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April 27, 2023, 6 p.m.

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April 13, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Both meetings in Ballroom



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10 a.m. in the Terrace Room

APRIL
Saturday, April 1
Tuesday, April 18

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Tuesday, May 16

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Donovan Reese

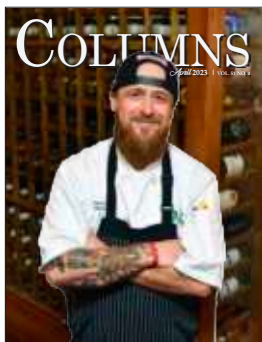
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DELICIOUSLY DIFFERENT

Whether it's barbecue, lamb lollipops or blackened redfish with shrimp risotto, Chef Jordan Ray is behind all of the tasty concoctions at Pecan Plantation. Read all about him on page 30. *Photo by Mary Vinson.*

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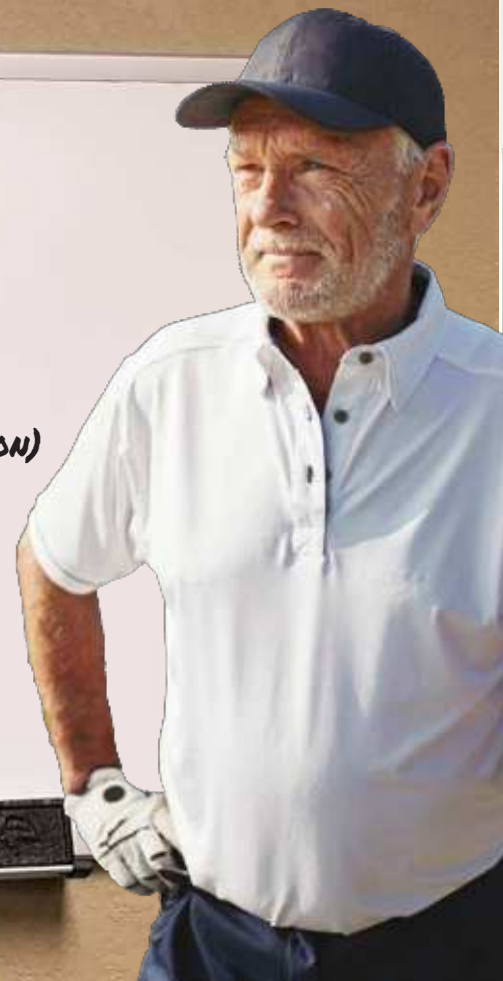
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 - **WEDNESDAYS** from 4-6 p.m. Only branches and recyclables are accepted.
 - Never accepted at this location: refrigerators, TVs, tires, paints or other hazardous materials.
- Call the Operations office 817-408-3511 for more info.

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

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The PAC will be closed Sunday, April 9 in observance of the Easter Holiday.

EASTER EGG SHOOT AT THE ARCHERY RANGE

Saturday, April 1

Starts at 2 p.m.

Ages 13 and up (archers must be able to shoot independently)

Cost: \$10 - for unlimited shots at eggs filled with money that you get to keep

Must bring your own equipment.

FUSED GLASS WORKSHOP

Friday, April 21

1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Susan Thillen

Cost: \$65 - all materials provided

Make a plant stake and picture frame.

COOKIE DECORATING CLASS (GOLF-THEMED COOKIES)

Saturday, April 22

2 to 4 p.m. or 5 to 7 p.m.

Instructor: Betty Kickhoefer

Cost: \$45 - all supplies provided. Limit of 15.

Decorating six golf-themed cookies. Take home the cookies plus recipes, and tools for decorating.



CPR/AED INFORMATIONAL CLASS

Saturday, April 22

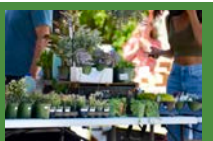
9 to 10:30 a.m.

Instructor: George Gerdes from EMS

Great informational class but no certification will be provided.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Green Thumb Garden Club Plant Sale
Saturday, April 29
9 am - 2 pm



Yoga with DeDe Lamont, certified instructor

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9-10 a.m.

Yoga for Golfers: Tuesday evenings, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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Please bring your own mat.

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

Cost: \$3 per class.

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Bring hand weights and mat if possible.

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

Saturday 9-10 a.m.

Cost: \$3/class

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KIDS DANCE CLASSES

Every Monday

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

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

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

Instructor: Dance Dreams Instructors, DanceDreamsTX.com/ PAC, 817-614-0453

PAC GYMNASIUM

The PAC Meeting Room and the Gymnasium are now available to rent for special events. Call the PAC for availability and pricing.

SAVE THE DATE

April 1: PAC pool opens from 7:30 a.m. to sunset

May 3: Red Cross Blood Drive (see page 36)

May 6: Election Day at the PAC

May 7: Free Mother's Day Crafts

May 13: Unique Car Show at PAC

May 26: Club pool opens from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

June 26 - July 1: Missoula Children's Theatre - Cinderella

KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT


Join in the fun on Saturday, April 8 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This free event is for all children ages 12 and under.

Each age group begins their hunt at a different time, with the youngest group starting at 10 a.m. SHARP. The age groups are 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12 years of age. Bring your own basket to collect eggs, and don't forget your camera to capture the joy.

There will be door prizes and Easter baskets loaded with goodies, and a chance to visit with the Easter Bunny.

Volunteers are needed to stuff the eggs on Tuesday, April 4 at 1 p.m. Please contact the PAC if you are interested in helping out. Call 817-573-7952 or email pac@ppoaweb.com.





Pecan's new communications director, Jay Arrington and his wife, Vicki, are delighted to make Pecan Plantation their home.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR TAKES THE REINS

By Communications Committee

Some people find a dream job the day they join the workforce. For Jay Arrington, the new director of communications for Pecan Plantation Country Club and HOA, it took a couple of decades, a devastating rejection, and a winding career path to land his.

"It was well worth the wait," he said.

That adventure began in the late 1980s, as the Longview, Texas, native began his career in the Piney Woods.

Arrington graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

"I have always loved sports, especially football, baseball, and golf. After graduation, I had the dream of returning to my alma mater as the sports information director," he said. "But the problem with that was, the school didn't have an athletic program. It was coming, but it was going to be a few years down the road."

After searching for the perfect job, Arrington eventually took a job as the sports editor at a small-town paper in East Texas. Two weeks later, he was promoted to managing editor. In 2001, he was transferred to Louisiana to resurrect a faltering weekly. But with every new opportunity, the jobs took him further away from his family.

"I come from a tiny family. My parents are both only children, and I have one brother," he explained. "Family is important to me. I wanted to be nearer to them. Plus, I missed Texas."

His company wanted him to move much further from Texas. In an effort to get "home," Arrington took a job in the Communications Department of Keller ISD.

"It was a learning experience, and trial by fire," he said. "In


an organization that large, if you aren't answering questions about board meetings, you are putting out fires, planning events, opening schools.... it was something new every day."

It was also where he met his wife, Vicki Prikryl Arrington. Her maiden name may sound familiar, as her parents, Andy and Elaine, have called Pecan home for more than 20 years. Vicki's sister and her family also live here.

Arrington eventually moved on to be a writer for the FAA in Fort Worth. He spent the last 14 years crafting safety papers and other governmental documentation for air traffic control.

"That was a weird job transition," he said. "It wasn't really what I wanted to do, but I needed a change. But like everything in life, I viewed it as a learning experience. Deep down, I believe that things line up for a reason. I credit God for putting me where I needed to be."

"I fell in love with Pecan the first time I drove through the gates. I thought, 'this is the place.' So, when the opportunity to move here arose, I jumped at it. If I had gotten that first 'dream job,' I wouldn't be here right now in my actual dream job in a place I love. It's kind of like that old Garth Brooks song. If I had gone to work for that school in East Texas, I would have never set foot on the path that led me to my beautiful wife, my family and my home. Now, everyone I love lives either here or in Burleson. All my ducks are finally in the same place."

The Arringtons, both 53, have one son, Landry Hart. Vicki is a life-long educator, currently working for the Region XI Service Center in Fort Worth. Hart will be graduating from Texas State Technical College this spring. Other than sharing everything, including dogs Willie and Waylon, they also share the same birthday. Vicki likes to remind Jay that he is three hours older. 

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APRIL 15 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday is garage sale day. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. No sales before 7 a.m. Unsold items need to be cleared away by 6 p.m.

TO RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE:

The deadline to call in your listing is Wednesday, April 12, 3 p.m. Call the Pecan Clubhouse Reception at 817-573-2641 or members can email reception@ppoaweb.com

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July 24-25.....	LGA Championship
July 31-August 1.....	Aerification
August 12-13.....	Men's Member/Member
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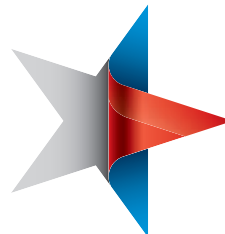


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BREAKFAST CLUB

In April, the speakers scheduled for Breakfast Club are Dr. Tod Farmer, president of Weatherford College, and Margaret Campbell, the Hood County Emergency Management coordinator.

Dr. Farmer has been instrumental in the amazing growth of Weatherford College with many new programs and expanded campuses, including a campus in Granbury. He will speak on April 12.

Campbell's presentation will likely be one of the more interesting programs that we will hear in a while. We rarely think of emergency management until an emergency is upon us. These dedicated teams develop and execute contingency plans for all sorts of emergencies. The process is fascinating. Come learn about it on April 26.

In March, the Breakfast Club had two outstanding presentations. March 8 brought Callie Crow to Pecan Plantation. Callie has taught over 5,000 people how to quickly reverse the deadly effects of fentanyl. She has provided this vital information to over 50 first responder units in Texas.

Also in March, we hosted two speakers from the Brazos River Authority. Connie Tucker, Area Project Manager Lake Granbury, and Johnathan Dulus, Upper Basin Regional Business and Project Development Manager, both provided an excellent presentation on the various functions of BRA.



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RV CLUB NEWS

By David Kroon

Our February 21 meeting at Panchito's restaurant was well attended with members, but no board members? Barbara and Clyde Wilson were our hosts and, with a little help from Chuck Tines, made the evening special. Chris Filidoro enjoyed the winnings of our 50/50 drawing.

Where were those missing board members? They had escaped to the Texas Coast on what I call a side trip. Our adventures included a Mardi Gras parade on the beach as well as two other parades and a gumbo cookoff. The temps ran 20 degrees higher than home, but oh the wind!

The March 14 meeting was held at the Shady Campground here in Pecan with Joe and Judy Henson hosting a potluck dinner with many tasty appetizers. Final plans for the Spring Rally on April 16 through 21 in Oklahoma City were laid out.

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



LEFT: Chris Filidoro shows off her winnings in the 50/50 drawing.



RIGHT: Where did the board go in February? They escaped for a little beach time to celebrate Mardi Gras.



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PECAN COMMUNITY GARDENS

by Jenifer Petri

Meet the 2023 board! This new board for the Community Gardens is in constant communication about the Gardens, a love they all share as they make their homes in Pecan Plantation.

Mary Mayles, president: After living in the Austin area for 27 years, Mary and her husband came to live in Pecan Plantation 10 months ago. Mary has loved gardening for over 30 years, with a special affinity for herbs. Pecan Plantation is her first adventure with a community garden. She is looking forward to 2023 as a year where all Gardens members bring their latest gardening ideas and methods to fruition.

Billie Colbert, vice president: "You can teach old dogs new tricks!" says Billie. After home gardening all her life, she got involved 17 years ago in community gardening in Grand Prairie and started and ran a CG at her church. Many classes were provided by the city including square foot gardening, north Texas varieties and seasons, and composting. She is a certified composter. New to Pecan and seeing the sunny garden, she jumped right in last year. As VP this year, her goal is to get the production increased and get started on Phase II of the gardens.

Gae Seal, secretary: Gae Seal learned flower arranging and English gardening when she and her husband, Fr. Christopher Seal, lived in Helpston, in the Soke of Peterborough, an hour north of London in 1988. Upon their return to California in 1994, she learned how to deal with high elevation gardening and a short growing season. Here in Hood County, she is

learning about the growing conditions and is open to plant exchanges and seed sharing.

Susan Harris, treasurer: Susan and her husband moved to Pecan on Christmas Eve, 2020. She never had much of a garden in the past because of factors like poor lighting or lack of space, but it was always an interest. Even with little experience with gardening, when she met a member of the Community Gardens Club in summer 2021, she took a leap and her journey as a gardener began. She loved being able to work alongside experienced gardeners from the start, and enjoys growing not only vegetables, but also friendships.

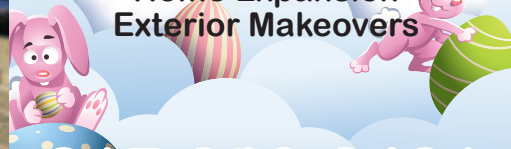
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The PP Community Gardens Board of Directors for 2023 are, back row from left, Tommy Hosek, Billie Colbert; front row from left, Gae Seal, Susan Harris, Sherry Bishop, Mary Maryles.



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NORTHERN CARDINAL

By Mary Lou Wood

The northern cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) is the state bird of seven states (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia), and are well-known at bird feeders in a large portion of the country.

Male northern cardinals are bright red, medium-sized birds with head crests, black bibs and masks, and cone-shaped reddish bills. Females are light brown with reddish wings. Cardinals are year-round residents in the eastern two-thirds of Texas. They prefer thick underbrush for nesting. Their natural habitats are woodlands, suburbs, gardens, swamps, and thickets.

Both male and female cardinals sing almost year-round. Cardinals eat seeds, fruits, and insects. They are attracted to bird feeders, especially those with sunflower seeds. Male cardinals strongly defend their territory. Females usually sing after males establish territory.

Cardinals are almost always seen in pairs; if one is seen, its mate will be nearby. Nestlings are fed by the parents. Both mother and father raise the young for the first 10 days. The parents still feed them until they are old enough to feed themselves. Nesting begins in January and goes into late August. The first eggs are laid in March. The peak months for breeding are between April and June.

In the U.S., this species receives special legal protection under the Migratory Bird Act of 1918, which also banned their sale as cage birds. It is illegal to take, kill or possess northern cardinals, and violation of the law is punishable by a fine up to \$15,000, and imprisonment up to six months.

Northern cardinals are preyed upon by a wide range of predators, including falcons, hawks, bald eagles, and owls. Predators of chicks and eggs includes snakes, blue jays, squirrels, and domestic cats.

A group of cardinals are sometimes referred to as a "college" of cardinals, or a "conclave" of cardinals. Cardinals may have been named after the cardinals in the Catholic Church, who wear bright red gowns and pointed hats.

Cardinals are not particularly social; groups of cardinals are relatively small, with up to 40 to 60 birds at most.

Source: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.





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Grief is difficult for everyone, but grief over the loss of a spouse is especially hard. Some days are better than others, but on the bad days, it helps to have a friend to reach out to, and it's even better when it's someone who knows the territory.

The Pecan Plantation Widows and Widowers Group was formed to provide support and companionship and to focus on the needs of those who have lost a spouse. The WW Group has begun meeting again in 2023, on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25 in the Clubhouse Terrace Room. Reception begins at 5:30 p.m. with a no-host dinner to follow at 6 p.m. Following dinner, Lake Granbury Master Naturalist Deborah Rollins will present "Welcome Spring with Butterflies, Hummingbirds and Bees."

RSVP no later than Tuesday, April 18 at noon to Caryl Mahaffey, email caryl.mahaffey@charter.net (preferred) or call 817-964-5915.

The board of the group includes Peggy Wetle (817-243-8867), Dan Crise (817-559-5416) and Dale Heid (817-219-6267). Feel free to call any of them, or Caryl Mahaffey, if you have questions.



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PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

By Carol Herrick, President

Pecan Plantation Woman's Club just finished another successful Boot Scootin' fundraiser. I want to applaud our hard-working committee for all its creative ideas and suggestions. As they say, "it takes a village." Not only did they work hard, but they had fun doing it. Boot Scootin' tickets sold out in less than one week. If you weren't able to attend this year, make sure and buy your tickets early next year. The reason it sells out so fast is simple – the food is amazing, the auctions are over the top, and everyone just has a great time.

The money raised from Boot Scootin' funds local charities (five or more local Hood County charities), our clubhouse to supply needed linens, etc., and my soft spot, scholarships. Pecan Plantation Woman's Club scholarships are given to female students applying to a trade school, vocational school, technical institute, or a two-year college vocational program. We fill a gap that other scholarships do not cover.

Our April 20 luncheon and program is our spring fashion show, "Cruising into Spring." Chef Jordan has created a menu

that we would find on the finest cruise ship: Watermelon Salad, Jerk Pork with Pineapple/Avocado Salsa, Coconut Jasmine Rice, Plantain Crisp Chips, and for dessert: Captain Morgan's Rum Cake. Granbury and Glen Rose merchants will be displaying all the fashions to wear this Spring. You are not going to want to miss this fun and entertaining program. The fashion show fills up quickly, so get your reservation in right away!

We meet on the third Thursday of each month, September through May, except December. PPWC's Summer Chit Chat luncheons are held from June through August. Our regular meeting at the Pecan Plantation Clubhouse Ballroom is from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for social time, and the meeting is called to order at 10 a.m. If you are hesitant in attending because you don't feel comfortable coming alone, please email me: carolhppwc@gmail.com or call me at 303-882-9032.

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BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

Spring fishing and outdoor activities are in full swing with the warming weather. Club members have been taking advantage of the weather to get in plenty of fishing, hunting, and shooting.

Several members braved the cold weather in February with fishing trips to Lake Texoma and Lake Tawakoni. David Pritchard spent a cold and windy day fishing on Lake Texoma with his brother and office partner to catch more than 40 striped bass up to 14 pounds. David said he wore two pairs of gloves trying to stay warm. They were fishing with Striper Hunter Guide Service.

Joe Fritz also dealt with the cold weather to fish on Lake Tawakoni, chasing large catfish along with his brother-in-law and some friends. They were very successful, catching catfish up to 52 pounds. He said that at least the wind wasn't blowing too hard.

Several members have been fishing for bass and catfish on Comanche Creek Reservoir during March; however, it will be closing for the season at the end of March and reopen in the fall. Other members have been fishing at Lake Whitney for striped bass and sand bass.

There has been a good turnout of members shooting as the weather has been warming with at least one, sometimes two, outings a month.

Take advantage of the warmer weather and get out and do some fishing or camping. If you need information about the club, you can contact me at ccald67@gmail.com.



David Pritchard pulled a 14-pound striper out of Lake Texoma on a chilly day in February.



Joe Fritz (right) approves of this 22-pounder hauled by his brother-in-law out of Lake Tawakoni.



Henry Coronado holds a 52-pound catfish out of Lake Tawakoni.

EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Tammy Dressman

The pleasant weather of late certainly makes for some enjoyable riding, and some of the boarders have been taking full advantage on trail rides along the river.

The relationship between humans and horses is fascinating to me. Did you know there are studies that prove spending time with horses has a calming effect and can physically change the heart rate of both human and horses? In one of the studies, at the start of the petting sessions, the human's heart rates were higher than afterward. As the petting went on, the heart rate of the horses at first increased, but then decreased as the people continued petting them. The authors of the study concluded that petting horses can help to decrease tension and that an emotional interaction indeed exists between people and horses.

Riding horses has different benefits depending on what the rider wants to get out of the experience. Today, most horses are companion or therapy animals. Horses are also communicative and expressive, much like people. They can display different attitudes and emotions, which makes them relatable to humans. Horses can display happiness, stress, trust, worry and many other moods. They're even able to make complex facial expressions. With the ability to convey and read emotions, humans can understand horses' sentiments and horses can understand humans'.

The next Horse Owner's Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at the main clubhouse. 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, 817-614-9744.

Follow the QR code to our Facebook page where we have lots of posts from boarders and others with horsey pics.



Pecan Plantation Stables boarders Cyndi Perry, Barbara Davidson, Cindy Rowe and Mindy Short (behind the camera) ride on Pecan's beautiful river trail, enjoying a beautiful sunset. Change in the air as spring is right around the corner. Grass is starting to grow, bird houses are being prepped, and the sounds of new life are everywhere.

Photo by Mindy Short



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See ya later, alligator! Chef Ray and Sous Chef Brian Nance served a whole roasted gator as the highlight for the GAR award night with a Mardi Gras theme.

BACKGROUND

Jordan Ray grew up in Fort Worth, graduated from North Crowley High School and headed to Wayland Baptist University to play baseball. After a year of that, he returned home and his sister eventually convinced him to attend the Culinary School of Fort Worth since he had enjoyed his jobs at restaurants over the years and “grew up in kitchens.”

After graduation, Ray continued working in a variety of restaurants, including a barbecue restaurant in Arkansas, but discovered a passion for high-end ingredients and preparations while working as the sous chef for The Vault Restaurant in Fort Worth (now closed).

TEAM EFFORT

Pecan Plantation has three kitchens (with The Pecan Pit barbecue opening at press time). Ray divides his time between them but spends most of his time in the Brazos kitchen.

Ray has assembled and manages a great team, consisting of kitchen manager Gerard Mayo, executive sous chef Brian Nance, front of the house manager Shelby Foster, and events coordinator Brenda Palmer.

A typical day begins when Ray arrives around 9:30 or 10 a.m. and does rounds to check on everyone. “I’m there for them and help wherever I’m needed. I fix problems all day.”

What Ray does best is vision: “One person has to have the vision for how things will go, and that’s me. I might come up with a special, bring in a new product that needs me to be hands-on. We have fun. Every day is different.”

HIGH POINT

When developing menus, Ray takes his culinary style and blends it with what the members like, what makes them happy. His formula is to “keep those flavors and it’s got to be fresh.”

“I’ve done a lot of cool things (with food) but one of the coolest is earning respect for what I do. The joy on (diners’) faces when they have a good meal.... Turning Pecan around and changing the atmosphere” is a career high point.

OFF THE CLOCK

Jordan and his wife, Nikki, have two boys: a 10-year-old who is into art, music and gaming; a six-year-old who is into sports “big time.” Nikki does the cooking at home, though Jordan might cook for special family gatherings. He finds time outside of work to play sports with the family and hits the Pecan golf course at least once a week.

His all-time favorite guilty pleasure? “My mom’s yellow cake with chocolate icing and a big old glass of milk!”



“We have fun. Every day is different.”



Recently, Pecan Plantation was the venue for the Granbury Association of Realtors award night. Eliza Knapp enjoys the delicious New Orleans-style buffet by Chef Ray and his crew.

PICKLEBALL NEWS

By Jana Reeves

At the Spring Garage Sale, April 15, the Pecan Plantation Pickleball Association will be selling pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, and drinks at the front circle. Please, drive through and grab a delicious lunch! The association always appreciates the support from fellow Pecan residents.

On Feb. 16, the PPPA held its annual membership meeting at the PAC. Board members were elected and began serving their new term on March 1. Congratulations to new board members President Sam Butler, Vice President Charlotte Bishop, Membership Mo Romanowski, Secretary Amy Diaz, and Treasurer Tracy Davis.

Members also voted to approve to upgrade the outdoor storage building and purchase items to benefit outdoor play.

Every Monday from 11 a.m. to noon, the association provides a clinic at the PAC for those wanting to learn more about pickleball. Miles Broughton and Diane Hutto continue to volunteer their time and expertise to introduce new players to the game of pickleball. No registration is necessary. Please wear comfortable activewear and court athletic shoes.

Open play inside is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every weekday except Wednesday. If players are interested in playing on the outdoor court, please make the required reservation. If you are new to Pecan or outdoor play, instructions for the process of making a reservation are available at the PAC front desk.

Right: From left, clinic leaders Miles Broughton and Diane Hutto are happy to introduce new players to pickleball, every Monday from 11 a.m. to noon at the PAC.

Below: (from left) Past President advisor David Stilwell is joined by the new board: President Sam Butler, VP Charlotte Bishop, Secretary Amy Diaz, Treasurer Tracy Davis, and Membership Mo Romanowski.



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ART MATTERS

BY Linda Barron

April 1 is the date for the Pecan Plantation Art Guild's first Pop-up Art Fair of the year. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 19th Hole Pavilion.

The Guild will hold a fundraising garage sale located at 6435 Inverness on April 14-15. Donations can be dropped off the week before the sale. Reminder: April 14 is for PPOA-members only.

February was a busy month for the artists of the Guild. Our workshop artist, Kerian Massey, demonstrated scratchboard art. A workshop followed and everyone had a great time being creative. On Feb. 16, the Pecan Plantation Women's Club hosted "Art on the Tables." Many of our members attended and presented works of art.

Save the date for our Stained Glass workshop on May 9. The cost will be \$75 per person. Details and sign-up can be found on the PPAG website, pecanplantationartguild.com, and click on the Events Calendar tab.

Be sure to access the PPAG newsletter "The Monthly Canvas" using the QR code on this page.



The Guild artists on display at the Brazos Room in the Clubhouse were Pam Carriker, Sarah Clawson, Carl Stinson, Susan White and Barbara Brown.



The February Artist of the Month was Pam Carriker.



Kerian Massey demonstrated scratchboard at the February workshop.

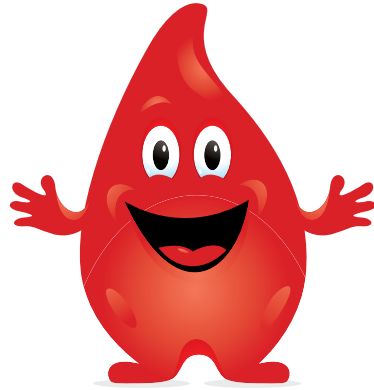


BLOOD DRIVE ON MAY 3

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL AND PPOA COMPLIANCE

ACC REPORT

The number of new home permits issued during February 2023 bottomed out with the ACC approving no New Residence Construction Permits, (11) Miscellaneous Construction Permits, and no Construction Revisions or Permit Extensions. The ACC construction permit list currently contains (38) active permits for new homes under construction and (22) active miscellaneous permits for various other improvements.

COMPLIANCE CORNER

During February 2023, the Compliance Office received 36 calls and 11 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 4 calls and 4 emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 611 calls and 89 emails requesting ACC, plat/lot, rules, C&R or construction information.

Since many lots have been sold in the new "Orchard-14" addition, "Orchard-15" addition and southern expansion of the "Landings" addition during the fall and winter months, all new owners of vacant lots are reminded to enlist a landscape maintenance contractor to regularly service their property for the entire annual mowing season that usually includes the months of March through at least mid-November. In addition to the requirement for lots to be mowed frequently enough to keep the average growth height below 10", there

is also a requirement to remove all fallen tree limbs and any trash or other debris that may have blown onto the lot. Under PPOA Rules & Regulations, vacant properties found in a violation condition are subject to the Association arranging for enforcement service on the property with the expensive cost recovery charges billed to the owner's member account.

HOME SALE NOTE: Upon the sale or transfer of home ownership by any other means, Section-17 of PPOA Rules & Regulations requires residential property to be in compliance with all applicable elements of PPOA's Governing Documents. If ownership is transferred with an existing noncompliant issue, the new owner will be responsible for bringing the property into compliance. When it is requested by a title company, lending institution or prospective buyer, PPOA will perform a compliance inspection and return a report stating whether or not the property is in compliance and detail any deficiency if it is not. Since compliance certification requests are frequently received only a few days before the scheduled closing date, we remind members who are contemplating the sale of their home to help avoid any last minute surprises or delays by contacting Sarah Lord at the PPOA Business Office for an early inspection to identify any existing issue that may require corrective action.



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VFD/EMS AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lana Robinson

The 2023 Auxiliary Golf Tournament will soon be here. Expectations are running high on the heels of a banner fundraising year and record-setting golf tournament in 2022.

We are pleased to announce that Van Griffith is once again providing a 2023 Kia car as a Hole-in-One Prize. Thomas Mead, Pecan Financial Services, is returning with a \$10,000 Hole-in-One prize as well.

The Auxiliary is busy getting hole sponsors and donated items/services for our raffle. Already, we have a beautiful napping quilt, donated by Marcene Crane, a plane ride/tour piloted by Steve Bloomquist, with more to be announced soon.

Business sponsorships are also available at various levels.

Diamond Sponsorship (\$750) includes 4-man team, hole sponsor with sign, sponsor advertisement on course. (Your rep hands out marketing materials.)

Gold Sponsorship (\$500) includes: 4-man team and hole sponsor with sign.

Silver Sponsorship (\$250) includes: hole sponsor with sign.

As part of each sponsorship, your business will be promoted through multiple outlets throughout the community and Hood County. Sponsor names, as well as those who donate raffle prizes, will be posted on a list and updated/refreshed

regularly on the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary Facebook page, Nextdoor, and other social media.

Individual or pet sponsorships – which involve a sign on a hole honoring, or memorializing, a family member, friend or VFD/EMS hero (past or present) or a family pet – are available for \$125. The signs can have their names and, if you provide a good digital image, a photo of the honoree or pet.

Please email Lana Robinson at robinsonsggranbury@yahoo.com (as soon as possible, but no later than June 9, please) if you are willing to be a sponsor of our event or to donate a product or service. We appreciate businesses that have supported this event in the past and welcome newcomers.

Make checks payable to "PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary." You can either mail the checks to P.O. Box 6674, Granbury, TX 76049, or if you want us to meet you somewhere to pick up the check, we could get a picture of you presenting the check at your place of business and use that on our Facebook page.



The Auxiliary's Feb. 11 Boot Drive netted just shy of \$5,000. It was a great day, and the weather was perfect for it. Thanks to all who participated and donated.

The May 27 Pancake Breakfast will be held in conjunction with the Granbury Lion's Club, at the EAA 983 Chapter Hanger and Plane Park Pavilion, 4500 Wedgefield Rd. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 5-10). Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. Mark your calendar for this fun gathering and show your appreciation for the VFD/EMS.

The next regular meeting of PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary is set for 7 p.m. in the Charlie Lee Memorial EMS building meeting room at 9518 Monticello Drive. on Monday, April 3. The meeting will be preceded by a social and shared meal beginning at 6 p.m. This is a great time to get acquainted with other volunteers.

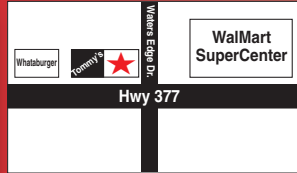
During the business meeting, plans and updates regarding the Pancake Breakfast, Auxiliary Golf Tournament, Fall Bazaar (Saturday, October 7 at the PAC), and other potential activities will be discussed. Members will also receive reports on the results of the March 11 "Flamingle" Bake Sale and Gold & Silver Fundraiser. All Pecan residents are invited to attend.

More volunteers will be needed for the golf tournament and bazaar. Please consider stepping up to help with one or both of these important events. Contact Lana Robinson at robinsonsganbury@yahoo.com for more information.

REGISTER EARLY!
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PECAN PLANTATION BRIEFS

ARCHERY AND AIR GUN ASSOCIATION

We are excited to announce that new archery targets are coming soon, with special thanks to Mike Wynn.

Kids camps are coming in June. The archery camp will be June 5-6, and the air gun camp is June 15-16. Both camp sessions will be from 10-11:30 a.m. A hot dog lunch will be served on the second day of both camps. The fee is \$10 per participant, and registration is limited. More details, including sign-up info, will follow.



On April 1, from 2 to 3 p.m., the PPAA will hold the Easter Egg Shoot. The fee is \$10 per shooter (archery only) with unlimited shots. Shooters must be 13 and older and must bring their own equipment.

Please welcome our newest board member: Holly Dockery will now assume the duties as PPAA Treasurer.

Many thanks to these volunteers: PPAA officers are Charles Palmer (president), Lisa Rackley (vice president), Holly Dockery (treasurer). Mike Wynn serves as archery range master. Bob Ziemski and Holly Dockery head up kid events and Jim Tenpenny is the membership chair.

Two positions in the group are open: board secretary and air gun range master – please email if you are interested in serving or volunteer for camp or an event. Email pecanarcheryairgunclub@gmail.com. Thanks for your continued support.

The next meetings are April 4 and May 2, both at the range at 7 p.m.

—Lisa Rackley

BRIDGE CLUB

First Wednesday Bridge met on March 1 in the Terrace Room. Our hostesses were Diane Brown, Carolyn Blackstock, and Emily Kinney. We had a wonderful meal from Chef Jordan and celebrated the March birthdays of Carol Lake and Janet Willis with tiramisu.

Winners in March: 1st Janet Willis, 2nd Sharon Green, 3rd Pat Collins, 4th Annabel Wullaert, 5th Bev Franzen, 6th Martha Beld.

Our next play date is April 5. If you are interested in joining or visiting our group, call or text Sharon Green, 817-559-2974.

—Sharon Green

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

We appreciate all those who have supported our efforts since 2006. Having ACE Hardware in our community to help with our garden needs is something to be thankful for!

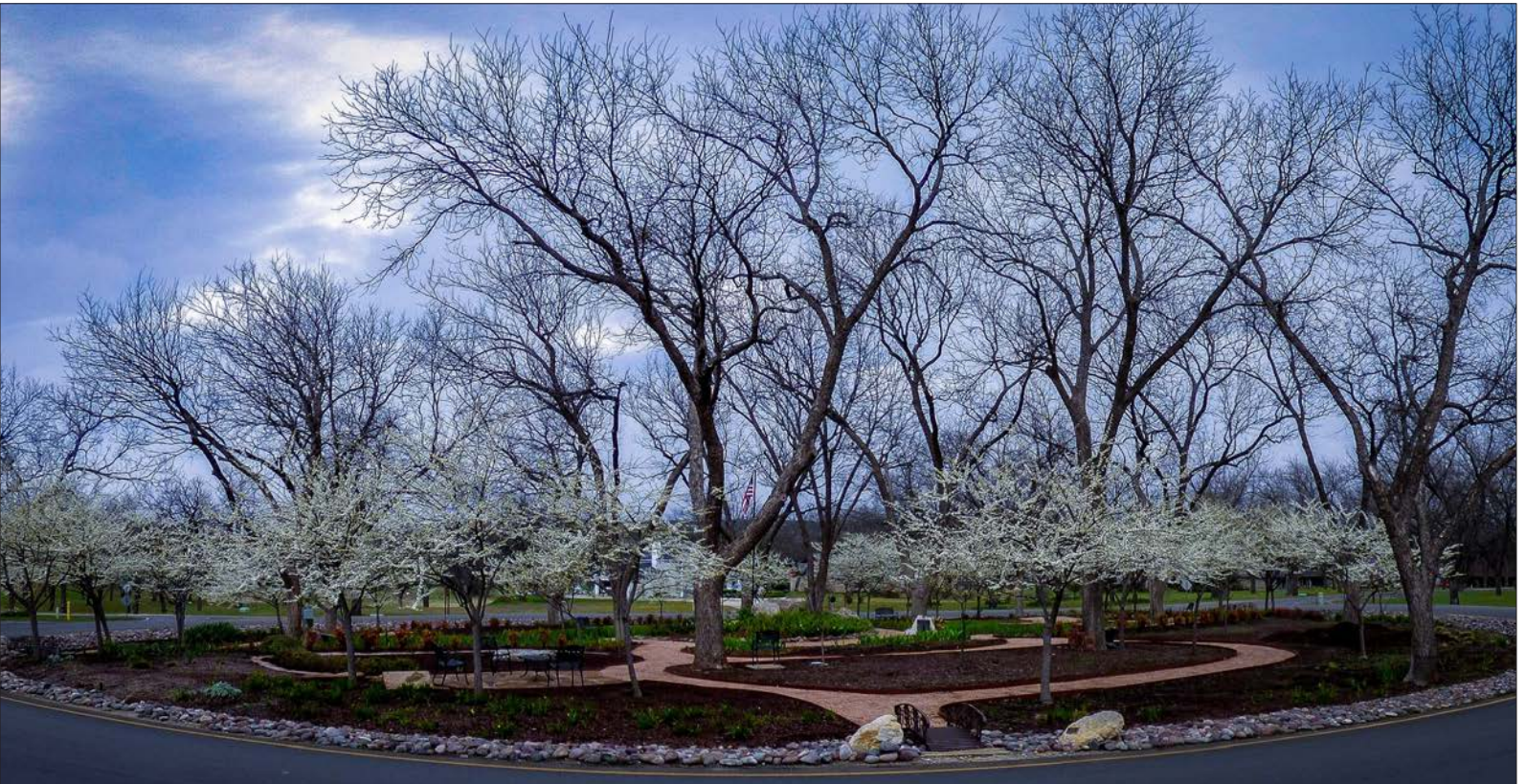
The GTGC are the volunteers that keep the circles beautiful with the support of the community. We are happy to receive donations, or you can set up an auto-bill \$25 yearly on your PPOA account to be billed each November. Forms to sign up for an auto-bill are available at the Clubhouse reception desk.

We offer a “Dig In The Dirt Option.” For those of you willing and able to help in the maintenance, come to our workdays (see below and in Save the Date, page 42). Sometimes, we send out notices for help on other days of the month, due to weather or seasonal decorating. Provide your email, and we will include you to receive notices. Contact lindagogo@greenthumbgardenclub.com

We would appreciate any amount of time you have to offer. Come work an hour or the entire time.

Workdays are the first Monday of each month at the Front

Front Circle in bloom.



Circle, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and the last Tuesday of each month at the Back Circle, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Don't forget this! Our annual Plant Sale Fundraiser is scheduled for April 29, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the PAC.

--Linda Kunzman

PECAN WOMAN'S CLUB EVENING CHIT CHAT

The PPWC Evening Chit Chat will meet in the Brazos Room at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, April 11, starting at 6 p.m. The Evening Chit Chat is for working ladies and those unable to attend regular monthly luncheons. PPWC's purpose as a non-profit organization is to promote fellowship among Pecan Plantation women and support local charities, scholarships, and our Pecan community. To make your reservations, email ppwcevening@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 5. Cancellation by Friday, April 7. The menu will be mini croissants with chicken salad and fruit. Dinner is \$15.

--Kathie Schoepf

TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Greetings to all! As we emerge from the annual 'dark ages,' here's a reminder of our annual membership meeting and picnic on April 21 at 5:30 p.m. We will once again have DNA BBQ, a silent auction, 50/50, a short 'state of the union,' and the (even shorter) election of new officers.

Of course, inflation has hit the BBQ market causing a serious

need for RSVPs (unless you are good with going to the end of the line). Usually around half of the 120-plus members show up, so plan on a long line. Hopefully, new member candidates will show up and see what a measly \$30 annual membership fee will get you. Between our quarterly play days and this meeting, members come out way ahead in food and fellowship.

The current board is composed of five officers and the 'guest' tennis pro - all very cooperative and rowing in the same direction. This has been going on for a number of years now, with the notable growth of the kitty and completion of two large shade structures. We have two or three officers happy to step aside to make room for new volunteers. The spots only entail a total of around 30 hours per year, involving one-hour monthly meetings and occasional street dance snow cone booth sales. The big selling point is that you get to have a huge effect on the direction of our tennis program. Please let any one of our board members or the tennis pro know if you have more questions or are interested.

Currently, Glenda Allen's ladies 8.0 winter league is currently in first place.

--Kenneth Schreiber

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SAVE THE DATE

This handy guide will provide listings of group and club activities, meetings and events. To be included, send your info to columns@hcnews.com with "Save the Date" in the subject line. All info is as provided and correct at press time.

AIRPARK EVENT

Contact Tom Woodard, buwana@charter.net

May 20 EAA Chapter 983 Flying Start program for adults interested in flying. Info coming in May Columns.

ARCHERY & AIRGUN CLUB

Contact pecanarcheryairgunclub@gmail.com.

April 4 Meeting at the Range, 7 p.m.

May 2 Meeting at the Range, 7 p.m.

ART GUILD

Contact ppartguild@gmail.com.

April 11 Meeting at PAC, 10:30 a.m.

April 27 Makers Open Forum at EMS, 1-4 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE

May 3 Pecan Activity Center, appointments required, RedCrossBlood.org, search for pecanplantation.

BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Contact Cecil Caldwell, ccald67@gmail.com.

April 13 Meeting and Fish Fry at RV Pavilion, 6 p.m.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Contact Ron Liddell, ronliddell@gmail.com.

April 12 Meeting, Clubhouse Terrace Room, 9 a.m.

April 26 Meeting, Clubhouse Terrace Room, 9 a.m.

BRIDGE

Contact Sharon Green, 817-559-2974.

April 5 Play in Terrace Room, noon.

May 3 Play in Terrace Room, noon.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Contact Marilyn Amos, marilynamos@ppoaweb.com, 817-573-2641, ext. 340.

April 14 Members-only sale. Maps and list of homes participating available online to members.

April 15 Garage sale open to public. Maps and list of homes participating handed out at gate.

Residents must register to sell items.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Contact ppoacommunitygardens@gmail.com.

April 8 Garden Workday

April 11 Happy Hour in the Garden, 5 p.m. BYOB and a friend.

April 22 Garden Workday

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

April 29 Plant Sale and Fundraiser at the PAC

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

April 3 Workday at Front Circle, 8 to 11 a.m.

May 1 Workday at Front Circle, 8 to 11 a.m.

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

April 25 Workday at Back Circle, 8 to 11 a.m.

May 30 Workday at Back Circle, 8 to 11 a.m.

HORSE OWNERS

Contact Tammy Dressman, 817-614-9744.

May 16 Meeting at Clubhouse Conference Room, 6 p.m.

RV CLUB

Contact David Kroon, dk1341@swbell.net.

April 11 Meeting outdoors, Pavilion at Shady Campground, 5 p.m.

VFD AUXILIARY

Contact Lana Robinson, robinsonsgranbury@yahoo.com.

April 3 Meeting at EMS, 7 p.m.

May 1 Meeting at EMS, 7 p.m.

June 5 Meeting at EMS, 7 p.m.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP

Contact Caryl Mahaffey, caryl.mahaffey@charter.net.

April 25 Meeting, dinner and program at Clubhouse Terrace Room, 5:30 p.m.

May 23 Meeting, dinner and program at Clubhouse Terrace Room, 5:30 p.m.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Contact Carol Herrick, carolhppwc@gmail.com

April 1 Rancho Brazos Pack the Pantry Drive-Through Food Drive, PAC, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 11 Evening Chit Chat at the Clubhouse, 6 p.m. Dinner of mini croissants, chicken salad and fruit is \$15. RSVP ppwcevening@gmail.com by April 5, cancel by April 7.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE EVENTS

Eat, Drink and Be Merry

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.



April 8 – Corn Hole Tournament, Crawfish Boil & Music

April 11 – Caribbean Buffet & Bingo

May 2 – Cinco de Mayo Buffet & Bingo

May 13 – Unique Car Show & BBQ Lunch

May 29 – Memorial Day Street Dance

June 6 – Summertime Buffet & Bingo

July 2 – Independence Day Parade & Street Dance

July 18 – BBQ Buffet & Bingo

August 15 – Pizza 'n Pasta Buffet & Bingo

Sept. 4 – Labor Day Street Dance

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

Oct. 24 – Halloween Buffet & Bingo

Nov. 14 – Southern Night Buffet & Bingo

Dec. 5 – Home Cookin' Buffet & Bingo



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By New Member Orientation Committee

Dennis, Debbie & Matthew Eubanks,

Ravenna Court, moved from Taft, California. Dennis is a retired building contractor and enjoys golf, fishing, hunting, woodworking and watching his granddaughter barrel race. Debbie is a retired schoolteacher having taught kindergarten through fourth grade. Debbie enjoys church, reading, walking, and travel. Son Matthew lives with them. Their granddaughter attends Tarleton State. The Eubanks have two children and two grandchildren.

Wayne Glass & Triesta Langford,

Bellevue Court, moved from Englewood, Florida. Wayne is retired from Publix Supermarkets, Inc. and enjoys fishing, hunting and rodeo. Triesta enjoys gardening, painting and is a leather artist.

Tim Page & Dena Guyette,

Gulfstream, moved from Corinth, Texas. Tim is a retired UPS airline captain and enjoys flying, classic cars, model trains and home refurbishment. Dena is employed with Windstream and enjoys running, cycling, volunteering and jigsaw puzzles. Tim and Dena are looking forward to making new friends here in Pecan.

Jonathan & Victoria Hurd,

Landings West, moved from Pensacola, Florida. Jonathan and Victoria are both on active duty with the U.S. Navy as instructor pilots. They both will be transitioning from active duty to commercial airlines in 2024. Jonathan's interests include flying, running, dog walking, soccer, golf, squash, racquetball, and tennis. Victoria enjoys flying, running, reading, dog walking, sailing, and swimming.

Mark & Susan Hurd, Landings West. Mark is employed with Boeing and enjoys flying, skiing, fishing, and motorcycles. Susan is employed with Mount Vernon Schools and enjoys dogs and gardening. They have three children and one grandchild.

Kurt & Debbie Kerrigan,

Landings West, moved from Willow Park. Kurt is a self-employed financial planner and CPA. He enjoys flying, shooting, and sailing. Debbie is a retired educator and now has a career as a Realtor. Debbie enjoys travel, shopping, interior design, hiking and the Boy Scouts. They have three sons. The youngest is a senior at Aledo, the middle son is a senior at Tarleton State and their oldest is a Realtor in Abilene.

Jon & Myra Lewis

purchased a lot. Jon is employed with Fabrication Specialty Inc. in Granbury and enjoys fishing and art. Myra is retired from Physician in Dallas' office staff and enjoys gardening, walking and reading. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

Greg & Robyn Martin

purchased a lot and will be moving from Fort Worth. Greg is employed with Citibank and enjoys golf. Robyn is employed with Frost Bank and enjoys exercise classes, bible study and Woman's Club.

Dave Purum, N. Longwood Drive, moved from Benbrook. Dave is employed with Lockheed and enjoys motorcycling, cycling, shooting and darts.

Ray & Debbie Reynolds, Ellerslie Circle. Ray is retired from Glen Rose Medical Center. Debbie is retired from Stephenville Cross. Both are volunteers at the Somervell County Food Bank. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Jim & Donna Rosson, Ravenswood, moved from Sinton, Texas. Jim is employed with Broughton Electric and enjoys guns, gardening and is interested in small planes. Donna is employed in public health and enjoys photography, gardening, travel, wildlife, and science. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Norm & Christy Sawicki, Weatherby, moved from Wickenburg, Arizona. Norm and Christy are the owners of Trancas Steakhouse. They both enjoy golf. They have six children and seven grandchildren.



MAGGY'S BIG FISH MAKES A SPLASH

In March, nine-year-old Maggy Sojourner of Granbury recorded her big catch on the Texas Parks and Wildlife waterbody records page, and began another round of accolades from the public. "Teach a girl to fish and she may bust some records," said the TPWD post on Facebook.

In January, Maggy reeled in a blue catfish weighing 26.37 pounds, which she caught on cut shad. She made a splash around Lake Granbury's fishing circles then as well. Congratulations, Maggy!

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Jan Boeckel

It is hard to believe but spring has sprung. During the month of April, we are going to have a wonderful Caribbean-themed buffet with bingo. Wear flowered shirts and come and join us on Tuesday, April 11. The buffet will begin at 5:45 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 for buffet and bingo, \$10 for bingo only. The limit will be 150 with open seating. Get your reservations in as soon as possible!

Important information about reservations: when we have special event dinners with limited numbers, we want everyone to be able to sit with your group. However, it takes a great deal of time to set up and organize the seating for these events. So, please be sure that when placing the reservation, you specify with whom you want to sit. In fact, it is a good idea for one person to make the reservation for the entire group at one

time. If that is not possible, just be sure reservations knows who will be sitting at your table.

Looking forward to Saturday, May 6, ladies, start planning your hats, and gentlemen, get out those bow ties! We are going to throw a Kentucky Derby Party with hat and bow tie contests. There will be a raffle, based on the horse of your choice, for Pecan bucks. May the best horse win! More information is coming soon.

The Entertainment Committee is a wonderful group of volunteers and is such a pleasure to work with. We can always use help. If anyone of you would like to join this fun group, please let us know. Contact Jan Boeckel at janboeckel@gmail.com.

PECAN VFD

Come out to Rough Creek Park on Saturday, May 6, for the Brazos River Authority's annual Water Safety Awareness Day. It will be held at the boat ramp off Highway 144, behind Stumpy's. The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department, along with other public and private organizations, will be there with demonstrations and activities for kids and families. This will be a great time to get a lifejacket and get prepared for summer in the water.

A life jacket is required for any persons in the boat under the age of 13, and there must be a life jacket for everyone on the boat. There are even life jackets for our furry friends.

The Brazos River Authority website (www.brazos.org) is a great resource. It provides information on river safety; it provides a site that you can sign up for Downstream Notification Call System to receive notice by call, text or email when they let more than 5,000 CFS (cubic feet per second) out of Granbury Dam. You can also find current and historic river and reservoir information. By knowing how much water is being let out of the dam, you will be able to understand when it's safe to use the river for kayaking and canoeing.

On another note, it is supposed to be another dry year. Please make sure to check the Hood County Fire Marshall's office website (<https://co.hood.tx.us/65/Fire-Marshall>) to see if we're under a burn ban before burning vegetation. Last year, we had many grass fires started from sparks from welding. In fact, March 20 was the one-year anniversary of the Big L Fire in Tolar. Accidents do happen. We are always there to assist our community when the need arises. If you would like to volunteer or check out the station, feel free to stop by. We would love to meet you.

PP VFD perform water rescue while training in Lake Granbury. Joining in, from left, are firefighters Perry, Tharp, Caughley, Lewis, Captain Christy, and firefighters Skoog, Morgan. Photo by Olivia Caughley



Training on boat operations are, from left, Lt. Wimberly, Assistant Chief Moore, Captain Christy, and firefighter Tharp. Photo by Kim Skoog.



PPVFD was on site at the Big L Fire in Tolar in 2022. Pictured are Captains Christy and Boggs. Photo by Kim Skoog.

PECAN EMS

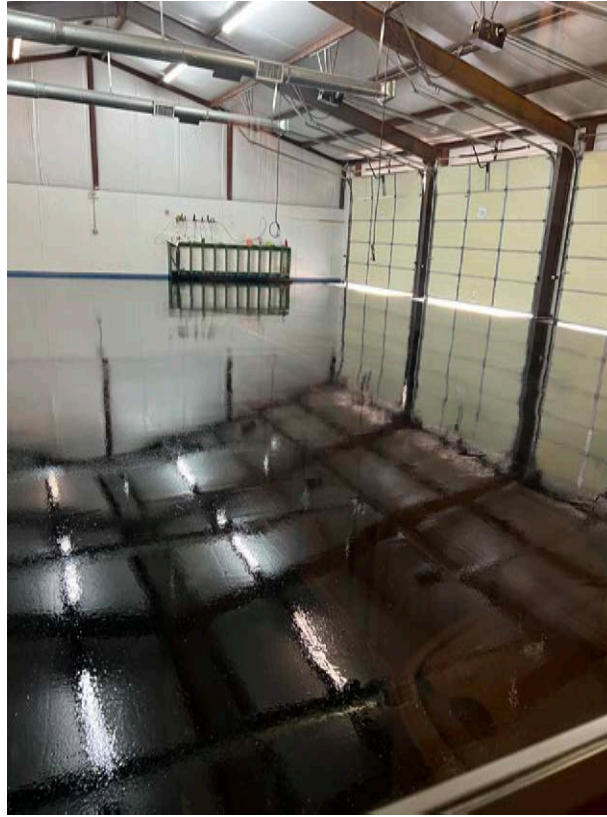
By Chief Brandl Stephenson BA, LP, NRP, FP-C

In February, Pecan EMS has responded to 88 calls for service, with several more public assists.

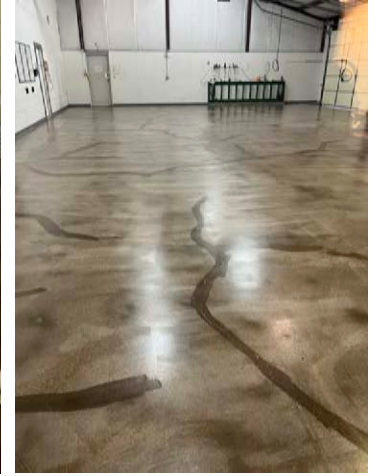
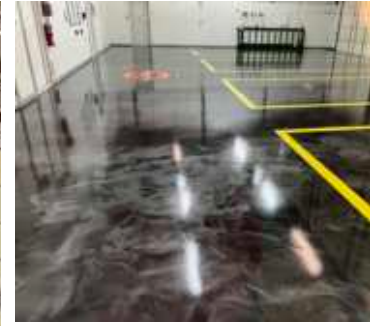
Because of the generosity of our Auxiliary, we have redone our bay floors. The former coating was cracked and slick, leading to potential safety issues. The new floors look fantastic! I can't adequately express my thanks to the EMS crews who adapted to this upset in the normal routine. Working with professionals makes all the difference and we are blessed to have such great staff on our ambulances.

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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Tennis News

By John Ingram III, USPTA Master Professional

Heads up! We'll be celebrating the next tennis major, the French Open, with some "dirt ball" tennis on the closest clay court we can find. More to follow!

As the weather gets warmer and our play increases, please remember to cancel your court if you're not going to be using it. It is so sad to see an empty court when we have turned away other players.

Thanks so much to all who joined us for the PPTA St. Patrick's playday and ceilidh last month. Sláinte!

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



From left, Pat Brasseur Mary Salterelli, Judy Smith, Pat Newberry take advantage of a pretty day to play tennis.

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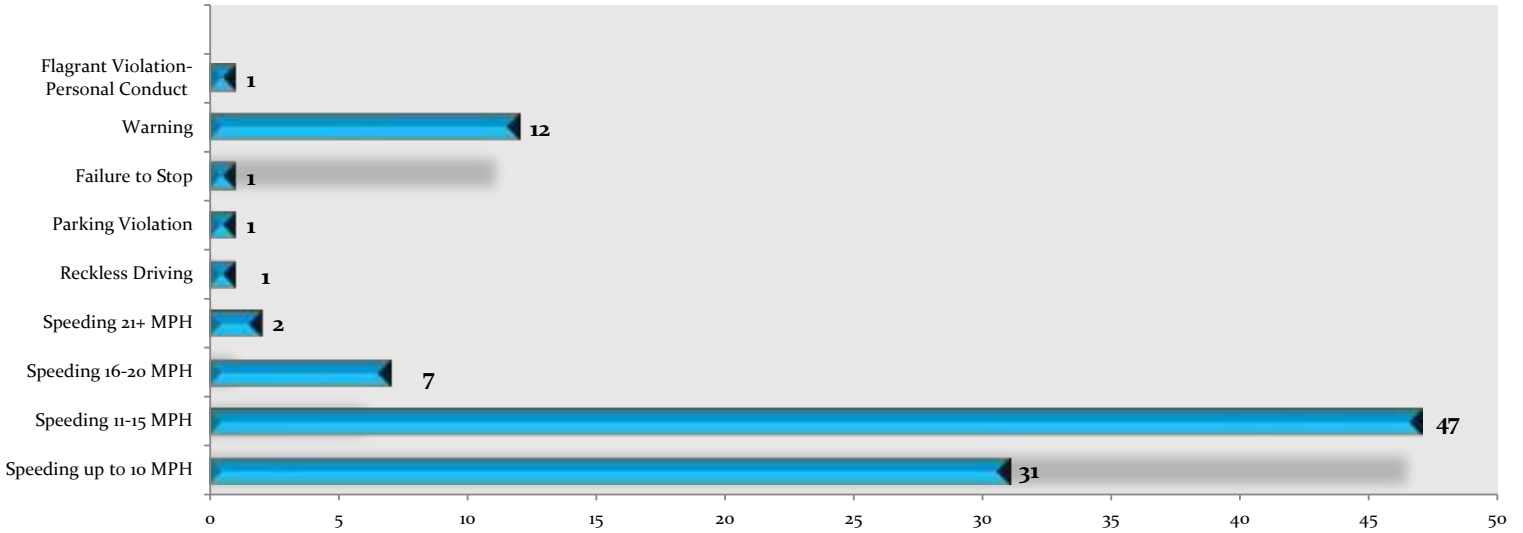
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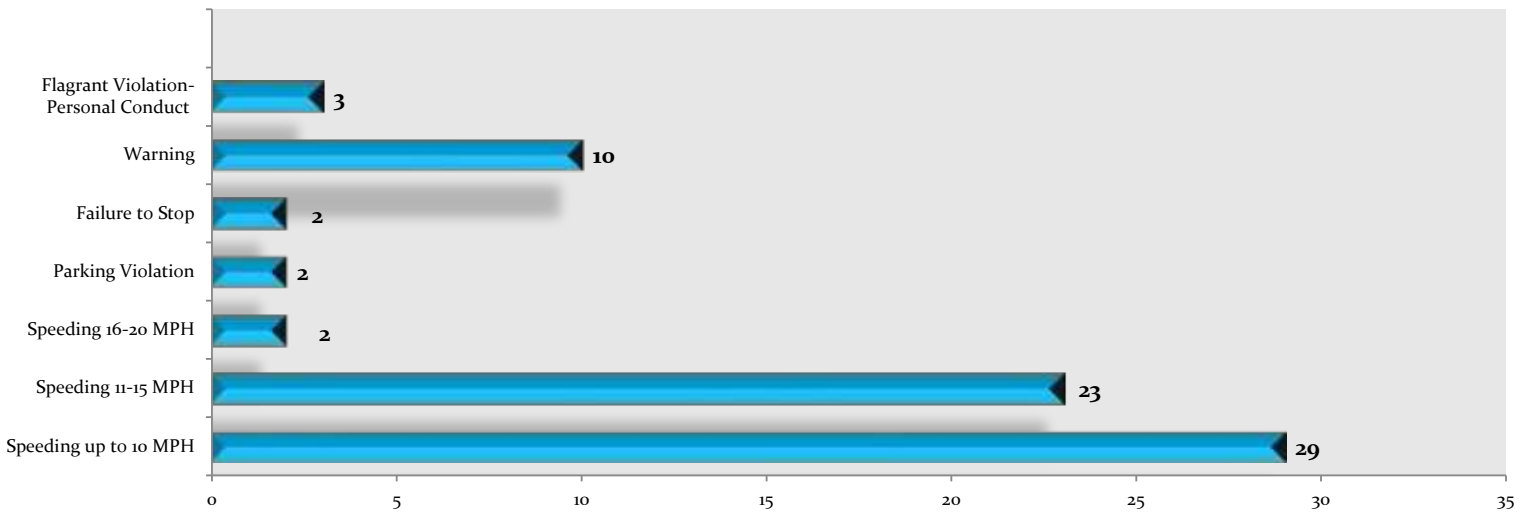
SECURITY REPORT

By Harold Aydelott, Security Director, PPOA

Citations January 2023 Total: 103 Citations



Citations February 2023 Total: 71 Citations



JANUARY		
Asset Type	Amount	
Speeding up to 10 MPH	31	
Speeding 11-15 MPH	47	
Speeding 16-20 MPH	7	
Speeding 21+ MPH	2	
Reckless Driving	1	
Parking Violation	1	
Failure to Stop	1	
Warning	12	
Flagrant Violation- Personal Conduct	1	

Areas of Citations Issued

Monticello (Front Gate) 35
 Monticello - 1
 Orchard 4
 Plantation - 35
 Ravenswood 1
 Village - 1
 West Wedgefield 16
 Wedgefield - 7
 Westover 1

Breakdown by Violator Type

Member/Guest 69
 Contractor/Vendor 14

FEBRUARY		
Asset Type	Amount	
Speeding up to 10 MPH	29	
Speeding 11-15 MPH	23	
Speeding 16-20 MPH	2	
Parking Violation	2	
Failure to Stop	2	
Warning	10	
Flagrant Violation- Personal Conduct	3	

Areas of Citations Issued

Airpark Pavilion 1
 Monticello (Front Gate) 29
 Monticello 2
 Orchard 1
 Plantation 20
 Ravenswood 1
 West Wedgefield 6
 Wedgefield 9
 Westover 1

Breakdown by Violator Type

Member/Guest 51
 Contractor/Vendor 17

Aside from the dramatic weather patterns for February, Pecan Plantation had a quiet month. Additional Security Patrol Officers have had a greater impact on traffic issues and recent periodic checks of traffic speeds with radar from unmarked vehicles have provided data that many drivers seem more attentive to speed limits on the property.

Concerning speed limits, please be aware of the speed when entering Pecan Plantation. Speed limits are posted near the Security Gates and are being enforced with more frequency to calm driving behaviors and offset avoidable damages occurring at the gates. The damages to the gates are mostly a result of inattentiveness and driving too fast, not allowing the gate mechanisms the needed time for proper function.

The property is experiencing growth which brings increased traffic volumes. Through driver cooperation, costly gate and vehicle repairs can be reduced as we're currently observing through the active security patrol enforcement near the security gates.

New member-lane gate mechanisms with lighted, higher visibility, gate arms were installed in March. These gate arms will remain red in the closed position and will change to green when an authorized gate tag on a vehicle is allowed entry into the property. Most drivers understand the color red symbolizing "stop" and the color green for "go." The addition of these gate mechanisms should ease any confusion when traversing through the security gates.

Spring is almost here, and there's a lot to look forward to and be grateful for. Enjoy the time with family and friends in this beautiful and safe community. As mentioned on several occasions, my door is always open and our security team's service is always available. Please feel free to come by the Security Office.

ACTIVITY REPORT HIGHLIGHTS, FEBRUARY 2023

- **02/12** Suspicious circumstances were reported to Security Patrol near West Wedgefield. According to the report, a resident stated they heard someone walking around the outside of their home at night. A security officer responded and did not find anyone around the home. However, an occupied vehicle was observed in a nearby cul-de-sac that sped away. The license plate of the vehicle was obtained, and the registered owner was identified. There was no known relation between the reported suspicious activity and the vehicle. The vehicle info was kept on file if needed in the future.
- **02/15** Security Patrol assisted with locating a reported missing person. The person was located with no further issues.
- **02/23** The Security Department received a call concerning a vehicle allegedly driving erratically on the property. Security Patrol located the described vehicle and conducted a traffic stop to check on the welfare of the driver. The Security Officer did not find any safety concerns and followed the driver to their residence, not observing any erratic driving behavior along the way.

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April 2, 1978 The TV series "Dallas" premiered and aired until its last episode in May 1991.

April 3, 1860 In the American West, the Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.

April 3, 2010 Apple released the iPad.

April 4, 1968 Civil Rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tennessee.

April 6, 1930 Twinkies hit the market. The first ones were banana-filled.

April 8, 1974 Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run, surpassing Babe Ruth's 714.



April 9, 1865 The Civil War effectively ended as Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House.

April 11, 1970 Apollo 13 was launched from Cape Kennedy at 2:13 p.m. Fifty-six hours into the flight, an oxygen tank exploded in the service module. "Houston, we've had a problem here," said Astronaut John L. Swigert. He, James A. Lovell and Fred W. Haise then transferred into the lunar module to begin a perilous return trip to Earth, splashing down safely on April 17.

April 14, 1997 Tiger Woods became the youngest ever golfer to win the Masters Tournament at age 21.

April 14, 1865 President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded while watching a performance at Ford's Theater in Washington. He died the following morning.

April 15, 1912 In the icy waters off Newfoundland, the luxury liner Titanic with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 a.m. after striking an iceberg just before midnight. Over 1,500 persons drowned while 700 were rescued by the liner Carpathia, which arrived about two hours after Titanic went down.

April 16, 1962 Walter Cronkite began as anchor of CBS Evening News.

April 17, 1961 A U.S.-backed attempt to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba failed disastrously in what became known as the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

April 18, 1906 An earthquake struck San Francisco at 5:13 a.m., followed by a massive fire from overturned wood stoves and broken gas pipes. The fire raged uncontrollably for three days resulting in the destruction of over 10,000 acres of property and 4,000 lives lost.

April 24, 1800 The Library of Congress was established in Washington, D.C. It is America's oldest federal cultural institution and the world's largest library.

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	Actual YTD	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,355,620	\$ 2,512,056	\$ (156,436)
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ (311,666)	\$ (363,964)	\$ 58,298
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 2,043,954	\$ 2,142,092	\$ (98,138)
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (1,333,539)	\$ (1,399,704)	\$ 66,105
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (702,669)	\$ (758,383)	\$ 55,714
Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation	\$ 7,686	\$ (15,995)	\$ 23,681

RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,137,880	\$ 3,137,880
Fund Deposits	\$ 202,414	\$ 1,082,679
Fund Expenditures	\$ (230,810)	\$ (2,560,718)
Ending Balance	\$ 3,109,484	\$ 1,659,841

NEW CAPITAL FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 207,162	\$ 207,162
Fund Deposits	\$ 84,234	\$ 305,064
Fund Expenditures	\$ -	\$ (83,230)
Ending Balance	\$ 291,456	\$ 428,996

ROAD & DRAINAGE FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,347,968	\$ 1,347,968
Fund Deposits	\$ 427,765	\$ 1,724,631
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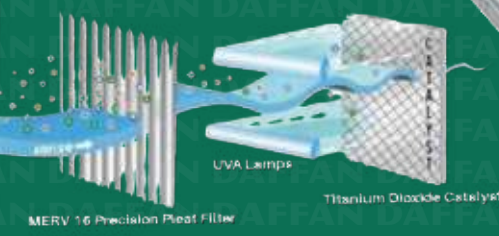
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