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Oct. 26, 2023, 6 p.m.

BOD Committee Workshop:
Oct. 12, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Both meetings in Ballroom



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ACC	1st and 3rd Thursdays	2 p.m.	S&S Conference Room
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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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Infrastructure	1st Tuesday	9 a.m.	CH Conference Room
LRP	Wednesday prior to 4th Thursday	1:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Marina	2nd Wednesday	3 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Membership Orientation	1st Saturday & 3rd Tuesday	10 a.m.	Terrace Room or Ballroom
Safety & Security	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
Sports & Rec (Grounds)	Oct. 3, Dec. 5	1 p.m.	PAC
Wildlife	2nd Friday	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room

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10 a.m. in the Terrace Room

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Tuesday, October 17

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Saturday, November 4
Tuesday, November 21

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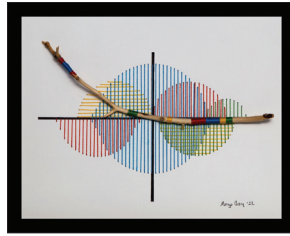
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Darren Clark can be found on the golf course (no, that guy is Darren Clarke—with an “e”), on the stage at the Granbury Opera House, or in his cubicle manipulating pixels into many of the Hyde Media Group’s publications. Darren is a designer, photographer and occasional writer.

Eden met Granbury 36 years ago and is grateful to have moved here in 2000. She and husband “Hug” raise/raised their two natives here. Eden loves her semi-bohemian lifestyle of hanging out with artists, writers and photographers both young and not as young. Her passions include coffee dates, succulents and making new friends.



Eden Duncan Gilbreath

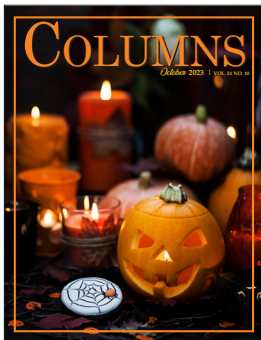


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ON THE COVER



OCTOBER IS HERE

October is the first full month of autumn and with it comes Halloween festivities. Within this month’s columns, you can find articles about the spookier end of the month.

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

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From the desk of Rick Lantgen

I had a fantastic time speaking at the Sept. 13 Breakfast Club meeting, as it was a pleasure to introduce our management staff and discuss where our association is moving towards in the future.

I don't have room here to list all the items I spoke about, but I do want to mention several of the ideas we are hoping the Long-Range Planning Committee will take into consideration. My hope is that one day we will be able to bring some of these projects to fruition. The wish list for Pecan includes:

- Constructing an event center with indoor tennis courts where we would be able to host larger functions like weddings, banquets, and proms.
- Development of a fitness center near the PAC that incorporates and encloses the existing pool for year-round use.
- Turning the marina into fantastic spot with

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- enclosed dining for those hot and cold days
- Improving the facilities at our RV park, to include a dump station and additional improvements for the camping spots.

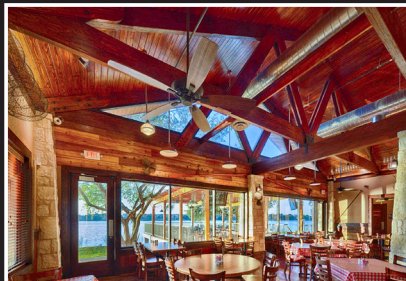
These are big projects that require a lot of planning and analysis, from concept to finance to construction. However, with that said, we have a multitude of talent on our committees, and just knowing that gives me hope that anything we put our minds to is possible to achieve.

As always, I encourage you to call or email me; or any of your staff members with questions. We can answer whatever you want to know regarding the daily operations of Pecan.

Until next month,
Rick

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SPOTLIGHT ON JANIE PORTELE

Janie Portele is a retired social worker and yoga teacher. She joined the Community Gardens in 2018 when there were just under 20 members. She wanted to learn about gardening, to have access to organic food, to do something physical, and to meet people. She stepped in as secretary for part of 2019 when the previous secretary had to discontinue due to health. Janie enjoyed and admired the people she met, liked learning how to grow things, and agreed to continue to help in 2020 as Secretary, in 2021 as President, and in 2022 as Vice President. Now, because of the Community Gardens, she enjoys making pesto & soaking cucumber slices in rice vinegar. She loves having organic cantaloupe, garlic, onions, potatoes, herbs, okra, asparagus, black berries, tomatoes and more. She is no longer afraid of planting and growing things in her own yard. Janie encourages you to come find fun and goodness in the Community Gardens and emphasizes the importance of members stepping up to take a turn as an officer.

New members are always welcome, and no gardening experience is necessary.

Stop by the PAC to pick up an application.



Janie and son Eric



Garden produce for summer 2023

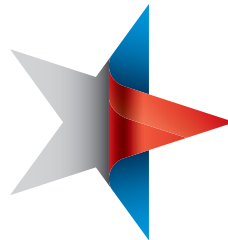


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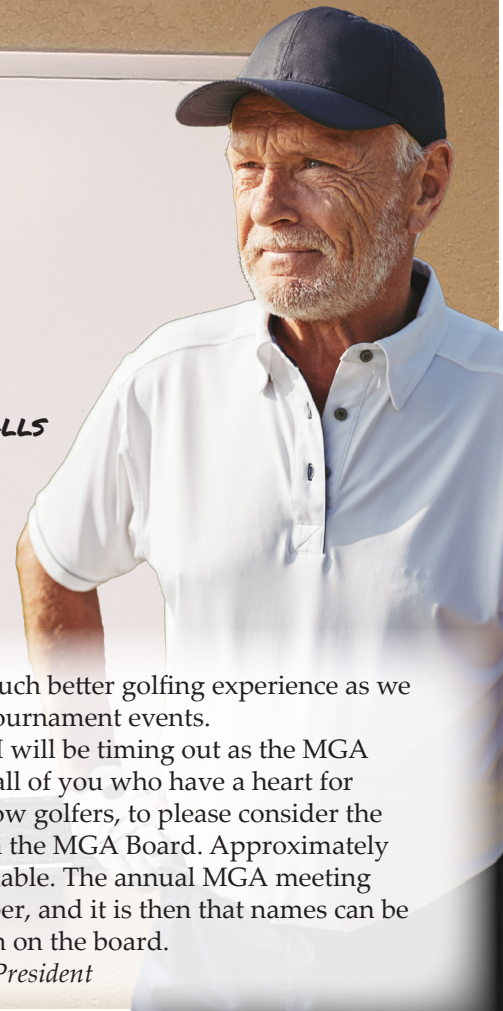
MGA SCHEDULE

MGA TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS

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OCTOBER 5	FLORIDA SCRAMBLE
OCTOBER 14-15	MGA CHAMPIONSHIP
OCTOBER 19	4 MAN SHAMBLE-COUNT 3 BEST BALLS
OCTOBER 26	TEXAS SCRAMBLE



As fall settles in, I'm hoping our weather has finally cooled to a tolerable level. This is that time of year, we will have both our Club Championship and MGA Championship tournaments. First and foremost, I hope it will be a fun experience for all of you. Second, that everyone can play at their highest level. I wish the best of luck to all of you.

Soon, the installation of our new irrigation system will be underway. We will experience hole closures and additional personnel on the course. Please be courteous and understanding during the installation period. The result will

provide us all with a much better golfing experience as we move into next year's tournament events.

The end of this year, I will be timing out as the MGA President. I am asking all of you who have a heart for the game and your fellow golfers, to please consider the opportunity to serve on the MGA Board. Approximately 4 positions will be available. The annual MGA meeting will be held in November, and it is then that names can be submitted for a position on the board.

~ Ray Urbano / MGA President

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The Pecan Belles, Let Freedom Ring, Member/Guest was a wonderful success, as always. Thanks to all volunteers who helped put it all together and the members of MGA who helped in various places. It takes a village to plan and run this great tournament and we appreciate every person in that village. As always, we have the BEST Pro and Assistant Pro and Event Coordinator to help us through it all.

Now, looking forward, we have President's Choice Tournament (Oct. 23, 24) which is always so much fun. It will be my team against the Past President's team. My choice of format this year will be a Shamble, best ball of the twosome, Ryder Cup Format. Watch for details in your email. You don't want to miss this fun tournament. Carol's Corps D'Elite will take on Pam's Pirates and those Pirates don't stand a chance.

In addition, the Suburban Championship will be Oct. 30 at Diamond Oaks Country Club. If you are a member of Suburban, make a special effort to play at this venue. If you didn't join Suburban this year, think about doing it next year. The idea is to play lots of other courses and meet other players.

Last but not least, HALLOWEEN is on LGA Playday. Will you dress up to play? There may be some surprises out there, so be careful.

Until next time, hit'em long and straight, and most of all, have fun.

LGA Pecan Plantation Belles Golf Tournament 2023 Member - Guest Annual Tournament "Let Freedom Ring"

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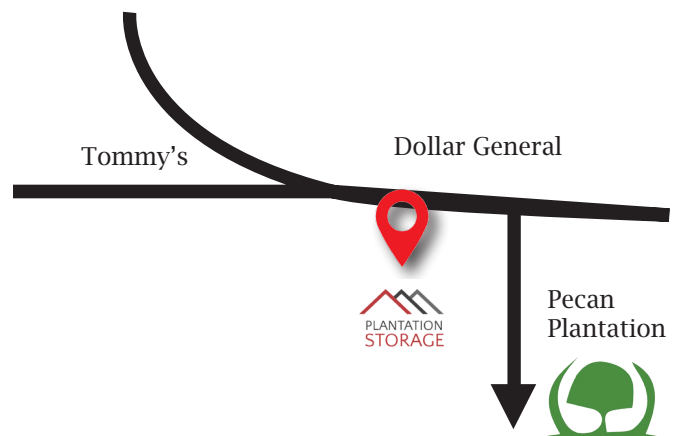
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Also coming up in October is the garage sale fund-raiser. The PPPA will be selling both breakfast and lunch at the front circle on the Saturday of the community garage sale. Please stop by on Oct. 21 and grab a tasty bite from our menu of breakfast burritos, pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and a treat! The association always appreciates the support we receive from residents and guests.

Open play continues at the PAC every weekday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. except for Wednesday when play concludes at 11:30 a.m. Play outdoors is available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and reservations are required.

The Ladies Pickleball group is planning a Halloween

themed party later this month. Watch for emails with details about the event. Ladies only play is every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the PAC. All levels of play are welcome.

PPPA members are currently participating in a Fall Pickleball League. There are four division competing twice a week until Oct. 26. Stay tuned for the announcement of winners and a Fall Social for all PPPA members!



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KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

- Trunk or Treat in the parking lot
- Clown making Balloon Animals
- Cupcake Walk
- Crafts, games, and candy
- Pumpkin Carving Contest - Separate adult and kid categories.



Top 3 places in each category will receive a Walmart gift card! Drop off pumpkins between 8 a.m. and noon on Oct. 28 to be eligible for judging. Winners will be announced at party.

KIDS' PUMPKIN SHOOT AT ARCHERY RANGE

Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Ages 8 to 13 - children must be able to shoot independently without supervision. Candy awarded as prizes for hitting a Pumpkin. Sign up at the PAC - space is limited to 18 kids.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The PAC needs your help! We are looking for volunteers to do Trunk or Treat and also to work the games inside the gym during the Halloween party. Oct. 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for either. Please call the PAC to sign up!! 817-573-7952.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - PAC GYM

Wednesday, Nov 8, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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COMMITTEE MEETING

The Sports & Recreation Committee will be meeting Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m.



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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Happy October. We are hoping October has brought the cooler weather we were all looking forward to during the hot days of summer.

If you are not getting the weekly emails from PPOA, please email Jay Arrington at jay.arrington@ppoaweb.com for assistance. Include your member number in the message. If multiple people in your household would like to receive the eblasts, please ensure each member has established, verified, and registered their PPOA account on the association's website.

Just a reminder, 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. As a reminder, all "Recognized Club" members MUST be members of PPOA. Unfortunately, the updates have not been approved yet. Once updates are approved, the Communications Committee will send out the updated form to all current "Recognized Clubs".

This will go to the last contact we have on file. If that person has changed since you applied for this status, please send updated contact information to kjones816.kj@gmail.com.

We are still anxiously awaiting the phone app for the website. Once all testing of the phone app and training of PPOA staff is complete, the PPOA Communications Committee will provide an easy-to-follow instruction sheet followed by a workshop to assist our PPOA members to get the most out of our website and phone app.

Thank you for your positive comments on Next Door and Facebook regarding the Columns magazine. The transition to Hyde Media Group as publisher was challenging but we feel we are heading in the right direction. We are glad you do as well.

The PPOA Communications Committee is working for you. Let us know how we can communications in Pecan Plantation even better.



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To complete the Ghostly Night, the group will play Halloween Bingo with scary prizes awarded to the lucky Bingo winners.



Brandy Herr, Granbury Ghosts and Legends Tour

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EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Tammy Dressman

We are excited to be able to introduce our newest boarder to the Pecan Stables. Hattie Sisk has been a resident of Pecan for a little over three years now and has been on the wait list since the minute she got here. She has patiently and anxiously waited for a space to come available and we are so excited for her and Spirit both. Spirit is a beautiful little Quarter Horse Paint. Hattie has owned Spirit for approximately two years; he is seven years old now. While he was green when she got him, she has made good strides in his training. Having gotten a good handle on the groundwork, they are ready to hit the trails. Welcome Hattie and Spirit – we're so happy to have you here!

We have had several boarders that have been able to escape the extreme heat here in Granbury while enjoying extended stays in California and New Mexico. Whether meeting up with family or friends, and making new friends along the way, they have thoroughly enjoyed the cooler weather outside of Texas and along the West coast. Brenda was in California for a little over a month before heading to New Mexico where she met up with Barbara Davidson and friends. As soon as she was able, boarder Cindy Rowe joined them in NM to enjoy the cooler weather, races, eateries, camping and comradery. As you can see from the attached photo, these ladies have enjoyed their time together! We welcome them back home!

Now that October has come and temperatures have FINALLY fallen below 100 degrees, riding activity has picked up significantly. Boarders and their equine companions have once again hit the trails as well as back to basics in the arena. A special thank you to boarder Kevin Standage who regularly drags our arena keeping it in tiptop shape for our Pecan equestrians - so helpful and appreciated! In an included photo, boarder Amy Standage



New boarder
Hattie and
Spirit



is enjoying some time with her horse, Ike. Red is definitely Amy's color – what a striking duo they make. Additionally, we have boarder Mindy Short and her handsome guy, Short Stop, aka "Shorty". They're both enjoying a beautiful day along the river in our beautiful little slice of heaven known as Pecan Plantation. You would be hard pressed to find a more therapeutic activity and we love seeing those happy faces!

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.



Ladies of NM



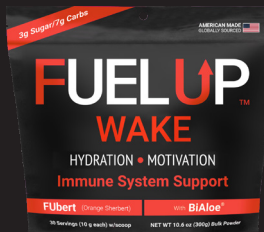
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PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

Sandy Hoelting, President

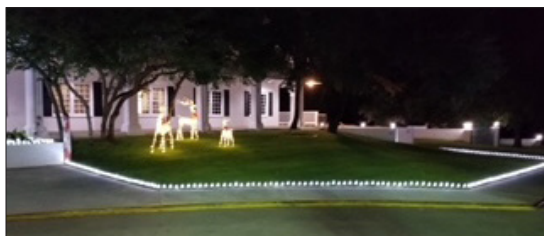
No, your eyes won't be deceiving you. Despite a plethora of early Christmas decorations, Pecan Plantation residents won't really be cruising around in Home Depot. That's because Pecan Plantation itself will outshine even the home improvement giant in bright and colorful Christmas merriment.

Longtime residents already know and newcomers will quickly realize how the Pecan Plantation Women's Club adorns the community for Christmas, and has been for 45 years, ever since several members decided the community needed more Christmas spirit.

Many folks incorrectly believe the Pecan Plantation Owners Association foots the cost of all the decorations. Not so! The PPWC is the sole provider. Dragging old and leftover decorations from their attics, they began the tradition of decorating Pecan Plantation each and every year. From what were originally limited decorations, the community now enjoys a beautiful and delightful array of decorations throughout all of its facilities. From the moment entering the front gate, crossing the Brazos bridge, and seeing all the buildings within Pecan, everyone will see beautiful lights, garland, wreaths, and ornaments! All of these are provided by Pecan Plantation Woman's Club!

One of the fund-raising activities through Pecan Plantation Woman's Club is the Christmas Tour of Homes. Money raised through the Tour of Homes, Santa's Workshop & Bakery, Santa's Brunch, and the Dinner Dance provide for all the Christmas decorations throughout Pecan. This year, Christmas Tour of Homes is scheduled for Dec. 14.

Please come out and support these activities so your neighborhood will continue to shine brightly this Christmas season and the years to come!!





DID YOU KNOW??

- * Members of Pecan Plantation Woman's Club start "fluffing" trees, wreaths, and garland around the first of September! They have already begun work for this season!!
- * The members of PPWC work to plan, organize, schedule, purchase and coordinate the Christmas décor of Pecan with the leadership of Mary Scott and her committee. They couldn't begin to do so without the help and direction of Daniel Van Patten's team who maintains and supports all the decoration efforts installing lights and helping wherever needed.
- * All money raised from the Christmas Tour of Homes is used to purchase additional lights and Christmas decorations for Pecan Plantation for the next year.
- * The Clubhouse is transformed, inside and out, into a beautiful wonderland with trees, ornaments, lights, garland, and various decorations!
- * The PAC is decorated inside and out, creating magic with gorgeous lights, wreaths, and garland.
- * Street lamps, Light Tree and the Tennis Building shine brightly!
- * Front & back security gates are adorned with lights.
- * Campground, Airport Pavillion, Golf Pavillion & Marina are donned with lights.
- * After 2019, all Christmas lights throughout Pecan were exchanged for commercial rate, LED lights.
- * ALL OF THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN PECAN PLANTATION ARE PURCHASED AND MAINTAINED BY THE PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB!!

Pecan Plantation Woman's Club

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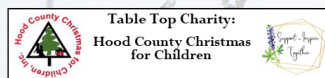


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AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lana Robinson

Happy fall y'all! We are all ready to put the heat and drought behind us. Hoping by the time you are reading this, cooler temps have arrived, and even better, some rain!

First, we want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated water, snacks, and other items to the PPVFD/EMS when our department was helping fight the grass fires in Godley in early August. Your generosity exceeded all expectations!

The Auxiliary has designated October as a month-long celebration of our Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS responders and Security team that we rely on for our safety, medical needs and security in our Pecan community. Auxiliary volunteer Patty Eatmon is heading up a variety of activities and events specifically planned to recognize, honor, and show our appreciation for these wonderful folks.

First of all, the Auxiliary encourages all residents to place red lightbulbs in your exterior lights in the front of your home and leave them on for the entire month of October. Another way you can participate is to make sure you are displaying your "Pecan Proud Supporter of VFD/EMS flags."

"The Auxiliary has several more to sell if you haven't gotten one," says Patty. "T-shirts to support our first responders are also available from the Auxiliary. Wear them proudly."

Another way to show your support is to write "thank you" notes and cards to our EMS, Fire and Security personnel. Forms will be available at the PAC, EMS building and the clubhouse for writing these notes to our first responders to show your appreciation for what they do. Please drop them in one of the boxes provided by Oct. 21, 2023.

Kids can get in on the act, also. The Auxiliary is sponsoring a Coloring Contest for two age group categories – 3-7 and 8-12. Coloring sheets will be available at the clubhouse, the PAC and in the EMS office. Prizes will be awarded in both age categories. Please return the finished work, with the child's name, age, and phone number written on it, in the boxes provided at each location by Oct. 21. Prize winners will get a call by Oct. 30.

Next, the Auxiliary is collecting \$10 gift cards to area businesses—Deja Brew, Board and Cork, Starbuck's, Panera Bread, Whataburger, Sonic and more. These will be used as giveaways at a dinner hosted for our VFD and EMS on Oct. 28, 2023. Our goal is to have one gift card per first responder. Gift cards may be delivered to the EMS during normal business hours, or call Patty Eatmon (951)970-5490 or Julie Logan (727)252-3702 to arrange for pick up. Deadline is Oct. 21. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help with the Appreciation



Auxiliary treasurer, Susan Thillen (left) and Vicki Paxton, Auxiliary secretary (right) distribute T-shirts and yard banners at last year's celebration of Appreciation Month.

Dinner on Oct. 28, you can contact Patty or Julie.

"We need people for set up, to help grill food, serve the attendees and clean up. There are several "shifts" depending on how you want to help," Patty added.

Auxiliary Co-President Donna Bullis is hosting a PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary garage sale fundraiser during the community garage sale set for Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21. Any donations of items to sell are welcomed. Ideally, it would be nice to have the garage sale items together the week prior to the garage sale. However, many people dropped off on the day of the spring garage sale, and even that helped! Drop off location is 9806 Bringier Ct. or call Donna at 817-454-0422.

Finally, the Auxiliary extends an invitation to all adult Pecan residents to attend our next business meeting, set for 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 2, in the Charlie Lee Memorial EMS meeting room at 9518 Monticello Dr. Much of what has been announced here will be discussed and attendees will have an opportunity to volunteer or help with these important activities and to be informed of other business conducted that evening. Come at 6 p.m. for a potluck meal and social time prior to the meeting. It is a great way to get acquainted with your neighbors and get involved in a worthwhile mission.

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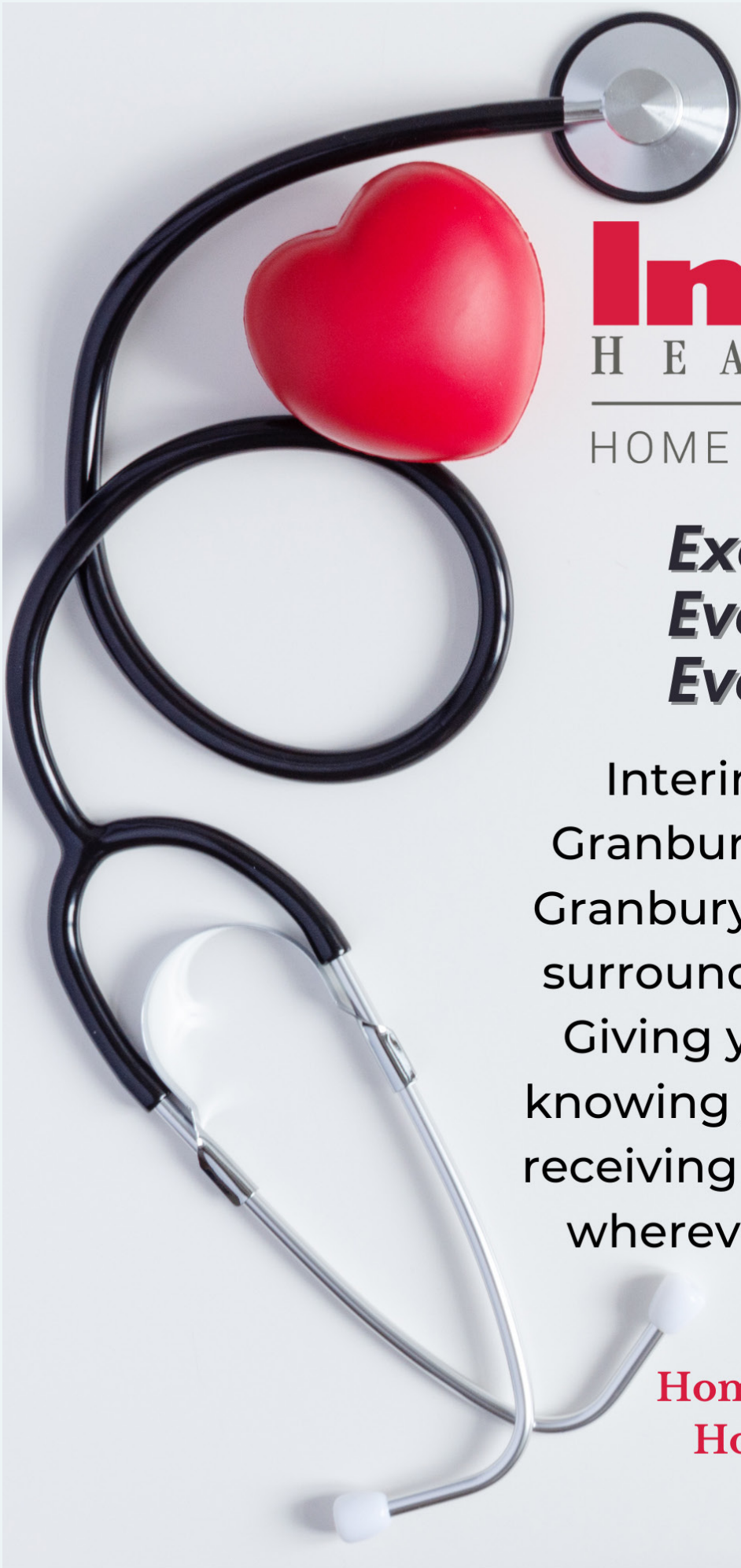
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BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell



Joe Fritz with family and friends with a great stringer of fish out of Port O'Conner on the Gulf

Hunting season in Texas is well underway. Dove season has been going on for a month and Archery season for deer will open shortly, followed by gun season for deer. Although we have lot of deer here in Pecan it can sometimes be difficult to find one once the season opens. Several of our members have leases to hunt, but in my case, I have not had one in several years. They have gotten more expensive, and harder to find. I have had limited success in the past with the draws that they have for some of the hunts the Texas Parks and Wildlife have. I decided to give that another try this year as they now have quite a few opportunities. There are several within a 2-hour drive at some of the state parks and there are also some private land hunts available. I am trying for one of the state parks and will see what happens in the draw. The chances are not great, but it is a very cheap hunt if you get drawn.

For those interested in fishing, Squaw Creek Park on Comanche Creek Reservoir is scheduled to open for fishing on October 1st. It has been closed since the end of May. It was a great fishing spot that had trout, speckled trout, bass, and catfish. Many of our members caught lots of catfish on every outing. It is only open for fishing Thursday through Sunday. You will need reservations for boat fishing. There is quite a bit of bank fishing available and there are several picnic tables. Search "Squaw Creek Park" for more information.

Our picture this month is Joe Fritz with family and friends with a great stringer of fish out of Port O'Conner on the Gulf. I have fished in this area, and it is a great spot to go.

If you would like information on the Club, you can contact me at ccald67@gmail.com.

PECAN PLANTATION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Kim Skoog

I am so glad it has cooled down! (I am writing this in August when it is still 100* so this is wishful thinking!) In August, we had a fabulous donation drive! I would like to thank everyone in our community who donated and to our VFD/EMS Auxiliary who helped. We are very blessed. We were also interviewed by the news and on TV about the donation drive and our fabulous community.

Now, on to current events! The second week in October is officially Fire Prevention Week. On Sunday, Home Depot kicks off the week with fire trucks from the departments in Hood County, along with the Fire Marshall and the command bus. As soon as I know the times for Sunday at Home Depot, I will post it on our Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Facebook page. Please follow our page. Then throughout the week, we will be at different schools and preschools talking about fire prevention. It is a great program. If you would like to come up to the station during that week or anytime, we would be happy to see you! Please call the office during that week since we would hate to miss you if we are out of the station.

Halloween is on a Tuesday this year. Be safe out there. Wear reflective clothing or make sure you are visible with glow sticks at night. Only go to those doors with porch lights on and watch your step! There are plenty of ditches and uneven areas in our community and not all the streets have sidewalks. We will be up at the station handing out candy! Come by and see us!

And as a reminder, if you see smoke or flames, call 911.



Home Depot Fire prevention kickoff from the top of the aerial truck.



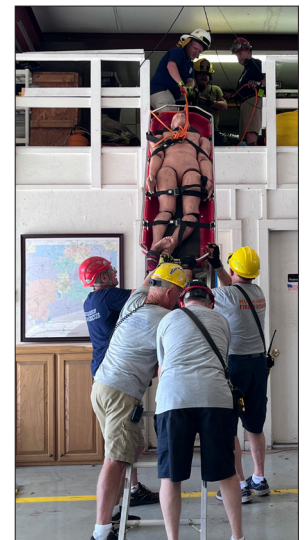
Chief Paxton as the Tin Man last year at Halloween



Donations from August



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EMS

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

Good morning, everyone! Today I'd like to speak a bit about blood sugar and the importance it plays in our day-to-day activities and moods.

First, it's important to note that everyone is susceptible to low blood sugar. Our bodies use various sugars (either produced from the liver or ingested in our food) to power our cells and keep us mentally sharp. As such, a lack of sugar, or using up what we have stored, leads to various signs and symptoms we associate with low blood sugar (also called hypoglycemia). These signs and symptoms include: headache, nausea, dizziness, lethargy, 'sluggish' thought processing, low energy, bad or irritable moods, sweating, shaking, and hunger.

The brain relies on two things to operate: oxygen and sugar, and is very susceptible to minute fluctuations in either. A cardinal sign of hypoglycemia is a change in mental status. This has a wide range of defining characteristics, but does include irritability, confusion, mental fog, headaches, and bad moods. This can be corrected by eating a meal. It is recommended to have a meal versus a candy bar to prevent a huge swing and spike in our blood sugar, an opposing problem called hyperglycemia. This becomes more of an issue with diabetes rather than day-to-day sugar fluctuations, but regardless, a good meal will give your body what it needs to produce, metabolize, and make use of those sugars in a

controlled manner. Even something as simple as toast and jam in the morning can set you up until lunch.

The key is nutritional value, not necessarily amount. Pasta is loaded with carbohydrates which will be broken down into sugar. This will result in a sharp rise in blood sugar, so should be avoided. A meal high in protein (beef, eggs, fish, chicken) with a side of vegetables or a salad, provides a more balanced caloric load, which is what the body wants. Huge spikes and swings should be avoided; a steady and even balance provides the most benefit.

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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Nov. 14 – Southern Night Buffet & Bingo

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ART GUILD

"There's No Place Like Home"

By Eden Duncan Gilbreath

The familiar line, "There's no place like home, there's no place like home," from the "Wizard of Oz" seems fitting for the members of the Pecan Plantation Art Guild (PPAG) as well. Artists residing in Pecan began the guild in 2009 and it has been going strong ever since.

Kathy Yoders, Jean Runnels, and Yvonne Sailors began the club with the support of other artists to offer convenience to the residents of the neighborhood.

Many who would join the PPAG are also members of the Lake Granbury Art Association (LGAA). Meetings of the LGAA didn't begin until 7 p.m. in 2009 when PPAG first formed. That's a fairly long drive into Granbury and a late evening getting back.

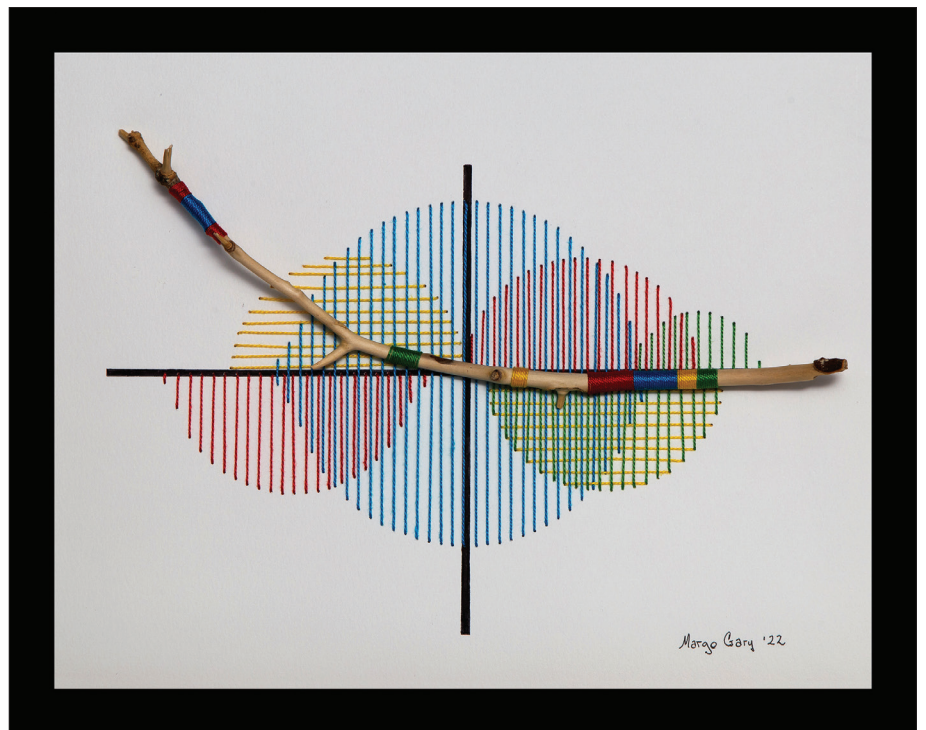
An art club right in Pecan Plantation, the thinking went, would allow residents to spend time together honing their craft closer to home. A daytime meeting would allow some members fellowship with other artists that some may not otherwise get. For many, they remain members of LGAA participating in the events of both organizations.

PPAG welcomes artists working in all media and artists of all abilities. They have every level artist from beginners to internationally known professionals and everything in between.

Linda Barron has been painting for three years. She and her husband moved to Pecan in February of 2021, one day before "the freeze."

Barron worried she wouldn't find the support she needed as a new artist. "I was concerned. I didn't know there was anything like this here. One day I was reading 'Columns' magazine and I saw something about the guild in the magazine. I thought, 'Oh Gosh! We have an art guild!'" Today Barron serves as treasurer of PPAG board.

One of the best things about PPAG to Barron is the camaraderie and the opportunity to learn from others, "Artists are an interesting group, so varied, but not critical. They do the best they can to help."





The guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the PAC. The meetings include a demonstration. Typically, the artist demonstrating offers a workshop that same afternoon. The amount of workshop seats varies according to the media being taught and teachers' needs.

Artists also enjoy socializing at the monthly social event at the Fire Department Auxiliary meeting room where members meet from 1-4 pm on the last Thursday of the month. The artists bring their work and snacks and they visit as they work.

There are special events for guild members throughout the year including an art show, a Christmas party, a lunch club and the much heralded PPAG Gallery Night.

Cheryl Moore chaired the PPAG Gallery Night for years. Moore shared, "Pecan residents and other art lovers from all over turn out enthusiastically for our art events, and we have gathered many followers. Gallery Night is now one of the most eagerly awaited annual events in Pecan."

PPAG Gallery Night allows residents and visitors to the neighborhood to see the elegant homes of hosts while they view the art selection of several artists that are featured at each location.

This year's PPAG Christmas party will include a painting of a tree and each artist will be encouraged to paint an ornament.

A favorite event for Barron was the art swap. Artists brought pieces they thought had failed. Another artist picked up the piece and worked on them for an hour, the new artist who selected the piece could take the piece home and make it their own.

Barron was delighted when the artist who chose her work brought Barron's work back with the additions and gifted it back to her. Proof to artists that no work is ever a failure. It's that kind of encouraging and collaborative attitude that made Barron feel welcome.

PPAG encourages new membership. Barron offers, "Art in any form is welcome at PPAG, we have jewelry, massive rugs, wood inlay. Many forms of art are shown, not just paintings. So many things to see and to learn about. Come see where you fit. Someone does what you do."



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ART MATTERS

By Linda Barron

The PPAG Gallery Night was a great success. Thank you to all of you who attended! All enjoyed the tour, wine, and food at our five featured homes.

July Artist of the Month was Lana Robinson and August artist of the Month was Linda Christiansen. Their art is on display near the Brazos Room at the club. Please come by and see their work and work of some of our other artists.



Lana Robinson



Linda Christiansen



The September Demo and Workshop was The Value of Color With Beth Eschbach. This was a well attended demo and workshop. We all learned from this talented artist! Thank you Beth.



The October Demo and workshop will be by Fort Worth Artist Brooke Lynn Wiebe. Her work focuses on acrylic paints using up-cycled canvases, exaggerated stylized, retro themes with a southwestern modern take.

Please access the

QR code on this page for more information and to register for the event.

Pam Carriker was the winner of the 9 square painting raffled off at Fine Art Fair held at Pecan Plantation Country Club in July. The next Fine Arts Fair will be in March 2024.



Barbara Brown and Pam Carriker

The November meeting of the PPAG will include an art auction. Auction will be open to club members from 10 to 11 a.m. and open to Pecan Plantation residents from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Raffle prizes and art supplies will be plentiful. Please come and join us Oct. 10 at the PAC.

Don't forget The Makers Open Studio is open to all of Pecan Makers the 4th Tue of each month We meet at the EMS/AUX building. No Fee, just bring your project and supplies to work on, come have fun and camaraderie.

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!





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BREAKFAST CLUB

We had a large crowd on hand to hear Dr. Scott Myers talk about sculpting. Scott is an awarding sculptor and artist, besides being a practicing veterinarian. We all learned a great deal. My concept of how sculpting was accomplished was completely wrong! It is an amazing and very time-consuming process.

Sept. 13 brought our General Manager, Rick Lantgen to Breakfast Club. Rick just celebrated his first year at Pecan Plantation and we felt it was an appropriate time to hear from him. He discussed his accomplishments and spoke of his goals and vision for Pecan Plantation which is especially relevant given the continuing growth of our community. We dedicated a substantial portion of Rick's time with the Club to an informative question and answer session with the members. A lot of great questions were posed to Rick, and he responded with informative, honest answers.

Sept. 27 brought another great speaker to Breakfast Club. Our special guest was Martha Headrick. Mrs. Headrick is the program director for Air Evac Lifeteam. Air Evac Lifeteam is the



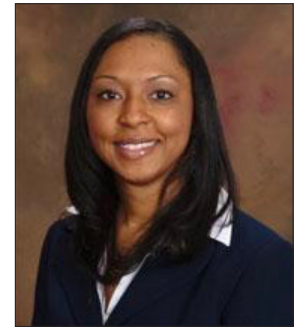
Martha Headrick, Director of Air Evac Lifeteam Program was the special guest for the Sept. 27 meeting.

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In October we will hear from some of our Pecan residents. On Oct 11, Dewey and Janet Powers will be discussing bird photography and sharing some of their amazing photographs from around Pecan Plantation. If you love our Pecan wildlife, you'll want to attend this presentation.

On Oct. 25 estate planning and probate attorneys, Tawana Gray and Corey Weeks, will discuss with



Tawana Gray



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Breakfast Club members the importance of proper estate planning. The team's goal is to simplify this important process and to even avoid the probate process all together. Certainly, some useful information that we all need to understand. Even if you've heard this information before, it is likely time for a review.

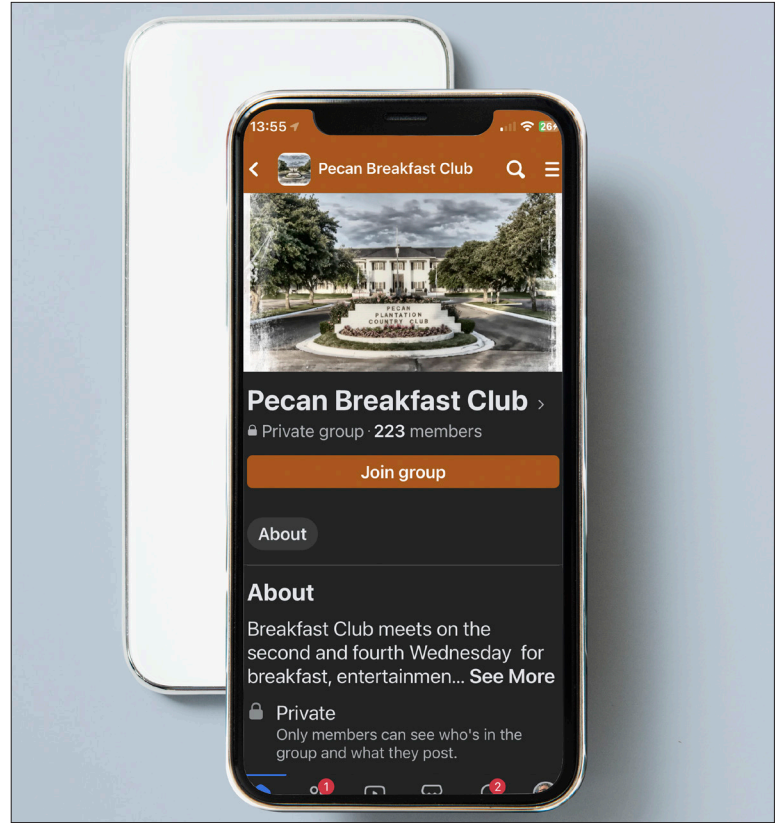
Nov. 8 will be our annual Veteran's Day event. Mark your calendar for this important event. In observance of Thanksgiving, Breakfast Club will not meet on Nov. 22.

On Dec. 13, we will enjoy a performance of Christmas music from the North Central Texas Academy Chorus! We will not be meeting on Dec. 27 to give everybody time to spend with their family.

We're always looking for interesting speakers for Breakfast Club. If you have an idea for a great speaker, please let us hear about them at pecanbreakfast@gmail.com.

Don't forget to check our Facebook page at Pecan Breakfast Club for the latest breakfast menu. Our menu changes often. Please support our food and beverage operations. Please place your breakfast order in advance by calling the front desk at 817-573-2641 no later than noon on the Tuesday before our meeting. Your support is vitally important to the success of Breakfast Club.

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- Thanks (once again) to our dedicated PPTA volunteers for serving up the world-famous PPTA sno'cones and popcorn during the Labor Day Street Dance. Our army of tireless workers always deliver!
- Our Fall USTA league program is in full swing (all home matches are on Saturdays. Good luck to all our players!
- Ach du Lieber! It's time for the PPTA Oktoberfest playday (Friday Oct 13- 6 p.m.). Gather up your Lederhosen and dirndls, practice your yodeling, and join the PPTA for some Bavarian fun. Prost!
- Congratulations to the ageless Bob Caprielian, who was the overwhelming winner of our 90 + Men's Club Championship!

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PECAN PLANTATION TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Greetings tennis socialites!

Hopefully, we had enough volunteers for the street dance on Labor Day, even though management was two for three on changing street dance dates at the last minute, well, month! It's time now to reap the fruits of our labors, well, maybe one more volunteer event. We are hoping for a few volunteers for an easy aluminum can harvest at a spartan race starting Oct. 21. All we have to do is tie off the bags of cans, and put in a collection place while runners stay hydrated. Watch your emails for more.

Now for the repage! Friday the 13th in October is "tube steak" nite. We will be grilling all forms of hot dogs and sausages AND taking a vote for a Christmas party on Dec. 2! Tentatively, we need a 2/3 approval vote to exceed this \$1000 bylaw limit. More to follow from VPs randy and Dee!

So, finally after a long hot summer it's time for more parties than volunteer events! Leagues should be starting back up as well.

So, for the rest of this calendar year, let's keep the CANS RECYCLING and the fluids/ parties flowing!

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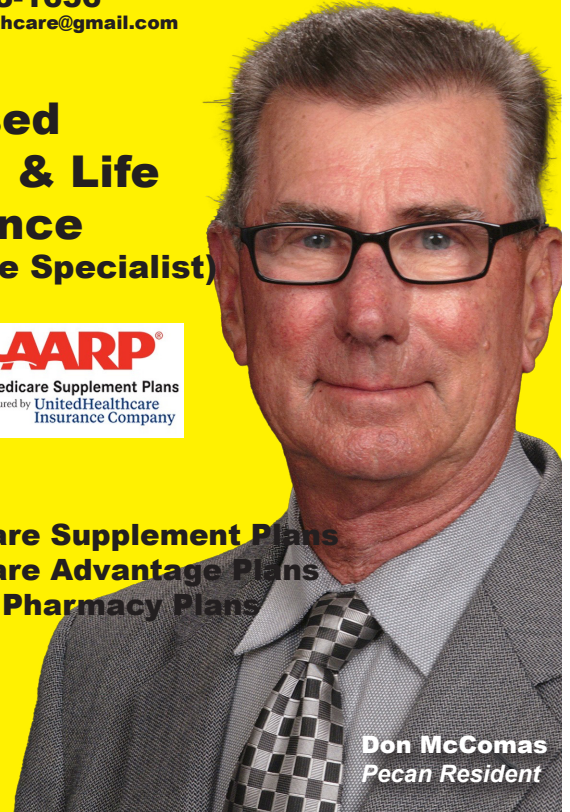
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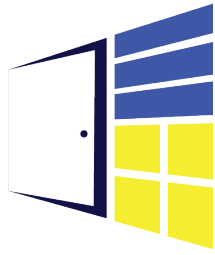
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RV CLUB NEWS

By David Kroon

Our Fall Mini Rally was Sept. 17-20 at the Shady Campground in Pecan. Several of our members set up their RV's and stayed in the park, and many other members joined us for the festivities going to and from their nearby homes. We enjoyed live music in the Pavilion Sunday night, followed with a Monday morning trip to the nearby Air gun range for some target shooting. A hot dog lunch and an evening social hour and Pot Luck dinner capped off a fine day.

Tuesday, our golfers hit the links and non-golfers made a trip to the beautiful Ft. Worth Botanic Garden. Our evening was a nice Italian meal followed by entertainment consisting of musical bingo. Wednesday members shared some of their breakfast specialties and packed up to depart.

Our Fall Rally Oct. 15-20 is out of town in Stonewall, TX. and approximately 25 rigs will be attending. In November, our meeting will be in the hangar home of one of our members, and we will close out the year with our annual Christmas party at the Pecan Plantation Club on Dec. 12.

I've included some pictures of the origami sculptures members enjoyed at the Ft. Worth Botanic Garden. These sculptures are there until February 2024.

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



PETE THE PEACOCK

By Mary Lou Wood

WILDLIFE FOCUS

A REMBRANCE OF PETE, THE PEACOCK

On Oct 26, 2019, Pete was run over and killed by a speeding red vehicle.

Pete is thought to have been blown into Pecan from a nearby farm with peacocks, by a storm in May of 2013. Rumor is two peahens, and a second male were blown in as well.

Then there were reports of peacocks roaming the Pecan neighborhoods. The questions were: how do we handle peacocks; is anyone looking for them? No answers. After a while, all but one had moved on; a male seemed to want to stay.

It became a daily ritual to report on this bird's whereabouts. Peacocks can be a nuisance and noisy. Some said that this "gift" of a peacock was akin to Noah's rainbow. The name "Pete" was bestowed on this magnificent bird and Pecan had a symbolic mascot.

Peacocks mature by age 3. Given that, Pete could have been close to ten years of age when he was tragically taken in October 2019.

PEACOCK FACTS

- Only the males are "peacocks." The collective term is "peafowl." The females are "peahens." A family of peafowls is called a "bevy." A group of the birds is called "ostentation", a "muster", or a "party."
- The male peacock start growing their long train about age three. The Peacocks shed their train every year. The average lifespan in the wild is 20 years.
- A peacock's tail feathers can reach up to 6' long and make up 60% of its body length. Despite these odd proportions, the bird can fly but not very far.
- Their feathers are covered in tiny crystal-like structures reflecting different wavelengths of light resulting in bright fluorescent colors.
- Peacocks have a harem of 2-5 females. A peahen usually lays only one cluster a year. A peahen sits on her 3-12 eggs for about 30 days. The peachicks fly within two weeks and stay with their mother for 9 weeks. The peahen does all the work of raising them.
- The peacock feeds on mainly grain. They will consume fruits, seeds, plants, petals, small reptiles and amphibians. Pete liked peanuts.

A 2020 Wildlife Focus Article featured Pecan interaction-with-Pete treasured resident memories of and with Pete.

A memorial statue of Pete, sponsored by the Wildlife Committee, is placed on the Wildlife Trail behind the clubhouse.

A beautiful icon is still missed. Happy Trails Pete.

Article sourced from a 2020 Wildlife Focus Article.

Photos graciously shared by resident photographer Karen Gomez.



RECYCLING

Residents of Pecan Plantation have three collection points for recycling.

Visit the Collection station at 6907 Cottage Court, off Ravenswood near the Stables.

- 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
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SECURITY ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY and AUGUST 2023

07/02 Security assisted Hood County Sheriff's Deputies with an assault reported at the Clubhouse. The alleged suspect had left the scene, however, was located by a security patrol officer on the property. The Security Officer contacted responding Sheriff's Deputies and the suspect was arrested by HCSO Deputies and transported.

07/27 Security received reports of a road rage incident on Monticello involving an individual who allegedly stopped traffic, produced a handgun and pointed the weapon at contractors yelling disparaging remarks. The suspect left the scene and there were witnesses. The Hood County Sheriff's Department was contacted and a possible suspect was identified through a review of surveillance footage and partial license plate information provided by the victims. An arrest was made by HCSO and the Security Department followed up for violations of PPOA Rules and Regulations.

08/07 A Security Officer responded to a single-vehicle accident near 9300 Monticello. Upon arrival, Pecan EMS and Pecan Fire Department were on location. The vehicle was traveling Southbound when leaving the roadway and striking a utility box and tree. The Security Officer maintained traffic control and the driver of the vehicle went home.

08/20 A Security Officer responded to a report of an aircraft crash on the aircraft runway near Airpark. The Security Officer found the aircraft was a gyrocopter and was off the runway with Pecan Fire Department and Pecan EMS on the location. At the time of the report, there was no known cause. The pilot was transported by Pecan EMS.

08/21 A Gate Attendant at the Security Gate near Fall Creek stopped an unauthorized guest from coming into the property to an address in which there was an ongoing domestic issue. The Hood County Sheriff's Department was contacted, and upon the Deputy's arrival, the unauthorized guests left the property.

08/26 A member reported an item placed in their mailbox from an individual involved in an ongoing dispute. The item was provided to the Security Officer by the complainant for disposal and the Hood County Sheriff's Department was contacted concerning the issue. A report was filed with law enforcement.



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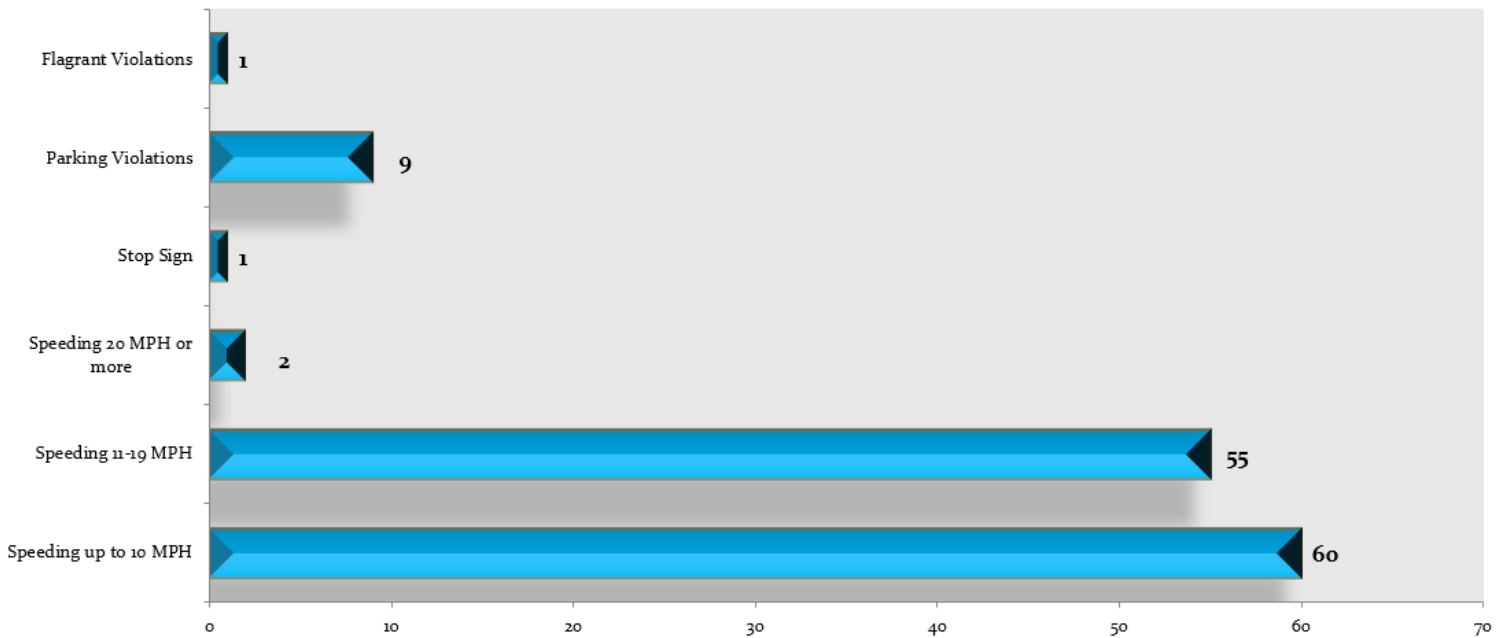
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Flagrant Violations	1
Total Warnings Among Citations	10

Areas of Citations Issued

Bellechase - 2	Plantation - 51
Cherokee - 1	Weatherby - 1
Claremont - 3	West Wedgefield - 15
Falls Beach - 1	Wedgefield - 34
Monticello - 7	Westover - 6
Orchard - 5	Woodlawn - 1
PAC Facility - 1	

Breakdown by Violator Type

Member/ Guest - 111
Contractor/ Vendor - 17

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CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT

	Actual YTD	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 7,804,068	\$ 7,652,141	\$ 151,927
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>\$ (1,166,524)</u>	<u>\$ (1,107,514)</u>	<u>\$ (59,010)</u>
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 6,637,544	\$ 6,544,627	\$ 92,917
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (4,150,323)	\$ (4,227,341)	\$ 77,018
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (2,231,163)	\$ (2,238,613)	\$ 7,450
Net Operating Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation	<u>\$ 256,058</u>	<u>\$ 78,673</u>	<u>\$ 177,385</u>

RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,137,880	\$ 3,137,880
Fund Deposits	\$ 926,323	\$ 1,228,578
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (642,106)</u>	<u>\$ (2,170,458)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 3,422,097</u>	<u>\$ 2,196,000</u>

NEW CAPITAL FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 207,162	\$ 207,162
Fund Deposits	\$ 833,162	\$ 1,001,750
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (53,630)</u>	<u>\$ (53,630)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 986,694</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,282</u>

ROAD & DRAINAGE FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,347,968	\$ 1,347,968
Fund Deposits	\$ 1,312,826	\$ 1,749,544
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,295,583)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 2,660,794</u>	<u>\$ 801,929</u>



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A LOOK AT THE OLDEST HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

As with many celebrations, Halloween is steeped in traditions - many of which can be traced back quite some time. Since Halloween is believed to have originated from Celtic pagan, ancient Roman and early Christian events, its traditions are varied. The following is a deep look at some old traditions associated with Halloween.

BONFIRES

Historians trace many traditions of Halloween to a Celtic holiday known as Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts lived 2,000 years ago in parts of what is now Northern France, Great Britain and Ireland.

During Samhain, people believed that the door between the worlds of the living and the dead was blurred. On Samhain, Celts believed the ghosts of the dead returned. Also, Druids made predictions about the future at this time of year. It was customary to build large, sacred bonfires and burn crops and other sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

While large bonfires are not typically part of Halloween celebrations today, revelers can light fire pits in their yards that are reminiscent of ancient celebrations.

TRICK-OR-TREATING

Christianity spread throughout Celtic regions and blended with other rituals. Pope Gregory III expanded on a holiday Pope Boniface IV established to honor Christian martyrs to include all saints and martyrs. All Saints Day on November 1 commemorates the venerable saints, and All Souls Day on Nov. 2 celebrates loved ones who went on to eternal rest. All-Hallows Eve (Halloween) was a time to pay homage to the dead. Poor children would go door to door in more affluent neighborhoods offering to say prayers for residents' deceased loved ones in exchange for some food or money. This was

known as "souling," which became the basis for trick-or-treating. Later the tradition became known as "guising" in areas of Scotland, where children would go around in costumes.

WITCHES

Images of witches riding broomsticks are everywhere come Halloween, and witch costumes remain a standard. Almanac.com indicates that, during the Middle Ages, women who practiced divination were dubbed "witches," from the Anglo-Saxon word "wicce," or "wise one." It was believed the witches could go into a trancelike state, and would do so in front of their fireplaces. Superstitious people believed the witches could fly out of their chimneys on broomsticks and terrorize others with magical deeds.

BOBBING FOR APPLES

Bobbing for apples is not quite as popular as it once was, as more people have become concerned about spreading germs. During the Roman festival for Pomona, which occurred around November 1, Pomona, the goddess of fruit and orchards, was celebrated. Romans believed the first person to catch a bobbing apple with his or her teeth would be the first to marry. It also was believed apple peels contained the secrets to true love.

CARVING PUMPKINS

Removing the insides of pumpkins and carving them into funny or fearsome faces may be messy work, but it's tradition on Halloween. Turnips were the material of choice in ancient Ireland, but were replaced by pumpkins when immigrants came to America. The "lanterns" were made with scary faces and lit to frighten away spirits.

Halloween is full of traditions, many of which have lengthy histories.

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HALLOWEEN COSTUMES FOR 2023

Costumes and candy are synonymous with Halloween. Individuals may spend weeks or months trying to come up with the perfect costumes for their trick-or-treating excursions or Halloween parties. Many children and adults also enjoy costume themes, in which they dress up to coordinate with others in their group.

There is always a steady selection of classic costumes that appeal to Halloween revelers, including vampires, cats, witches, and pirates. But one only need look to pop culture to come up with costumes unique to a particular year or era. The following are some costume ideas that figure to be wildly popular in 2023.

BARBIE®

Due to the release of the mid-summer motion picture "Barbie," starring Margot Robbie as the titular character and Ryan Gosling as "Ken," there are bound to be many pink-clad trick-or-treaters traveling through neighborhoods this fall. Barbie always has had an impressive wardrobe, so fans of the film can dress up in any of her signature looks.

ARIEL

Disney has reinvented many of its popular animated classics into live-action retellings, and "The Little Mermaid" took its turn this year. Life is more fun under the sea, so costumes for Ariel the mermaid and her underwater friends and foes figure to be popular.

CREED

Rocky's boxing spin-off series "Creed" gave fans its latest installment with "Creed III" in 2023. The boxing champ dons all-white or all-red color schemes in this movie, and fans may want to emulate that in their costumes.

GERALT OF RIVIA

"The Witcher" fandom is widespread, and viewers were treated to another season of the Netflix series this summer. This is the final season with Henry Cavill in the titular

role (Liam Hemsworth is reportedly set to take over), so fans may be inspired to dress the part for Halloween this year.

JIGSAW

"Saw X" will be released on Oct. 27, and the Jigsaw Killer might be a choice for those looking to instill fear around the neighborhood.

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS

Fans took to the inspiring new Addams Family spinoff that explores life through Wednesday's eyes. With her signature black frocks and pigtails, it doesn't take much to look like this macabre teen.

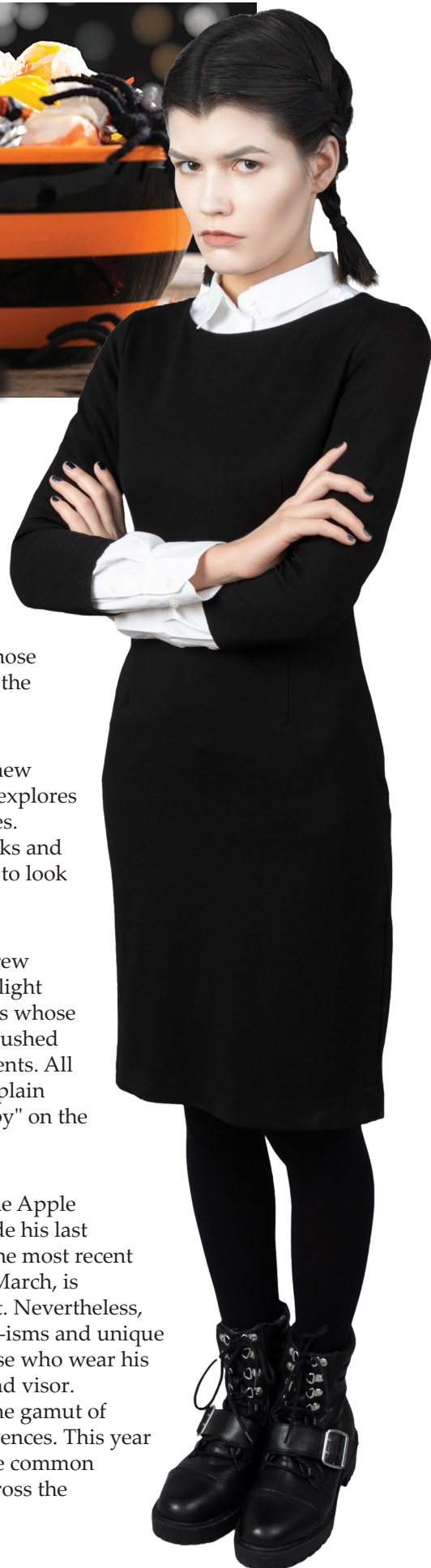
NEPO BABY

The phrase "Nepo Baby" grew wings this year with the spotlight placed on many celebrity kids whose rise to fame may have been pushed along by their successful parents. All it takes is a pair of jeans and plain white T-shirt with "Nepo Baby" on the front to pull off this look.

TED LASSO

The main character from the Apple TV series potentially has made his last appearance on the pitch, as the most recent season, which premiered in March, is rumored to be the show's last. Nevertheless, Lasso's goofy, down-to-earth-isms and unique look will live on through those who wear his signature mustache, jacket and visor.

Halloween costumes run the gamut of classics and pop culture references. This year people are bound to see some common threads in neighborhoods across the country.



DECORATING HOMES FOR HALLOWEEN

Drive through a suburban neighborhood in October and it's likely you will find yards filled with inflatable witches, animatronic grim reapers and makeshift graveyards bearing witty sayings on tombstone and bony hands reaching out from the soil. Decorating for Halloween has become big business, with consumers spending a collective \$10.6 billion in this category in the United States in 2022, according to a survey conducted by Prosper Insights & Analytics and the National Retail Federation. In fact, decorations, particularly outdoor decorations, were the second most popular way to celebrate Halloween (candy still reigns supreme).

According to research by LombardoHome.com, which looked at Google searches across the country, Las Vegas, Denver, Baltimore, Portland, Oregon, and Seattle were the top five states that searched the most for Halloween decorations on average per capita. Carved pumpkins, skeletons and witch cauldrons topped the list of preferred Halloween decorations in America.

Halloween is an opportunity to pull out all the stops for this fun fall celebration. The following tips can help to turn any home into a Halloween haunt to remember.

DECIDE ON A THEME

Most people fall into one of two camps when decorating for Halloween. There are those who want their homes to be frightening and full of horrific details, and others who prefer more of a fall harvest look. Identify your preferences and then gather decorative items accordingly.

SHOP EARLY/LATE

Ideally, the best time to buy Halloween decorations is the day after the holiday when prices get slashed (pun intended). This is the time to stock up on items for next year. You can save anywhere from 50 to 70 percent when buying late in the season. For those who need new items for this year's Halloween, close-out retailers like HomeGoods and TJ Maxx start putting out Halloween products in the middle of summer. Stock up as soon as you see items, as they're not likely to remain on shelves for long. By the time October rolls around, decorations may be gone.

SUBTLE TOUCHES CAN WORK

Though some people just love covering every square foot of a property with all things Halloween, it's also possible to make a big impact with minimal effort. Lighting, or lack thereof, can create a spooky atmosphere. Swap existing porch lights with yellow or even black lights so everything

glows. Candles flickering can add mystery. Place some battery-powered or electric candles in windows for an eerie feel. Swap out your typical curtains with purple or black ones to drape the house in even more spooky appeal.

WAIT ON THE CARVED PUMPKINS

Halloween seldom is complete without jack-o'-lanterns. But pumpkins often begin to degrade shortly after they're first carved. Use artificial pumpkins if you plan to decorate early; otherwise, wait until a day or two before Halloween to add freshly carved pumpkins to the Halloween scape. Children can come up with the design, but ensure only adults cut into the pumpkins.

Homeowners can quickly and easily transform their homes into spooky haunts this Halloween.





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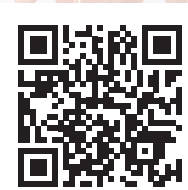
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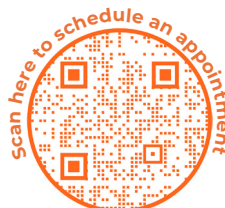


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As I am writing this article, we are having one of the few days under 100 we have had in a long time. Fall is surely coming soon. September is always a busy month with many organizations getting back to regular meetings and activities. The Entertainment Committee is working hard planning and making decorations for upcoming events.

Our biggest event in October is "Around the World in Pecan". This wonderful event will be an evening of entertainment, food, and drinks from all over the world. We will utilize the entire club and have different countries represented in different rooms. There will be areas for Barbeque, Caribbean, Oktoberfest, Italian, Cajun, Mexican. For one price you will be given a wrist band and you will be able to move from room to room and try all the different foods and drinks from all over. Or, if one suits you better, you can stay in one area. Each area will be decorated to represent the type of food and drink served in that area. It will take a lot of time and effort for the Entertainment Committee and staff to get everything ready. But we started working on the plans as early as August. So be sure to put Oct. 14 on your calendar. Reservations will be required but since we are using all the rooms in the club and even the golf pavilion and pool area, we will have room for lots of people to attend. See you there!

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

Address	Sq/Ft Living Area	Owner	Builder
3008 Hazlewood Rd	2413	Al Couto	Al Couto
1113 Tremont Ln	2513	Al Couto	Al Couto
1136 Tremont Ln	2532	Daniel Dunn	Donny Couto
2721 Village Road	2904	Michael Plumlee	Michael Plumlee
2405 Candlestick Dr	2324	Buddy Shanks	Chris Thomas

COMPLIANCE CORNER

During August 2023, the Compliance Office received 76 calls and 29 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 12 calls and eight emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 551 calls and 74 emails requesting ACC, plat/lot, rules, C&R or construction information.

HOME SALE NOTE

Upon the sale or transfer of home ownership by any other means, Section-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 of the property to identify any existing issue that may require corrective action.



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Kids and adults alike cry out "trick or treat" at each house they visit. Many utter this familiar phrase without a second thought and may have no idea how this familiar custom came to be.

During the Middle Ages, less fortunate individuals would go "souling," which was a process of going door-to-door

asking for food on Nov. 1 in return for saying prayers for the deceased on All Souls Day on Nov. 2.

Many centuries later, the tradition of "guising" began in Scotland around the same time of year. People began wearing masks and costumes to disguise themselves and prevent evil spirits from harming them. Spirits were thought

to cross over more readily around Halloween. The custom also was called "mumming" and was celebrated in nearby England and Ireland as well.

Costumes were eventually accompanied by hijinks. Mischief makers would sing a rhyme, do a card trick or tell a story in exchange for a treat. If that treat wasn't presented, a "trick" could be played. For 19th century children, tricks included jamming hot cabbage into a keyhole to stink up a house or frightening passersby.

History.com indicates that when European immigrants arrived in America, they didn't give up their annual mischief or requests for treats, and the custom spread throughout the early 20th century in the United States.

While the practice of begging for treats in some shape or form went by many names, Merriam-Webster reports that a newspaper in Saskatchewan, Canada first mentioned the words "treat" and "trick" together in print. A 1923 article indicated, "Hallowe'en passed off very quietly here. 'Treats' not 'tricks' were the order of the evening." By 1927, more and more children were uttering "tricks or treats" to solicit candy from their neighbors.

Trick-or-treating gained steam throughout the 1950s, with endorsements by major candy companies. The custom also was showcased in popular comic strips.

Even though there are tricks to be made on Halloween, treats are the real draw of the day.



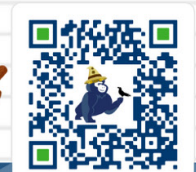
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- Oct. 10** PPAG Art Demo and Workshop by Brooke Lynn Wiebe See QR code to sign up
- Oct. 18** Punks Luncheon at the Bistro at 11:30 a.m.
- Oct. 24** PPAG open Studio at the EMS auxiliary 1-4 p.m.
- Nov. 14** PPAG art auction open to all Pecan residents from 11:30-12:30

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- Contact Ron Liddell, ronliddell@gmail.com.
Meeting, Clubhouse Terrace Room, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 11** Dewey & Janet Powers, Wildlife Photography
- Oct. 25** Tawana Gray & Corey Weeks, Estate Planning
- Nov. 8** Veterans Day Event

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

- Oct. 14** Around the World in Pecan (see pg. 60)

GENEALOGY

- Contact Kay, 682-459-5718
- Oct. 17** Carol Benson, 10 a.m. EMS Training Room

PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

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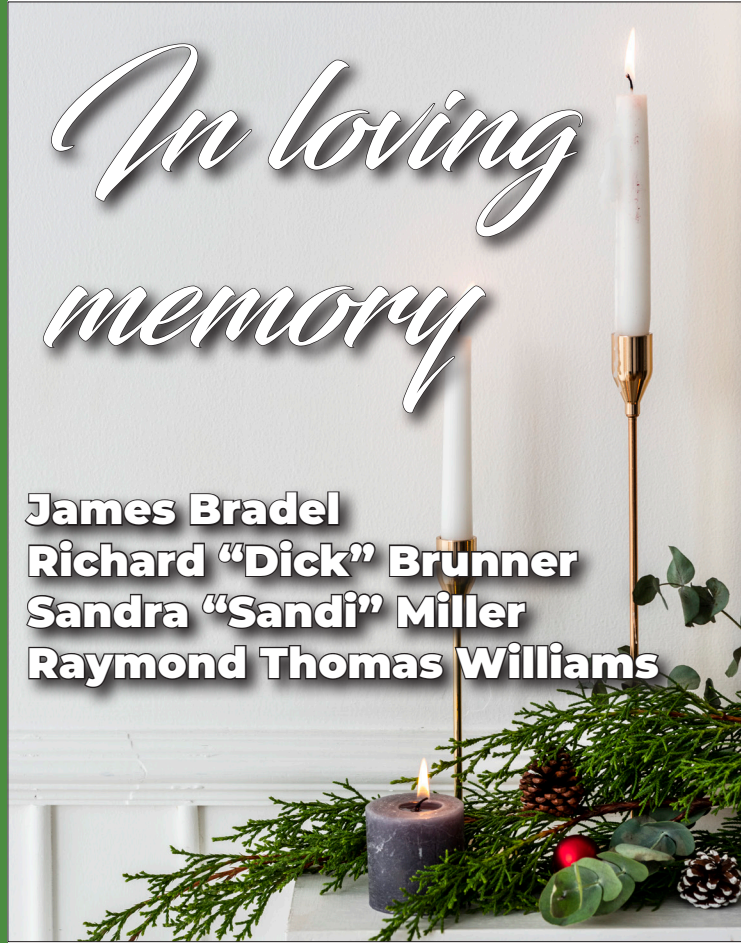
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