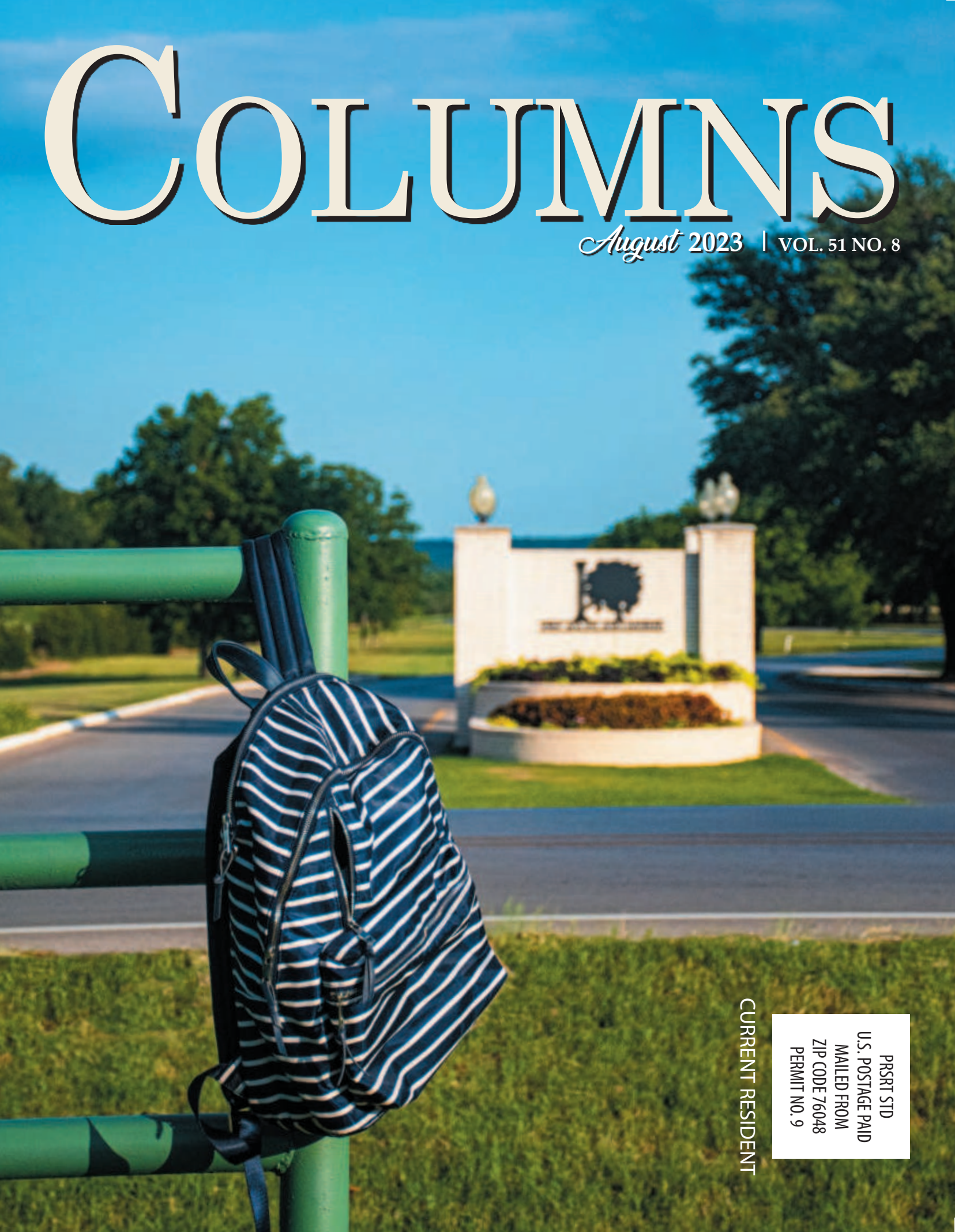


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Airport	2nd Thursday	8 a.m.	Planeview Park Pavillion (weather permitting)
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Entertainment	1st Wednesday	2 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Finance	Wednesday prior to 4th Thursday	3:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Golf	1st Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room
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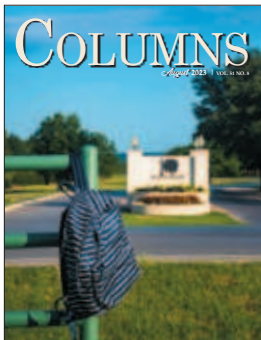


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ON THE COVER



BACK TO SCHOOL

August has become the new start date for schools. Gone are the days of school starting after Labor Day and ending before Memorial Day. This issue features some information about Granbury ISD as the little (and not-so-little) ones get ready to return to class.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Steve Perry

As we enter the second half of 2023, it is my pleasure to announce that our owners association is in an excellent financial position. Thanks to the collective efforts of our incredible and hard-working staff and the finance committee, we are well-prepared to embark on the formulation of our budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

I want to assure you that the Board of Directors and our management team are fully committed to maintaining the solid financial standing of PPOA. General Manager Rick Lantgen and I understand the importance of being prudent and responsible with the funds entrusted to us by our community. Our goal is to continue enhancing the value and quality of life within our neighborhood while maintaining an equitable balance

between expenses and services.

Our Finance Committee, Controller Kristi Nickel, and all department heads are working diligently to craft a budget that reflects the collective vision for Pecan's future. They will take into account the needs and aspirations of our residents, ensuring that every dollar spent contributes to the betterment of our community.

While we may face various challenges and uncertainties, let us remain positive and upbeat about the future. With your support and active involvement, we can achieve great things together.

Thank you for your continued trust and participation in our organization. Let us look forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with progress, unity, and prosperity.



PPOA President Steve Perry

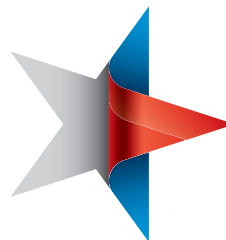


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AUGUST 3--TRAVEL TO CLEBURNE GOLF LINKS--
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AUGUST 12-13 --MEMBER/MEMBER

AUGUST 17--TEXAS SCRAMBLE (4 DRIVES/PLAYER) PSST

AUGUST 24--PAR 3 TOURNAMENT--INDIVIDUAL LG/LN
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AUGUST 31--"WHINER" LG/LNET INDIVIDUAL--
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I hope everyone enjoyed the Member Guest Tournament in July. Looking ahead to August and September, we have the Member/ Member Tournament on the weekend of August 12 and 13. Then in September we will host the Club Championship starting on 30 through Oct. 1.

Also, as we are going through the hot days of summer, please remember to stay hydrated. The beverage cart will continue to make its rounds through the course, so please

purchase your refreshments from them. We want to see this service remain successful and continue serving our members.

And finally, whenever you see Duff, JD or Phil, please let them know how much they are appreciated. They are working very hard to give us the best experience possible when playing here at Pecan Plantation.

~ Ray Urbano / MGA President

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By Carol Bishop, PPLGA President

It's hard to believe the biggest and hottest (we hope) part of summer is fast approaching. Our Member/Member Tournament was wonderful, even bigger than last year, and we need to give a BIG shoutout to Michelle Mills for her hard work in putting it all together.

Lunch the last day was awesome, thanks to Chef Jordan and his crew. We also have the most wonderful Pro and Assistant Pro in the state of Texas! Thanks to all of you for making the LGA tournaments run so smoothly. I must include in this thank you a behind the scenes worker who makes sure we have everything we need, and everything looks wonderful in the ballroom and that someone is Brenda Palmer.

Meantime, we are working hard getting ready for the "Let Freedom Ring" Member/Guest Tournament in September. If you want your name in the drawing pot, we must receive your entry before August 1. For the new ladies in our LGA, we put the names of the members who have entered into a hat (so to speak) and we draw one name. That lucky person gets free entry into the Member/Guest Tournament in 2024.

Deadline for sign up or cancellation is September 8, 2023.

There was a question about who qualifies as a "Guest". That would be anyone who does NOT live in Pecan Plantation or is not a member of Pecan Plantation Country Club AND has a legitimate GHIN Handicap.

It's not too late to join our LGA, and because you will be joining late, the membership dues for the remainder of the year are only \$22.50. What a bargain!!

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- Sept. 18-20 LGA Member/Guest
- Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Club Championship
- Oct. 14-15 MGA Championship
- Oct. 23-24 LGA President's Choice

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Cost: \$75 each

Instructor: Dance Dreams Academy Staff

The kids will get to experience all of the fun of being different Disney Princesses throughout each day all while focusing on ballet and tap technique. Crafts and singing songs too!

Please bring princess stuff and tap shoes if possible.

Golf, Tennis & Swim Camp (Ages 6+)

Session 3: (August 1 - August 4) 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(Lunch Included)

Cost: \$170/members & \$185/guests

Register at Tennis Shop 817-579-9412

First day check-in is at the Tennis shop at 8:30 a.m.

Bring swimsuit, towel, hat, sunscreen, water and pool shoes.

Racquets & clubs provided if needed.

Water Aerobics for August

Tues - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.

Aug 1 - 11: Meets at Club Pool

Aug 14 - Aug 31: Meets at PAC pool

Cost: \$45/month (16 classes) or \$5/class

Certified Instructor: Leslie Stain (sign up at PAC)

all cash payments to be made at PAC

SPECIAL ADULT EVENTS

"Let's Karaoke" Class

6 week class:

Five Tuesdays @ the PAC starting

August 15 thru Sept. 12 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The final class will be a Karaoke Night performance Sept.

23rd in the Ballroom with DJ Jimmy!

Class will help you learn your true vocal range and style and

help you choose songs that fit your voice and more!

Instructor: Rebecca Faiola (510-326-3553)

\$60/person

Sign up at the PAC - Space is limited!

Pecan Paint Along with Kathy Yoders

Sunday, August 20 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

A fun afternoon completing a step by step acrylic painting.

No experience necessary.

Cost: \$75 - all supplies included

Bring your own beverage and wear an old shirt or apron.

For more info call Kathy Yoders at 682-258-1457.

Sign up at the PAC - Space is limited!

EXERCISE CLASSES

Yoga with DeDe

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.)

Cost: \$10/class or \$35/month (4 classes) or \$65/month (8 classes) or \$95/month unlimited classes

Certified Instructor: DeDe Lamont

Chair Yoga with DeDe

Monday (10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)

Thursday (10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)

Cost: \$10/class or \$35/month (4 classes) or \$65/month (8 classes)

Certified Instructor: DeDe Lamont

Pilates

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri (8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.)

Cost: \$3/class

Instructor: Shawn Farris (Please bring your own mat)

Low Impact Aerobics

Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, & Fri (8 a.m. - 9 a.m.)

Saturday (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.)

Cost: \$3/class

Bring hand weights & a mat if possible

Line Dancing - Free

Fridays (10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

Intermediate dancers meeting for practice, exercise, fun.

No Instruction.



SPECIAL CLUBHOUSE POOL HOURS

Club pool closes during the week starting Aug 14.

For remainder of the season the Club pool will be open:

Fridays from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Pool open Labor Day, Sept. 4

Pool Closes for the Season on Sept. 5

Normal Club Pool Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Closed: Monday

PAC POOL HOURS MAY THRU AUGUST

Open: Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat, & Sun

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Closed: Every Wednesday

Guest fees of \$4 apply to all non-members at both pools

BEGINNER PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Monday, August 7 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Indoors in the PAC Gym. Free!!



SAVE THE DATE

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Oct 28: Kids' Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat

Oct 31: Haunted House at the PAC

Nov 7: Election Day

Nov 8: Red Cross Blood Drive



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By New Member Orientation Committee

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ERIC & MARTHA DELEON, Hazelwood Court, moved here from Arlington, Texas. Eric works for CESG and likes to cycle, dive and kayak. Martha is employed with MHMR of Tarrant County. She enjoys yoga, diving, baking and travel.

GARY & KIM GOEPFINGER, Westover Court, returned to Pecan from Ft. Worth, Texas. They have six children and 14 grandchildren. Gary is self-employed as a financial planner and enjoys golfing. Kim retired from the US Dept of Treasury and is self-employed in real estate. She is looking forward to joining the Woman's Club.

JOE & BERNADETTE GUTILLA, Westover Drive, moved to Pecan from Austin, Texas. They have two children and two grandchildren. Joe is retired from Austin schools where he was the football coach for 50 years! Bernadette retired from Travis County. In addition to spending time with their grandsons, Joe enjoys golf and football. Bernadette loves to read, volunteer at their church, cook and socialize! They fell in love with Granbury & Pecan after visiting a friend who described the area as a Hallmark town!

DON & PATTI JOHNSON, Foxfire Court, are from Canyon Lake, Texas. They have two children and three grandchildren. Don is retired from Pennzoil and real estate and Patti is an artisan and small business owner. They both enjoy politics and getting to know the area.

ANDRE & JARMA KULISZ, Kingsley Circle, moved from Granbury. The couple have six children and nine grandchildren. Andre is self-employed in the healthcare industry and Jarma is retired from Comanche County. She enjoys art, flowers and travel.

BILL AND LEIGH LEONARD, Pinehurst, return to Texas from Ijamsville, Maryland. They have two sons. Bill is employed with Sierra Nevada Corporation and Leigh is a teacher. He enjoys sports and working on their homes. Leigh enjoys landscaping, dogs and walking. They both enjoy traveling, concerts and are looking forward to playing golf again!

CHARLES & TERRI MCBAY, Westover Drive, are originally from Mustang, Oklahoma. Their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live in Dallas. Charlie and Terri retired from Horizon Outdoors Hospitality. He enjoys sports, fishing and travel. Terri enjoys volunteering for various organizations and activities, as well as games and travel.

JON & BELINDA MOXLEY, Ashland Court, moved to Pecan from Dallas. They have three children. Jon is employed with Perot Family and Belinda with Thomson Reuters. His interests include electronic repair, fishing and sports. Belinda enjoys reading, pickleball, weaving and bluebird hosting.

BUDDY & ALYSUN SHANKS, Candlestick Drive, moved to Pecan from Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Buddy and Aly are both retired from USG-Peace Corps and enjoy bicycling, walking, swimming and travel.

PHILLIP & LAURA SIZEMORE, Gulfstream Drive, join us from Cleburne, Texas. They have two children. Phillip is employed with Texas Conference of Seventh Day Adventist and enjoys flying and golf. Laura is employed with A&D Technical and enjoys cake decorating and couponing.

GENE & TINA SMITH, Nutcracker Court, have moved to their third house in Pecan. They have two children. Gene is a retired truck driver and Tina is retired from education and real estate. They enjoy gardening, golfing (and cart rides) and our deer.

JEFF SMITH, Westover Court, relocated to Pecan from Bedford, Texas. He is retired from Southwest Airlines and UPS. Jeff enjoys golfing.



The background of the page features several pink and white striped paper straws, each placed inside a clear glass jar. A white paper tag with a dashed pink border is attached to one of the straws. The tag has the words 'Happy Birthday!' written in a cursive, pink font. The overall aesthetic is bright and celebratory.

SIMPLY *Creative* BIRTHDAY PARTIES

By Jay Ann Cox

Forget Pinterest hype. Resist peer pressure to hire a clown or a bouncy house or an event planner. It's time to get creative and throw a scaled-back birthday party that will be more fun and less stress for everyone involved, especially the host. Sometimes, less is definitely more.

FLEXIBLE THEME

When asked, a six- or seven-year-old is going to want some elaborate theme, which will sound more like a fairy tale, a favorite movie or a cut scene from a video game. But don't get too hung up on that. Throw in a liberal dose of "pretend." Extract just the essence to make it something manageable. A "ghost ship" party might become an island pirate adventure with ghosts—no ship needed. A "Spiderman" party may include other superheroes and make it possible for fans of Superman to have fun too.

The Harry Potter books were popular with parents when my son was six, but the books were over their heads. The begged-for Harry Potter theme soon became simply "the Scary Magic Party" which gave us latitude to create activities related to wizards, fairies, dragons, and as it turns out, caves. The kids wanted to build caves, tunnels and mazes in the dining and living room, and took turns hiding and jump-scaring each other.

On the other hand, a single focus can make things much easier. One intrepid mother of a completely bat-focused child put together an all-bat party, complete with bat-shaped cake, a cuddly stuffed bat, bat wing outfit and bat hair decorations for the birthday girl – and a surprise visit from a local wildlife biologist and bat expert.

BE OUR GUEST

Who to invite can be a political minefield, even in the second grade. Check with your child's teacher to see if there are any issues with handing out invitations at school. Some policies require the whole class to be invited if the invitations are brought to school.

But that might be too many kids (and parents, if they elect to stay). Maybe just family and friends? Or just friends? One rule of thumb suggests that you invite as many friends as the child is in years. Make it clear to the grown-ups if they are expected to stay, or better, recruit a couple of them to stay and let the other parents get a couple of hours of "me time."

LET'S PLAY

Good old-fashioned party games work: beanbag toss, musical chairs, scavenger and treasure hunts. But kick it up a notch and adapt them to fit your theme.

For the Alien Autopsy party, we borrowed heavily from "Men in Black." We had a checklist from "The Chief" posted on the wall: make ID badges, suit up and check equipment (we supplied them with cheapo sunglasses and flashlights), study the "alien anatomy charts" (we played Pin the Tentacles on the Alien).

Then the hunt began. For this, we drew up simple maps which led to the treat-filled alien piñata, hidden about an hour before the party down the street (with neighbor permission). Those treats inside the alien? Glow in the dark bouncy eyeballs, tiny alien figures, and bright green Jolly Ranchers.

Make a plan, even post it on the wall. and have all of the necessary materials ready to jump to the next activity. Let the kids to goof around a bit, but then rope 'em back in to keep it fun, not frenetic. If you don't do all the activities, no one is going to cry.

THE CAKE

You can get a cake from the store. You totally can. If you are doing all the other activities, no one will mind if the cake is a traditional store-bought cake. Following the theme all the way to the cake is optional. However, it was a tradition in our house for me to make a cake with my son the day before. So, for the Alien Autopsy cake, we made it egg-shaped with green gummy worms inside (after baking). The boys absolutely loved it.

In the end, it's just a cake that you'll stick a candle in, sing over and then cut up for the kids to enjoy. Don't sweat it!

GOODIE BAGS

If you search for party favors, you will see an elaborate range of very cheap stuff for a take-home baggie for guests. It's fun and can be pricey, but it's also completely optional to do this.

For the Karate party, we bought Chinese food to-go boxes and put fortune cookies, origami paper and some Japanese candy inside. For the Alien Autopsy party, the cheap sunglasses and flashlights were the take-home goodies since there had been plenty of candy and treats all afternoon.

In the end, it's the memory of a fun-filled day that is the real gift to your guests.

TIME TO GO?

Don't forget to put those little hands to work at the end! Have your guests play the "clean-up game" and get a jumpstart on party aftermath. When the trash is out in the bin, the dishwasher is running and all is again (relatively) quiet, sit back and enjoy a cold butterbeer. With luck, it's only 364 days until the next one!



**Pecan Plantation Owners Association
Pecan Plantation Country Club
For the Seven Months Ending May 2023**

CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT

	Actual YTD	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 5,832,667	\$ 5,843,428	\$ (10,761)
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>\$ (826,294)</u>	<u>\$ (830,736)</u>	<u>\$ 4,442</u>
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 5,006,373	\$ 5,012,692	\$ (6,319)
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (3,118,017)	\$ (3,266,127)	\$ 148,110
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (1,711,638)	\$ (1,730,031)	\$ 18,393
Net Operating Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation	<u><u>\$ 176,718</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,534</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 160,184</u></u>

RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,137,880	\$ 3,137,880
Fund Deposits	\$ 527,993	\$ 1,074,106
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (612,742)</u>	<u>\$ (2,524,537)</u>
Ending Balance	<u><u>\$ 3,053,131</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,687,449</u></u>

NEW CAPITAL FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 207,162	\$ 207,162
Fund Deposits	\$ 244,854	\$ 437,526
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (46,653)</u>	<u>\$ (71,015)</u>
Ending Balance	<u><u>\$ 405,363</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 573,673</u></u>

ROAD & DRAINAGE FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,347,968	\$ 1,347,968
Fund Deposits	\$ 1,008,020	\$ 1,734,534
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,295,583)</u>
Ending Balance	<u><u>\$ 2,355,988</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 786,919</u></u>

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August 9 is “Bring A Friend Day” at Breakfast Club. This will be our last in a series of Save-A-Life presentations for this year. We want to pack the club and give everybody a chance to learn a lifesaving skill. Each person who brings a friend will be entered in a drawing. Both you and your friend could win a Breakfast Club coffee mug!

Our very special guest speaker for this event is Callie Crow. We are very fortunate to have Callie returning to Breakfast Club. Callie is the founder of Drews 27 Chains, a non-profit dedicated to providing Naloxone training and honoring her son Drew who died of an opioid overdose. Callie’s training program was recently credited with saving its 52nd life! That life saved was right here in Hood County! If you’ve had her training in the past, come for a refresher. If you are new to Naloxone training, come join us and learn. The training is amazingly easy and the life you save may be dear to you.

Opioids are a rampant killer in our country. People are more likely to die from opioids than guns, automobile crashes, motorcycles, or drowning! Unfortunately, some youths are killed by taking opioids they thought were candy! With Callie’s training you may save one of these lives. Bring a friend, win a prize, and learn!

Aug 23 brings Dr. Scott Myers to Breakfast Club. In 1984, Scott graduated with a doctorate from Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. A full-time veterinarian for 38 years, he is a partner at The Pet Hospital of Granbury.

In 1994, Scott became an elected member of the National Sculpture Society based in New York City. Studying sculpture throughout Italy, focusing on Tuscany, Scott sculpted and cast bronze at the prestigious Fonderia d’Arte Massimo Del Chiaro in Pietrasanta.

Scott Myers is best known for sculpting 25 portrait busts for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Dr Myers has awards, pieces in permanent collections and exhibitions too numerous to mention in this publication. Besides sculpting, Dr. Myers is also an accomplished painter! Come welcome Dr. Myers to Breakfast Club.

In September, Breakfast Club will welcome our General Manager Rick Lantgen as our special guest. Also, in September we are pleased to have as our guest Martha Headrick. Martha is Program Director for the all-important Air Evac Lifeteam.

We are always searching for new and interesting speakers for Breakfast Club. If you have a suggestion, please let us know. See you at breakfast.

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There's always something happening at Pecan Plantation. Here's just some of the fun events planned for members in 2023. For more information, please call Brenda or the front desk at 817-573-2641 ext. 325.

August 15 – Pizza 'n Pasta Buffet & Bingo

Sept. 4 – Labor Day Street Dance

Sept. 12 – 'Breakfast for Dinner' Buffet & Bingo

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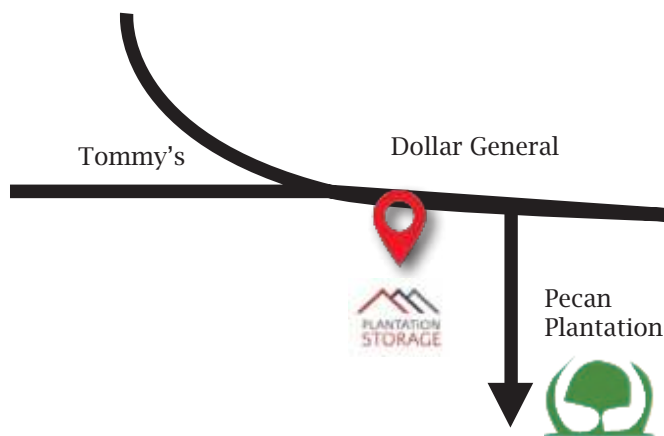
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EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Tammy Dressman

As you're receiving this article for August 1, I thought it might be beneficial to include some heat-related information I found helpful. How do you know when it's too hot to ride your horse? There is a "Rule of 150" that is a straightforward equation that can give you a general idea of the comfort level your horse will experience when being ridden, exercised, or worked on hot and humid days. You take the degrees in Fahrenheit and add it to the percentage of humidity. If the total is more than 150, your horse may be uncomfortable during the ride or exercise. For example, if it is 105 degrees Fahrenheit and the humidity level is at 55%, the equation would be $105 + 55 = 160$. This is above the 150 rule, so while you might be able to ride safely in these temps and humidity levels, it is suggested that you take it much slower than usual and give your horse plenty of time to take breaks in the shade and drink plenty of water. You might also opt to wait until the temps and humidity drop below 150 so you can both enjoy your time together. Electrolytes are also recommended for both horse and human. I read that someone who is an avid runner drinks Pedialyte before, during and after exercise. I hadn't even thought of that for adults – for whatever reason when I think of Pedialyte I think of babies, but it makes perfectly good, logical sense. If you're going to be out in the extreme Texas heat, you might want to consider it – just BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!

In June, just before the heat really kicked in, we had some of our younger riders having fun with each other and their horses at the Pecan Stables. A couple of our boarders had their granddaughter out along with a couple of friends. And of course, for safety, the adults accompanied them. We love seeing those smiling faces and thought you might as well.

Be sure to click on the conveniently included QR code which is a quick way for anyone interested in navigating to the Pecan Plantation Stables Facebook page. We have lots of posts from boarders and others with horsey pics and stuff that won't be included in the Columns magazine.



Be sure to check the PPOA official website – ppoaweb.com where you'll find additional information on committees, meeting times, etc. 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 stables related questions and information call me, Tammy Dressman, at 817-614-9744.



PICKLEBALL NEWS

A reminder that the PPPA has a ball machine available to members for rental! This machine can be set up to practice a variety of shots. The cost is only \$10 PER HOUR regardless of the number on people practicing with the machine. Simply pick a time and reserve a court on CourtReserve, then call Sam Butler at 817-821-7971. The machine will then be setup up for you on the outdoor courts. You can bring your \$10 at that time. It is a fantastic fun way to improve your game!

During these hot summer months, please remember the importance of hydration, especially if you are playing on the outdoor courts. Outdoor play is available from 7am-10pm and a reservation is required!

Indoor play continues every weekday starting at 9:30am- 11:30 (except on Wednesday ending at 11am). The next beginner's clinic will be on Monday August 7th at 10:30am in the PAC gym. Paddles are available to borrow and please wear comfortable athletic wear and court shoes.

Also, if you haven't purchased a Pecan Plantation Pickleball towel, they are still available. This quality towel is just \$15 and any board member can assist you with your purchase.



Sam Butler demonstrates the ball machine available for rental.

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RV CLUB NEWS

By David Kroon

Wow it's been HOT! Fortunately, I'm camped in Ruidoso. The only thing hot here is the green chili hamburgers and the wonderful New Mexican food. We'll enjoy a trip to the Spencer Theater north of Ruidoso where we will not only see musical artist Doug Stone, but also the beautiful Chihuly glass sculptures throughout the building. We will also make one or two trips to the horse races. There, you can get right up on the rail as the horses go by. Truly exciting. Another great site to see is the Inn of the Mountain Gods with a beautiful basket weave sculpture at the back of the lobby and many Indian paintings and artifacts. Other RV club members frequent Ruidoso in the summer where wild horses and elk can be seen in town eating the green grass on the highway median or the flower blooms in people's yards. Somewhat like Pecan don't you think?

It's still a month away, but our Fall Mini Rally is coming up September 17-20 and will be held at the Shady Campground in Pecan. I hear a trip to Fort Worth's Botanical Gardens in in the plans as well as golf, games, and of course food.

Our Fall Rally October 15-20 is out of town in Stonewall, Tx. and plans have been in the works since May.

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



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AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lana Robinson

The Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary is excited to announce that the 2023 Auxiliary Golf Tournament netted more than \$34,000 for our Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS. Over \$12,000 of that amount was from raffle ticket sales!

Winners in the 2023 Pecan Plantation Auxiliary Golf Tournament, held Saturday, June 24, at the Pecan Plantation Country Club, are as follows:

FIRST PLACE - WINGS ETC. TEAM / Jeff Martin, Dave Jansen, Clark Greer, and Michael Stevens (Total Gross / 56) received a Pro Shop Credit for \$300.

SECOND PLACE - Jason Albrecht, L.A. Curry, Kenny Jackson, and Ken Smith (Total Gross / 59) received a 200 Pro Shop. **THIRD PLACE -** Jay Hammond, Charles Horton, Danny Lee and Rich Taubinger (Total Gross / 59) received a \$150 Pro Shop credit.

Daniel Aparicio received a cash prize for longest drive. At the conclusion of the tournament on Saturday, names of all golfers were put in a hopper for a golf bag drawing. Ken Smith was the lucky winner.

Kudos to all volunteers who helped to plan, organize and execute the tournament and all who showed up to work on the eve of the tournament and day of tournament. Also, many thanks to our generous sponsors, raffle prize donors and those who purchased tickets, golf participants, hole sitters, VFD/EMS personnel Pro Shop and clubhouse staff and to any and all who contributed to the success of our fundraiser.



FALL BAZAAR COMING UP SEPT. 30 AT THE PAC

Plans for Pecan's Fall Bazaar (formerly Pecan Arts & Crafts Fair), slated from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, are well underway. The annual bazaar provides an exciting opportunity to shop for unique, handcrafted home décor, apparel, artwork, and food and gifts items.

The event, hosted by the PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary, will be held at the Pecan Activity Center (PAC) and grounds, located at 9145 Plantation Dr. in Pecan Plantation. Gates will be open that day for the public to attend.

Food will be sold in the PAC kitchen area.

Cowtown Gold & Silver will be on hand to buy scrap gold, silver and other precious metals throughout the day and will write the PPVD/EMS a check for 10% of the amount of gold and silver purchased.

If you have questions, contact Donna at 817-454-0422 or you can touch base with Vicki at 615-394-5058 regarding availability of spaces. More details will be announced in the September COLUMNS.

The Auxiliary's next regular business meeting is set for 7 p.m., Monday, September 11. Come at 6 p.m. if you want to enjoy a light meal and fellowship before the meeting starts. Lots of volunteers will be needed for the Bazaar and other fall fundraisers. All Pecan residents are invited to attend.





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Nominations are being accepted for anyone interested in serving a three-year term on the VFD/EMS Board of Directors. The new three-year term limits will start at our annual meeting Saturday, **November 11, 2023**.

Candidate qualifications should include dedication and commitment to responsibilities, able to lead and influence others, straightforward and impartial, insatiable learner, and trustworthy. Candidate should have a deep interest making significant contributions to the Board of Directors and the mission of PPVFD & EMS.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please either mail or email your one-page resume to:

ATTENTION: Rene Garrett,
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CALENDAR

2023	2024		
Aug. 2-4	New Teacher Orientation	Jan. 8	Student Holiday/Staff Day
Aug. 7-14	Staff Days	Jan. 15	MLK Day (no school)
Aug. 15	First Day of School	Feb. 16	Student Holiday/Staff Day
Sept. 4	Labor Day (no school)	Mar. 11-15	Spring Break (no school)
Sept. 22	Student Holiday/Staff Day	Mar. 29	Student Holiday/Staff Day
Oct. 6	Student Holiday/Staff Comp Day	Apr. 5	Student Holiday/Staff Day (weather make-up day)
Oct. 20	Student Holiday/Staff Day	Apr. 19	Weather make-up day
Nov. 3	Student Holiday/Staff Day	May 23	Last Day of School
Nov. 20-24	Thanksgiving Break (no school)	May 24	Graduation Day
Dec. 18-Jan. 5	Christmas Break (no school)	May 27	Memorial Day Holiday (no school)
		May 28-29	Staff Days
		May 30	Staff Comp Day

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KINDERGARTEN

District-wide kindergarten round-up occurred in April but parents with children that will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 can register for kindergarten at the school in their attendance zone. To register, parents will need a copy of the birth certificate, shot records, Social Security card, proof of residence (such as a utility bill) and a driver's license (or state-issued ID).

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All the school supplies have been bought and are waiting by the door. Everyone has new shoes and backpacks, and is as ready as they will ever be. What else can parents do to get the family ready for the new school year?

ADVICE FROM EXPERIENCED PARENTS

- Plan to return from vacation two weeks before school starts, not two days. Get into a consistent nighttime routine and expect some bumps. But keep at it, and things will smooth out.
- Plan absolutely nothing extra after school for that week and make that Friday night a pizza and zone-out night at home. You will be amazed how tired everyone will be.
- Two important dates to note and put on the calendar NOW are Picture Day and Parent-Teacher Conferences. They can both take you by surprise.
- Don't bother them with questions about the day. Be patient and they will open up.

TIPS FROM TEACHERS

- Visit the website over the summer to get a feel for the school.
- Offer your child breakfast. Hungry kids are not very teachable.
- Even if it's not your child's first time attending school, it's going to be emotional. Bring your hanky and be brave. Keep the photo session and goodbyes short and sweet. Then let us take care of your child like she is our own.
- There will be handouts in the first week. Your student didn't bring any home? Ask the teacher for another copy and check your email for communication from the school.

POINTERS FROM PEDIATRICIANS

- Listen to the teachers when they ask you for hand sanitizer and tissues. Schools are germier places. If you have a child who blows their nose with a tissue, throws it in the trash and then washes their hands, the teacher will be extremely impressed. And grateful. If your child doesn't, teach them to.
- If your child has health conditions that may require medication or attention, visit the school nurse in the first week and make sure they are aware of your child's needs.
- Be watchful of any serious or lasting behavior changes or signs of anxiety, depression or bullying. Tweens can be especially vulnerable to peer pressure, as their bodies and brains continue to develop.

NO SALES TAX

This year's sales tax holiday begins Friday, Aug. 11, and runs to midnight Sunday, Aug. 13. The sales tax exemption applies only to qualifying items you buy during the sales tax holiday.

Certain items qualify for this "holiday." Clothing, footwear, backpacks, face masks, school supplies all qualify, but clothing and footwear over \$100 per item, computers, athletic protective gear, textbooks and software do not.

During the holiday, you can buy items in-store, online, by telephone, mail, custom order, or any other means. The sale of the item must take place during the specific period.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

by Steph Phalen

At a recent event hosted by the Pecan Plantation Community Gardens Club and Pecan Ace Hardware, Tom Scott, a Master Gardener since 2007, spoke about the "The Fall vegetable garden". Tom who has specialties in Vegetable Gardening and Greenhouse Management said, "We are lucky here in North Texas to have two full gardening seasons." Fall gardens are better because we have more rain, fewer insects, and better flavor, to mention a few benefits. He advised to plant cold crops like broccoli and cauliflower and don't forget the garlic, peppers and tomatoes. You can get more planting information at Lake Granbury Master Gardeners Texas AgriLife Extension Service. (<https://txmg.org>)

The gardens club plans to follow Tom's advice when planting this Fall.

This summer, PPCG has supported the EMS by donating garden produce. Garden member and EMS volunteer Donna Bullis prepared fresh green beans and Susan Harris brought a cucumber salad to share with our emergency responders.

Recent harvest includes okra, cucumbers, tomatoes, green beans, onions, garlic, peppers and more. Garden club members meet for workdays the second Saturday of each month, along with pop-up workdays as needed.

Those interested in joining the gardens may obtain an application from the PAC.



Top Left: left to right: Tom Scott Granbury Master Gardener, Garden club member Billie Colbert and Steven Rhodes, President of the Lake Granbury Master Gardeners.

Left: Sue Rodenkirk picking beans from trellis

Top Right: Garden sunflowers



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- 1 • LAST SATURDAY of each month from 8 a.m. to noon. Bring recyclable items, branches and bulk trash.
 - WEDNESDAYS from 4 to 6 p.m. Only branches and recyclables are accepted.
 - Never accepted at this location: refrigerators, TVs, tires, paints or other hazardous materials.
- Call the Operations office 817-408-3511 for more info.

- 2 Pecan Plantation's Tennis Shoppe recycles aluminum cans, with proceeds benefiting Pecan tennis. All cans should be rinsed and free from residue.

- 3 Hood County Citizens Collection Station is located at 244 Bray St. Call 817-579-3288 for hours and information. This location does accept glass, aluminum and metal cans, cardboard, paper and most plastics. Follow the QR code for a detailed list and instructions on what and how to recycle.



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ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED	YES	NO	HOW
METAL	Aluminum, tin food & beverage cans, up to 1 gallon in size; 3 gallon #10 cans such as coffee containers	Any other metal containers including aerosol cans containing hazardous chemicals, paints, cleaning fluids, poisons, no scrap metal	Rinse empty containers & place in cart; can lids ok, in can labels ok.
Newspaper, catalogs, magazine, junk mail, shredded paper	Clean, dry newspaper & inserts, magazines & catalogs, junk mail, computer paper, stationary, bills, shredded paper, envelopes with windows, NOTE: must be less than 2 months old or goes in the trash	All other paper including soiled paper, telephone books, non-paper bags such as plastic or Tyvek, overnight delivery envelopes, bubble wrap, books of any kind, greeting cards, gift wrap & product samples.	Place in brown paper grocery bags or cardboard & place on top of other materials. NO PLASTIC BAGS.
Plastic	Small & wide mouth containers up to 1 gallon marked on the bottom with a "1" or "2".	Containers with other numbers or no numbers; containers larger than three gallon; plastic bags, motor oil & anti-freeze containers...even if marked with a "1" or "2".	Make sure containers have a "1" or "2" on the bottom; remove cap or lid; labels okay; rinse & place in cart.
Boxboard	Cereal, cracker, shoe boxes, shirt boxes, beverage cartons & six-pack cartons	Boxboard containing wax, plastic or foil; or contaminated with food	Remove plastic cereal bag, flatten boxes, place in polly cart
Corrugated Cardboard	Clean cardboard with wavy middle layer of brown paper	Pizza boxes, wax-coated cardboard	Remove packing materials, flatten boxes



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By Brandl Stephenson BA, LP, NRP, FP-C, Chief, Pecan Plantation EMS

Good day, everyone! Today I'd like to talk a bit about blood pressure. High blood pressure is one of the most common medical problems people suffer from and something we routinely see when responding to 911 calls.

Textbook 'perfect' blood pressure is 120/80, but this can vary to one side or the other depending on the person being measured, as well as internal and external stressors. The top number represents the pressure inside our arteries when the heart beats, while the bottom number represents residual pressure when the heart is at rest. As those numbers creep up, it puts us at higher risk for a multitude of health problems, so it is imperative that we work to keep those measurements as close to our recommended numbers as possible. There are several ways to do this:

- 1) Reduce salt intake. Difficult to do, especially if you like to cook, like me, but there are salt alternatives, such as chili, paprika, and garlic or onion powder.
- 2) Hydrate! Drink plenty of water.
- 3) Exercise. Even yard work counts! A sedentary lifestyle contributes to a host of health problems, including high blood pressure.

These three things alone can help us overcome so many age-related health concerns, such as joint pain, inflexibility, and low energy levels, and they're easy!

Remember we are located at 9518 Monticello and are here for you. If you need help with medications, would like your blood pressure checked, or are looking for more information regarding healthcare concerns, please drop by. Our public entrance is located at the corner of our building.

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.

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ACC REPORT

The number of new home permits issued during June 2023 remained surprisingly high for the slowdown that usually occurs at the beginning of the hot summer building period with the ACC approving (7) New Residence Construction Permits, (6) Miscellaneous Construction Permits, (1) Permit Extension and no Construction Revisions.

The ACC construction permit list currently contains (50) active permits for new homes under construction and (39) active miscellaneous permits for various other improvements.

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

Address	Sq/Ft/ Living Area	Owner	Builder
7822 Ravenswood Rd	2313	Charles Fairless	J.D. Doan
7017 Gulfstream Dr	2001	George Williams	Torrence Simmons
101 Hazelwood Ct	2550	RYCO Homes	RYCO Homes
2609 Candlestick Dr.	2545	John Nolte	John Nolte
6509 Westover Dr.	2312	Clay Cook	Clay Cook
10301 Ravenswood Rd	2428	Clay Cook	Clay Cook
10111 Ravenswood Rd	2428	Clay Cook	Clay Cook

COMPLIANCE CORNER

During June 2023, the Compliance Office received 68 calls and 25 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 29 calls and 19 emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 609 calls and 61 emails requesting ACC, plat/lot, rules, C&R or construction information.

With lawn irrigation systems usually running for longer, more frequent periods during the hot summer months, all members are reminded that it is a violation under Section-3.6 of PPOA Rules & Regulations to allow irrigation water to be sprayed into any part of a roadway because frequent wetting of the pavement (especially when it is hot and expanded) is one of the greatest factors in causing premature deterioration of the paving material that results in cracking, "egg-shelling", crumbling, and potholes that are not only expensive to repair, but also greatly reduce the pavement's expected service life before full replacement becomes necessary at a much greater expense. Therefore, it is imperative that all property owners check their lawn irrigation system (while "on" and operating) at least once every week to ensure that no spray head is discharging water into any part of the roadway and to make any necessary repairs or realignment as soon as possible to minimize the roadway deterioration damage.

HOME SALE NOTE:

Upon the sale or transfer of home ownership by any other means, Section-15 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 contemplating the sale of their home to help avoid any last minute surprises or delays by contacting Membership Services at the PPOA Business Office to arrange an early inspection by Code Enforcement to identify any existing issue that may require corrective action.

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YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

By Mary Lou Wood

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YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker can be found in most of Texas. They have a non-breeding range in Texas and migrate their breeding in Northern states and Canada. Time to see one is during the winter months, late March and early April as they migrate north.

The name "yellow-bellied sapsucker" makes them sound like a cowardly character but they're pretty aggressive. Their bold aggressive tactic makes them suitable and dependable parents. They're modern parents. The males do as much work building the nest, incubating the eggs, brooding nestlings, and feeding fledglings as the female. The female lays 4 to 6 eggs. Breeding season occurs from April to July.

The Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers are mostly black and white with boldly patterned faces. Both sexes have red foreheads, and the males have red throats. Look for a long white stripe along the folded wing. Bold black and white stripes curve from the face toward a black chest shield and white or yellowed underparts.

Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers are some of the only migratory woodpeckers.

When it comes to a woodpecker's drum, they use this to advertise themselves and their territory to potential mates, and to let other males know that territory is occupied.

Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers perch upright on trees, leaning on their tails. They feed at sapwells, neat rows of shallow holes, they drill in tree bark. They lap up the sugary sap along with insects that may get caught.

Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers live in both hardwood and conifer forests up to 6,500 feet elevation. They often nest in groves of small trees such as Aspen and winter in open woodlands. Sapsuckers visit bird feeders for suet.

Their biggest threats are windows and cats. They aggressively defend their sap trees from hummingbirds, warblers, squirrels, any other critter that crave sweet stuff.

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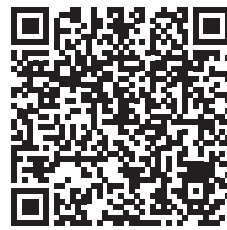
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WOMAN'S CLUB

And The Children's Book Nook at Pecan's Library was born...

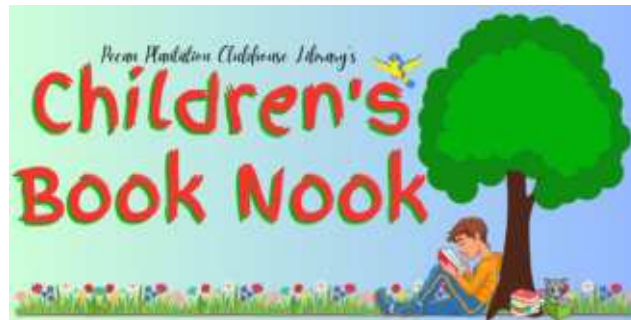
A library is just a library, a room with a lot of books. Right?

Well, maybe some are.

But not at Pecan Plantation! A group of creative and industrious women had a better idea. Their hard work keeping the original library in top shape, straightening the shelves, adding books and restocking returned books apparently just wasn't satisfying enough for them. The idea of a children's library was born.

When the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club was approached and asked for help, we were excited to participate! Keeping costs in check, the women of Pecan Plantation Woman's Club purchased the bookshelves and provided most of the books where members' children and grandchildren could visit, read, and check out books which would provide a perfect respite from the Texas summer heat. Books are checked out on an honor system in the room at the top of the stairs on the second floor of the Pecan Clubhouse. It's cool, educational, and a nice place to take your children or grandchildren. Check it out!

To be a part of such a community supporting group of women, please join us at the next Pecan Plantation Woman's Club August Summer Chit Chat meeting on August 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pecan Plantation Clubhouse ballroom where we will be further supporting the Children's Library. Join us in this casual summer meeting - the perfect place to meet new and old friends and share lunch while supporting our community! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at sandyh9911@gmail.com or call 501-922-7464. We would love to have you join us!!



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BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

We are in the middle of summer and the weather has really been hot, but many of our members have remained busy with numerous outings to for clay bird shooting and a few continuing to fish in the hot weather. Some of our members are lining up hunting trips this fall for dove in the north Texas area and Sand Hill Crane in the Panhandle.

Here are the results from a couple of the recent clay shooting outings:

On June 7, Club members met at Defender's for clay bird shooting. Eight members and one guest showed up for some lively competition and good scores. The weather was nearly perfect. All shooters used a 12 gauge. The scores were as follows out of a possible 50 targets:

SHOOTER	SCORE
Buzz Taylor	42
Jim Berzina	39
Ken Wiggs	37
Mac Gilbreath	37
Jerry Sprayberry	36
Tim Fuston	34
Milt Schrepel	32
Rod Bradshaw	29

On June 21, seven club members came to Defender's. One member was not able to complete the course due to gun failure early in the round. He stayed with us and even helped score or push the button for birds. All shooters used a 12 gauge.

Scores were as follows:

SHOOTER	SCORE
Greg Pearson	37
Milt Schrepel	33
Mac Gilbreath	33
Buzz Taylor	32
Rod Bradshaw	31
Jim Berzina	30

Stay cool and see everyone when it cools a little. For me I have been keeping cool in Colorado. If anyone has an interest in the club you can contact me at ccald67@gmail.com. Our next meeting will be August 10. Time and location TBD.

Several of us made a trip to Lake Aquilla on a hot late June trip and came home with a good catch of crappie. Members fishing were myself, Bob Price, Jerry Sprayberry and David Kroon.

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ART MATTERS

By Linda Barron

Mark your calendars! Friday, September 29, The Pecan Plantation Art Guild will present its annual Gallery Night. This is an event that has been anticipated by Pecan residents for many years now and this year will be one of the finest, fun filled events. Please use the QR code on this page to get updates on this and other PPAG events. Look for final details in the September issue of Columns.

We do NOT have summer June, July, and August workshops planned, but please do attend the guild meetings for the demos planned and of course the artists comradery.

The QR code provided gives you access to the PPAG newsletter and schedule of events. The most updated information and events are located here. Please scan the code and join us!



Gallery Night
returns to Pecan

Save the Date
Friday
September 29, 2023

Begin touring various homes in Pecan Plantation at 4 pm until 8 pm, while enjoying a variety of fine art, food and wine.



Check in at the Pecan Plantation Clubhouse
Hope to see you there!



MEET THE ARTIST/ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Each month we will highlight a different artist in the PPAG. This month we introduce Susan Parker White, who is also our Artist of the Month. Susan has been involved in creative arts all her life and credits her talent to amazing art teachers who have encouraged her. She uses multiple mediums for her artwork (acrylics, watercolor and oils). Susan has increased her knowledge of art through traveling to art museums throughout the world and putting these visions and feelings into her compositions.

"I am so thankful to live in a community where art is appreciated and practiced. The PPAG provides the encouragement and friendships that makes life special."

An *August* to Remember



- August 1, 1941** The first Jeep aka Willys MB came off the assembly line, initially for military use in WWII.
- August 1, 1990** The World Wide Web was conceived.
- August 2, 1876** Wild Bill Hickock was killed during a poker game, holding pairs of aces and 8s.
- August 2, 2018** Apple reached a value of \$1 trillion the first American company to do so.



- August 4, 1693** Dom Perignon, a monk, is said to have discovered the method for making sparkling wine.
- August 4, 2015** Muppets Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog announced the end of their relationship on Twitter.
- August 7, 1782** President George Washington creates the "Order of the Purple Heart."
- August 7, 1882** The Hatfield - McCoy feud began.
- August 8, 1890** The Daughters of the American Revolution organization was founded.
- August 8, 1960** "Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" hits No. 1 on the pop music charts.
- August 9, 1944** Smokey the Bear is introduced as the spokesperson for fire prevention.
- August 11, 1866** The world's first roller skating rink opens in Newport, Rhode Island.
- August 11, 2008** Airbnb was founded.
- August 12, 1850** The sewing machine was patented by Isaac Singer.
- August 12, 1877** Thomas Edison invented the phonograph.
- August 13, 1907** The first taxi cabs began operation in New York City.
- August 14, 1935** The Social Security bill was signed into law, providing unemployment benefits.
- August 15, 1969** Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened.
- August 16, 1896** Gold was discovered in the Klondike, Yukon, Canada.
- August 16, 1977** Elvis Presley died of a heart attack.
- August 18, 1872** Montgomery Ward issues its first mail order catalog.
- August 19, 1909** Indianapolis Speedway holds its first auto race.



- August 21, 1959** Hawaii becomes the 50th state.
- August 24, 1989** Pete Rose was suspended from baseball for life for gambling.
- August 25, 1904** The banana split was invented by David Strickler at a soda fountain in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.



- August 26, 1871** Toilet paper is first sold in the U.S.
- August 26, 1920** The 19th Amendment to the Constitution was passed, granting women the right to vote.
- August 28, 1963** Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech.
- August 29, 1964** Walt Disney's Mary Poppins was released.
- August 31, 1997** Diana, Princess of Wales, died in a car accident.



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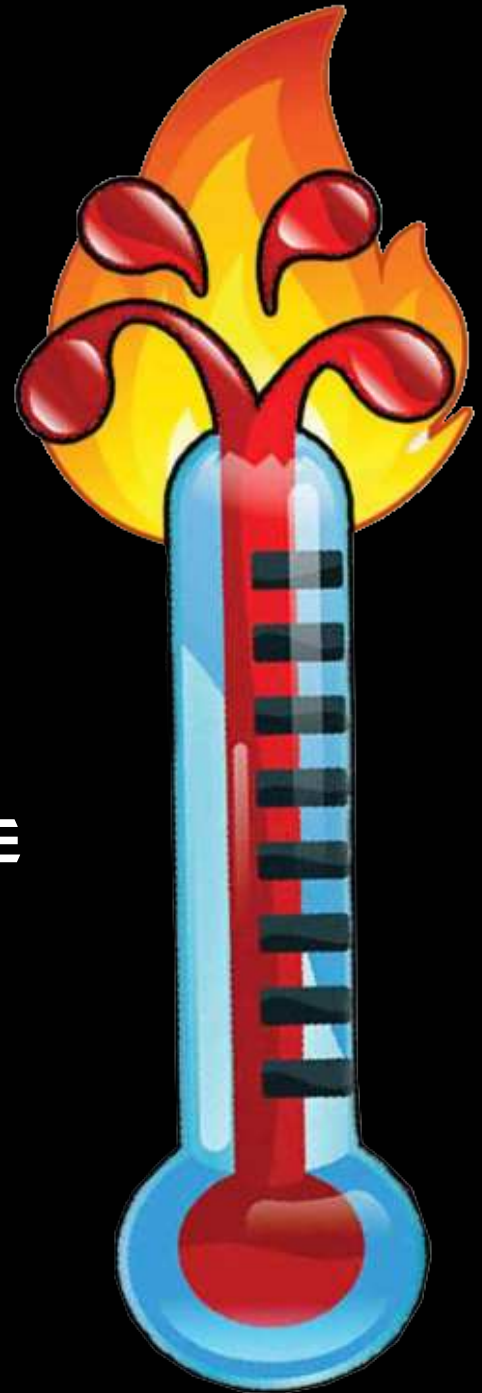
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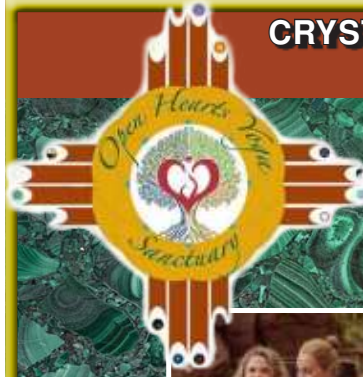
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

We hope you appreciate the new format for disseminating information via email. With all information going out as three unique emails each week, it makes it easier to find the event you are looking for. Many thanks to Jay Arrington, Communications Director for developing and following through on this new format. If you are not getting these emails, feel free to call or email Jay for assistance. Remember, you can have more than one email address attached to your member number.

As promised last month, the Communications Committee has worked hard to simplify the process to get your "Recognized Club Status". One big change is a new requirement that you renew your status every three years. All members MUST be PPOA members. Unfortunately, the updates have not been approved yet. Here is a sneak peek at a minimized form.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee has been busy this year and we still have lots of fun activities planned. Since we have had the member guest golf tournament finishing up with Le Freak the last of July, we have decided to hold off on anything other than Bingo in August. School is starting and families are busy preparing. With Labor Day just around the corner, we will focus on having a wonderful street dance and party to celebrate.

I did want to take the time to give you a bit of information about what the Entertainment Committee does for Pecan Plantation. This wonderful group of volunteers plan activities for the entertainment of our club members. We plan the activity, decide, and prepare the decorations, plan the menu with the help of our wonderful Chef Jordan, decorate the venue the day of the event and then attend the event and help the staff and members have a wonderful time. We offer suggestions to our wonderful Event Person, Brenda Palmer and help with club events as well. Not every event at Pecan is hosted by the Entertainment Committee, but we try to participate and help with all events. It takes a lot of man hours to do something once or twice a month. Remember, we are all volunteers and have other things to do as well. So, when you see one of the wonderful members of this committee, please thank them for all their hard work. They are a wonderful group to work with and we are honored to have them help us.

PECAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Greetings Tennis aficionados! Your BOD and about a dozen other volunteers continue to carry the load on selling shirts, hats, snow cones, popcorn, trinkets, etc. Aluminum can recycling continues, boy do we need more help in getting volunteers there! This 'exercise' has become much easier now that we have a new receiver paying less and therefore not requiring crushed or highly sorted cans. This is a noble volunteer job since it also helps with the environment. We could always use a few more to throw in an hour a week/month to keep the program going. After the dust settles on the third street dance in early September, we will get back to scheduling play days and see what else we need to do besides the 7th court project! In particular, have a serious sit down with our GM to see what PPOA's plans are for tennis! I am encouraged to have spoken with a volunteer who will put his/her name in the hat for next year's BOD, we will be seeking a minimum of two more souls to step up. Keep the emails coming with fresh ideas but please consider volunteering a few hours a month on the BOD starting next May, clear your volunteer docket out and insert PPTA!

Stay hydrated and see you at the next street dance/play day!

~Kenneth Schreiber, PPTA President

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS CLUB

The lazy days of summer are here! Widows and Widowers Club will meet August 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the club Terrace Room for hamburgers and all the trimmings



(other entrees available). The program will be Second Chance Farm. Sandy will bring one of her four legged friends for everyone to meet. W/W is glad to support this very worthwhile project.

W/W Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our summer meetings are more relaxed with emphasis on meeting and conversing with new friends while enjoying Chef Jordan's great food.

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06/09 Security Officers responded to Plantation Beach for suspicious activity concerning a parked vehicle at night repeatedly flashing headlights. Upon arrival, officers located the vehicle and two individuals loitering in the park after hours. The individuals were residents and escorted out of the park, as the time was after closed hours.

06/16 A member reported the theft of dirt at a construction site valued at over \$2K. Security filed a report and the Hood County Sheriff's Department was contacted for follow-up.

06/17 Security Officers responded to an excessive noise complaint near Bellechase involving discharged firearms and loud music. Security made contact with individuals near the riverbank who stated they had been shooting a sawed-off shotgun. The Hood County Sheriff's Department was contacted and responded, however, advised the shotgun had been moved to a residence and to contact the Sheriff's Department again if further complaints were received.



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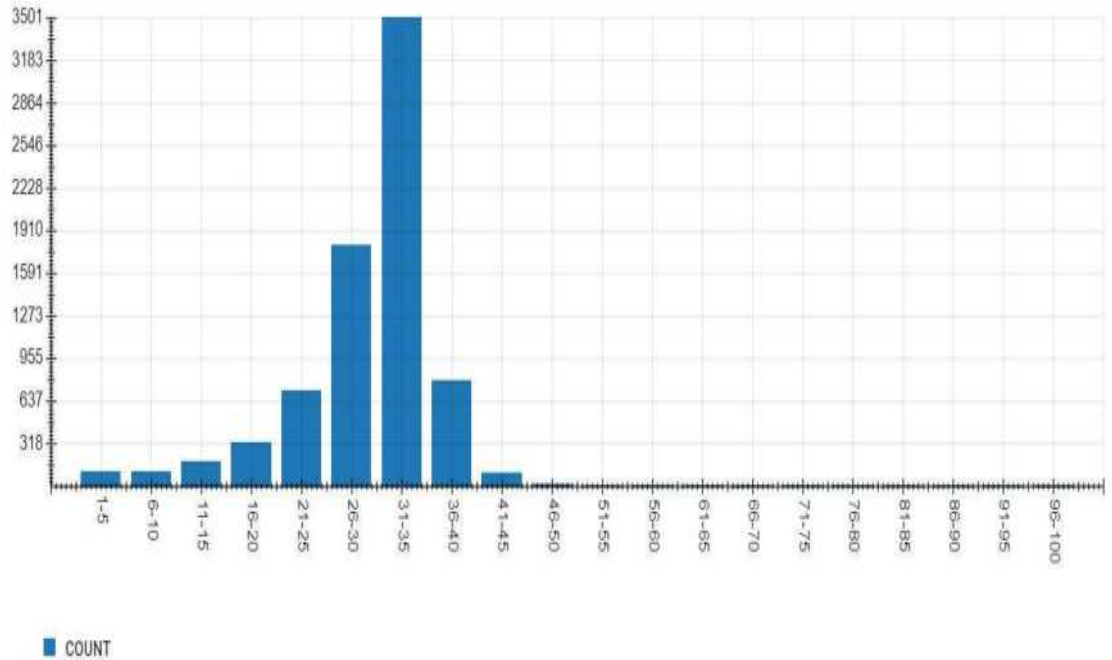
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Report period: 2023-06-05 to 2023-06-29

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Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	104
6-10	113
11-15	182
16-20	328
21-25	715
26-30	1805
31-35	3501
36-40	789
41-45	99
46-50	15
51-55	6
56-60	5
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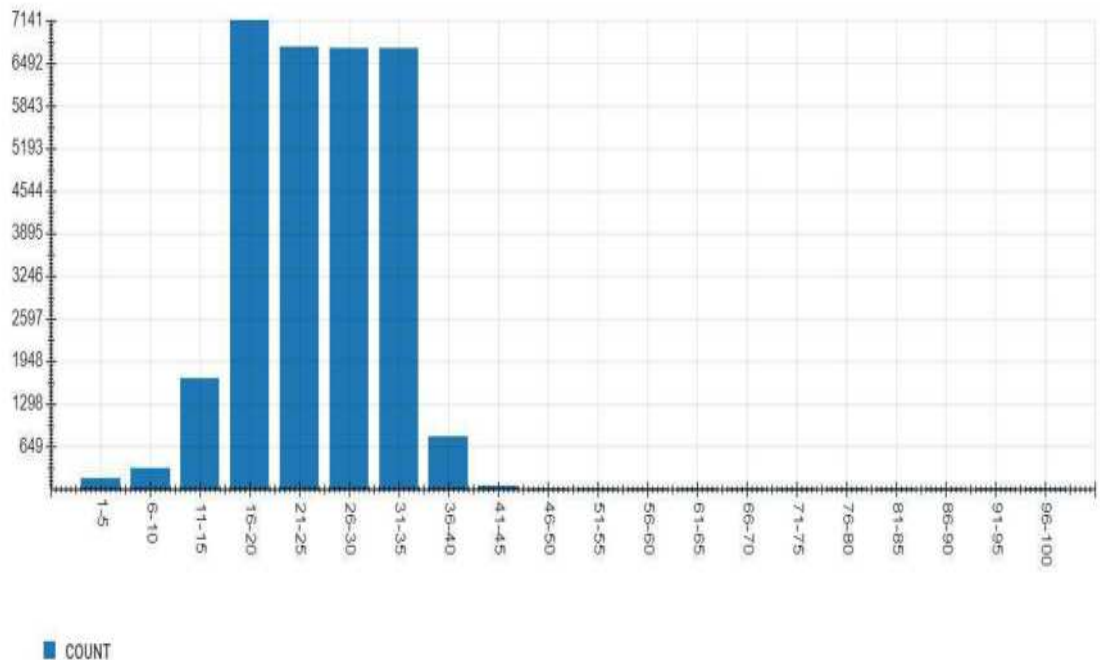
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Address: Wedgefield Road

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Count By Speed Range

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ART GUILD

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Sep. 29 Gallery of Homes from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

See page 42 for more info

Aug. 10 Meeting (TBD)

BREAKFAST CLUB

Contact Ron Liddell, ronliddell@gmail.com.

Meeting, Clubhouse Terrace Room, 9 a.m.

Aug. 9 Callie Crow / Bring a friend

Aug. 23 Dr. Scott Myers

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

Contact Shar Bogard, skbogi1@gmail.com, for first Monday Front Circle workdays.

Aug. 7 Workday at Front Circle, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Contact Linda Kunzman, lindagogo@msn.com for last Tuesday Back Circle workdays.

Aug. 29 Workday at Back Circle, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

See page 40 for more info

Aug. 17 Summer Chit Chat

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Contact Lana Robinson, robinsonsgranbury@yahoo.com.

Sept. 30 Fall Bazaar

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP

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GENERAL MANAGER

From the desk
of Rick Lantgen

I hope you have enjoyed all our summer activities so far, because our staff has been working hard to keep your calendars filled with opportunities to get out and enjoy the wonderful and unique activities Pecan has to offer.

Despite July 4 being on a weekday, we had a fantastic Sunday turnout for the Independence Day celebration and parade. The number of folks decorating their golf carts and showing community spirit was inspiring. I want to formally congratulate and thank Monty and Claudette Lewis for accepting the honor of being the grand marshals for the Fourth of July parade.

Many of you have been enjoying the club pool and the Poolside café and its cocktail refreshments, especially with the triple-digit temperatures. If you haven't had time to come to enjoy them this year, they don't close until Sept. 4, so you still have time.

And then there are all the activities at the PAC. As

always, the classes and camps offered were top notch, and I know Joi Keahey and her staff worked hard to bring you a variety of recreational opportunities. By the way, the kids participating in the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Cinderella" were really good. If you didn't see the play, mark your calendars to come out in 2024. I think we have some future stars in Pecan!

Last, but not least by any means, the Men's Member/Guest Golf Tournament and all the exciting events surrounding those festivities... what can I say. I'm still tired! (And Duff, I'm sorry about the car.)

All good things must end, though. School starts in two weeks, but there's still time to enjoy our amenities. Cram those last couple of weeks with fun before time slips away. Just remember to save a little bit of energy for The Labor Day Street Dance. It will be a great send-off to this great season of fun.



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