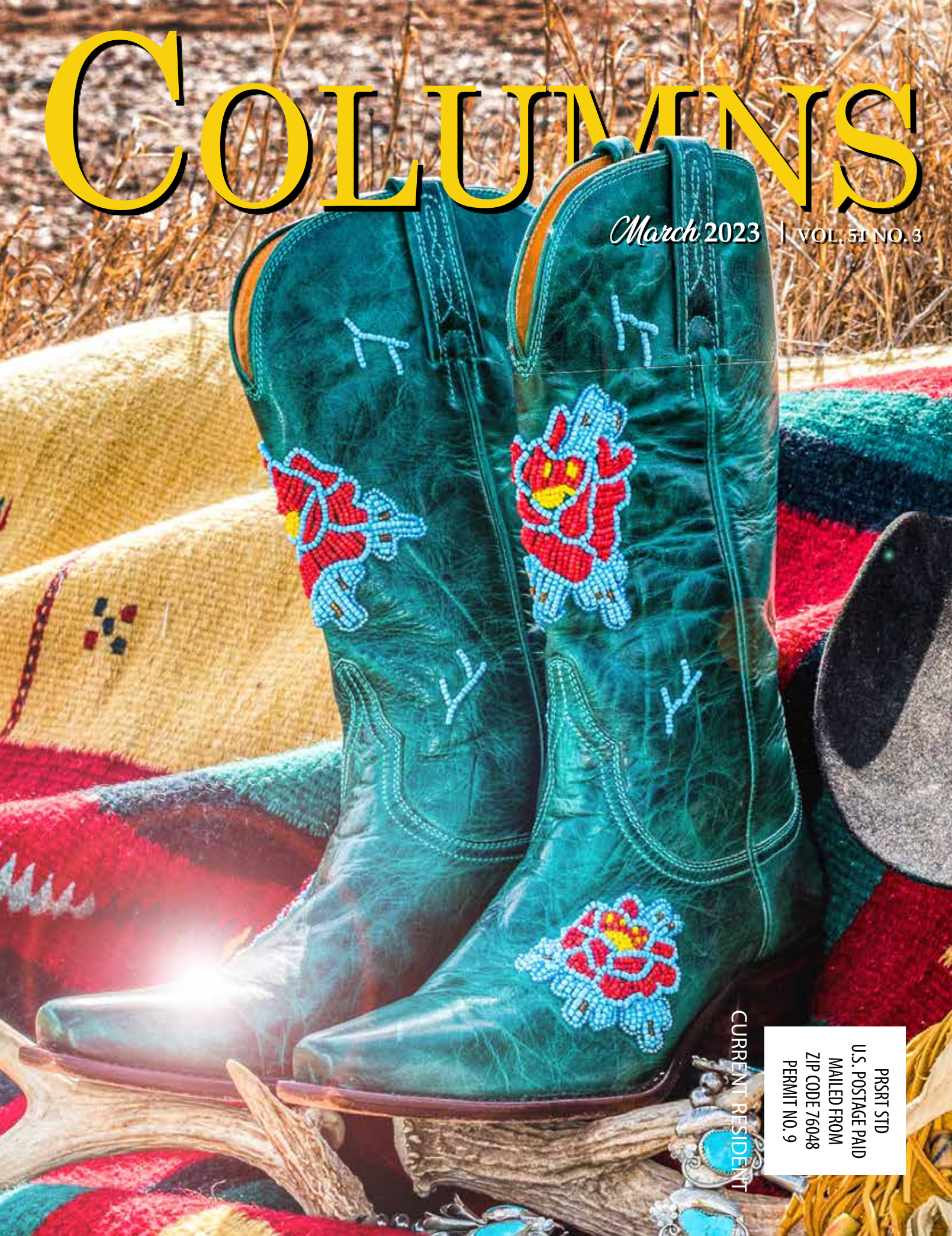


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Meeting in the PAC



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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
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Bylaws	2nd Monday	1 p.m.	S&S Conference Room
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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
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Tuesday, March 21

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Darren Clark



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Karen picked up her first camera in 2011, then quickly discovered her love of both wildlife and aviation photography when she and her husband, Doug, moved to Pecan Plantation in 2016. Karen’s photographs have been on the covers of Columns magazine, and the wildlife Christmas and note cards they design and produce are big sellers during the holidays.



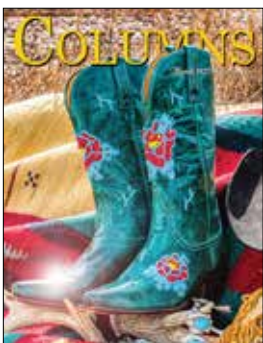
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July 24-25	LGA Championship
July 31-August 1	Aerification
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ART MATTERS

By Linda Barron

The Pecan Plantation Art Guild welcomes all artists and makers. The March 14 meeting will have David Tripp doing a demo and workshop in watercolors, immediately after the guild meeting at 10:30 a.m. The guild regularly meets at the Pecan Activity Center.

March is a special month as we are able to host a special workshop by artist James Spurlock. A Granbury resident, Spurlock is the commissioned portrait artist for the Dallas and Ft. Worth police department's fallen officer gallery. Spurlock works in charcoal and pastel and is a popular workshop presenter. He will share his talents during this four-session class, every Tuesday in March, beginning March 7, at the EMS building. The cost will be \$250 per person. Space is limited to 12 persons, so make your reservations early. To sign up, visit pecanplantationartguild.com and find the workshop on our Events page.

January saw our first Makers Open Forum at the EMS building. These will be held regularly on the fourth Thursday of the month. The next workshop is March 30. Bring something you are working on and let's fellowship together from 1 to 4 p.m. In January, we had a wonderful demo and workshop making rock bugs, rock robots and rock creatures of all kinds.

The PPAG newsletter, "The Monthly Canvas," is available at the QR Code on this page. All updated information and future events are published there.



Barbara Brown makes it work during the January Makers forum.



Lana Robinson "rocks" her art piece at the January workshop.

Artist of the Month Barbara Doberenz will display some of her work in the Pecan Plantation Clubhouse down the hallway to the Brazos Room.



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By New Member Orientation Committee

Greg & Laura Bird, Westpark Lane, moved from Burleson. Greg is a Realtor with EXP Realty and enjoys golf and reading. Laura is a wedding coordinator and enjoys photography, reading and organizing. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Richard & Sandi Gillette, Monteign Court, moved from Midland. Richard is retired from the Midland County Sheriff Department and enjoys motorcycles and fishing. Sandi is retired from the Midland ISD and DPS, and enjoys fishing and music. They have two children.

Shawn & Susan Grimes, Monticello Drive, moved from Frisco. Shawn is employed with Garland Heating & Air and enjoys cars and motorcycles. Susan is self-employed with Life Partners. They have four children and two grandchildren.

Brittany Salt, Prospect Hill, moved from Fort Worth. Brittany is employed with the Aledo ISD as a middle school teacher and coach, and enjoys knitting. She grew up in Pecan and her grandparents and parents live here. Brittany has four daughters.

Terry & Diane Scalise, Westpark Lane, moved from Sunrise Beach, Texas. Terry is retired from the Houston Police Department and Diane is retired from the Klein ISD. Diane enjoys reading and quilting. They have two children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Their daughter Tracie and husband Mike Reed also live in Pecan.

Alexandra "Sandy" Thiel, Ravenswood Road, moved from Cheyenne, Wyoming. Sandy is retired from architecture, real estate investment and rental homes. She also did short term missions with her church and is an ordained minister. Sandy has ministered in many countries including Afghanistan, Vietnam, Uganda, India, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Iraq, China, Cambodia, and Swaziland. She has three children and three grandchildren.

Mark & Angie Waite, Choctaw Court, moved from Joshua, Texas. Mark is retired from Coca-Cola and enjoys golf, fishing, camping, and gardening. Angie is employed with Entech Sales and Service Inc. and enjoys golf, fishing, camping, and walking. They have four children and four grandchildren.

Teela Watson, Bontura Road, moved from Decatur, Texas (25 years). Teela is a semi-retired educator with Engage 2 Learn as an executive coach. Her interests include college football, being on the water, traveling, live music and golf. Teela grew up in the Panhandle and learned to drive a tractor long before she could drive a car. Her son just graduated from OSU and is living in Enid, Oklahoma.

Chuck & Carol Wilkinson, Pleasant Hill. Chuck is employed with American Airlines and enjoys travel, golf, hockey and softball. Carol is employed with Field Endodontics and enjoys travel, dogs, reading and card games. They have three children.



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**The PPOA Annual BOD Meeting,
PAC Gymnasium,
Saturday, March 4 at 11 a.m.**

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See page 38.

SAVE THE DATE

March 13-17: Spring Break
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May 3: Red Cross Blood Drive
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May 13: Unique Car Show

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GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

'Volunteers Have Done All That?'

By Linda Kunzman

MISSION STATEMENT:

"To work with the community to enhance and maintain the landscaping at the circle gardens at Pecan Plantation."

Have you driven past the front and back circles of Pecan Plantation and enjoyed their beauty? Have you wondered who is behind that effort?

In 2005, the Green Thumb Garden Club began our gardening dream project to a beautifully maintained garden that welcomes all who enter our community. We worked very hard and earned the money to make it happen through fundraisers and donations.

Year after year, the residents loved what we were accomplishing and wanted to help, some by volunteering in the garden, and most by donating money. We established a "No Work annual \$25 Membership," to raise funds. Today, we continue to need new members.

Over the years, the GTGC was also taking care of the main entrance, including the garden beds around the guard entry points and the Security Office.

By 2012, the club had completed the front circle with plans to add new seating areas and walking paths as funds permitted. Then, residents asked when we were going to work on the back circle. We had really wanted to all along, but something had to give.

That year, we decided to give back all areas to the PPOA except for the circles. We needed to devote our efforts to raise money for the back circle. After five years and numerous fundraisers, we still could not raise enough to make the back circle happen. We designed the back circle

landscaping, and decided it was time to ask the PPOA Board to help us out. Our presentation to the Board of Directors was approved, and in 2017, the back circle came alive.

Some of us have been involved since the early days of GTGC, and many have aged out. After all, it's been 18 years. We continue to maintain both circles and make improvements as funds allow. Gardeners are passionate and maybe we can't do everything we did 15 years ago, but we are still involved and just need a little more help from friends and residents.

Our fundraisers have allowed us to add seasonal decorations in the last couple of years, and the feedback has been extremely positive. Please realize there is always more to do, and our volunteer force can only do so much. Now we are paying for labor to help with projects we can no longer handle ourselves. Yes, we are fewer and older, but we are still passionate!

The Green Thumb Garden Club is not funded by PPOA dues. We operate basically by donations. Your "no work" \$25 annual membership can be billed to your PPOA account every November, or you can write us a check. This will give us a base budget, though fundraisers may still be needed.

To donate through the "No Work \$25 Membership," send your check to Club Treasurer, 6304 Keller Ct, Granbury, TX 76049. You can also ask the PPOA to bill your account. Also let us know if you want to help in the garden or with fundraising events. Email Linda Kunzman at lindakunz@msn.com.



Compare these "before" photos of the front and back circles to what you see today as you drive past them. The Green Thumb Garden Club has come a long way and can continue to maintain the circles with residents' help.



Those Special “Circle” Moments

By Linda Kunzman

Wonderful things happen in our circle gardens! While the Green Thumb Garden Club enjoys creating beauty, with the support of our community, we are always happy to see special moments captured in the circles. Engaged couples, newlyweds, prom dates, graduates, clubs, families, kids, pets, and even the Easter Bunny have all posed at either of the circles.

Recently, at the front circle by the flagpole, Michael Branch proposed to Morgan Keoughan with the help of their very good dog, Millie. Morgan is the daughter of Patricia Keoughan in Pecan where their engagement party was held after the photos were taken. Hagen Reedy was the photographer (hagenreedyphotography.com).



PECANFACTS

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PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

By Carol Herrick, President

Pecan Plantation Woman's Club has many exciting events coming up. March 16 is our next meeting. Steven Chamblee, horticulturist, will be our speaker. Steven has been active in horticulture for more than 40 years, and uses humor and heart to bring hard science home and inspire gardeners across Texas.

Also in March, we will celebrate the Green Thumb Garden Club. They will raffle off a beautiful piece of art for your yard as well as have lovely spring centerpieces for purchase. Our garden club does so much for our community – now is our turn to give back.

Our annual Boot Scootin' "Boots & Bling!" will be on March 25. This promises to be a fun evening you don't want to miss. There will be a cash saloon, general store, silent auction, blingiest cowgirl contest, a great dinner, and dancing. The proceeds from Boot Scootin' go to benefit our PPOA, local charities, and scholarships for deserving young women.

Coming up in April, we will host our second evening PPWC Chit Chat. This is for those women who just aren't able to attend a daytime Woman's Club meeting. Please come and learn about PPWC on April 11 from 6-8 p.m. RSVP at ppwcevening@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 5.

On April 20, we will be "Cruising into Spring" with our fashion show. These have been selling out so get your reservation in.

PPWC meets on the third Thursday of each month, September through May, except December. Summer Chit Chat luncheons are held from June through August. If you are hesitant in joining because you don't feel comfortable coming alone, please email me: at carolppwc@gmail.com or call me at 303-882-9032.

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COYOTES

On some clear, cold nights, you can hear the coyotes talking back and forth to each other. Coyotes often use green spaces, like the pecan orchard and the golf course at Pecan Plantation, as their nighttime “highways.”

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department studies coyotes extensively because they are so common and are opportunistic feeders, eating almost anything. For these reasons, they are the source of many human-animal conflicts. The following facts are from a report by TPWD.

A slender, dog-like carnivore, coyotes are common throughout Texas and have taken over much of what historically was the range of the red wolf. They have adapted easily to the expansion of human communities into their habitat and can occasionally be found in urban and suburban neighborhoods. Coyotes may live alone or in small “packs” of up to six individuals. They hunt at all hours of the day and night but may be seen more often in the early morning or just before sunset.

Coyotes will eat anything, alive or dead, garbage, meat, fish, vegetables, berries or whatever they can find easily. Their natural diet consists mostly of rabbits, rodents and carrion.

Coyotes are very wary of humans. However, they can become accustomed to humans especially if they are fed. Since any wild animal that has no fear of humans can become dangerous, it is important to not feed them at all. Don't leave pet food out overnight. Secure lids to garbage cans and keep small pets inside unless supervised. They do not normally pose a threat to livestock; however, hungry coyotes may occasionally take small domestic animals or poultry.

Well-known for their calls, coyotes have startled many an unsuspecting camper. They howl (a high quavering cry) and emit a series of short, high-pitched yips. Howls are used to keep in touch with other coyotes in the area. Coyotes have a good sense of smell, vision and hearing and can run up to 40 miles per hour.



Urban and Suburban Coyotes

By Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

As people continue to expand into what used to be open range wildlife habitat, there is greater potential for encounters and conflicts between people and wildlife. To minimize human-wildlife conflict, public education is an important step so people can coexist with coyotes and other urban wildlife.

Here are some commonsense precautions to take:

- **Do not feed coyotes. Keep pet food and water inside. Keep garbage securely stored, especially if it has to be put on the curb for collection; use tight-locking or bungee-cord-wrapped trashcans that are not easily opened.**
- **Keep compost piles securely covered, and never add animal matter like bones or fat to the pile.**
- **Walk pets on a leash and accompany them outside, especially at night.**
- **Feed wild birds in feeders designed for birds, elevated or hanging above ground. Clean up spilled seed from the ground; coyotes can either be drawn to the seed, or to the rodents that eat the seed.**
- **Coyotes will eat food left for feral cats and may also prey on the cats.**
- **Use noise making and other scaring devices when coyotes are seen in urban and suburban spaces. Check with local authorities regarding noise ordinances.**

Photo credit U.S. Fish and Wildlife photo archive.

VFD AUXILIARY FUNDRAISERS

By Lana Robinson

Pecan Plantation VFD Auxiliary members are preparing for their annual spring bake sale coming up Saturday, March 11 at the EMS meeting room at 9518 Monticello Drive. This popular fundraiser, headed up by Patty Eatmon, will this year feature a fun "Flamingle" theme. The sale runs from 10 a.m. until noon, or until sold out.

The sale features all sorts of delicious bakes. "Once again, all kinds of oven-ready frozen casseroles and yummy home-baked breads, cookies, cakes, pies and other pastries will be available for purchase," said Eatmon. "All proceeds will benefit our Pecan community's volunteer fire department and EMS."

Held concurrently with the bake sale, the Auxiliary has also partnered with Cowtown Gold & Silver for a fundraiser from 10

a.m. until 2 p.m. Cowtown will write a check to the Auxiliary representing 10% of their precious metal purchases that day.

Mark your calendars for these two important fundraisers and watch for updates in email and social media.

The next regular meeting of the Auxiliary is set for 7 p.m. in the Charlie Lee Memorial EMS building meeting room on Monday, March 6. Pecan residents are invited to attend as plans for the Auxiliary Golf Tournament on June 24, and additional activities for 2023 will be discussed.

More volunteers will be needed for the golf tournament and fall bazaar. Please consider stepping up to help with one or both of these events.



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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

It's Back: Pecan's Got Talent!

By Jan Boeckel

After a two-year hiatus, the Entertainment Committee is very pleased to announce that Pecan's Got Talent is back on Friday, March 31. If you would like to be part of the audience, look for information on ticket sales in future email blasts. This event is certain to be a sell-out!

We are looking for performers to show off singing, dancing, musical instrument talents, comedic talents, or a small group (duo, trio, quartet) talent.

Participants should be prepared to perform in Act 1 and/or Act 2 which means, if you are a singer or musician, you should prepare two songs. A sound engineer will be on hand for recorded music.

There are no auditions. Priority is given to the first to sign up by sending your name to Monty Lewis, as described in "How to Enter." The Entertainment Committee will try to accommodate as many performers as possible; however, the show time is limited (about 45 minutes each for Acts 1 and 2, plus additional set-up and introduction time), and the number of performers we can accommodate is also limited.

How to Enter

- 1. Sign-Up: Monday, March 6 through Friday, March 10.** To sign up, please send your name, email, and phone number to Monty Lewis at mglewis195@gmail.com. Please include your talent and a short bio of your prior (if any) performance experience. But absolutely no experience is needed to be a part of this event.
- 2. Monty will notify you when he receives your sign-up.**
- 3. Know that we will try our very best to accommodate as many acts as possible. However, we are trying to be as fair as possible through the sign-up process. The total number of acts will be determined by the number of sign-ups and time constraints of the show.**
- 4. Rehearsal is on Tuesday, March 28 at the Pecan Plantation Club Ballroom, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Show Time on Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m. (Participants, please be there by 6:30 p.m.).**

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PECAN COMMUNITY GARDENS

By Jenifer Petri

Join us as we “sow and grow” in 2023! The Pecan Plantation Community Gardens, located on Plantation Drive to the right of the PAC walking trail, is growing with excitement, new members, and seedlings galore. The next garden workdays are March 11 and 25.

We are using the new Seedtime app, the expertise of master gardeners and a master composter, as well as all we have learned since the garden began, to start organized and strong in 2023.

In January, we had two workdays – one scheduled and one last-minute. On both days, members planted many seeds and seedlings, and at the second workday, we finished off our beds with quality compost to keep what we’ve planted safe and prepare for future plantings.

What are we growing? Already growing so far are onions, radishes, cabbage, garlic, potatoes, and carrots. In anticipation of additional planting soon, we started these seedlings in a warm indoor environment: tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, Swiss chard, and more.

We also have a section reserved as a Kids' Garden, just waiting for kids-only planting.

How can you become involved? To learn about the Community Gardens and how you can come play in the dirt with us, visit www.ppoacommunitygardens.org. On this page are useful watering and care tips, our tried-and-true recipes and produce-preservation tips, and a schedule of club activities. There is also a button where you can join.

Please join us at our quarterly informational meetings at the PAC. The next scheduled meeting is June 20 at the garden. Watch our Facebook group, PPOA Community Gardens, and the Nextdoor Pecan app for details. Questions? Email us at ppoacommunitygardens@gmail.com.

As always, stop by anytime you see someone working in the gardens. We would love to show you around.



Community Gardens Secretary Gae Seal weeds and plants a keyhole plot on a January work day.

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AT YOUR SERVICE TENNIS NEWS

By John Ingram III
USPTA Master Professional

USTA league play is now in full swing! With more than 300,000 players taking part each year, USTA League is the country's largest adult competitive tennis league. It's a great way to stay active, improve your tennis game, and have the chance to compete for a national championship. If you love tennis, you'll love USTA League and being part of a team.

Pecan Plantation has a number of players participating each week in home or away matches in both singles and doubles. Good luck to all of our Pecan teams.

For more information about anything tennis-related, call the Tennis Pro Shoppe, 817-579-9412.



The Pecan Plantation Tennis Association held its first mixer of 2023 in January to coincide with the Australian Open. Food, tennis and good times were on the menu. Enjoying the fun are, above from left, Dee Wilcox, Eva Margle and Pat Newberry. Below, the ladies show off their new hats. Lower left, Emily and Bob Kinney joined in.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PPTA Spring BBQ, Friday,
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

By Ann Hale

It's hard to believe spring is just around the corner and the first quarter is almost over.

As you may be aware, there have been some changes in the communications department. Judith Bandy, the publications specialist, has decided to pursue other opportunities and spend more time with her family. She will be missed; we wish her the best as she begins this new chapter in her life and appreciate all she contributed to Columns.

We would like to welcome Jay Arrington, the new Communications Director for PPOA, and look forward to working with him.

The Communications Committee continues to work closely with Hyde Media Group to smooth out rough places as we make the transition. All contributors to Columns should have received two documents to assist them in moving from merely a committee report to a story that everyone will want to read. The contact for Columns submissions is now columns@hcnews.com.

As always, residents are invited to our meetings, held upstairs in the clubhouse on the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m.



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Royce Harber (1932-2023) will be fondly remembered by residents of Pecan Plantation for his and wife Margaret's contributions to establishing the Pecan Volunteer Fire Department. The Harbers moved into Pecan in 1976, and soon after, in 1977, saw the need for an ambulance. They donated the first such vehicle -- it was a converted station wagon. The Harbers were very active in the community and their church.

A celebration of life was held in February, and in lieu of flowers, the family asked for donations to be made to the PPVFD/EMS.



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Wilma McComas stays in the swing of life

By Rick Mauch
Contributing Writer

Wilma McComas (previously Curtis) at home
today in her Pecan Plantation residence.

Wilma McComas celebrated her 89th birthday by taking the first sailboat trip and enjoying the first luau of her life.

She and husband Don went to Hawaii in January to celebrate the day. It's the latest in a lot of celebrating for Wilma, who has had much to be joyous about, from the golf course to music to enjoying her golden years with a man who went from being her golfing partner to her life partner.

"It's been a great life, but we've still got some time to go," Wilma said with a smile.

On the golf course at Pecan Plantation, no lady has ever been better than Wilma. Her 10 club championships are twice as many as the next closest champion, her good friend the late Mary Rich.

"She had a beautiful swing. She could hit it farther, but I could hit it straighter," Wilma recalled of their competitive days.

Wilma only began playing golf in her late 40s, but being the competitor she is, she immediately set out to get as good as she could as fast as she could. It didn't take long as she won a club championship at the Shennecosta Golf Club in Connecticut in 1976.

"I was always a tomboy," said Wilma, who loved playing softball in the ladies' league. "As soon as I took some lessons, I fell in love. It's me against the golf course."

Then, she and her late husband M.C. Curtis, who passed away in 1998, moved back to Texas, Pecan Plantation, in fact. This area is home to Wilma, a Fort Worth Poly (1952) and TCU (1957) graduate. Also, being a warmer climate, there's the opportunity to do more of her new passion, playing golf.

For six consecutive years Wilma was the runner-up in the club championship. Then,

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spring Safety Plans and Swift Water

By Doug Caughley, Volunteer Firefighter

Spring is almost here in North Texas. Nature is waking up from the winter's nap, the bluebonnets will soon be in bloom, and the deer will soon be giving birth to their fawns. But with spring storms comes the threat of tornados, hail, and potential flooding for Pecan Plantation, nearby Lake Granbury and the Brazos River.

Longtime Pecan Plantation residents are familiar with squall lines forming, hail, gusty winds and even an occasional tornado. Now is the time to make an emergency plan for your family. Ask yourself "where is the safest place to shelter until the Pecan Volunteer Fire Department can provide assistance?"

Spring is also a busy time for the Pecan Volunteer Fire Department as it prepares for the chance of heavy rain flowing into the Brazos River. The VFD stands ready to assist with emergencies that take place on the surrounding Brazos River or Lake Granbury. As you drive out the front gate, you can see what years of river flooding have done to the old bridge. High volume discharge from the DeCordova Bend Dam sends massive amounts of water and large debris at incredible force down the river which surrounds Pecan Plantation.

A team of our firefighters have been trained as swift water rescue technicians. They know how to identify different swift water incidents and the best method to perform rescues. Our main water rescue vehicle is an Inmar inflatable boat with a 40-horsepower outboard engine. This boat usually carries a trained driver to maneuver the boat along with two spotter/divers who can enter the water.

In March, the department will have training classes on Mass Casualties Emergencies as mandated by FEMA guidelines. Additionally, the Pecan VFD is in the process of being 100% personnel compliant with National Incident Management system.

A final note about safety is that Daylight Saving Time happens on March 12. When you turn clocks forward, it is a good time to check smoke detectors, making sure the batteries are new and the alarm is working correctly.

The Pecan VFD is a Hood County fire department which serves Pecan Plantation and surrounding neighborhoods, and offers mutual support to eight other fire departments in Hood County. If being a part of this department is of interest to you,

why not drop by and visit or give us a call? We have training for almost anyone who might like to serve, helping to protect this wonderful neighborhood called Pecan Plantation. The station is located at 9518 Monticello Drive. Call 817-573-1643 (non-emergency line) or email ppems@ppvfdems.com.



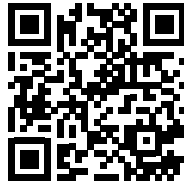
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SECURITY REPORT

Hood County has implemented a mass notification system called Everbridge for emergency preparedness.

Information about this system, and how the service functions, including enrollment information, may be found by following the QR code.

In addition, PPOA management, Pecan Fire Department, and Pecan EMS have worked together to develop a comprehensive emergency preparedness



plan for Pecan Plantation that was designed with input from the Hood County EOC Coordinator Jay Webster. The plan will work cooperatively with Hood County's leadership and will evolve as we move forward.

Please take advantage of this free notification resource. We don't get to choose when an emergency may occur, and preparedness can mitigate issues before they compound.

(Due to inclement weather in February, the activity reports were not available by the deadline.)

PECAN PLANTATION EMS

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

In January, Pecan EMS responded to 122 calls for service.

As I write this in early February, it seems I was a little premature in saying winter was over: this week has been a frosty one!

I would like to thank our PPVFD & EMS Auxiliary for everything they do. The women and men of this group give tirelessly of their time, energy, heart, and imagination to support our efforts. Because of these good people, we have been able to resurface the ambulance bay floors. This will improve not only the appearance of the floor, but will enhance its safety when wet, as well as incorporate our new logo.

Several of our people are attending paramedic school, seeking to increase their training and level of service. If you see someone standing back while others are working, this is typically the senior medic or training officer observing the student as they attend to you or your loved ones. You will still receive the highest level of care, administered by our knowledgeable and skilled staff.

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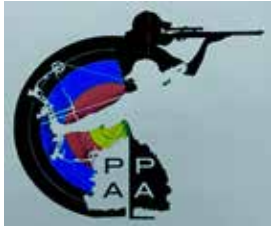


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ARCHERY AND AIR GUN CLUB



After many years of service, Jim and Vicki Leggett have stepped down from the Pecan Plantation Archery and Air Gun Association board. We thank them for their hard work over the years. Holly Dockery will take over as treasurer, and we still have an opening for secretary and air gun

range master.

The next regular meeting for the PPAA is March 7, 7 p.m. at the Range. We welcome new and existing members to come discuss equipment updates and replacements. We will also brainstorm new events for the coming year and discuss the future of the association.

The Easter Egg Shoot is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, from 2-3 p.m. Come to the Archery and Air Gun Range with your own archery equipment. The eggs will be filled with cash! Shooting is unlimited for just \$10. Age 13 and up.

We hope to have more events in 2023 if there are enough who wish to participate and volunteer.

In December, the club welcomed kids for a Christmas "Don't Shoot Your Eye Out" event. The winners received bonafide Red Ryder BB guns. We thank those kids and families that participated: Harland, Katja, James, Steve, Colt,

Carmen, Wyatt, Jackson, Ronny, Hudson, Kate, Jackson, Colton, Joey, Leo, Heath, Roman, Joshua and Adalyn.

Our next two meetings are April 4 and May 2, both at the Range at 7 p.m.

Join the club. Annual dues are \$25 per family. Contact pecanarcheryairgunclub@gmail.com.



In December, the club hosted kids for a Christmas "Don't Shoot Your Eye Out" event.

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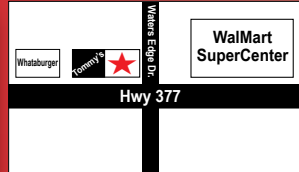
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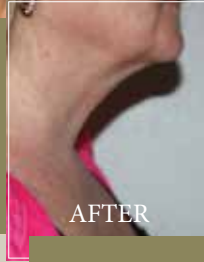
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EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Tammy Dressman

In January, three Pecan boarders and one Pecan resident participated in the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade. They were Barbara Davidson, Cindy Rowe, Mindy Short and Brenda Tealer.

Barbara stepped up to organize the group due to the illness of the one who had been in charge for years. What a great time they had! They arrived early to take advantage of the weather and ride the Trinity Trails prior to and after the parade.

This was Mindy's first time doing a parade on Shorty and she said that overall, they did great. If you've ever participated in a parade, you know there can be quite a lot of commotion and it can seem a little chaotic at times. But Shorty and his rider handled it well and had a great time.

Several of our boarders had multiple opportunities to attend the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo this year. This is always a staple of Fort Worth community, and many look forward to attending each year. If you didn't get the opportunity, be sure to plan ahead for next year. The schedule lists events each day including special events each night. Next year, just pick a night, buy tickets and have a ball.

The stables are at full capacity and if you are interested in getting on the wait list, call the PPOA Business Office at 817-573-2641, ext. 337. For other information, call Tammy Dressman at 817-614-9744.

Visit our Facebook page for more photos and information.



TOP: Enjoying a trail ride and the stock show parade in Fort Worth are, from left, Brenda Tealer on her horse, Coco, Mindy Short on Short Stop (aka Shorty),

BOTTOM: Barbara Davidson on Hank, and Cindy Rowe on her horse, Nitro.



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The Pecan Activity Center is holding guitar classes, and the next session begins Thursday, March 9.

Participants will need to attend all classes in each session. The class is for adults and has a maximum of eight people per class. It meets for one hour once a week from 5-6 p.m. at the center. The cost is \$25 per week.

All you need to bring is a guitar with newer strings on it. You will learn how to tune it in the first lesson.

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The average amount of time to learn the basics is 6 to 8 weeks. The first class is "How to Tune Your Guitar" and learning the first four chords. **IMPORTANT:** If you cannot make the first class on March 9, you will need to sign up for the next session.

Contact the Pecan Activity Center to register at 817-573-7952. The class will fill up quickly!



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March 1, 1872 – Yellowstone becomes the U.S.'s first national park.

March 2, 1836 – Texas declared its independence from Mexico, creating the Republic of Texas, which would last until 1845 when Texas became a state.

March 3, 1931 – The Star-Spangled Banner becomes the U.S. National Anthem.

March 5, 1946 – In a speech in Missouri, Winston Churchill describes the boundary in Europe between free countries and those under Soviet Russia's control as "The Iron Curtain."

March 8, 1817 – The New York Stock Exchange is founded.

March 9, 1964 – The first Ford Mustang rolls off the assembly line.

March 10, 1862 – The U.S. government issues paper money for the first time.

March 16, 1968 – General Motors produces its 100 millionth automobile, an Oldsmobile Toronado.

March 18, 1931 – Schick introduces the first electric shaver to the marketplace.

March 19, 1848 – Birthday for Wyatt Earp (d. 1929), legendary figure in the Wild West best known for the shootout at the O.K. Corral in 1881 in Tombstone, Arizona.

March 19, 1918 – Congress approves Daylight Saving Time. (Congress has not acted on the 2022 measure to eliminate Daylight Saving Time.)

March 20, 1930 – Kentucky Fried Chicken was founded by "Colonel" Harlan Sanders in North Corbin, Kentucky.

March 21, 2006 – Social media platform Twitter was created.

March 24, 1958 – Elvis Presley joins the U.S. Army.

March 24, 1989 – The oil tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in Prince William Sound off Alaska, resulting in 11 million gallons of oil leaking into the natural habitat over a stretch of 45 miles.

March 25, 1954 – RCA manufactures the first color television.

March 30, 1867 – The United States buys Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million.

March 30, 1964 – Jeopardy! debuts on television.

March 30, 1981 – Newly elected President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest outside a D.C. hotel. After removal of a 22-caliber bullet from his left lung, he joked, "I should have ducked." Three others were also hit including Reagan's Press Secretary, James Brady.

March 31, 1918 – Daylight Saving Time goes into effect for the first time in the U.S.



Elvis Presley joins the U.S. Army in 1958.

TRADITIONAL FARE FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

By Nancy Pricer



When I think of St. Patrick's Day, I don't think of green beer (although I might have in college). I think of corned beef, cabbage and soda bread. My mom used to make them years ago. Corned beef and cabbage recipes are pretty straightforward, but to me the key is the little packet of seasonings that comes with the beef. I have never tried this, but I have read if your beef does not come with the seasoning packet, you can use pickling spices instead. The recipe I use is from www.spendwithpennies.com. The recipe says to cook for 8 to 10 hours, but the author said she usually cooks hers for 10 hours.

I like to cook my corned beef and cabbage in the slow cooker. That way I can prepare the bread and maybe a salad for the meal while it cooks.

The soda bread recipe my mom uses is from Ina Garten. Her recipe has a twist on the traditional recipes – grated orange zest. The zest adds a bit of freshness to the bread.

The corned beef and cabbage recipe also has carrots and potatoes and, paired with the soda bread, will provide a hearty meal.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE SLOW COOKER RECIPE

- 1 corned beef brisket, 3-4 pounds
- 1 onion
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 1/2 to 3 cups water
- 2 pounds potatoes, peeled & quartered
- 2 large carrots chopped
- 1 small head of cabbage, cut into wedges

Chop onion into large chunks and place in the bottom of a 6-quart slow cooker. Top with corned beef and seasoning packet.

Pour water into slow cooker until it just about covers the corned beef. Add garlic and bay leaves.

Cook on low for 8-10 hours. After the initial 3 hours, add potatoes and carrots to the slow cooker. Two hours before serving, add cabbage wedges to the slow cooker.

Remove corned beef from slow cooker and let rest 15 minutes before slicing across the grain. Serve with potatoes, carrots and cabbage. Serves 10.

IRISH SODA BREAD

- 4 cups all-purpose flour, plus extra for currants
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1 3/4 cups cold buttermilk, shaken
- 1 extra-large egg, lightly beaten (I use large)
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 cup dried currants

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

Combine the flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Add the butter and mix on low speed until the butter is mixed into the flour.

With a fork, lightly beat the buttermilk, egg, and orange zest together in a measuring cup. With the mixer on low speed, slowly add the buttermilk mixture to the flour mixture. Combine the currants with 1 tablespoon of flour and mix into the dough. It will be very wet.

Dump the dough onto a well-floured board and knead it a few times into a round loaf. Place the loaf on the prepared sheet pan and lightly cut an X into the top of the bread with a serrated knife. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until a cake tester comes out clean. When you tap the loaf, it will have a hollow sound.

Cool on a baking rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

PECAN PLANTATION BRIEFS

BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Spring is almost here and outdoor activities are picking up. Members have several fishing trips planned for March through May, including trips to Lake Whitney, the Brazos River and Lake Tawakoni.

Our shooting enthusiasts continue to have monthly outings to Defenders Outdoors Clay Sports in Aledo.

The March 9 meeting will feature Colton Nolan, a wildlife biologist at Fawcett Wildlife Management Area near Palo Pinto.

For the April 13 meeting, a fish fry is scheduled to sample a variety of species that have been caught by members. There is always a large supply of catfish, sand bass, hybrid, striped bass and an occasional saltwater species from the Gulf.

If you have an interest in joining the club, contact ccald67@gmail.com.

— Cecil Caldwell

BREAKFAST CLUB

March 2023 will bring another duo of interesting speakers. On March 8, we will hear from Callie Crow. Callie is the founder of Drews27Chains, a Texas nonprofit founded to honor Callie's son Drew after his death from fentanyl toxicity. Callie has taken it upon herself to spread the word about

this deadly drug and more importantly to provide education concerning the proper administration of naloxone. Naloxone is a medication approved by the FDA designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdoses. Please come join us as we learn how to save lives. This presentation is an absolute necessity for parents and grandparents.

On March 22, we will host two speakers from The Brazos River Authority. Connie Tucker, area project manager Lake Granbury and Jonathan Dulus, Upper Basin Regional Business and Project Development Manager, will discuss the mission of The Brazos River Authority and answer your questions about our two most precious resources – Lake Granbury and The Brazos River.

In lieu of our regular breakfast meeting on Feb. 8, we accepted an invitation from the North Central Texas Academy to visit their campus. Please consider supporting this worthy school.

On Feb. 22, we were pleased to host Maurice Walton, a retired attorney from Granbury, well known for his knowledge of local history. Walton told us stories of Granbury and Hood County including the Mitchell-Truitt Feud.

— Ron Liddell



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In January, 150 people attended Bingo. The Mexican buffet was wonderful, and certainly, all the Bingo winners were happy.

Bingo this month will be on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Chef Jordan will come up with something for dinner for those who want to partake before play begins. Be sure to make a reservation, and don't forget to wear your green!

On March 31, Pecan's Got Talent will be held in the ballroom that will be set up theater-style. Come and see the wonderfully talented people in our community. See related story on page 21.

— Jan Boeckel

RV CLUB

Welcome, spring! Club members will begin to prepare their second homes on wheels for the upcoming travel season.

Not only traveling on our club rallies in Oklahoma City and Stonewall, Texas, but smaller groups will venture out to New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana in the summer.

Before I became a member of the RV club, my RV experience was mostly fishing trips or beach trips to the Texas coast. Members encouraged me to join them on side trips that they make during the summer and opened a whole new world

of RV travel. Two trips most memorable were up the Pacific Coast from northern California to Olympic National Park in Washington State and the other, down the Atlantic Coast from Kitty Hawk N.C. along the Outer Banks then to Charleston S.C. Can you imagine traveling for an entire month? I never had. Club members' experience in planning months ahead for such trips proved invaluable in making my trips enjoyable.

The next meeting is March 14, outdoors at 5 p.m. at the Pavilion in Shady Campground. Contact me if you wish to join as a guest. For information on the Pecan Plantation RV Club, contact David Kroon at dk1341@swbell.net.

— David Kroon

Congratulations to Glenna Haskell, who won the jackpot in our 50/50 drawing in January.



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ARCHERY & AIRGUN CLUB

Contact pecanarcheryairgunclub@gmail.com.

- March 7** Meeting at the Range, 7 p.m.
April 1 Easter Egg Shoot (Archery age 13+) 2 p.m.
April 4 Meeting at the Range, 7 p.m.

ART GUILD

Contact ppartguild@gmail.com.

- March 14** Meeting at PAC, 10:30 a.m.
March 30 Makers Open Forum at EMS, 1-4 p.m.
April 11 Meeting at PAC, 10:30 a.m.
April 27 Makers Open Forum at EMS, 1-4 p.m.

BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Contact Cecil Caldwell, ccald67@gmail.com.

- March 9** Meeting at EMS, 6:30 p.m.
April 13 Meeting at RV Pavilion, 6 p.m.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Contact Ron Liddell, ronliddell@gmail.com.

- March 8** Meeting, Clubhouse Terrace Room, 9 a.m.
March 22 Meeting, Clubhouse Terrace Room, 9 a.m.

BRIDGE

Contact Sharon Green, 817-559-2974.

- March 1** Play in Terrace Room, 10 a.m.
April 5 Play in Terrace Room, 10 a.m.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

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- March 11, 25** Garden Workdays
April 8, 22 Garden Workdays
April 11 Happy Hour in the Garden, 5 p.m.
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HORSE OWNERS

Contact Tammy Dressman, 817-614-9744.

- March 21** Meeting at Clubhouse Conference Room, 6 p.m.

RV CLUB

Contact David Kroon, dk1341@swbell.net.

- March 14** Meeting outdoors, Pavilion at Shady Campground, 5 p.m.

VFD AUXILIARY

Contact Lana Robinson, robinsonsgranbury@yahoo.com.

- March 6** Meeting at EMS, 7 p.m.
March 11 Bake Sale at EMS, 10 a.m. until sell-out (or noon).
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ACC REPORT

The number of new home permits issued during January 2023 remained very low with the ACC approving only (2) New Residence Construction Permits, (14) Miscellaneous Construction Permits, (2) Construction Revisions and no Permit Extensions. The ACC construction permit list currently contains (47) active permits for new homes under construction and (43) active miscellaneous permits for various other improvements.

The following new homes were approved to begin construction during January 2023:

8901 Madewood Court, 2,374sf Al Couto, owner and builder

6416 Pinehurst Drive, 4,027sf, Charles Yancey, owner; Justin Hopper, builder

COMPLIANCE CORNER

During January 2023, the Compliance Office received 49 calls and 16 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 2 calls and 3 emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 593 calls and 74 emails requesting ACC, plat/lot, rules, C&R or construction information.

It's that time of year again to remind owners of vacant lots and homes to ensure they have enlisted a property maintenance contractor to regularly maintain their property for this year's annual mowing season. In addition to the requirement for lots to be mowed on a frequent enough basis that prevents the average growth height from exceeding 10 inches, there is also a requirement to regularly remove any trash and/or fallen limb accumulations to maintain the property in a compliant condition. Therefore, it is important for owners of vacant property to contract service providers who will mow and remove any fallen limbs often enough during the entire early-spring to late-fall growing season to avoid an expensive cost recovery charge if PPOA must arrange enforcement maintenance service of the property.

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	Actual YTD	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,595,191	\$ 1,711,410	\$ (116,219)
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ (233,225)	\$ (272,771)	\$ 39,546
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 1,361,966	\$ 1,438,639	\$ (76,673)
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (882,163)	\$ (925,489)	\$ 43,326
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (469,146)	\$ (492,561)	\$ 23,415
Net Income (Loss)			
Before Depreciation	\$ 10,657	\$ 20,589	\$ (9,932)

RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,137,880	\$ 3,137,880
Fund Deposits	\$ 125,971	\$ 1,067,559
Fund Expenditures	\$ (201,409)	\$ (2,567,381)
Ending Balance	\$ 3,062,442	\$ 1,638,058

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	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 207,162	\$ 207,162
Fund Deposits	\$ 32,112	\$ 256,896
Fund Expenditures	\$ -	\$ (91,581)
Ending Balance	\$ 239,274	\$ 372,477

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	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,347,968	\$ 1,347,968
Fund Deposits	\$ 284,670	\$ 1,723,862
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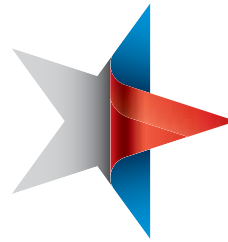


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From the desk
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When I lived in the north, the four seasons were much more prevalent than they are here in the south. March was a great month up north, the snow begins to melt, the plants start to come alive and you begin to see your neighbors out and about for the first time since Halloween. You could smell that a new beginning was upon us.

In my world as a GM, a new beginning also starts in March when I have several new bosses elected each year. All the new board members will be finding their way in this complex business of owners associations and country clubs.

Luckily, Pecan Plantation has a very strong committee system that stays in place for

the most part and represents the rock and stability that continues from year to year. I am excited that this year we can accomplish many goals and build on the future as more and more residents begin to arrive. Pecan Plantation is a special place and I for one am humbled to be a part of this great community's progress.

I have hired a communications director – Jay Arrington. He brings a wealth of knowledge to this department, and I hope I never hear the words “lack of communication” again. We now have all the staffing in place to operate PPOA in a way that no other community has.

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