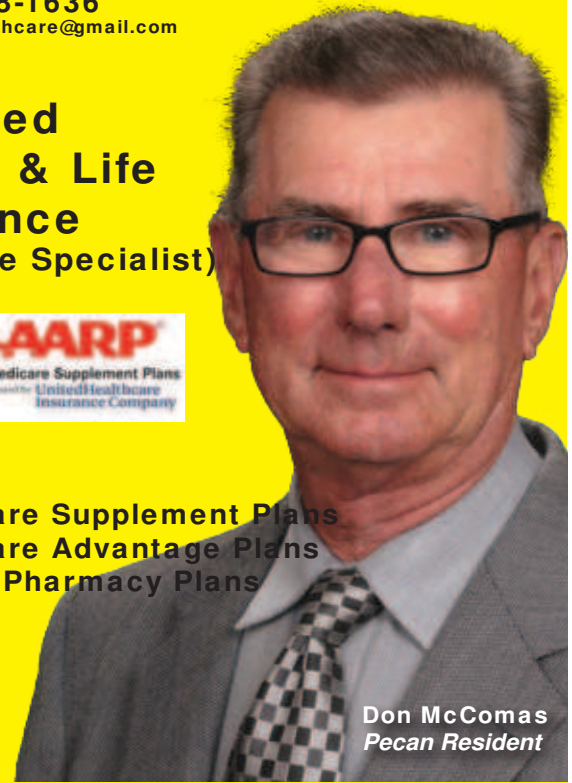
	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,347,968	\$ 1,347,968
Fund Deposits	\$ 142,222	\$ 1,723,252
Fund Expenditures	\$ -	\$ (2,125,000)
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Activity Log Highlights

NOVEMBER 2022

11/01 Security responded to the Landings Air Strip for an aircraft incident involving the malfunction of landing gear upon landing. There were no injuries to report. Texas Department of Public Safety, along with local Fire and EMS Departments responded. The FAA conducted a follow-up, routine investigation.

11/03 A Security Officer was dispatched to the Fairway Condominiums on a disturbance in the parking lot. The disturbance involved an argument between a moving company and an individual who had struck a moving ramp with their vehicle, causing damage. The Security Officer mediated between both parties who agreed to settle the dispute and pay for damages.

11/13 Security assisted with traffic control during early morning hours near

Wedgfield due to the Fire Department's response to a fire at a residence. The fire was contained in a garage and believed to have been caused by an electric bicycle battery that had malfunctioned. There were no known injuries.

11/15 There was a single-vehicle accident reported with property damage near the intersection of Wedgfield and Pleasant Hill Drive. A Security Officer found that the vehicle had left the roadway and struck a rock culvert causing damage. There were no injuries reported and the Hood County Sheriff's Department was contacted. The vehicle was removed by a tow truck and the driver was released.

11/16 A resident reported littering on their property by an unknown person on an ongoing basis. With the assistance of the resident, the Security Department identified the responsible person and

met with the individual. After speaking with both parties, apologies were exchanged, and the existing issues were resolved with satisfaction.

11/30 A burglary was reported at a home on Hanging Moss. The member was advised by the Security Officer to contact the Hood County Sheriff's Department. According to the Security Officer's report, the member stated on Nov. 29 between the hours of 6:30 and 9 p.m., some unknown person(s) gained entry into the unlocked home and took items consisting of cash, and clothing.

DECEMBER 2022

12/3 At approximately 2 a.m. the Clubhouse received a complaint of a reckless driver near the Landings development. A Security Officer arrived near the reported location and observed a vehicle leaving the area at a high rate of speed on dirt roads through the

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orchard. The vehicle had gained some distance and the security officer was not able to identify the driver. There were no further reports of reckless driving activity for the remainder of the morning.

12/04 Security Patrol assisted Hood County Dispatch at 4:50 a.m. concerning reported fire and burglary alarms near a business on Plantation Road. The Security Officer checked the perimeter of the building, including the building door and windows, but all appeared intact. The information was relayed to Hood County Dispatch for the benefit of the responding Hood County Deputy.

12/05 A Security Patrol Officer responded to the Nutcracker concerning an accident involving a golf cart. The driver of the golf cart had lost control and struck a concrete pillar to the Nutcracker causing damage. There were no known injuries reported. Pecan EMS, Fire, and a Hood County Sheriff's Deputy responded and processed the accident.

12/10 Security responded to Ellerslie Circle for a vehicle that had backed into a ditch. The Security Officer checked for damage and assisted. The vehicle's owner contacted a tow truck for the removal of the stuck vehicle. There were no injuries or damage to report.

12/12 A Security Officer was dispatched to an accident involving a vehicle and mailbox on Westover Drive. While driving towards the accident location, the Security Officer observed a vehicle with moderate front-end damage having difficulty driving. The Security Officer conducted a stop on the vehicle and found the driver had left the scene of the accident and the vehicle had a deployed airbag. A Hood County Sheriff's Deputy was dispatched and it was determined the driver was not attentive at the time of the accident. Driver information was exchanged with the homeowner and the driver was escorted home.

12/22 Security Patrol responded to the Security Gate near Mambrino for a disturbance reported by the Gate

Attendant. Upon arrival, the Security Officer found a delivery driver refused to provide the required identification for authorization into the private property. The delivery driver became belligerent, using profanities, and aggressively backing the vehicle while other members and guests were in line. The driver was denied entry and the driver's company was made aware of the incident.

12/25 A Security Officer responded to an address on Claremont concerning a damaged mailbox struck by a vehicle that had left the scene. Several parts were left behind from the accident and the parts; it appeared the vehicle may have been a silver/gray Honda with significant damage to the right front of the vehicle. There were no vehicle identification numbers on the parts, no known license plate, and surveillance footage was checked at multiple locations to no benefit.



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Make a Difference: Give Blood

Pecan Plantation blood drive is Feb. 15



Ashley Inge
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Pecan Plantation is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 9145 Plantation Drive.

According to the American Red Cross website, every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

In modern medical treatments, patients may receive a pint of whole blood or just the specific components of the blood that are needed to treat their particular condition. This approach to treatment, referred to as blood component therapy, allows several patients to benefit from one pint of donated whole blood, according to the American Red Cross.

The transfusable components that can be derived from donated blood are red cells, platelets, plasma, cryoprecipitated AHF (cryo), and granulocytes. An additional component, white cells, is often removed from donated blood before transfusion.

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But donating blood doesn't just benefit the recipient. There are also health benefits for donors too, on top of the benefits that come from helping others.

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There's also an added bonus of getting a calorie-free snack after each donation, because for one donation, it takes about 500 calories to replace the blood in the body.

So, the juice and cookies that you receive after giving blood are considered a "zero calorie snack," according to healthmatters.nyp.org.

There are also several myths about giving blood that can easily be dispelled, like the common misconception that if you have a tattoo, you can't donate blood.

According to American Red Cross, in the majority of states, you may give blood immediately after getting a tattoo if you got it in a shop that is state-regulated. Otherwise you must wait 12 months to donate.

There is also no maximum age limit to donate blood and in almost all cases, medications won't disqualify an individual as a blood donor. An individual can also donate

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The whole process of donating blood typically takes about an hour and involves three easy steps: registration, the health check, and then the blood donation itself.

Donating blood is the most precious gift you can give to a person — the gift of life.

As of Jan. 5, the Feb. 15 blood drive has 82 appointments remaining.

Future Pecan Plantation blood drives will be held on Wednesday, May 3 and Wednesday, Nov. 8. 🌍

WARM HEARTS, WARM THOUGHTS

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The New Year's Eve Party, "Remember When," was a huge success. What a great beginning, or was it considered an ending? Thanks to all on the Entertainment Committee who did such an excellent job decorating the ballroom. The band, Who's Oscar, was outstanding, and the dinner prepared by Chef Jordan and his staff was excellent.

Coming up in February will be the Romantic Valentine's Day dinner. Please make your reservations early as we are sure to sell out. Chef Jordan will have a wonderful meal planned and we will provide romantic entertainment and a small gift for the ladies.

At the end of March will be Pecan's Got Talent. Be sure to watch for dates to sign up for this fun show that showcases our talented community. We are looking for new talent with so many new neighbors in Pecan. This show is produced by Monte Lewis and co-produced by Ray Scott.

In March, we will also have a special St. Patrick's Day dinner paired with our ever-popular Bingo.

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ACC REPORT

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The following new home was approved to begin construction during December 2022:

3717 Tremont Lane, 3030 sq/ft living area, J. D. Doan, owner and builder.

COMPLIANCE CORNER

During December 2022, the Compliance Office received 44 calls and 27 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 9 calls and 2 emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 559 calls and 82 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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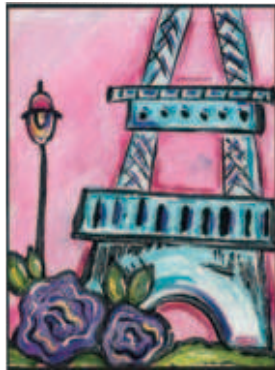
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KIDS PARIS TEA & PAINT PARTY

Saturday, Feb. 4, 1-2 p.m. for ages 5-14

Cost: \$30 Instructor: Heidi Easley. Kids will paint 11x17 Paris scene on canvas and enjoy a tea party, complete with a beret.



DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Saturday, Feb. 11, 1-3 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per couple, \$10 each additional daughter.

Join us for music, ballroom instruction, light refreshments and photo booth. RSVP required. Space limited to 20 couples.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Schedule appointments at RedCrossBlood.org, enter pecanplantation, or call 800-RED-CROSS.

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The PAC offers a 9-hole Frisbee golf course, free of charge to PPOA members. Map and scorecard are available at PAC reception desk. Also available are Frisbee sets to rent for \$3/day.

PAC GYMNASIUM

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EXERCISE CLASSES

YOGA WITH DEDE LAMONT, certified instructor

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9-10 a.m.

Evening class: Tuesday 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 (1 class); \$35 (4 classes); \$65 (8 classes); \$95 (unlimited).

CHAIR YOGA WITH DEDE LAMONT, certified instructor

Monday and Thursday 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Cost: \$10 (1 class), \$35 (4 classes); \$65 (8 classes).

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Please bring your own mat.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8-8:45 a.m.

Cost: \$3 per class.

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS

Bring hand weights and mat if possible.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8-9 a.m.

Saturday 9-10 a.m.

Cost: \$3 per class

LINE DANCING

Free class. Intermediate dancers meet for practice, exercise, fun.

Friday 10:30 a.m. to noon

LEARN TO PLAY PICKLEBALL

Starting Jan. 9, Mondays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon, Court #3. Experienced players on-hand. Free. See more from the Pickleball Association, page 33.

Indoor Pickleball Open Play (in Gym)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ladies Only Open Play

Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Three outdoor pickleball courts behind PAC available for additional play. Reservations required.

KIDS DANCE CLASSES

Every Monday

Ballet/Tap: ages 2-4, 4:30-5 p.m.;

ages K and up, 5-5:30 p.m.

Jazz/Hip Hop: ages K and up, 5:30-6 p.m.

Cost: \$50 per month. Classes require min. 5 students to make.

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SAVE THE DATE

March 4: Membership Meeting

March 13-17: Spring Break

April 8: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.

May 3: Red Cross Blood Drive

May 7: Free Mother's Day Crafts

Thank you, Hood County.

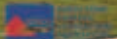
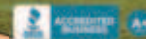


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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

By René Garrett

Have you used the new PPOA website yet? The Communications Committee is excited to announce the new website is up and running, with relatively few glitches. Due to security measures, all members will have to register for the new website, so do it pretty soon. We think you will be excited about it, too.

The website name remains www.ppoaweb.com.

MEMBER LOG-IN INSTRUCTIONS

All first-time users will need to register in order to access the members-only area.

1. Click on the MEMBER LOGIN on the top right of the home page.
2. Click on the MEMBER REGISTRATION link, below the Log In, and enter your Member Number, First Name, and Last Name exactly as it appears on your account statement, which means be careful with spacing, initials, etc.
Secondary member accounts will create their accounts using the secondary member number.
Example: Primary Account:1234, Secondary Account:1234A
3. Once you have registered and validated your account, you will be asked to create your User Name and Password. You will only be asked to do this once.

Members' statements will take approximately 30-60 minutes to appear after the first time logging in to the website.

The official Pecan Plantation Owners Association App will be completed soon as development wraps up. The app will give the membership the ability to have all of the same functions as the website with a few extra functions like syncing to Apple and Android calendars and virtual membership cards.

This website is user-friendly and simple to use. We on the Communications Committee are hoping you will enjoy it.



A screenshot of new website

My name is

TIM WEBSTER,
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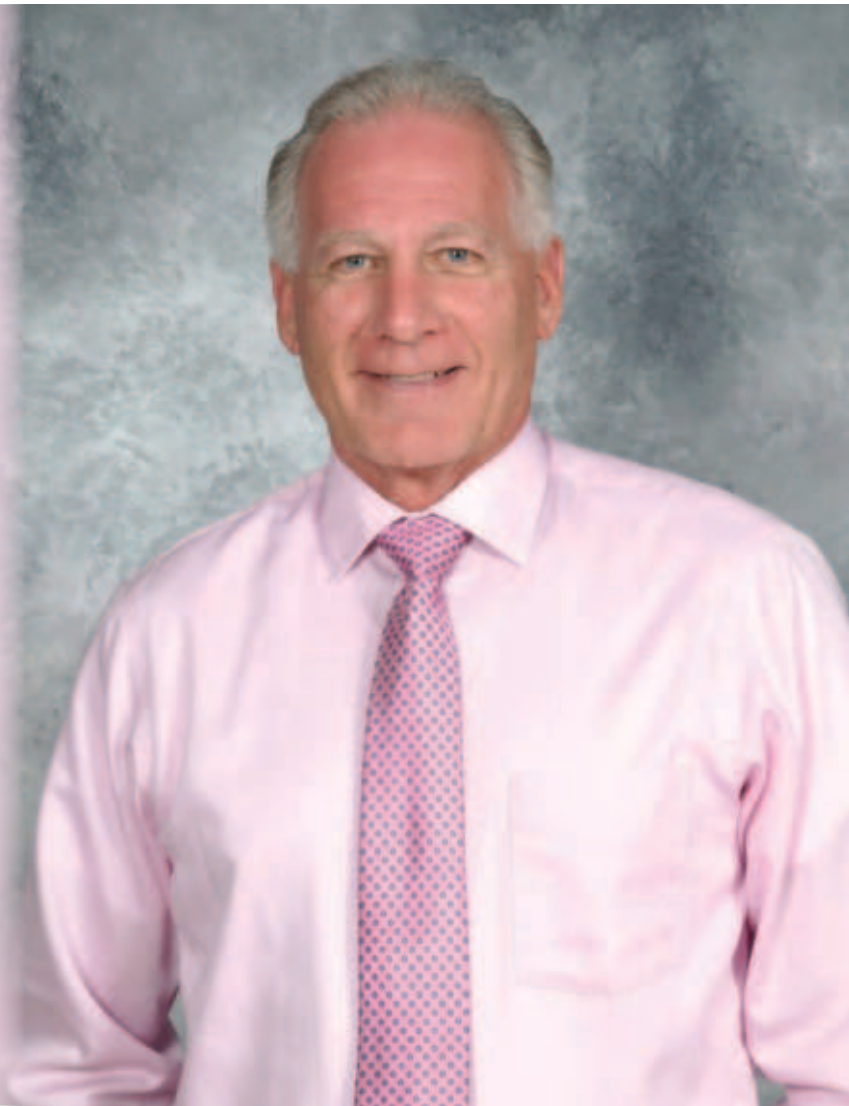
- Lived in Pecan Plantation for 9 years.
- Married to my wife Tammie for 41 years.
- Native Texan
- 40 years accumulated experience as a financial advisor/insurance and Medicare agent.

I am a **fiscal conservative** and believe with my experience of helping many reach their goals of **financial security**, I can be an asset for Pecan. Pecan is a great community, and my goal is to keep the **small community feel**, despite the major changes that are taking place.

If you have any questions or would like to address your concerns, please contact me at:

682-706-7470

or email me at timinvests4u@aol.com.



BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

The Sportsman's Club enjoyed a nice joint Christmas Party with the RV Club during the holiday season with music provided by Sonny Morgan, a local singer and songwriter. I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

Several members have continued to fish during the cold weather and have had some success catching trout stocked in some local lakes by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Also, after the kids fishing tournament held here in Pecan, there have been some nice sized trout taken out of the pond on Hole 10 on the golf course behind the clubhouse.

With spring weather just around the corner, the club is working on making sure that the bird houses near the hiking trail across from the

RV Park are ready for the upcoming nesting season. We will continue to check those during the season and repair and clean as necessary. The trail in that area has become popular and is seeing a lot of activity.

The club is currently in the process of planning activities for this year and will be looking to make some fishing and hunting trips. We generally meet monthly and try to plan some activity each month. If you are interested in joining us you can contact me at ccald76@gmail.com.



Bob Price shows a nice trout taken from the pond on Hole 10 behind the clubhouse.



Medal winners



Daniel Van Patten with a beautiful trout



Alan Oakley and his new rod and reel



One of the youngest ladies



Thanks to the volunteers at the sign-in table and fish weighing area.



Anglers and onlookers

Photos by Karen Gomez

KIDS TROUT FISHING TOURNAMENT

By Mary Lynn Wood

The trout fishing tournament by Pond #10 went extremely well on a December day that was cold but had no wind. We were especially impressed that several young ladies were fishing. One young man caught several fish but could not be convinced to invite everyone for dinner. Thanks to all who attended and participated.

Total number of participants: 27
 Total number of trout caught: 19
 Total number of other fish caught: 10
 Total weight caught: 19.66 pounds
 Total weight of trout caught: 15.3 pounds

WINNERS

BIGGEST FISH

Alan Oakley – rod and reel winner

BOYS 9 AND UNDER

Kellen Graul – first place
 Alan Oakley – second place
 Ryder Hall – third place

BOYS 10 AND ABOVE

Felix Portney – first place
 Jaxson Merrifield – second place
 Mason Juul – third place

GIRLS 9 AND UNDER

Diem Bland – first place
 Mila Howell – second place
 Madison Juul – third place

GIRLS 10 AND ABOVE

Katia Sciandra – first place
 Kensley Chants – second place
 Cindy – third place



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EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Tammy Dressman

As mentioned last month, we had our Christmas with Santa and Open House at the Pecan Plantation Stables. This was a huge, coordinated effort by so many boarders and was a great success. We had just under 600 people attend, and we just can't thank you enough for all your support and participation.

We also had our annual Stables Christmas Party. This is always such a fun time where we just gather, share some food, fun and of course a little competition during our gift exchange. What great gifts we had this year!

We continue to remain at full capacity at the stables. If you're interested in getting on the wait list, call the PPOA Business Office at 817-573-2641, ext. 337. For all other stable related questions and information, call me at 817-614-9744.



Here are some of the workers and event showcasers at the Christmas with Santa and Open House.

Photos by Karen Gomez and Kathie Schoepf.

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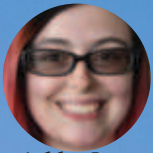
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HOW BEES PLAY A PART IN CREATING
MEDICINAL BENEFITS FOR HUMANS



Ashley Inge
Contributing
Writer

Bees are widely known for producing honey — but did you know bees are also indirectly responsible for several other medicinal products on shelves?

WAX

According to sustainablefoodcenter.org, bees produce wax in their bodies and use it as a structural element in their hives. In their wax comb, bees raise young and store pollen and honey. Humans can combine beeswax with other ingredients to make balms and salves for a variety of purposes, such as moisturizing skin and healing burns. We can also use it to make sweet-smelling candles.

BEE BREAD

Edible grade pollen or bee bread is a mixture of plant pollen and honey which bees mold into granules and store in their honeycombs. According to the British Beekeepers Association, many Olympic athletes eat bee bread in a bid to strengthen their immune system. It increases oxygen intake, boosts performance, and helps them recover quicker after training.



PROPOLIS

Propolis, or bee glue, is a lesser-known bee product, and it's a mixture that honeybees produce by mixing honey with resin they collect from trees. Bees use propolis to seal small gaps in their hive. Humans have used propolis for its antimicrobial properties and to help heal burns, according to sustainablefoodcenter.org.

ROYAL JELLY

Royal jelly is a special food that bees make for the queen bee and for larvae that they are raising to become new queens. It's a creamy white color and is produced by the mouth glands of young bees. Each queen needs only a teaspoon of royal jelly to thrive, according to The British Beekeepers Association. Royal jelly contains vitamins B5 and B6, as well as antioxidants. Humans have used it to treat a wide variety of afflictions including asthma, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and menopausal symptoms.

VENOM

Bees have venom in their stingers that can cause pain and swelling. Although getting stung is rather unpleasant, researchers are finding that bee venom may have some therapeutic applications in those who are not allergic. According to the National Library of Medicine, apitherapy is an alternate therapy that relies on the usage of honeybee products for the treatment of many human diseases. Bee venom contains several active molecules such as peptides

and enzymes that have advantageous potential in treating inflammation and central nervous system diseases, such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), according to the National Library of Medicine.

Tom Green, owner of Good 2 Bee Natural in Granbury, said breathing in a beehive is another form of apitherapy and has actually been proven to be beneficial in treating a number of ailments in humans.

"Beehive air aerosol treatments contain components like propolis, royal jelly, beeswax, and pollen," Green said in an email. "Inhaling a specific aroma, which is produced in beehives, has an extremely beneficial effect on human psychophysical conditions, and can take place from April to September. Air, saturated with essential fragrances, helps people with bronchitis, asthma, allergies, COVID, chronic lung diseases, susceptibility to infections, weakened immune systems, respiratory tract infections, chronic headaches and migraines, stress, and depression."

Green said inhaling warm beehive air through a special breathing mask can help with many problems but warns that apitherapy should not be seen as a claim for any remedial properties. He recommends individuals to consult their physician first before attempting treatment. 🐝



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LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Carol Bishop, PPLGA President

Brrrrrrr, it's been cold, but surely February will bring lots of warm sunshine and fun golf weather. You will see on the new playday schedule that our Play Day Chair has implemented some new games and competitions which will be interesting. These team events will help all of us get acquainted with other players and it promises to be a lot of fun. There will also be a closest to the pin competition, which you can participate in if you choose.

Watch for details from wonderful Publicity Chair, Clara Garcia

The vote for changes in our Guest Day Procedures was passed with a resounding majority, so they will be implemented this year.

LGA 2023 PROPOSED PLAYDAY SCHEDULE

February 2023

1 p.m. Shot Gun Start. Winter Rules, play ball up one grip length.

Feb. 7 Middle 9 (6-14)

Feb 14 Low Gross/Low Net - Happy Valentine's Day

Feb. 21 Odd Holes

Feb. 28 Low Gross/Low Net

March 2023

9 a.m. Shot Gun Start. Winter Rules, play ball up one grip length.

March 7 T's & F's (2,3,4,5,10,12,13,14,15)

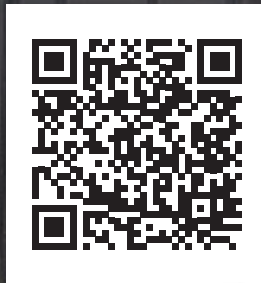
March 14 Low Gross/Low Net

March 21 Sadie Hawkins

March 28 18 Hole Guest Day

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MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Ray Urbano, MGA President

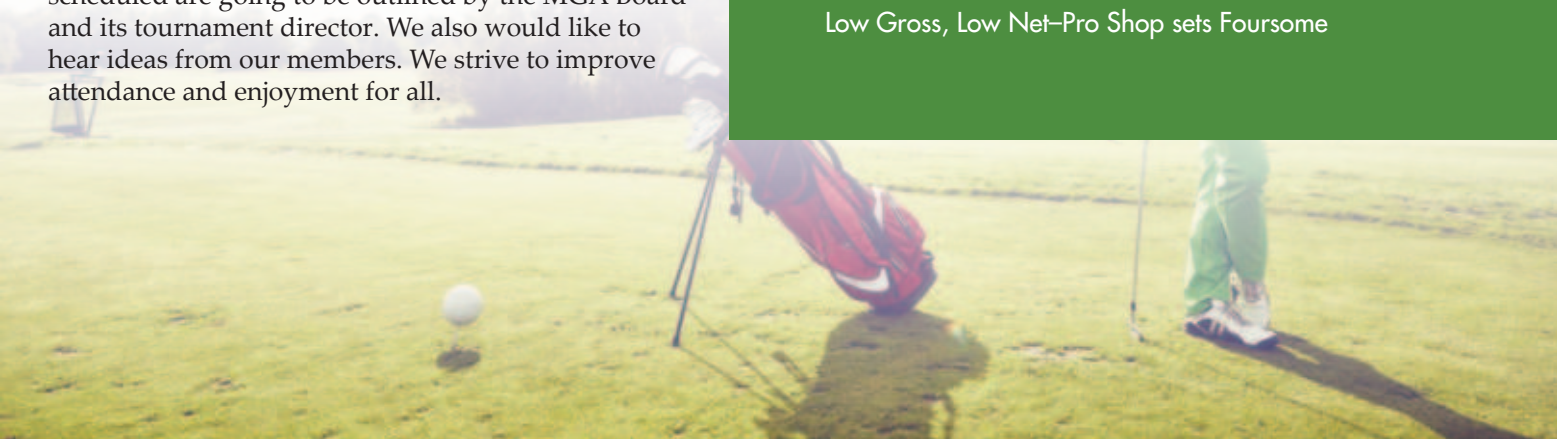
As we enter into the cooler weather, I just wanted to ask for the cooperation of the MGA membership to help J.D. out by being mindful of the dormant phase of the fairways and rough. As we all know, this is the time when overuse causes unnecessary damage. Please be mindful of the restricted areas for carts and to also avoid leapfrogging around one another along the cart path. This helps reduce the need for special attention to this type of repair and allowing our staff to focus on other course improvements.

The MGA Tournament schedule is currently being planned. This coming year, most of the tournaments scheduled are going to be outlined by the MGA Board and its tournament director. We also would like to hear ideas from our members. We strive to improve attendance and enjoyment for all.

MGA TOURNAMENTS

By David Madsen

- Feb. 2—Texas Scramble
4 Drives per player—Pro Shop Sets Teams
- Feb. 11—4 Person Shamble
Count 3 Best Balls, Pick your own foursome
- Feb. 16—4 Man Team
Count 2 Best Balls, Pro Shop sets teams
- Feb. 23—Individual
Low Gross, Low Net—Pro Shop sets Foursome

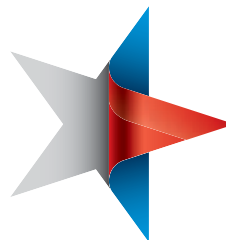


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III: Apr 5-26

IV: May 3-24

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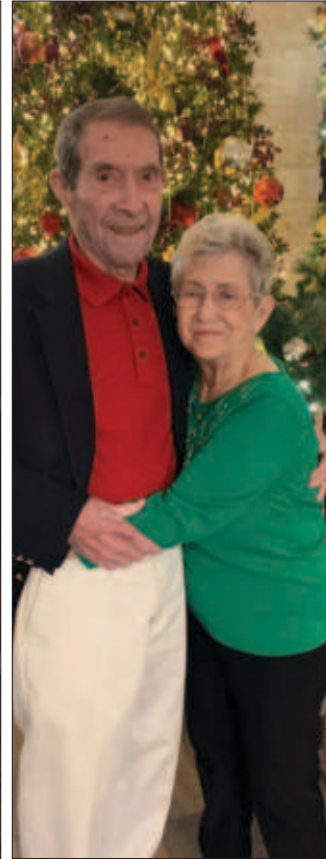
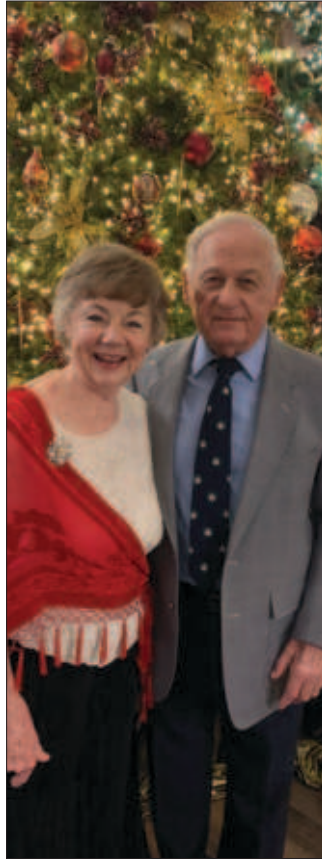
By David Kroon

Our first meeting of 2023 was held at Spring Creek Barbeque where our new board members were inducted over ribs and BBQ. We discussed our upcoming rally in Oklahoma City to be held April 16-21. Plans include a trip to the National Memorial and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

Our Feb. 21 meeting will be held at a local Mexican food restaurant and additional rally and mini rally plans will be discussed.

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

More than 30 members enjoyed the Christmas party in December.



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ART MATTERS

By Linda Barron

December saw the last meeting of the year, our Christmas Luncheon at the club and the installation of the new Board. It was a festive event and featured the glass works that were completed at the workshop by Susan Thillen. Hopefully, she will be doing another workshop in 2023.

At the February meeting, we welcome artist Kerian Massey to share her art and specialty in Graphic Design. She will share her art at the PAC and follow on with a workshop at the VFD AUX building at 9201 Plantation Drive. The meeting and demo will start at 10 a.m. at the PAC and finish at noon. Lunch is on your own and we will reassemble at 1 p.m. for the workshop at the VFD AUX.

You must sign up for the workshop (cost \$40.00). Sign up is on the signup genius by scanning the QR code to the right. All supplies will be provided.

Scratchboard art is a way to create an image using a special board with a black surface layer and white underlayer. Using a sharp tool, you cut into the black

surface to reveal the white layer below. The resulting image is a series of light lines against a dark background. Scratchboard art is considered a type of direct engraving, a process where an image is incised or cut into a surface. The image is created completely by making repeated small lines, marks, and strokes.

We would like to invite all of Pecan Plantation makers to join artists every fourth Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. at the EMS AUX for the newly started Makers Open Studio session. Bring something you are working on and your art supplies and join your fellow artists and makers for camaraderie, inspiration, and feedback. All mediums and all experience levels. No fee, just come and have fun. Bring a snack if you like as well. And by all means, bring a guest.



The PPAC Board for 2023 are, from left, Linda Barron (treasurer), Susan Thillen (recording secretary), Pam Carriker (vice president), Linda Parks (president), and Beth Eschbach (parliamentarian)

Welcome new members: Barbara Johnson, Carl Stidson, and Shannon Stidson.



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PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

By Jana Reeves

Attention all members of the PPPA, the association will have our annual meeting later this month. Board members will be elected at that meeting and will then begin serving their new term on March 1. Notifications will be sent out with the scheduled day, time, and location of the meeting. Until that time, members may contact any current board member with questions. Please plan to attend and let your vote be counted.

The new much needed storage building for the outdoor courts has been completed. Additionally, new wind screens were installed to improve court play. The association also plans to put up a practice board for all players to use.

In mid-December, the Ladies Pickleball group gathered for the annual Christmas party. Following a pizza luncheon at the Village Bistro, the ladies enjoyed a fun filled gift exchange and an afternoon of pickleball play.

The Pecan Plantation Pickleball

Association continues to welcome players new to the game of pickleball every Monday from 11-noon at the PAC indoor courts. Current members are available to introduce the rules and provide playing instruction for one of the fastest growing sports in the country.

Open play inside is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every weekday except Wednesday. If players are interested in playing on the outdoor court, please make the



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required reservation. If you are new to Pecan or outdoor play, instructions for the process of making a reservation are available at the PAC front desk.

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PECAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

By David Paxton, Fire Chief

We need your help.

As we move into 2023 as a fire department, we will be facing new challenges. As you all know, Pecan is growing. As the number of houses and people increases, our call volume will also increase. Additionally, the number of people moving into Hood County is rising rapidly. We provide automatic mutual aid to all of Hood County which also increases our call volume. As you know we are an all-volunteer fire department. With the predicted increase in call volume, our volunteers will be stretched thin. We rely completely on the goodwill of our volunteer firefighters to drop what they are doing and head to the Fire Department every time a call comes in, be it eating dinner with their family, cutting the grass, or sleeping.

We need more volunteers to help to staff our fire station. You only need the willingness to help others. We will train you to be a firefighter or EMT. Age is not necessarily a factor, but volunteers must be 18 years old to be able to respond to

a fire call. (We do have a junior firefighter program to cover those from 16-18 years of age.)

We are a very diverse community with several fulltime and retired firefighters who live in Pecan. For those who already have the expertise, we can use your skills and knowledge to help grow our department. Any amount of time you can dedicate, no matter how minimal, will go a long way to help in serving our community.

Please drop by the station. There is always someone around 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Feel free to call 817-573-1643 and ask for the Fire Department.

PECAN EMS

By Chief Brandl Stephenson BA, LP, NRP, FP-C

Pecan Plantation EMS has responded to 80 calls for service in December.

It seems winter is over and people are out and about. If you can, plan a few extra minutes into your travel arrangements, giving you plenty of time to reach your destination. Speed, frustration, and hurry are ingredients for disaster and at the rate Granbury and Hood County are growing, traffic is on the rise.

Please remember: if you have any questions or concerns regarding prescribed medications, we are here as a resource for you. We are fully staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 9518 Monticello Dr.

If you are driving down Wedgefield, you may see a new

custom sign in place

by our base. We are honored to name our private drive Winfield Way to commemorate our former chief Sandra Winfield. I, personally, would like to thank Juliana Eckley and George Gerdes for their work in bringing this to life, and Sandra for her years of dedicated service to this community.

Please take a moment and remember those who serve, both at home and abroad. Your prayers and well-wishes really do carry weight and are greatly appreciated.

Remember to call 911 for emergencies.



FIRE/EMS AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lana Robinson

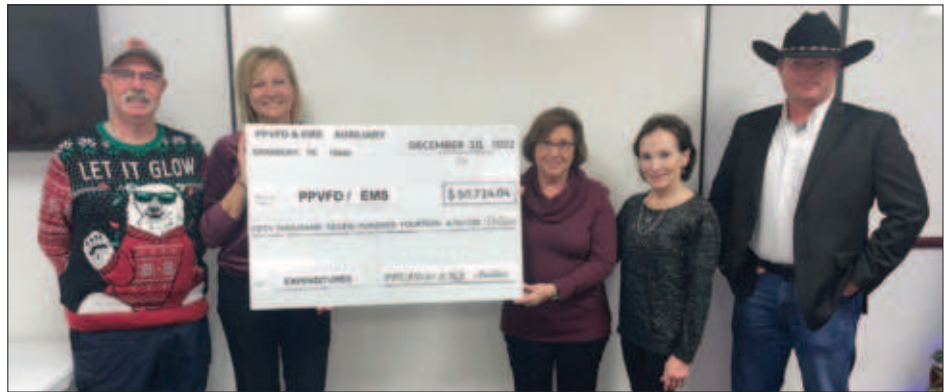
The Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary finished out 2022 with a successful Casserole & Holiday Bake Sale in December that netted just shy of \$2,800. Kudos to all the Auxiliary members who prepared casseroles, soups, chili and other frozen hearty meals, and baked cookies, cakes, pies, pastries, breads and other items for the fundraiser. Special thanks to Patty Eatmon and Lynn Hermann, co-chairs of the event, for organizing the fundraiser and to all who helped set up and decorated tables at the PAC, came to work the day of the bake sale and helped in countless ways. Finally, the Auxiliary wishes to thank all the Pecan residents who came out to support the VFD/EMS through purchases and donations.

2022 was a banner year for the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMX Auxiliary. The fantastic leadership from our officers and committee chairs, and outstanding participation from our membership resulted in record-breaking fundraisers. The Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary proudly presented a check in the amount of \$50,714.04 to VFD/EMS officials at the departments' annual Christmas Party, held in the EMS meeting room. The check represented the total amount generated by all fundraisers in 2022.

Thirty-six people attended the Auxiliary Christmas Party at the home of Lana Robinson on Dec. 15. Lots of good food, fun and fellowship.

Also in December, the outgoing Auxiliary board met with the new slate of officers for 2023 to turn over the reins and discuss a smooth transition that will keep the momentum going as the new cycle begins. Sharing that experience will ensure this vital organization remains effective and expanding in its membership and successful fundraising efforts. Thanks so much to all who were willing to step up to fill these offices and committee positions in 2022 and 2023.

Presentation of a check for fundraising efforts for 2022. From left to right are VFD Fire Chief Dave Paxton, Auxiliary Secretary Vicki Paxton, Treasurer Shirley Jairett, retiring EMS Chief Sandra Winfield and incoming EMS Chief Brandt Stephenson.



PECAN COMMUNITY GARDENS

By Jenifer Petri

The Pecan Plantation Community Gardens, located on Plantation Drive to the right of the PAC walking trail, has started strong in 2023 with a full slate of officers. We welcome President Mary Mayles, Vice President Billie Colbert, and Secretary Gae Seal (all new officers) and are happy to have Susan Harris continuing as Treasurer. The officers are backed up by members Tommy Hosek and Sherry Bishop. We thank outgoing officers Eric De La Garza, Janie Portele, and Steph Phalen, as well as Susan Harris, for their over-and-above efforts during 2022.

The outgoing officers offered this encouragement to the incoming officers: "Grab your rakes, gloves, appetites, and recipes, because 2023's Community Garden will be legendary! See you in the garden!"

We are excited about the addition over the last few months of many new members (there is always room for more!), as well as the use of a new app called, "Seedtime," which we are using to guide our plantings schedule.

The garden is a year-round endeavor. Already the garden has some cold-weather crops growing, such as onions, radishes, and cabbage. We have a section reserved as a Kids Garden, just waiting for kids-only planting. Members have been tending and tidying when not planting over the winter, and we will soon be having spring workdays.

Why not join us as we "Sow and Grow" in 2023? To learn about the Community Gardens and how you can come play in the dirt with us, visit our website at www.ppoacommunitygardens.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 ppoacommunitygardens@gmail.com.



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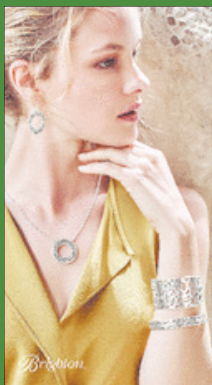
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PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

By Carol Herrick

Ladies of Pecan please join us on Feb. 16 for a program of music "All You Need is Love" and a chance to purchase art from our Pecan Plantation Art Guild. In addition, our fabulous Chef Jordan Ray has put together another wonderful lunch.

Please mark your calendar to save the date for March 25. This is our annual Boot Scootin' "Boots & Bling!" It's a fun evening you don't want to miss. Tickets always sell out on this event. Cash saloon, general store, silent auction, blingiest cowgirl contest, a great dinner and dancing. The proceeds from Boot Scootin' go to benefit local Hood County charities and scholarships for deserving young women.

For those of you who have been thinking about joining the Woman's Club, now is the time. Membership prices have dropped for the remainder of the year to \$18.75. You may join at our luncheon or on our website: www.myppecan.com. This is the best way to meet other women and give back to your community.

Pecan Plantation Woman's Club was founded in October 1978. The tradition of promoting fellowship among Pecan Plantation women continues. We meet the third Thursday of each month, September through May, except December when Christmas Tour of Homes is held on the second Thursday.

Summer "Chit Chat" luncheons are held the third Thursday from June through August. Please join us!

We meet in the Pecan Plantation Clubhouse Ballroom. We gather at 9:30 a.m., meet at 10 a.m., and have a program after the meeting. Lunch is after program. Reservations must be made by noon on Friday prior to the luncheon.

There are three options for reservations: email to ppwcres@gmail.com (preferred), call Gerta Howell at 817-964-3139 and you may sign up on permanent reservation list from September to May. To sign up on the permanent list, see Gerta Howell at the luncheon or contact Gerta Howell at 817-964-3139 or email her at ppwcres@gmail.com. If you are hesitant in joining because you don't feel comfortable coming alone, please email me: carolhppwc@gmail.com or call me at 303-882-9032.



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PECAN PLANTATION BRIEFS

BREAKFAST CLUB

In January, we were pleased to have Kris Jaeckle as our guest. A recent Amazon review of her book "Global Adventures: A Divine Journey" reveals much about Kris.

"Kris surrendered her life to changing the world while on a humanitarian journey in Papua New Guinea, but never expected it to happen the way it did. After a tragic romantic breakup seemed to end all hope for the future, a door opened with an educational organization which allowed her to experience the world in an amazing way. While on different assignments, she met Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, Viktor Frankl, and Nando Parrado - all while reporting directly to some of the world's top CEOs."

Also, in January, we hosted the candidates for the Pecan Plantation Board of Directors. Following brief statements by the candidates, there were a lot of questions from the audience. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience, but we are not sure all the candidates can say the same!

For our first meeting in February, we are traveling to North Central Texas Academy to have lunch with the kids and learn more about the Academy.

Rounding out the month, we are pleased to present Maurice Walton. Walton is a retired attorney, a longtime Granbury resident, and president of the Bridge Street History Center. Mr. Walton will share stories from Granbury's history including the amazing story of the Mitchell-Truitt Feud.

BRIDGE

First Wednesday Bridge met on Jan. 4 in the Terrace Room. Our hostesses were Sue Dewey and Judie Turner. We welcomed three new members - Nancy Ballard, Sue Rodenkirk, and Pat Turner. We had a wonderful meal from Chef Jordan and celebrated January birthdays - Jane Drake, Emily Kinney and Rachel Ledbetter.

Winners were first, Pat Turner; second, Carolyn Blackstock; third, Pat Collins; fourth, Emily Kinney; fifth Beth Sprayberry; sixth, Bunny Earley.

Our next play date is Feb. 1. If you are interested in joining or visiting our group, call or text Sharon Green, 817-559-2974.

FRIENDS OF POOCH PLANTATION

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members and friends who have supported the Pecan Dog Park last year with their membership and donations.

Our pets and owners have certainly enjoyed exercising and chatting with friends each day. We would like to invite new residents of Pecan with pets to stop by the park any day of the week. We are located directly behind the PAC facility with easy access from the parking area.

There are two separate areas for your pet depending on their size and weight. Under 35 pounds are should use the designated small dog area. Larger dogs have their separate area as well and both gates are accessed from the leash up area at the park entrance.

We ask that you focus on your pet or pets when visiting the

park and use the waste disposal bags available at the entrance and throughout the park.

Maintaining the park each year requires funding and we ask you to become a Member of Friends of Pooch Plantation, FOPP. Membership is voluntary and your membership allows us to purchase supplies and add amenities each year.

Your annual dues of \$25 can be charged to your Pecan Membership in March or if you prefer to pay via check, your donation can be mailed to Patty Lovell at 8520 Kingsley Circle, 76049. Member forms can be picked up at the Park entrance in the plastic letter box.

Once complete, drop off at the PAC Desk and you will be invoiced in March. Current members will also be invoiced in March.

GENEALOGY GROUP

The Genealogy Group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21 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 at the EMS training room.

At our February meeting: the facts uncovered when a genealogist researches a property often come together to reveal a rich and unexpected story. Karen Nace will share some local property studies and their stories. She will include tips to increase the success of general land searches and secrets for digging deep into land records.

Karen has researched several historical buildings in Hood County. Her efforts have contributed to the knowledge and increasing accuracy of our local history by confirming and uncovering new twists and turns as more information becomes readily accessible.

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.

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

You did it! Thank you!

Because of your support, Green Thumb Garden Club had a wonderful 2022. Our annual membership support increased, and a few new volunteers came forward to help work in the circle gardens, which we love. You supported our fundraisers and made them a success. For all the new residents to know, Green Thumb Garden Club volunteers started in 2006, continually planting, maintaining, designing, and decorating to make the circles beautiful year around. Our community deserves beautification efforts and to be proud each time they come through the gates or have visitors. It all happens through donations, fundraisers, yearly membership dues, and volunteers. Thanks also for the help from PPOA and Daniel Van Patten's grounds and road crew for their assistance when the need arises and for mowing and trimming the grass at the back circle.

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GM LETTER

The last month has been exciting with the “kick-off” of all things “election”. Please don’t forget to vote. If you “opted-in” to receive electronic notices and voting, those items will be sent to the primary email account for the member. If you did not you will receive a packet in the mail. Make your vote count.

I hope everyone takes the opportunity to attend many of the upcoming candidate’s appearances to get the questions answered.

The last few months have brought exciting things to Pecan.

We have hired a new Marina/ACE Manager, Blake Sanders. He not only manages the Marina, works on the ACEs for PPOA, but handles the waiting lists for the Marina and Stables, as well as the agreements for both. I’m sure you will see him at the Marina or in the clubhouse, and please introduce yourself.

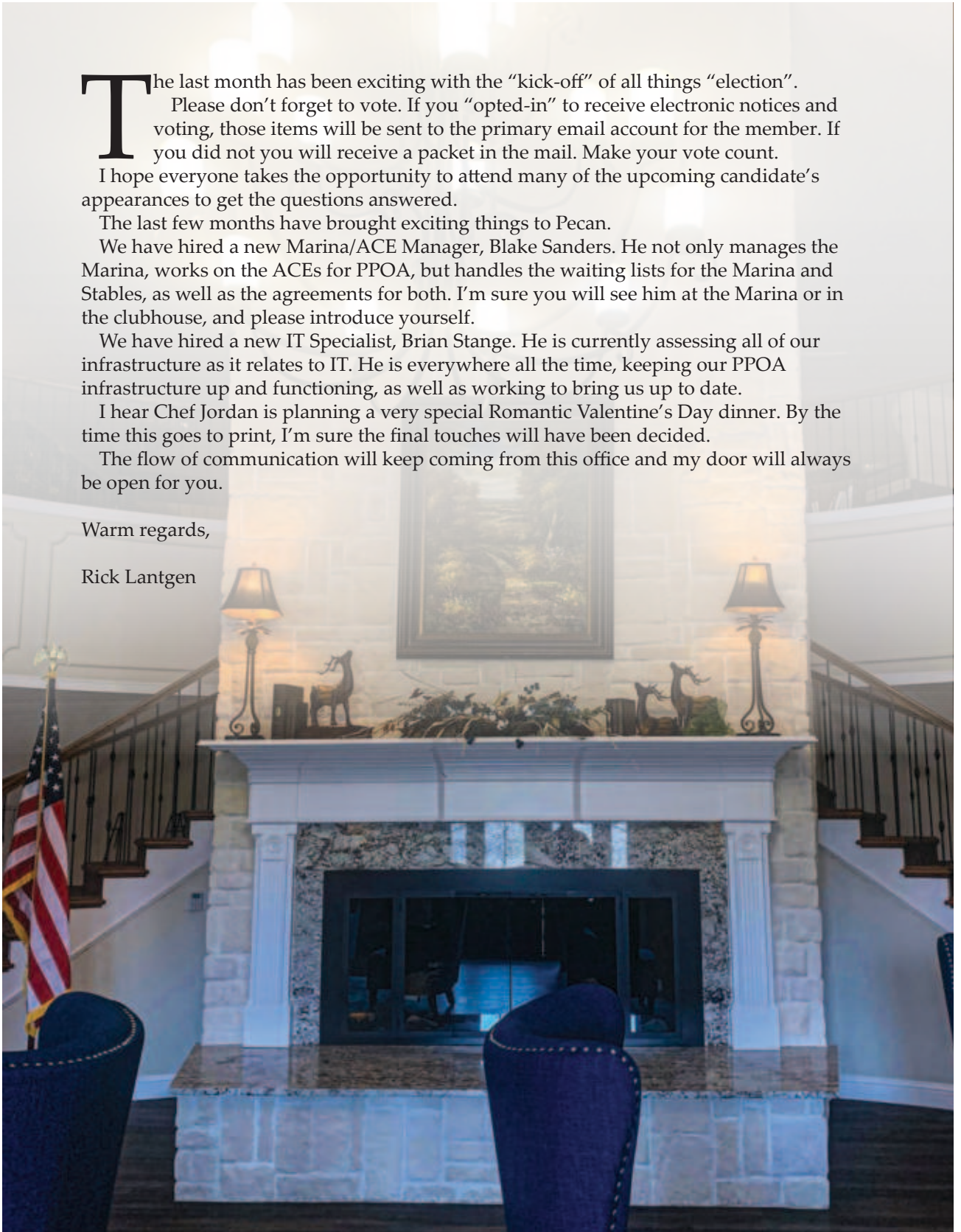
We have hired a new IT Specialist, Brian Stange. He is currently assessing all of our infrastructure as it relates to IT. He is everywhere all the time, keeping our PPOA infrastructure up and functioning, as well as working to bring us up to date.

I hear Chef Jordan is planning a very special Romantic Valentine’s Day dinner. By the time this goes to print, I’m sure the final touches will have been decided.

The flow of communication will keep coming from this office and my door will always be open for you.

Warm regards,

Rick Lantgen



ELECTION COUNTDOWN

Meet the Candidates

Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. in PAC Gym
Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. in Ballroom
Saturday, Feb. 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Ballroom



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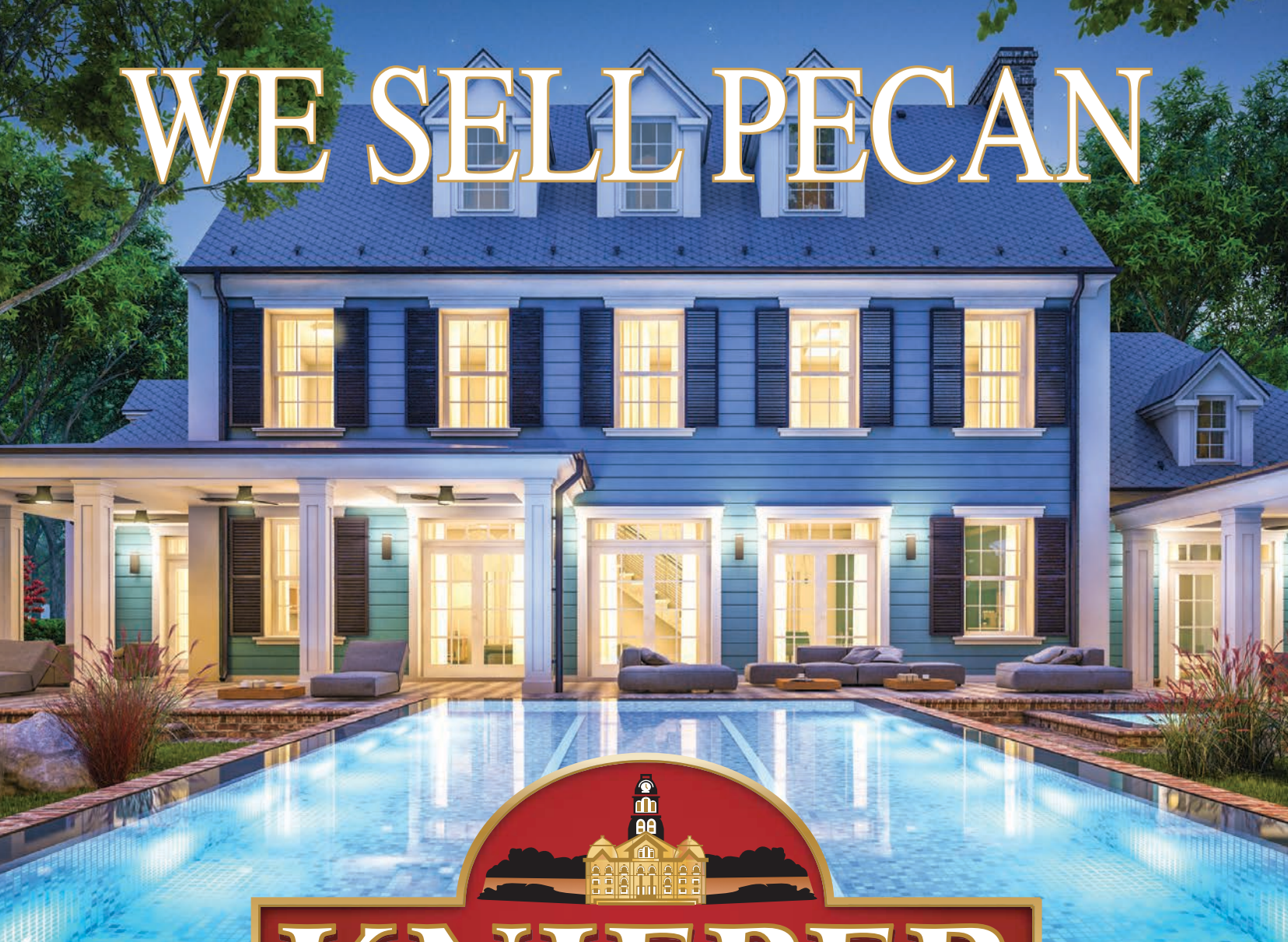
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