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**BOD Meeting:**  
**Dec. 11, 2023, 6 p.m.**

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



## COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

Committee	Frequency/Day	Time	Location
Airport	2nd Thursday	8 a.m.	Planeview Park Pavillion (weather permitting)
Appeals	2nd Tuesday	10 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
ACC	1st and 3rd Thursdays	2 p.m.	S&S Conference Room
Bylaws	2nd Monday	1 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Communications	2nd Monday	10 a.m.	CH Conference Room
Entertainment	1st Wednesday	2 p.m.	CH Conference Room
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Horse Owners	Sept. 19	4 p.m.	CH Conference Room
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
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Wildlife	2nd Friday	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room

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### NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 4  
Tuesday, November 21

### DECEMBER

Saturday, December 2  
Tuesday, December 19

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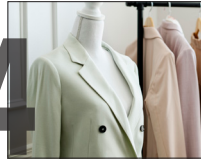


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## CONTRIBUTORS



Darren Clark

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



Karen Gomez

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

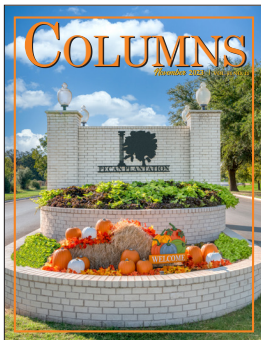


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## ON THE COVER



### A PLEASANT GREETING

The Green Thumb Garden Club prepares the entrances and traffic circles of Pecan Plantation for the fall season. This is just part of what makes Pecan Plantation a great place to live.

*Photo by Karen Gomez*

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# TOYS FOR TOTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Christmas is just around the corner— That means it's time for our annual Toys For Tots Golf Tournament/Fundraiser! Each year, Pecan Plantation goes above and beyond to support this wonderful cause!

There is a bright red Toys For Tots donation box in the Pecan Plantation Golf ProShop. As with the last three years, we are trying to raise lots of money (via checks) instead of buying toys, which allows the Toys For Tots organization to use their own buying power at Walmart, Toys R Us, etc. in order to purchase twice the amount of gifts than what each of us could buy individually. Plus, this also provides Toys For Tots with the flexibility to buy the toys, clothes, etc. for specific ages as needed.

Let's use this opportunity to make this Christmas the biggest and best ever for as many local children as possible!

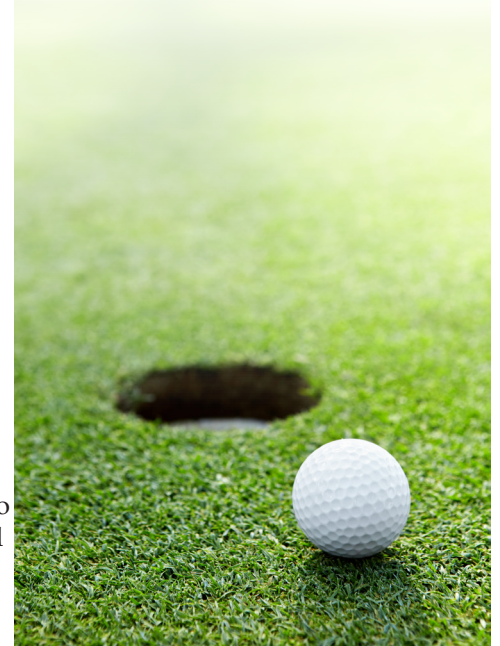
Also, be sure to sign up for the four-person pick-your-own-team Toys For Tots Golf Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 2. It's always a lot of fun! The start time

is 9:00 a.m. and it's a scramble format. The cost to play is \$50 per person (just be sure to make the check out to Toys For Tots) and you can sign up on the ForeTees app. You must sign up no later than Friday, Dec. 1 to join and donate to the cause. So don't forget to mark your calendars!

Tournament players will also be able to enjoy an on-site raffle with the chance to win a golf bag or a driver (donated by the MGA)! Raffle tickets are \$5 each or you can get a bundle of five tickets for \$20, which you can purchase the day of the tournament on Dec. 2. As always, all proceeds will go directly to our local Toys For Tots.

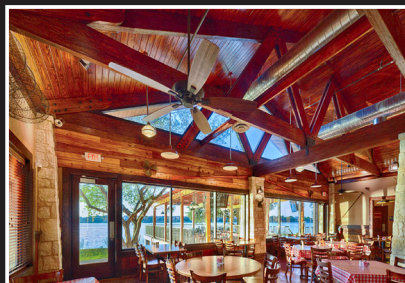
If you are unable to participate in the golf tournament, please stop by the Pecan ProShop and drop off your check in the Toys For Tots red donation box. Hopefully, our community will be able to surpass last year's donation goal if we all work together!

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Steve Perry

I hope this message finds you all in good health and excited as we approach the holiday season.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated members of our board of directors. Their strong commitment and tireless efforts during my absence have been exemplary and I am truly appreciative of the excellent work they have done.

I would like to commend our Treasurer, Robert Taber Jr., for his meticulous financial presentation given at the September meeting. Bob, with the help of our controller, Kristi Nickel, provided our community with a clear and transparent view of financial health. As an organization, we are on a very solid financial footing, and with the continued support of our staff and membership, we will carry on to reach

our financial goals, despite economic downturns.

To our Vice President Nate Carricker, I extend my sincere gratitude for stepping up and efficiently running meetings in my absence. Your ability to keep our discussions on track and maintain the collaborative spirit of our group is commendable. And your efforts have helped us stay organized and focused on shared goals for the community.

In closing, as Thanksgiving approaches, I realize how blessed we all are to live in this incredible community. It is an honor to serve, and may the holiday season bring us all peace, happiness, and a sense of unity as we continue working together to make our community a wonderful place to call home.



PPOA President Steve Perry

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# From the desk of Rick Lantgen

## GENERAL MANAGER

November is here, and as our association's new fiscal year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments and share some exciting news about the state of our organization.

First and foremost, I am pleased to report that our finances are on solid ground. Thanks to the diligent efforts of our staff, the Finance Committee, and the board, we have successfully navigated the challenges of the past year. Despite unforeseen circumstances and economic uncertainties, we have maintained a strong financial position that allows us to continue providing essential services and amenities to our community.

Our financial stability is a testament to the dedication and collaboration of our members. Your timely payment of dues and contributions

to special projects have played a pivotal role in ensuring our fiscal health. It's heartening to see the collective commitment to preserving and enhancing our community's quality of life.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting initiatives in store for FY 2024.

As we enter this new fiscal year – as well as the holiday season – I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and involvement. Together, we have built a strong and thriving community, and I have no doubt that we will continue to prosper in the years ahead.

And as the calendar year heads towards its close and we roll into the holiday season, I hope you all a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments.



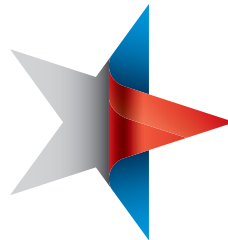
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11/11 LOW GROSS/ LOW NET (FOUR CLUB MAX) PSST

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What a summer! I think I can safely say everyone is ready for fall weather! (rain would be nice too).

With all the LGA tournaments over, it's time to look to the future of LGA. Hopefully, we will have nominations for a new board for 2024 and new committee chairs. It takes an awful lot of ladies to fill the positions, but that's a good thing. The more people who are involved, the more we get new ideas and we are able to spread the responsibility of each position. Those of us who have worked hard this year to make it so successful are happy to share the experiences we have had this year and make 2024 another successful year. Voting will take place Nov. 14 during our last official meeting for 2023. We will also be voting on the changes to our bylaws as described last meeting. I hope to see you all there after our regular play day.

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# At Your Service

By John Ingram III  
USPTA Master Professional



**"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues."  
~Cicero**

- "Danke schoen" to all who came to our PPTA Oktoberfest playday last month. It was an enjoyable evening of tennis fun and gemutlichkeit!
- Junior tennis is now in full swing Wednesdays at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Come join the fun. Note: no class on Wednesday, Nov. 22.
- Calling all current (and former) tennis players: if you want to get back into the game, we have groups of players at all levels (all managed by our excellent group of "court captains"). Contact John Ingram for further information.
- Heads up! PPTA will host a festive holiday dinner at the Clubhouse on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. RSVP now to PPTA — it will be a great way to bring in the holiday season!



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But, getting back to earth, let's talk about current events. Hopefully the members who attended our Friday the 13th Oktoberfest playday voted in favor of the Dec. 2 Christmas party. If so, each member is allowed to bring one guest to this \$40-per-plate event with the only price of admission being a Toys for Tots donation. Talk about a return on your annual dues!

Volunteerism at can recycling and our street dance booth continues to be handled by a select few. If you have a spare hour once in a while to donate, please contact one of our board members so we can see if there is something of interest you might like to do to pitch in.

Besides giving back in the form of social functions like playdays, your board has initiated discussions on starting a scholarship fund. Other suggestions?

By the way, serious kudos and thanks to Gary Lundberg for donating a smoked brisket to the Oktoberfest playday.

Another great return for each member who brought a can of food for our canned food drive to the play day. Stay involved, stay active, and keep the suggestions and emails coming. Speaking of involved, note the picture included here of our tennis pro, 'Sir John' Ingram, with his new girlfriend!



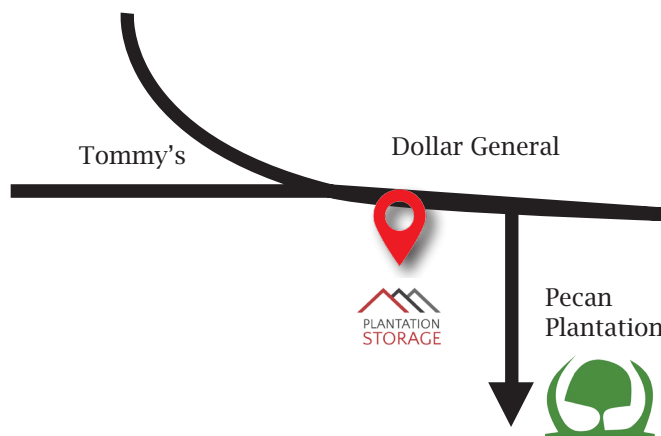
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# AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lana Robinson

The Auxiliary has had some great leaders to rally troops and volunteers who have stepped up to make 2023 a very successful year for fundraising. Some events, such as the golf tournament and Fall Bazaar, have required a lot more planning, organizational skills, and elbow grease. So many have done so much! Our outstanding volunteer firefighters and emergency responders have inspired everyone involved to go the extra mile. The Auxiliary invites every Pecan resident to come to a meeting to learn more about the Auxiliary's purpose and mission. We welcome your ideas, talents and willingness to help execute these important events that benefit our PPVFD/EMS.

## MEMORIAL BRICK PATIO

The PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary has launched a new program that will raise funds for our VFD/EMS departments while creating a space where people from Pecan Plantation and surrounding areas can pay tribute to their heroes by purchasing an engraved brick. These 4 x 8 bricks, which can honor a person or an achievement, will be laid at the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Memorial Brick Patio. Bricks will be custom engraved by a local business in Granbury and then set in the patio to be viewed by the residents of Pecan for years to come.

The current price for each brick is \$50. A logo may be added for an additional charge. Prices are scheduled to increase on Jan. 1, 2024. Now is a great time to honor your loved ones as the holidays approach. Order forms are available at Auxiliary meetings and at the EMS building during regular business hours. They can also be accessed online by going to the link provided on our PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary Facebook Page.

We envision the park to be somewhat like the Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park at 561 N. Travis St. in Granbury. Our hope is that this patio will be a place where people can go to reflect, pray, meditate, and even read.

We are pleased to say, a plaque to dedicate this area and officially name it was presented to the Board of Directors of the VFD, Fire Chief David Paxton and EMS Chief Brandl Stephenson on Oct. 28 at the First Responder Appreciation Dinner.

If you have any questions, please call Patty Eatmon at 951-970-5490 or Donna Bullis at 817-454-0422.

The next regular Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 6, at the EMS Meeting Room, 9518 Monticello Dr. Plan to come at 6 p.m. to join in a social time and potluck meal. Also, watch for an announcement regarding a boot drive that is in the works for November.

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## ACC REPORT

During September 2023, the ACC approved (four) New Residence Construction Permits, (eight) Miscellaneous Construction Permits, (two) Permit Extensions, and no Construction Revisions.

The ACC construction permit list currently contains 49 active permits for new homes under construction and 20 active miscellaneous permits for various other improvements. The following new homes were approved to begin construction during September 2023:

Address	Sq/Ft Living Area	Owner	Builder
3100 Hazelwood Rd.	1868	Kate Moore	John Moore
6653 Pinehurst Dr.	2997	Kenneth Dees	Kenneth Dees
2719 Village Rd.	3085	Michael Plumlee	Michael Plumlee
8201 W. Landings Rd.	3879	Noel Kersh	Danny Cuoto

## COMPLIANCE CORNER

During September 2023, the Compliance Office received 81 calls and 14 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 10 calls and five emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 609 calls and 72 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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#### Pilates

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

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Instructor: Shawn Farris (Please bring your own mat)

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

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

Cost: \$3/class

\*Bring hand weights & a mat if possible\*

#### Line Dancing - Free

Fridays (10:30 a.m. - noon) No Instruction.

Intermediate dancers meeting for practice, exercise, fun.

### HOLIDAY PAINT PARTY (AGES 5 - 14)

Saturday, Dec. 9

11 a.m. - noon

Cost: \$25 per child

Instructor: Heidi Easley

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Instruction to paint this reindeer!

Great gift idea. Register at the PAC. Space is limited.

### INDOOR PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY (IN GYM)

Mon through Fri: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(Thanksgiving week play ends at 11:30 a.m.)

\*Court # 3 is designed for beginner play from

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Ladies Only Open Play (in Gym)

Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (no play Nov 21)

#### Indoor Beginner Pickleball Clinics

Monday, Nov 13 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov 13 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Limit of 8 people - reservations made at PAC Reception

### DANCE CLASSES

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Ballet/Tap/Tumble Combo: (18 mo to 4 years)

3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Ballet/Tap/Jazz/Hip-Hop Combo: (ages 5 & up)

4:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$50/monthly

Instructor: Dance Dreams Instructors

\*Class size limited - sign up now!\*

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Class size is limited. Sign up at the PAC.

Contact Sue at 702-859-2017 for more information.

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### HOOD COUNTY LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE

Wednesday, Nov. 8 & Nov 22

3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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### ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, Nov. 7

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, Nov. 8

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

PAC Gymnasium

Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:

Pecanplantation to make an appointment.

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

### DODGEBALL AT THE PAC!!

Friday, Nov. 24

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

All ages welcome! Parents and kids invited to participate. Just show up and have some fun. We use no-sting dodgeballs!

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Dec. 3:

Pecan Paint Along with Kathy Yoders

Saturday, Dec. 3:

Santa at the Stables

Sunday, Dec. 10:

Brunch & Pics w/Santa @ Club

Sunday, Dec. 10:

Gingerbread House Event @ PAC

The PAC will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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# ART MATTERS

By Linda Barron

The Pecan Plantation Art Guild's Gallery Night was a great success. Thank you to all who attended! Special thanks go to the committee chaired by Barbara Brown and joined by Kathy Yoders, Pam McLean, and Cheryl Moore.

September Artist of the Month was Sue Bagwell. Her art is insightful and creative. Please come see her work at the clubhouse.

Have you noticed a difference in the dining areas of the clubhouse? Our Art Curator, Betsy Ferguson, is working with club management to showcase some of the wonderful artwork of Pecan Plantation Art Guild members. You will see some seasonal works and some of the best of our efforts to create a pleasing dining environment. Please take time to notice all the creative talent of this joint effort for all club patrons.

Please remember all the art work you see in the club and the PAC is produced by PPAG members. Are you a painter, pencil or pastel artist, or do you have a special skill with glass, wood, clay, jewelry or other medium? Come join us for our regular meetings and demonstrations on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the PAC. Share your creative skills with all of us!

Please use the QR code to access the newsletter and more information about PPAG.



Sue Bagwell



Betsy Ferguson



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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# BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

This is an exciting time of year as the annual gun season for deer and turkey hunting, for most of Texas, will open on Nov. 4. Several of our members will partake in the annual ritual of going to their lease to open the season. We wish them a successful hunting adventure.

Closer to home, I would like to remind our hunters and Pecan members that the state legislature changed some statutes this last session which restrict the discharge of bows and firearms within the rivers in Texas. There was an article in our Pecan Happenings earlier, before bow season that I am including here for your information as it does affect hunting along the Brazos River.

## NEW STATE CODE PROHIBITS SHOOTING IN RIVER

As hunting season begins, residents are reminded that an updated code put into place earlier this month by the state legislature prohibits the discharge of certain weapons in the Brazos riverbed. Doing so could incur fines from local game wardens.

The updated code prohibits the discharge of a firearm or the shooting of an arrow from, or into, the bed or bank of a navigable river or stream.

Exceptions to the code include:

- Shotguns discharging shot only
- Lawful alligator hunting activity

- Lawful bow fishing activity
- Adjacent landowners or their agents to take venomous snakes and non-indigenous rodents (nutria)

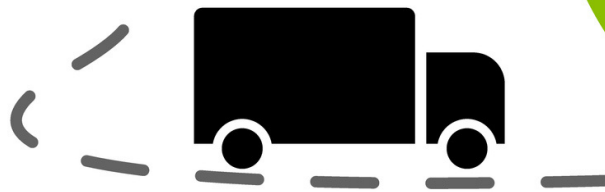
For more information, contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. You can also view the statute in the Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 1.014

Fishing is picking up with the cooler weather and the club had an outing last month to Comanche Peak Reservoir (formerly Squaw Peak Reservoir) to catch some catfish for our club catfish fry. The lake just recently opened again to fishing and it has been very good.

Our shotgun shooters continue to have outings a couple of times a month to shoot at Defenders Outdoors in Aledo and a group of our bird hunters have a hunt to a game preserve near Gainesville in early December, to hunt upland game. It is a busy time of year as our members are going out and enjoying the outdoors.

If you are going to be hunting or out on the lake to fish, be sure and be safe. If you have an interest in the club you can contact me at [ccald67@gmail.com](mailto:ccald67@gmail.com). We generally meet the second Thursday of each month.

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# GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

By Linda Kunzman Photos by: Karen Gomez

Hello Pecan,

It is important for all residents to know the Green Thumb Garden Club; what we do for our community and how we stay alive and well. We can only survive with more participation.

Established in 2005, we wanted to beautify the traffic circles to a "WOW" factor as people come and go. Volunteers started working and raising money; residents donated plants and we had several fundraisers annually. These two circle gardens, we believe, are assets of Pecan Plantation.

Now, 18 years later, we still have the desire to continue maintaining and improving this love project, however, because we can no longer handle some of the work, we need more funds to pay for help. We really need the younger generation to join and learn to take over eventually.

Please consider contributing \$25 annually through auto-bill on your PPOA account. This total amount from the community sets a working budget we can count on. You may also send a donation amount of your choice. We enjoy what we do, we just need more help. Beautifying the community is worth it! We love our "home, sweet home".

Thanks, we really appreciate you all! Please contact Carol Walker to receive a form to sign up for auto-bill. Her email is utmommy895@gmail.com or call her at 817-658-8299. Please mail checks to GTGC Treasurer, c/o Ken Kunzman, 6304 Keller Ct. Granbury, TX 76049.



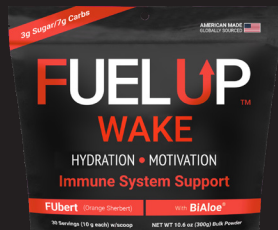


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**The Magic of** *Christmas*  
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Pecan Plantation Tour of Homes

By Eden Duncan Gilbreath



**N**ever is Pecan Plantation more festive than at Christmas time. Though always beautiful, the decor that appears from front gate to back heralds the season and seems to bring a special magic to the air. The source of this magic is the women of the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club (PPWC) whose hard work and funding provide this benefit to Pecan residents.

The decor is funded by the PPWC through the Christmas Tour of Homes. This is the 35th year since the first Tour of Homes and though the incarnation of the event has changed over the years, the joy and anticipation has only grown. The event requires the assistance of around 200 volunteers.

To be invited to someone's house is a treat; to be shown warm hospitality in someone's home is a revered part of the holidays. Usually reserved for family or friends, the tour offers an opportunity to celebrate the holiday decor of friends or meet new friends as you appreciate their decorative artistry.

Though the homes on the tour are kept secret until time for the tour, this much is known: the tour this year includes a sixth house, where previously there have been five. Also, though its location is not revealed, a home that has undergone extensive renovation is on the tour. That the owners of the remodeled home have agreed to host has created a stir among those who organize the event.

The Tour of Homes remains the hallmark of the event, but the additions to the event over the years have been welcomed. Debbie Kill, director of this year's Tour of Homes shared that Santa's Workshop and Bakery has been so well-received that event attendees are known to stand in line to get in.

Packed with every conceivable delight from stunning handcrafted items of every type, original fine art, delectable home-baked goods and savory menu items, no one need worry about finding the perfect gift or the opportunity to stock the fridge during the busy holidays once in Santa's Workshop and Bakery. And fortunately, a tour of the shop is included with each of the three packages.

Three different menu options will delight diners who attend the Christmas Tour of Homes Brunch which includes

a complimentary mimosa. In order to accommodate the number of attendees the brunch is carefully planned and staged so the rooms are used efficiently and yet no one feels rushed — allowing each diner to savor the flavors of this annual event.

Sweet sounds and savory bites accompany the Christmas Tour Dinner where attendees will appreciate the delightful dinner and dancing served in the clubhouse with wonderful music provided by B-Ray and the Humans.

This year three packages will be offered:

The Christmas Tour package includes a tour of Santa's Workshop and Bakery as well as a tour of the six exquisitely decorated homes.

The Christmas Tour Brunch Package includes the tour of Santa's Workshop and Bakery, plus a festive brunch as well as the tour of six exquisitely decorated homes.

The Christmas Tour Dinner Package includes shopping at Santa's Workshop, a tour of the six exquisitely decorated homes, as well as an evening of dining and dancing.

This event is open to the public, so get your tickets soon as the event sells out. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.myppecan.com](http://www.myppecan.com).



# COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

By now, you should have downloaded the Pecan Plantation Owners Association's smartphone app, which officially launched Oct. 13. If you haven't installed it yet, please do!

The PPOA app allows you to access the membership roster; view and pay your PPOA assessments; and make tennis, pickleball, and dining reservations. By the time you are reading this, you may even be able to report neighborhood problems (like downed trees, flooding, animal issues, etc.) to PPOA staff. Tee times and golf lottery functionality are planned after the first of the year.

Other functions, including emergency push notifications, are on the horizon.

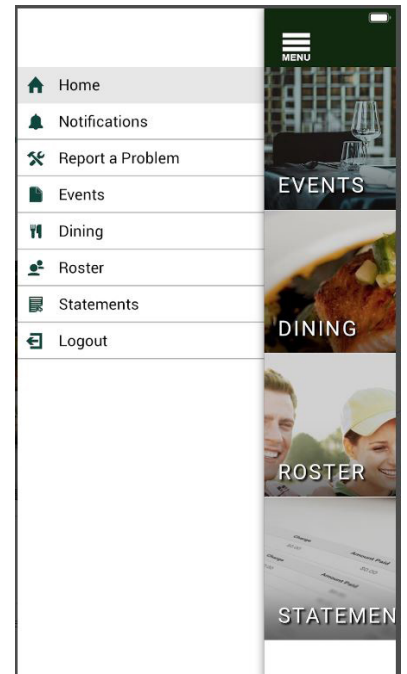
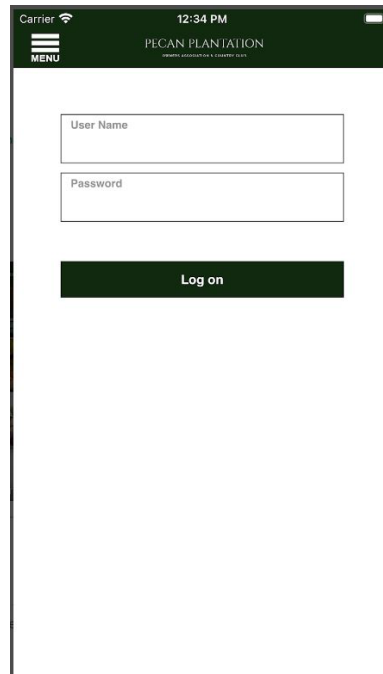
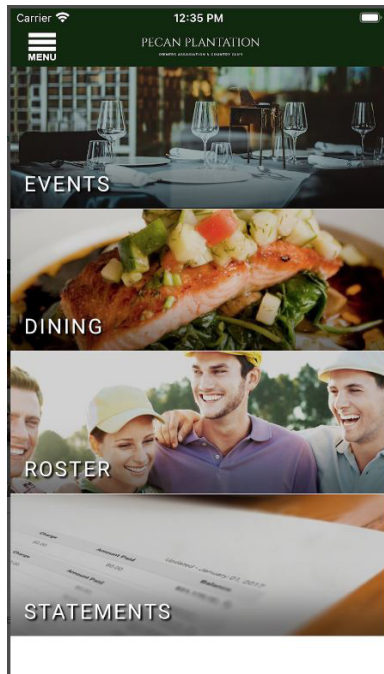
The new PPOA app can be found in the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store, depending on your type of phone. The download is free and is highly encouraged. When in the app stores, search for "Pecan Plantation OA" and look for our pecan tree and column icon.

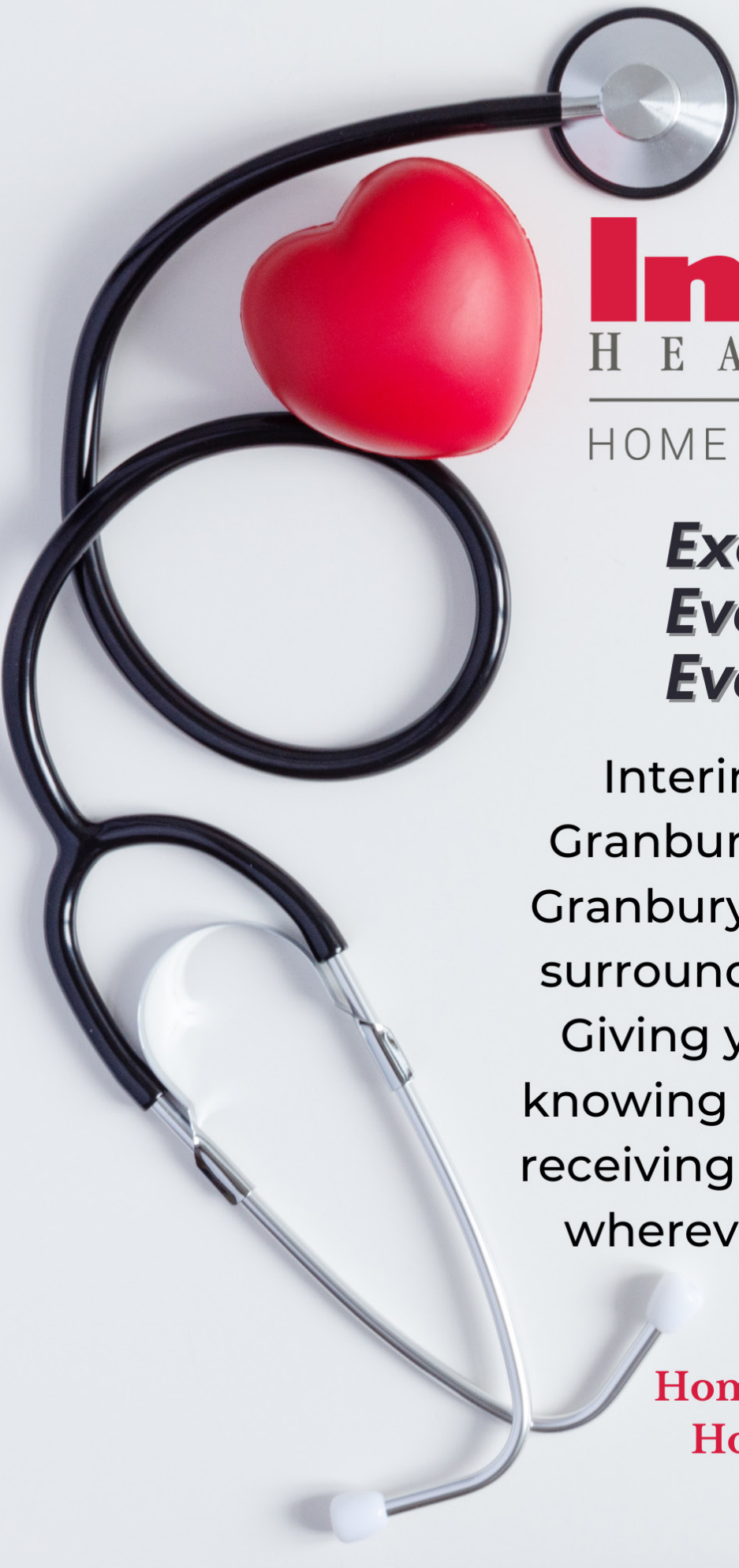
Once you have downloaded the program on your smartphone or tablet, log into it just as you would the PPOA website, using your registered username and password. It operates similarly to the mobile version of the PPOA website which you may have been using on your device already. If you do not have a username or password for the PPOA website, you will not be able to utilize the app. You will need to go online to ppoaweb.com and register prior to using the application. Please note you are not eligible for a web account if you or your designee have not been through New Member Orientation.

If you have created your web account, and you still need assistance with logging into the mobile app, the communications committee will provide in-person help on Mondays from 8:30 a.m.-noon in the clubhouse lobby. Please have the app downloaded on your device and an active web account prior to coming to the clubhouse for assistance.

The committee is excited about the app's functionality and is planning to host additional evening training sessions in the future to help users learn their way around it and the website.

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# BLUES NIGHT NOV. 10



Gator, Alice Faye, Pecan's own Terry Strange on Sax, blues harmonica ace Steve Pirner and Ray Reed at Granbury Live

The last three years, Blues Night has sold out and been truly memorable, but this year's show promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The show will feature blues music and some early rock songs that define the genre. The line-up is the best yet.

You will see the band that was honored to be the closing act at the National Juneteenth Celebration in 2021 with the President and Miss Opal Lee in attendance. The show was broadcast to 42 countries.

#### GATOR & THE ALL-STARS

The Hood County News described them as "Granbury's busiest band" will back the array of blues artists set to perform. The national rating agency ReverbNation has consistently rated them as the top band in North Texas.

#### RAY REED

The man named a "Living Legend" by the city of Fort Worth at a ceremony in Bass Hall. Ray's pure delta-style blues and incredible voice will lift you up and inspire you like few artists you've seen before. He started playing on the streets of the city when he was 14 and 70 years later, he's recognized for his authenticity and his CDs still sell world-wide.

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#### GATOR

As a Pecan resident, many of you know Gary "Gator" Millhollon. Between the blues band and the All-Stars, Gator plays more than 70 gigs per year. From his years playing the casino circuit, he has worked with more than 10 members of the Blues Hall of Fame and Rock Hall of Fame including Chuck Berry, Buddy Guy, George Thorogood, Pinetop Perkins, Jimmie Vaughan, Keb Mo, Johnny Winter, and many more.

#### STEVE EDWARDS

Piano and organ. Steve's long career in Nashville led to his playing all over the country with many blues and country artists including Willie Nelson, Neil Young and others. His keys are on many hit records you've heard over the years backing many of the greats.

#### STEVE PIRNER

Top-notch blues harmonica player. Steve's recent tour in Mississippi blues country was a huge success and he returns home to Granbury in time to play at this event.

# PICKLEBALL NEWS

The Pecan Plantation Pickleball Association Fall League wrapped up play on Oct. 26. There were four divisions that played three nights each week. The league had 26 mixed doubles contestants, nine contestants in the men's division, 18 contestants in the women's division, and 13 recreational contestants. The association gathered for a fall social during the final weekend of the month to celebrate all those members who supported or played in the league.

Open pickleball play continues at the PAC every weekday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. except for Wednesday when play concludes at 11:30 a.m. During the week of Thanksgiving, play times will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. Play outdoors is available from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. and reservations are required. A reminder with the cooler weather, it is a good time to rent the ball machine for \$10 an hour. Reserve a court and call Sam B at 817-821-7971 to set up the machine. It's a great way to have fun and practice your skills!

This month the association will offer two beginners clinics indoors at the PAC. The classes will be Monday, Nov. 13 and Monday, Nov. 27 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Players are asked to wear comfortable clothing and court shoes.

Space is limited to eight participants. Please call 817-573-5529 or visit the PAC to sign up.

The Ladies Pickleball group plays every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the PAC. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no ladies play on Tuesday, Nov. 21. All levels of play are welcome.



Mixed doubles couples gather before an evening game

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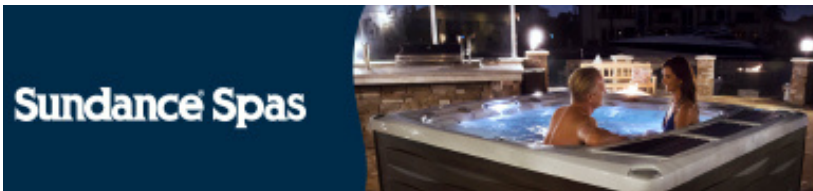
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By Brandl Stephenson BA, LP, NRP, FP-C, Chief, Pecan Plantation EMS

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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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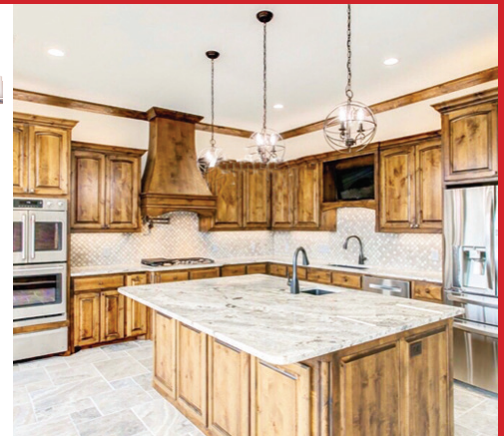


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# SHE'S GOT A NEW ATTITUDE!

Pecan Plantation Woman's Club  
fall fashion show returns

*By Eden Duncan Gilbreath*





**F**ashion shows have been a staple of girl time since the 1860s when English-born, Paris-based fashion designer Charles Frederick Worth used live models to share his creations instead of manikins. This first-known fashion show took place at Longchamp Racecourse, a horse race. The show got a lot of attention — a clever bit of marketing.

In the following decades “fashion parades” spread across London and New York. These events were small, private affairs for buyers, and photography was typically banned for fear designs would be replicated.

It was in 1903 when Ehrlich Brothers, a store in Manhattan, put on what was probably the first American fashion show, designed to be more approachable to those with a more average budget.

The 1920s brought the golden age of haute couture in Paris with designers like Coco Chanel making their mark. Along with the golden age of fashion came the golden age of fashion illustration so the designs could more easily be translated for print.

Fashion changed over the following decades with the great depression and then World War II. Fashionable women would have the opportunity to have the latest designs while watching the budget with the rise of the pattern industry.

In New York in 1943 “Fashion Week” was introduced by publicist Eleanor Lambert. This provided the chance for American designers to be more readily publicized. Fashion week remains twice yearly to this day all over the world with the most famous remaining in Paris, London, New York, Milan... and Granbury.

Perhaps Granbury is not one of the most famous, but certainly one of the most fun. Like Fashion Week the Pecan Plantation Woman’s Club (PPWC) Fashion Show takes place twice a year, and the group has continuously put on the fashion shows since 1979. That’s right about the time that fashion shows hit big across the United States with the birth

of the “supermodel.” Pretty timely.

The PPWC fall fashion show takes place in November and the spring show takes place in April. This fall’s show is on Thursday, Nov. 16. Highlighting 10 area merchants, this year’s event will feature eight Granbury businesses and two Glen Rose businesses.

From Granbury: Signature Beauty Bar, Red on the Square, Class Act, Boot Barn, Granbury Gatsby, Caylor Creek, Bella Rosa and Stuff ‘N’ Nonsense. From Glen Rose: Feast and Willow. Each retailer has been paired with two models.

This year’s event theme is “Fall into Fashion.” Live music for the show will be provided by local vocalist and musician Michael James and PPWC’s own Rebecca Faiola. Debbie Rickman is this year’s show director. It was she who chose a lively, upbeat playlist to provide a fun atmosphere. This year’s selections include toe-tapping tunes like the Patty LaBell tune, “New Attitude,” “Sunday Night Football” made famous by Carrie Underwood, the ditty by Culture Club “Karma Chameleon,” and many others.

There is a roster of 20 models in total to sashay to the great music and generally live it up. The models are chosen from PPWC membership with an eye on including women who have not modeled at previous shows. This helps bring new members into the fray, so to speak, and encourages longtime members to take a more active role.

“The models we have chosen for our show are of all ages and stages of life,” shared Kim McIntire, this year’s show chairman, helping the fashionista audience to imagine themselves in the garments. A core goal of the fashion show is to encourage PPWC members to shop locally.

“Our merchants are encouraged to attend so they can witness the energy of the show and the excitement their participation brings,” offers McIntire. Tickets are \$21 and include lunch. Be sure and get your reservation early as the event does sell out.

# EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Tammy Dressman

Well, November is here and the fall temps are so refreshing for both horse and rider! This past month, boarders Barbara Davidson, Cindy Rowe, Tammy Dressman and Vicky Burns went on a weekend getaway to Lake Whitney at McCown Valley. McCown Valley has equestrian sites that are set up so well for both people and horses. Covered pens are located just behind the full hookup pad sites. They have covered picnic table areas, shade trees, and they've recently added a very nice, basic restroom area for the convenience of both day riders and overnight campers. That was all great!

Stay alert on the trails! When you're riding through trails and fields with overgrown weeds — watch out for rattlesnakes! We had quite a "rattling experience" (pun intended) when the lead horse was literally on top of one. Thank goodness for Gus' quick reactions, lunging and jumping high out of striking distance, and thank God his rider was able to stay in her seat. Otherwise, based on the direction of the lunge/jump, she would more than likely have fallen on top of the rattlesnake — YIKES! While the photo is not the rattlesnake we came across itself because everything happened so quickly, we have included a picture of the exact kind. Those darn things blend in so well with the terrain that you usually hear them before you see them — which is exactly what happened with us on the trail — we heard it before we saw it. Once we quickly retreated to an area safe to dismount, an overall check showed no signs of the strike actually making contact with the horse — so thank goodness all was good!

That does bring up a good point though. What would we have done if the rattlesnake had actually bitten Gus? We're not near our campsites, there is no vet that services this area on a Sunday afternoon, we certainly don't carry anti-venom with us. It is recommended that you keep a horse as quiet, calm and still as possible to slow down the spread of the venom through the circulatory/lymphatic system of the horse. It is also recommended that you get your trailer to the horse rather than walk the horse back to the trailer. Again, not possible when you're on trails not wide enough to accommodate trailers. So what would have been the best course of action? Carry Bute or Banamine with you and administer one dose. These are anti-inflammatory drugs to help with swelling and soreness. Then do your best to reach an emergency veterinarian on call. Make the best possible decisions when determining how quickly you can get back to your trailer, how close you can get the trailer to the horse (to have the least amount of movement as possible) and stay as calm as possible for you and your horse's safety. Google assures that the odds of snakebites are really low, but with quick action and attention, most horses recover nicely.

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 other items 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.



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# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Jan Boeckel

November is a busy month for the Entertainment Committee. We start off the month honoring our brave and wonderful veterans. On Nov. 8, we will join the Breakfast Club for a ceremony and program honoring veterans from all wars. If you have never attended this event, I highly recommend it. It is very moving; so, make your reservations early. Shortly after the Veteran's Day breakfast we will host the annual Blues Dinner with music, dancing, and a wonderful prime rib meal. This event is slated for Nov. 10. Finally in November we will help with bingo on Nov. 14, paired with a southern food buffet from our wonderful Chef Jordan. All these events require reservations, so please be sure to call the club and make yours.

December is coming soon so watch for announcements about pictures with Santa and a wonderful New Years Eve party!

I want to close by saying how very thankful I am for my wonderful committee, our fabulous staff, and the privilege of living in such a great community. I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday filled with family, friends and fun.



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# WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Pecan Widow and Widowers Club (W/W) will celebrate two holidays in one meeting. On Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Club Terrace Room, we will celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas at the same meeting as we will not have a December meeting.

Monty Lewis, D.J and entertainer extraordinaire, will provide music and keep us entertained throughout the evening.

Joining him will be John Pelham, poet laureate, who will share some of the poems he has written on thankfulness and on the Christmas spirit. John is the author of several books.

Of course, as with any Christmas party, there will be surprises for everyone. You must attend to experience these special surprises.

Mark your calendars now for Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Holiday dress is optional.

RSVP'S must be made by Tuesday, Nov. 21 to Caryl Mahaffey at 817-279-0595 or (preferred) to caryl.mahaffey@charter.net.

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# THESE TIPS CAN HELP MAKE TURKEY TERRIFIC

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Even in households that don't eat meat, plant-based turkey alternatives find their way onto the dinner table in a nod to Thanksgiving tradition. Given the emphasis placed on the main course each Thanksgiving, cooking a turkey can be intimidating. These turkey-cooking tips can calm anyone's nerves and result in a mouth-watering main course.

## ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR THAWING

Some people may not be able to buy a fresh turkey, and millions of individuals purchase frozen turkeys each year. The Food Network says it can take 24 hours per every five pounds to thaw a turkey. Therefore, if you have a 15-pounder, allow for three days for thawing. Always thaw a turkey in a refrigerator.

## GET THE RIGHT SIZE BIRD

The general rule of thumb is 1 pound (uncooked) to 1 and 1/2 pounds of turkey per person if you're buying a whole turkey. Rather than purchasing the largest turkey you can find for a large crowd, consider two smaller turkeys or one turkey and one breast to make cooking more even. Smaller birds are more tender as well.

## ADJUST THE TEMPERATURE

The food and cooking resource TheKitchn advises preheating an oven to 450 F, then dropping the temperature to 350 F after putting the turkey into the oven. Cook, on average, 13 minutes per each pound of turkey. The turkey is done when it registers a minimum temperature of 165 F in the thickest part of the thigh.

## TO BRINE OR NOT TO BRINE?

Many food fanatics swear by brining turkey to achieve more moist and flavorful meat. However, a wet brine may not lead to the crispiest skin possible. Good Housekeeping suggests trying a dry brine instead. This involves rubbing salt all over the raw turkey, placing the bird into a large plastic bag, and refrigerating overnight or up to two days before cooking; otherwise, purchase a kosher turkey, which already has been salted from the inside out.

## AVOID STUFFING THE BIRD

Rather than stuffing the turkey and cooking everything en masse, prepare the stuffing mixture separate from the turkey. This reduces the risk of contamination from the turkey's raw juices and helps to achieve a crispy coating on the stuffing guests will enjoy.

## MAKE AN AROMATIC ROASTING RACK

Turkeys typically are placed on a metal rack for cooking so the juices do not cause the turkey to stick to the pan. However, you also can cut onions and lay them with a bed of whole celery stalks and carrots to elevate the roast. This creates extra flavor in the bird and the vegetables also can be served or mixed into the stuffing.

Some turkey-roasting techniques can ensure a moist and flavorful main course this Thanksgiving.



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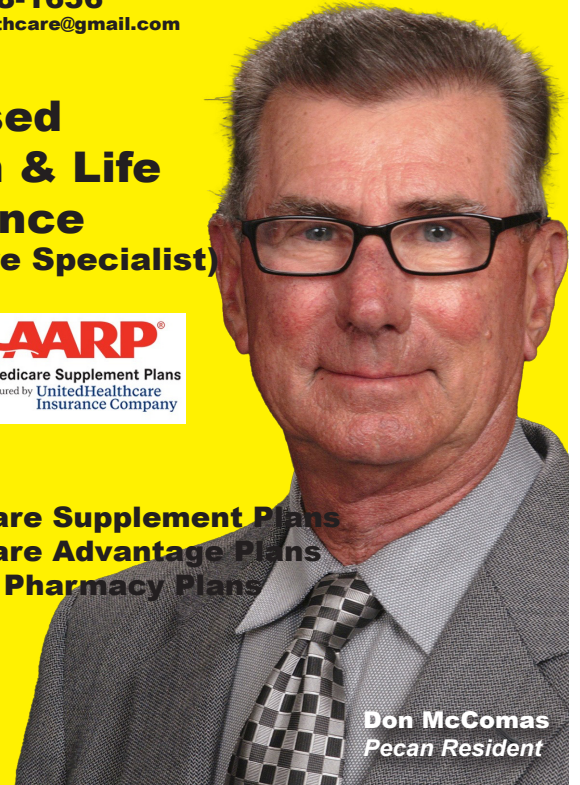
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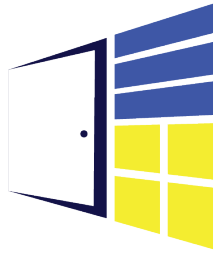
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# RV CLUB NEWS

By David Kroon

We just returned from our fall rally in Stonewall and 20-plus rigs were in attendance. Our hosts gave us plenty to do to entertain ourselves and enjoy all that Stonewall and Fredericksburg have to offer. We started on Sunday, our move-in day, right there in the campground with grilled brats and hot dogs with all the fixings. Day two began with a wine-tasting at Becker Vineyard at 11 a.m. After all, it's 5 o'clock somewhere, right? I think many of us caught a nap after that and then we were off to eat at Mamacita's in Fredericksburg for dinner. Have you ever seen 50 people show up at a restaurant at the same time and ask for separate checks for each couple? They had their hands full for sure.

Day three began with golf for some and for non-golfers there was shopping in Fredericksburg. For dinner that evening we enjoyed authentic German food at Auslander Restaurant and it was superb. We continued with day four by visiting Wildseed Farm to see beautiful fall flowers in bloom and their plant nursery. We followed that with lunch in the biergarten there. A wonderful pot luck dinner that evening featuring delicious dishes made by our members preceded our business meeting. Our last day, folks ventured out on their own to shop and see the sights before returning to camp for a delicious catered BBQ dinner and live entertainment by the Five Pickers.

The pictures for this article are from our fall mini-rally in Pecan's Shady Campground. We had some great sharpshooters at the air gun range, dancing in the pavilion, and I was actually on the winning golf team.

Looking forward to the November meeting where the theme will be Jimmy Buffet-style "Cheeseburgers in Paradise." We will close out the year with the annual Christmas party at the Pecan Plantation Clubhouse on Dec. 12.

For information on the Pecan Plantation RV Club, contact David Kroon at [dk1341@swbell.net](mailto:dk1341@swbell.net).



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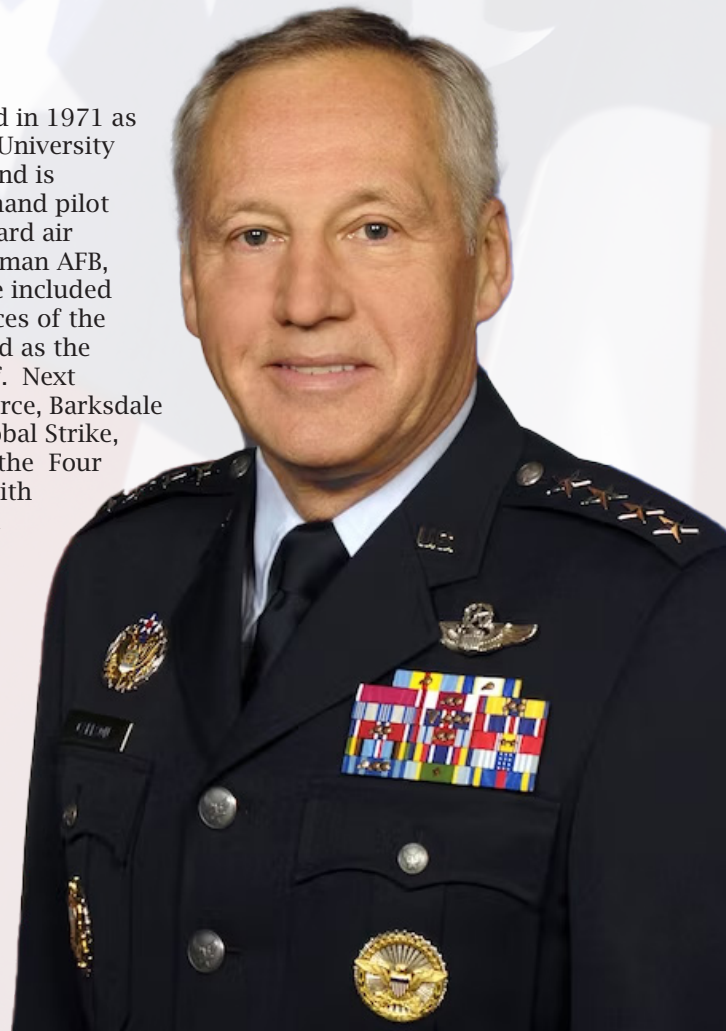
**G**eneral Carlson was born in Hibbing, Minn. He was commissioned in 1971 as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. He has held various flying assignments and is experienced in multiple aircraft weapons systems. He is a command pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours, and has combat experience as a forward air controller in the OV-10. He commanded the 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman AFB, N.M., the Air Force's first stealth fighter wing. His staff assignments have included positions at Tactical Air Command, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the offices of the Secretary of the Air Force and Secretary of Defense. In addition, he served as the Director of Force Structure, Resources and Assessment on the Joint Staff. Next General Carlson served as the Commander of "The Mighty Eighth" Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La., and Joint Functional Component Commander for Space and Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb. Gen Carlson was promoted to the Four Star rank and became Commander of the Air Force Materiel Command with world wide responsibility for research, technology, purchase, supply and sustainment of all Air Force weapon system and equipment.

Following retirement, he served as the 17th Director of the National Reconnaissance Office where he provided direction and leadership for the development, construction, launch, and operation of the United States' spy satellite constellation.

Among Bruce Carlson's military awards and decorations are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force ROTC Distinguished Alumni Award, the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Award, the DoD Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the James V. Hartinger Award for Distinguished Service in the Field of Military Space, and the Order of the Sword, Air Force Materiel Command. Bruce and his wife of 52 years, Vicki, have three children and fourteen grandchildren.

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## PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

Sandy Hoelting, President

November is always a rather special month. Although Halloween festivities are over, we now look forward to Thanksgiving and the return to Daylight Standard Time (not always favored by those who prefer Daylight Saving Time!). But here in Pecan Plantation these events pale in comparison to the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club's annual Fall Fashion Show.

Under the direction of Debbie Rickman and Kim McIntire, chair, the ever-popular event this year will be on stage Thursday, Nov. 16. Always a huge hit with members, our team has prepared a delightful and entertaining presentation of the hottest current fashion trends, supplied by our many wonderful merchants in Granbury and Glen Rose.

The ballroom will be a fall festive celebration, featuring a morning of delightful entertainment provided by Granbury's own Michael James. And our own PPWC member, Rebecca Faiola, will also entertain. Be sure to make your reservations early because this is always a "sold out" event. And, by the way, if you've been waiting to join PPWC, now is definitely the time.

The fun continues Nov. 18 with the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club Bake Sale. Liana Cross once again chairs the event, as members cook all their favorite dishes which are packaged and ready to take home. The bake sale runs from 10 a.m. until the tables are empty, usually about an hour or so. Don't dally or you'll likely lose out. There will also be a wide array of meals to freeze and eat later, desserts including cookies, cakes, brownies and who knows what else?

All monies raised from the bake sale will go toward supporting the PPWC's charities and scholarships. Be sure to mark your calendars for Nov. 18 to support our fundraising activities while enjoying delicious dishes from the ladies of Pecan.

If you would like to join Pecan Plantation Woman's Club or have questions, please contact me at sandyh9911@gmail.com or call 501-922-7464.



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# GECKOS

By Mary Lou Wood

## FACTS

- There are more than 1,000 species of geckos around the world.
- Geckos' amazing toes help them to stick to any surface except Teflon.
- One of the famous talents is the ability to scurry along slick surfaces.
- They cling with incredible ease thanks to nanoscale hairs, known as setae, that line every toe in huge numbers.
- Geckos' eyes are 350 times more sensitive to light than human eyes.
- Most gecko species are nocturnal and are well-adapted to hunting in the dark.
- Geckos are able to produce various sounds for communication, including barks, chirps, and clicks. The purpose of the sounds could be to warn away competitors from a territory, or to attract mates.
- Some species of geckos have no legs and look like snakes.
- Some species of Geckos can detach their tails and regrow them. Geckos are able to drop their tails as a response to predation. Geckos also drop their tails as a response to stress or infection, though the new tail is shorter, blunter, and colored a bit differently than the original tail.
- Geckos use their tails to store fat and nutrients for lean times. A well-rounded tail gauges the gecko's health. A thin tail may indicate starvation or illness.
- Geckos can live a long time. Geckos range in life span depending on the species but many live around five years in the wild.
- Most species of geckos don't have eyelids, so they lick their eyes to clean them. They technically lick the transparent membrane that covers the eyeball.
- Geckos are masters of color. It's not only chameleons that can change color; geckos can too. They sense, rather than see, their surroundings to camouflage themselves, using light-sensitive proteins in the skin known as opsins.
- The smallest gecko species is less than two centimeters in length; the largest is two feet long.
- Geckos can reside in different habitats. They can be found in urban areas, near light fixtures, in forests with trees, or even deserts and mountains.
- Female geckos lay eggs in dark, damp locations. They lay one cluster of eggs per year. Babies are called hatchlings.

Article was sourced from <https://www.treehugger.com> and <https://animals.net/geckos/>



## WILDLIFE FOCUS



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**CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT**

	Actual YTD	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 8,696,849	\$ 8,471,887	\$ 224,962
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>\$ (1,280,713)</u>	<u>\$ (1,221,928)</u>	<u>\$ (58,785)</u>
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 7,416,136	\$ 7,249,959	\$ 166,177
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (4,592,639)	\$ (4,698,115)	\$ 105,476
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (2,495,979)	\$ (2,492,945)	\$ (3,034)
<b>Net Operating Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation</b>	<u><b>\$ 327,518</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 58,899</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 268,619</b></u>

**RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND**

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,137,880	\$ 3,137,880
Fund Deposits	\$ 1,025,264	\$ 1,225,528
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (648,526)</u>	<u>\$ (2,020,131)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><b>\$ 3,514,618</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 2,343,277</b></u>

**NEW CAPITAL FUND**

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 207,162	\$ 207,162
Fund Deposits	\$ 873,302	\$ 1,029,848
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (53,630)</u>	<u>\$ (58,630)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,026,834</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,178,380</b></u>

**ROAD & DRAINAGE FUND**

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,347,968	\$ 1,347,968
Fund Deposits	\$ 1,463,473	\$ 1,755,161
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,295,583)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><b>\$ 2,811,441</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 807,546</b></u>





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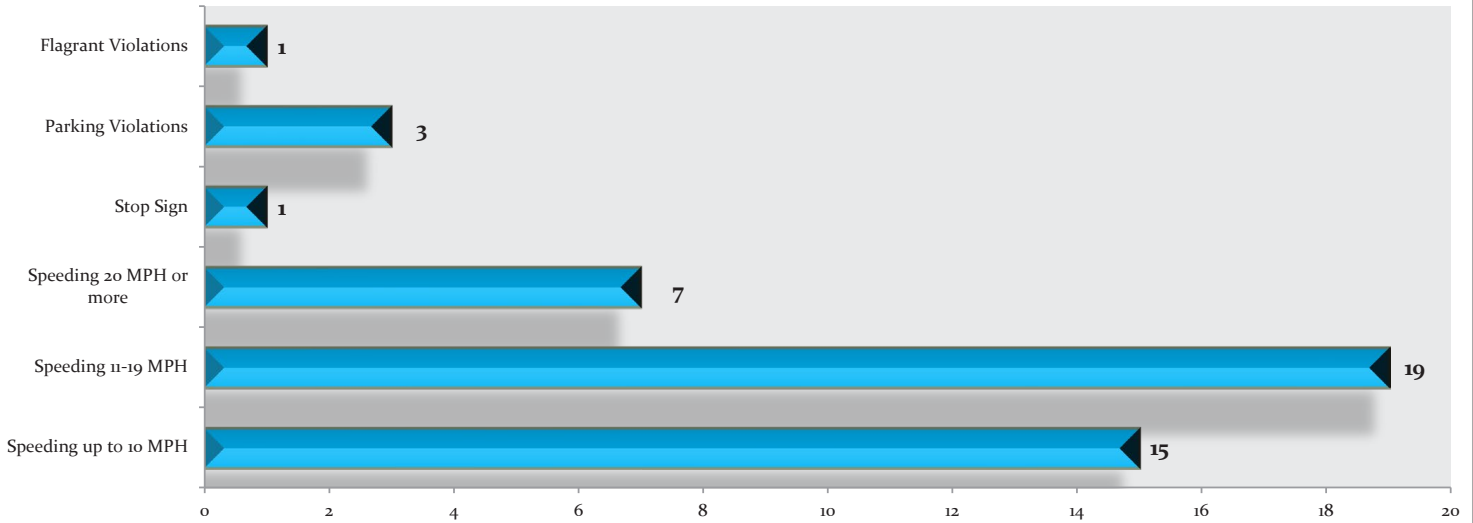
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# SECURITY REPORT

September 2023

**Citations September 2023**  
Total: 46 Citations



Asset Type	Amount
Speeding up to 10 MPH	15
Speeding 11-19 MPH	19
Speeding 20 MPH or more	7
Stop Sign	1
Parking Violations	3
Flagrant Violations	1
<b>Total Warnings Among Citations</b>	<b>10</b>

## Areas of Citations Issued

- Claremont - 15
- Falls Beach - 1
- Monticello - 6
- Plantation - 18
- Ravenswood - 4
- Wedgefield - 1
- Westover - 1

## Breakdown by Violator Type

- Member/ Guest - 31
- Contractor/ Vendor - 15



## ESSENTIAL GEAR FOR FIRST-TIME THANKSGIVING HOSTS

Hosting Thanksgiving is a large undertaking that can put some hosts under pressure. Unlike some other holidays that are less food-focused, Thanksgiving is largely about the meal. Turkey is the centerpiece of the celebration, and any guests who come over are going to expect turkey and a number of side dishes. Leaving hungry is never an option on Thanksgiving.

Individuals who are new to Thanksgiving hosting may be at a loss as to where to start with their preparation. There are certain must-haves hosts should familiarize themselves with. Many of these essentials revolve around tools for cooking in the kitchen and serving guests.

### LARGE ROASTING PAN

You'll need somewhere to oven-roast the turkey. While it's perfectly acceptable to purchase a disposable aluminum pan for this purpose, if you plan to host Thanksgiving year after year, investing in a quality roasting pan will help deliver even cooking temperatures to the food and also can be used for roasting other meats.

### WIRE RACK

The turkey is placed upon a rack inside of the roasting pan so that it will not swim in the juices and cause a soggy bottom during cooking. Many roasting pans and racks are sold as sets, but others can be purchased separately. The rack can be used for other purposes as well, including cooling baked cookies or even drying out fresh herbs.

### FOOD THERMOMETER

Ensuring the turkey and other foods are cooked to the correct internal temperature is essential. You do not want to send guests home with foodborne illnesses. Food

thermometers run the gamut from very basic to those that can be programmed to alert cooks through an app on a smartphone. Turkey is done when the temperature reads 170 F in the breast and 180 F in the thigh. If stuffed, the stuffing should register 165 F, according to Butterball.

### COORDINATED CASSEROLE DISHES

Casserole dishes can hold all of the sides served with the turkey, including stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, and more. A set of matching dishes will help the table look more coordinated.

### SERVICE FOR EIGHT OR MORE

Thanksgiving draws a crowd, so take inventory of silverware, dishes, wine glasses, and any other table needs to ensure that you can accommodate all of the guests. Purchase new items if you cannot set the table completely with what you have, as mixed and matched may be okay for informal events but may not set the tone hosts are aiming for on Thanksgiving.

### TABLE AND CHAIRS

Determine if you have enough table space to seat all of your guests. Some dining tables come with an extension leaf, but you still may need to supplement with a folding table. You may need more seating. Chairs can be rented or you can utilize some folding chairs.

### TURKEY SERVING PLATTER

When the turkey is ready, it can be placed on an attractive serving platter for your photos, after which you slice and then return the sliced poultry to the serving platter for dining.

Thanksgiving requires a number of essentials that hosts will need to have on hand to make the holiday complete.

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If you didn't know already, Granbury has an indoor archery range, Gateway Archery Inc. located at 5147 Acton Highway and Gateway Archery offers members 10% off purchases; and \$10.00 range fee.

If you would like more information or wish to help out or volunteer for events, feel free to drop by at one of our monthly meetings, first Tuesday of the month at the Range or email us at: Pecanarcheryairgunclub@gmail.com.

## FIRST WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Nov. 1, 10 a.m. in the Terrace Room. All Pecan ladies may join. Contact Sharon Green, sharonkgreen@att.net.

## GENEALOGY

The genealogy group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, in the Pecan Plantation EMS training room located at 9518 Monticello Dr. behind the fire station. Everyone is welcome. Participants do not need to be residents of Pecan Plantation. Those coming from outside Pecan should tell gate security they are attending the genealogy meeting at the EMS training room.

Nov. 21 — Resources like Ancestry, Family Search, etc. are great research tools. However, they have their limitations. At some point, the time comes when it's necessary to step out from behind the computer screen and go back to the old ways. ROAD TRIP! Start packing your briefcase. Karen Nace will take us on an exciting (especially for genealogists) "how to" adventure to locate those crucial court records and the secrets they tell.

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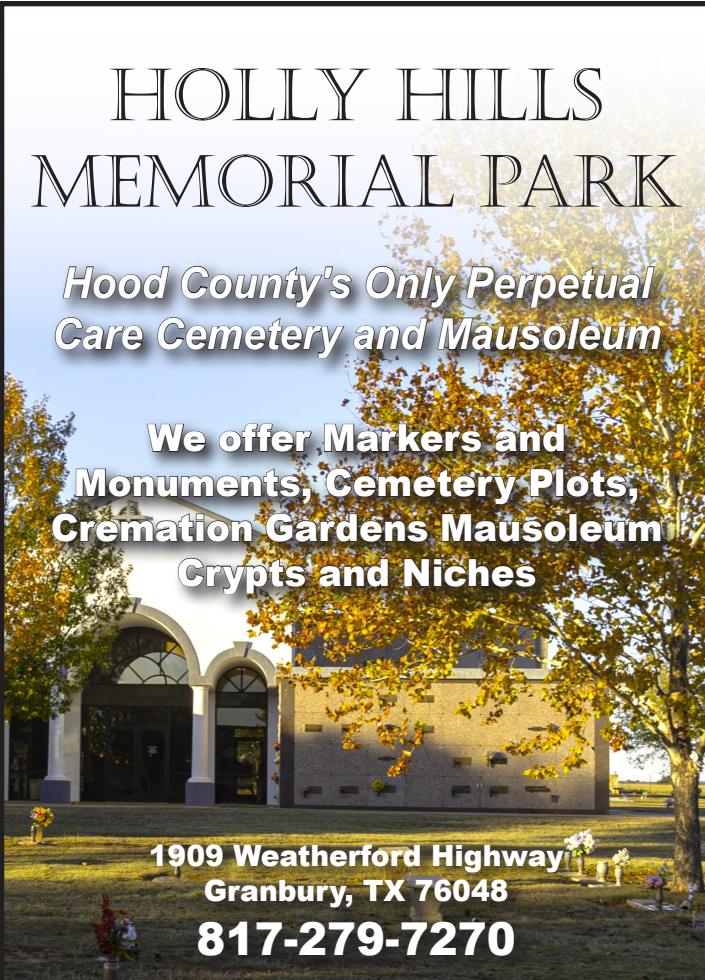


  
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# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By New Member Orientation Committee

**KRISTIN ABBOTT**, Ravenswood Road, relocated from Grapevine. Kris is retired from the Department of Justice and enjoys traveling, photography and visiting distilleries. She is grateful for the opportunity to live in such a beautiful community.

**ARNOLD AND JAMIE ANDERSEN**, Gulf Stream, will be moving to Pecan from Rowlett and are the proud parents of three daughters. They enjoy golf, boating and flying. Arnold is a senior vice president with Gentell.

**CASIE BELLOMY**, Long Drive, is from DeLeon, and will be joining her sister and brother-in-law, who also reside at Pecan Plantation. Casie has three children. She enjoys family time, travel, church and crafts.

**KYLE BRANDON AND TAMMY DURFEE**, Westover Drive, are relocating from Traverse City, MI, and look forward to becoming "snowbirds." Kyle and Tammy both retired from the hospitality industry and now occasionally substitute-teach students with special needs. Kyle is a TCU alumnus and Beatles groupie who enjoys listening to music, golf, watching sports, happy hours, food and Miller Lite. Tammy graduated from Michigan State University. She enjoys hiking, community involvement, gourmet picnics and happy hours. They love to dog sit!

**WILLIAM CUSACK**, Leisure Lane, relocated from Hurst. Bill has two children and 2 grandchildren. He is retired from Parish Hare Electric and enjoys golf, spending time with family, listening to music and reading.

**JAMES AND JJ DEDMAN**, Brierfield Road, moved to Pecan Plantation from Van. They have six children and eight grandchildren. James is employed with Triple Crown Ford in Stephenville and JJ works for VYBE Realty. He enjoys fishing and cycling while JJ likes to hike and read.

**PAUL AND PAM DUARTE**, Hanging Moss Drive, relocated from Hurst to be nearer to family who live at Pecan Plantation. They have two children, two grandchildren, and a third on the way. Paul works for Audio Codes and enjoys mountain-biking and paddleboarding. Pam is employed in private school education and enjoys yoga, walking and paddleboarding.

**JOHN AND KIM LOCUS**, Colonial Drive, relocated to Pecan from Port Aransas. They have three children and two grandchildren. John is employed by AT&T and enjoys camping, hiking and woodworking. Kim is retired from politics and enjoys decorating, art and hiking.



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**TERRY AND DEANNA LUKE**, Ravenswood Road, relocated from Fort Worth. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Terry and Deanna are both retired from Freedom Precision. They both enjoy crafts, golf, lawn care and travel.

**CHRIS MAUNDER AND HOLLY MARTIN**, North Longwood Drive. They have one child. Chris is a realtor and TCU fan while Holly is loyal to A&M. They both enjoy golf, water sports and working with charities.

**RICHARD AND PATRICIA POPPENHOUSE**, Madewood Court, have returned to Pecan Plantation from Euless. They have 10 children, 20+ grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Richard is retired from Foxworth Galbreath Lumber and enjoys playing golf. Patricia is retired from Kimberly Clark.

**DARRELL AND SHERYL ROWE**, Augusta Drive, moved from Weatherford. They have two children, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Darrell is retired from Lucent Technology and Sheryl is retired from Aledo ISD. He enjoys golf and horseback riding and Sheryl enjoys reading.

**KAREN SHIFFLETT**, Augusta Drive, moved to Pecan from Peaster. She is retired from the federal government but is still working. She enjoys horses, Jeeps and hiking.

**MARCUS THOMPSON**, Pebble Beach Drive, is from Odessa. He has two children and one grandchild. Marcus is retired from W74 Oil Tools and enjoys golf.

**EDUARDO AND THUY TUAZON**, Gulf Stream, are relocating from the Seattle, WA area. Ed is retired from AT&T Mobility and Thuy is employed with American Airlines. They have two children. Ed enjoys flying, golf, shooting, and boating. Thuy enjoys working in the gardens and shopping.

**DAVID AND KAREN WARREN**, Hampton Drive, relocated from Austin. They have four children. Dave is retired from the semiconductor industry and Karen from elementary education. Dave enjoys golf, college football (go Horns!), exercise and investing. Karen also enjoys golf and college football (OSU Cowboys!), as well as sewing, quilting, embroidery projects and group fitness.

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# HOW TO MASTER SHOPPING EARLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

"The early bird gets the worm" is a well-known English proverb that historians trace all the way back to the 1600s. Though the words might first have been popularized hundreds of years ago, they remain as true today as they were then, particularly in regard to holiday shopping.

Savvy shoppers have long touted the importance of starting early when looking for holiday gifts for loved ones. Seasoned procrastinators may never embrace early shopping, but others who want to a less hectic holiday shopping season can consider these tips.

## BEGIN WITH A PLAN

Holiday shopping excursions, whether they take place in town, at the mall or online, can take longer than expected when shoppers have no idea what they're looking for. Prior to your first holiday shopping trip, jot down gift ideas for each person on your list. Then scour stores or websites for those items. Starting early affords shoppers time to bargain hunt and ensures supply shortages or other issues won't get in the way of a happy loved one come the holiday season.

## RECOGNIZE THE NOTION OF "EARLY" HAS CHANGED

Early holiday shopping used to be synonymous with the retail holiday Black Friday, which occurs the day after Thanksgiving in the United States. However, many holiday shoppers now begin buying gifts long before they've purchased a Thanksgiving turkey. In its 2022 Consumer Pulse Survey, McKinsey & Company found that 56 percent of consumers started their holiday shopping in October. A host of variables may have influenced that shift, but supply chain issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic have lingered, which undoubtedly compelled consumers to get an especially early start on holiday shopping. Shoppers who want to ensure everything arrives on time for the holiday season must recognize that "early" shopping now involves beginning around Halloween, if not earlier.

## TAKE THE (LOCAL) ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Shopping local merchants in person is a strategy savvy shoppers have long since embraced, but it's one that's especially beneficial in an era marked by supply chain issues and inflation. Local merchants don't have the overhead or sizable staffs of big box or chain stores, which enables them to keep costs low. And since local merchants produce many of their own products, it's likely there's something in store that shoppers will love and less likely that they will have issues filling orders. A late fall afternoon in a local shopping district can yield an array of treasures and help holiday shoppers find the right gift for many a person on their list.

## WHEN IN DOUBT, GO GIFT CARD

If the right gift is proving elusive even when shopping early, shoppers should not hesitate to go the gift card route. Shoppers need not feel as though a gift card is a nonstarter, as a 2022 survey from the National Retail Federation found that 54 percent of survey respondents indicated gift cards were the most desirable gift of the holiday season.

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# TEXAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Charley & Guy Orbison

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## ACROSS

- 1 James Bowie was carried across the Alamo line on this (2 wds.)
- 5 if you add an "h" it's a 9-time Grammy winner from Texas
- 6 gunfighter's "quick \_\_\_\_"
- 7 TX "Tarzan" Ely, et al.
- 8 father children? (2 wds.)
- 17 Scottish "little"
- 18 Six Flags has 300-foot-tall one (2 wds.)
- 21 TX George H.W. to George W. (abbr.)
- 22 data trans. for optical fiber (abbr.)
- 23 actress Bacall of "Duke's" last film "The Shootist"
- 24 emphasis typeface
- 29 Canyon High football class
- 30 male deer
- 31 TX Nolan Ryan has record for \_\_\_\_-hitters
- 32 burger option: "put a \_\_\_\_"
- 34 Santa Anna's San Jacinto disguise
- 35 a meeting between a teacher, mom, and dad (abbr.)
- 36 raider, plunderer
- 37 Davy's home st.
- 38 TX Roddenberry's "Star \_\_\_\_"
- 39 Florida resort complex (2 wds.)
- 41 male pigs

- 42 TXism: "play possum"
- 43 "Big Texan" will not charge for a 72-ounce steak if you can \_\_\_\_
- 44 they mark navigation lanes near Galveston
- 45 Scotland's longest river
- 46 cowboy's shout: "\_\_\_\_ pee ki yay"
- 47 TX Steve who wrote and sang "Guitar Town"
- 48 defrauded

- 50 Galveston, e.g.
- 51 \_\_\_\_pei, Taiwan
- 52 moon to Houston: "The Eagle \_\_\_\_ landed"
- 53 TX Zellweger does this for a living

## DOWN

- 1 located in the Permian Basin of West Texas (2 wds.)
- 2 in Texas, this person is called a medical examiner
- 3 the easternmost city in Texas
- 4 whip used to spank Scottish school kids
- 9 give a silent ok to another (2 wds.)
- 10 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ little horse trading" (negotiated)
- 11 UT grad Wallach

- 12 he was "Gus" on TX-based "Lonesome Dove" (init.)
- 13 middle name of TX singer Roy Orbison
- 14 in Pecos County on U.S. 190
- 15 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ store cowboy" (dude)
- 16 respectful response to a man: "yes \_\_\_\_"
- 19 arenas for Texas pro basketball
- 20 "school of hard \_\_\_\_"
- 22 golf course area before a green
- 24 late hit by 13-down: "You Got \_\_\_\_" (1989)

- 25 \_\_\_\_ Green County
- 26 TX "Old Yeller" became \_\_\_\_ dog
- 27 loop of rope to throw on a cow
- 28 in Hill County, off I-35W
- 29 TXism: "bat \_\_\_\_lash" (blink)
- 30 "\_\_\_\_ the Light"

- 33 poem of praise
- 34 animal fur
- 35 beseeched God
- 37 TXism: "boring as a fishing \_\_\_\_ game warden"
- 38 TX Annette O'\_\_\_\_ was in 1990 TV horror drama "It"
- 40 this TX Williams founded "The Temptations"
- 41 actor lves of epic "The Big Country"
- 44 "bid" past tense
- 47 join the army
- 49 son of Abraham



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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.



Acceptable Recycling Items			
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.
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