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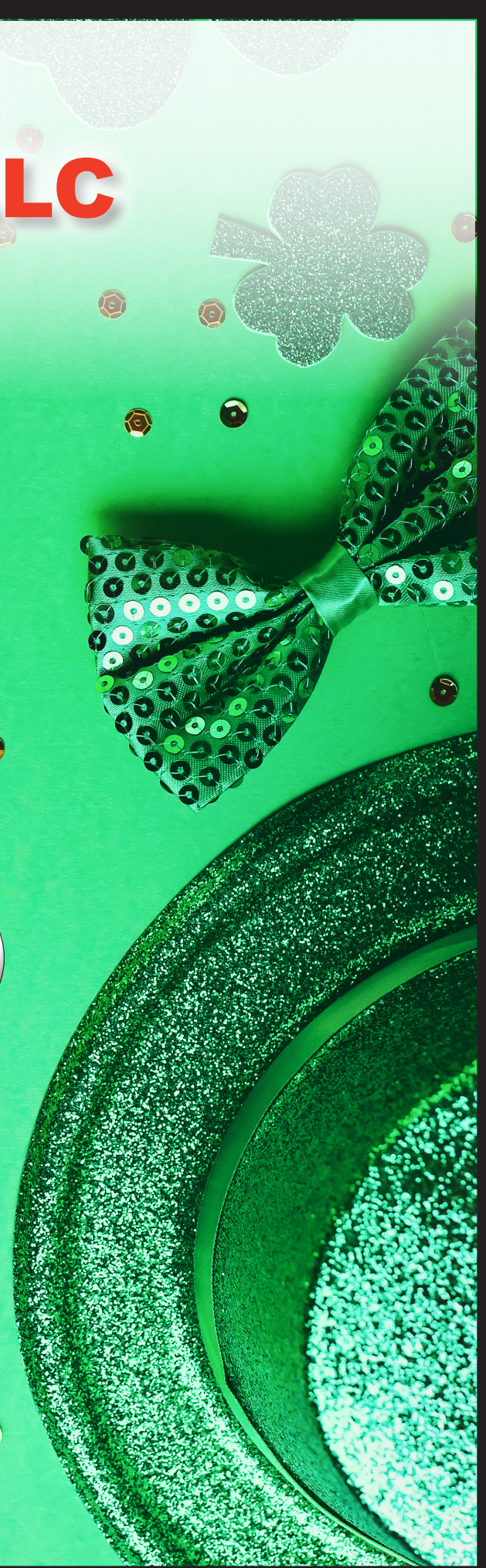
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Clubhouse ballroom
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immediately Followed by
Board of Directors Meeting

BOD Meeting:
March 28, 2024, 6 p.m.

Committee Sign-up Fair:
March 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Both meetings in Ballroom



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Semi-Annual PPOA
Wide Garage Sale is
April 19 and 20

COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

Committee	Frequency/Day	Time	Location
Airport	March 14	8 a.m.	Planeview Park
Appeals	March 12	10 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
ACC	March 7 & 21	2 p.m.	S&S Conference Room
Bylaws	March 11	1 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Communications	March 11	10 a.m.	CH Conference Room
Entertainment	March 6	2 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Finance	March 20	3:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Golf	March 6	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room
Horse Owners	March 5	5 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Infrastructure	March 5	9 a.m.	CH Conference Room
LRP	March 18	1:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Marina	March 13	3 p.m.	CH Bluebonnet Room
Safety & Security	March 19	9:30 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
Sports & Rec (Grounds)	April 2	1 p.m.	PAC
Wildlife	March 8	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room

MEETINGS ARE OPEN. PLEASE CHECK WWW.PPOAWEB.COM OR CALL THE CLUBHOUSE FOR LATEST INFORMATION BEFORE ATTENDING A MEETING.

New Member Orientation

10 a.m. in the Terrace Room

To register for New Member Orientation, please contact Sarah Lord, Pecan Member Representative at sarahlord@ppoaweb.com or 817-573-2641 Ext. 335.

MARCH

Tuesday, March 19

APRIL

Saturday, April 6
Tuesday, April 16

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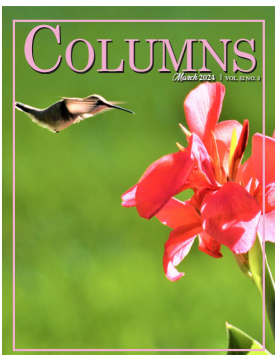


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ON THE COVER



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The March photo contest winner! This beautiful photo of a hummingbird approaching a flower encapsulates Spring. Congratulations **Heidi Edwards** on this amazing shot!

Heidi and her husband Steve moved to Pecan Plantation in 2019 and are still in awe of the natural beauty surrounding the community.

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March weather can be tricky around this area. You get heavy winds, sudden storms and winter sometimes gives that last little blast of frigid temperatures before things green up for spring. What follows that lion of a month is a wonderful time of year... April to June. It's that perfect season before the switch gets flipped and summer arrives with triple-digit temperatures. It's when we all want to head to the lake, beach, pool or any other place where water meets shore and sky.

And there is no better theme for what our biggest event of the year will be – the 2024 Men's Member/Guest Tournament. So, get ready for a Blowout on the Brazos.

I know many of you had a great time at last year's event, and I want you to know 2024 will be even more amazing – not just for the golfers, but for the whole of Pecan. If you came out to the free Le Freak show last summer, you know exactly what I am talking about.

We have been planning this year's festivities since September, and frankly, it is going to be phenomenal. Honestly, I don't know how we will top it in 2025.

I can't share all the details yet, but we will have a ton of events and fundraisers leading up to the tournament, and instead of one free community concert, we will have two.

From the desk of Rick Lantgen

Thanks to the generosity of Tammy and Jim Dressman, we have an amazing act for our Friday night show – multi-talented recording artist Josh Weathers! The Dressmans are generously sponsoring Friday's music, and they deserve a huge thanks.

Saturday's concert will be a double header featuring the renowned Jimmy Buffett tribute band "Lost Shaker of Salt" and the amazing yacht rock stylings of the "Windbreakers." (FYI, you may recognize the band as they are Le Freak's alter ego, so you know that will be a great time.)

In order to host big events like this, we do need help from the community. There will be ample opportunities for volunteers and sponsorships, and more information will be released as it becomes available, so make sure you are receiving your email communications from the club. Our goal is to create a fun environment for players, spectators and residents alike. Last year, Teela Watson led the way on the No. 7 green by giving away tasty "treats," and turning one of the most challenging holes into a party. I know I played better after passing though there. We want to see that kind of community spirit on every hole.

I encourage you to come along on this adventure with us. It will be an amazing time for everyone. So, make sure you mark your calendars for June 6-9 and don't forget your flip flops and top siders.

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| MARCH 21 | LOW GROSS/LOW NET INDIVIDUAL
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| MARCH 28 | TEXAS SCRAMBLE (PSST) |



Welcome everyone, and hopefully everyone was nice to their Valentine this year.

As the days get longer the temperature will start to get warmer, I don't know about y'all but I'm ready for warmer weather. Get out with loved ones and travel, play golf, or whatever your favorite pastime is.

The Men's Golf Association will have four tournaments this month starting Feb. 1. Keep in mind, we still have a

couple of ongoing projects at the golf course: 1) sprinkler system installation (please be careful of the workers); and 2) restroom renovation at holes 5 and 14.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact me at 912-977-5917 or contact the Pro Shop.

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LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION



Spring is near. We've had a taste of that and we know it is coming — regardless of what any groundhog said. It blows me away that they can talk!

We have our first LGA general meeting Tuesday, March 5, after golf. Remember: We go back to 9 a.m. shotgun for the remainder of the spring.

Our first calendar event, PPLGA Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament is slated for 9 a.m. March 19, with a shotgun start. This is a four-person scramble, so make your own team or be paired by the Pro Shop. The first 36 teams to sign up and pay \$60 per couple by the March 12 deadline will play. Chef Jordan's awesome BBQ brisket and pork sandwiches plus fixings will be served in the ballroom after play. Proceeds from this tournament go to the beautification project which is remodeling of the bathrooms on holes 5 and 14. This will be done in conjunction with the MGA.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the first 18-hole guest day April 2, and the 9-Hole and 18-Hole Spring Ringer Tournament April 22-23. Hopefully the golf gods will smile on us and we will have beautiful Texas spring weather.

Marilyn Neely
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WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS CLUB

By Caryl Mahaffey



Executive Chef Jordan will share his culinary skills with the Widows and Widowers Club at its Tuesday, March 26 meeting. Chef Jordan will demonstrate how to make his delicious egg rolls. Once the demonstration has ended, the group will be served a Chinese dinner which will include egg rolls.

The Widows and Widowers Club is growing each month with members from Pecan Plantation. The club seeks to reach out to others who are in the grieving process whether they have become a widow/widower recently or some time ago. The club enjoys a variety of programs, good eats and the friendship of others who find themselves in the same social standing of having lost their spouse. Plans for the year include musicals, a picnic at Shady Grove Campground, game nights and a presentation on "the race to the South Pole". The club will meet during the summer months so mark your calendar for the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The club meets on the fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the club. Due to the increase in attendance, we will now be meeting in the club ballroom.



RSVPs are required to attend the meeting and are due the week before the meeting (March 19). Those can be made by emailing Caryl Mahaffey at caryl.mahaffey@charter.net or by phone at 817-964-5915.

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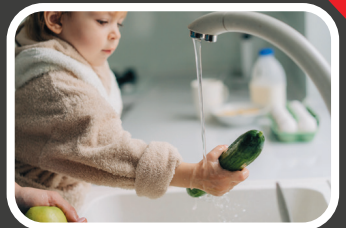
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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Jan Boeckel

The entertainment committee will be hosting a fun evening to celebrate St. Patrick's Day Saturday, March 16. We will start with a Golf Cart Parade. So, decorate those golf carts with lots of green and come out and join us. Once we arrive at the front of the club, there will be kegs of green beer for the adults and some root beer for the kids for you to purchase. Chef Jordan plans to provide food for you to purchase straight from Ireland. He will have corned beef and cabbage and bangers and mash. We plan to have live music as well. So don't forget to wear your green and come and join the fun. More details will come via the communications from the club.

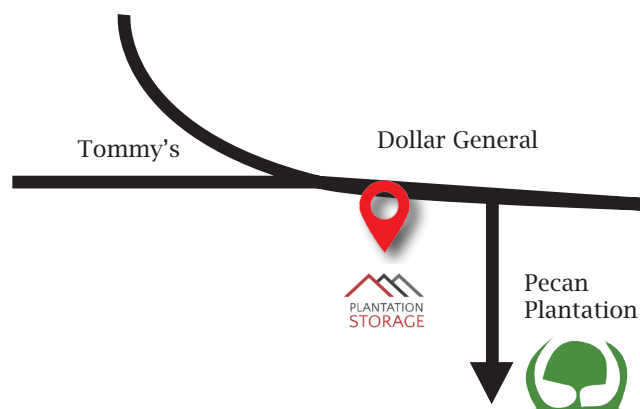
I want to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful members of the entertainment committee for all their hard work on the events we have had. For those of you who do not know, these people show

up to plan and decorate all the events hosted by the entertainment committee. This includes bingo every month. These members raise money for the decorations and decorate and put away decorations after the events.

We have a lot of fun doing this and welcome anyone who would like to join us.

I feel it necessary to say we will appreciate it if you take care of the decorations at all events. These are not for you to take home (unless we tell you to do so, like Valentines). Nor are the decorations to be played with like toys. Most of what we use, we purchase to be used multiple times. So please be mindful of the time and money put into the decorations and help us to take care of them.

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Saturday, March 30,
starts at 10 a.m. sharp
Ages 1 to 12

Come to the PAC with an Easter basket to collect eggs & visit with the Easter Bunny! Door prizes include Easter baskets filled with goodies and lots more!
This is a free event. Each age group starts at a different time. Youngest age group begins at 10 a.m.
Age groups: 1 to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 9, & 10 to 12



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Stuffing Easter eggs: Tue, March 26 at 10 a.m.
Distributing Easter eggs: Sat, March 30 at 8 a.m.
Community service hours will be awarded if needed.

PAC SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

March 13: Petting Zoo (10 a.m. - noon)

March 15: Dodgeball (2 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

All ages welcome.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, March 5
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
PAC Gymnasium



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Instructor: Shawn Farris (Please bring your own mat)

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

Good day, Pecan! 2024 has started with a bang with our department responding to 105 calls for service in January.

Flu and allergy seasons are here. In light of recent events, vaccines are a concern for many people: should I get one, should I not, are they safe? The quadrivalent flu vaccine is a long-standing and much-researched component of health for older adults. The flu vaccine has been vetted and studied for years, following proper guidelines for human use. I urge you to consider it and to speak to your doctor about it if you have further questions. Often the best remedy is rest, fluids and symptomatic treatment. We receive numerous calls for flu-like symptoms and the most prescribed treatment from the hospital is rest and fluids. I often recommend Pedialyte as it has less sugar (sugar promotes diarrhea) while replacing lost electrolytes. We at Pecan EMS are fortunate to have 'treat-in-place' protocols and procedures, allowing us to treat you at home without a trip to the hospital. While not every call meets the criteria for treat-in-place, many do, and it may be an option for you.

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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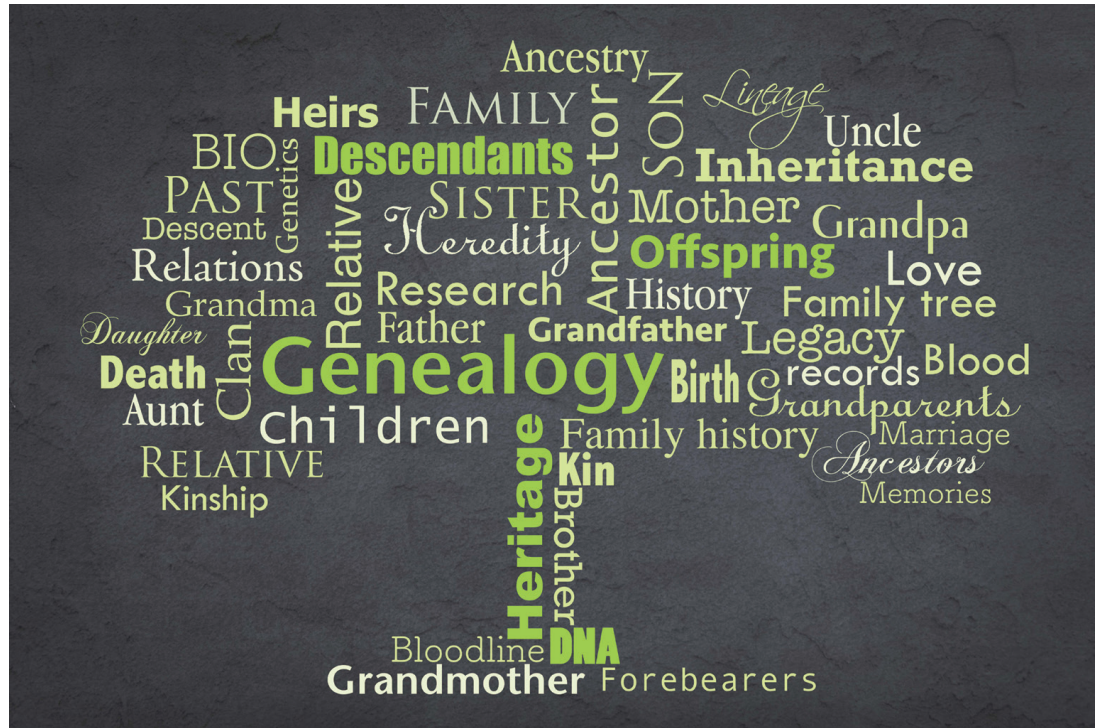
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GENEALOGY GROUP

The Genealogy Group will meet Tuesday, March 19, at 10 a.m. in the Pecan Plantation EMS Training Room (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.

Should you have any questions, call or text Kay at 682-459-5718



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RV CLUB NEWS

By David Kroon

GOODBYE TO AN OLD FRIEND...

If you have ever been to the Shady Campground Pavilion, you surely would have noticed the huge pecan tree that stood just a couple feet away from the eave of the pavilion roof. I remember the first time I saw it, I marveled at the enormous size and wondered about the history the shade from that tree may have been a part of. I was told an arborist had once guessed the age of the tree to be well over 300 years and surely the largest tree in the community. On the night of Jan. 8 or morning of Jan. 9, high winds took the tree down. The tree was large enough to have smashed the pavilion to bits, but somehow the tree fell in an open area and empty camping spaces without harm to any structures.



Pecan Security first found the fallen beast and alerted Operations Manager Daniel Van Patten. Kudos to him and his team for the cleanup and disposing of the debris in short order.

Pecan RV Club's first social event and meeting for 2024 was postponed due to the cold and snowy weather Jan. 14, but was rescheduled to Jan. 16. Approximately 40 folks showed up even though cold weather remained. I've included pictures from that evening.

The bonus mini rally April 6-8 to view the solar eclipse is right here in Pecan at Shady Campground. After that, it's off to Waco April 14-19 to see those famous Silos, a.k.a. Magnolia Market during the club's main event Spring Rally. The last gathering before summer break will be in Dinosaur Valley RV Park near Glen Rose for a mini rally May 19-22.

For information on the Pecan Plantation RV Club, contact the club via email at rvclub@ppoarv.org.



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Who is your Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department and what do they do?

Many of you have had at least some contact with your EMS Department. Department personnel provide outstanding care for our residents, and we appreciate their dedication.

But what do you really know about your Fire Department?

PPVFD was chartered in 1984, and 2024 marks its 40th anniversary. It is part of the Hood County Volunteer Fire Service. There are nine volunteer fire departments in Hood County. Through mutual aid agreements, PPVFD supports Hood County, Johnson County and Somervell County. We have also been called upon to assist with large fires in Erath and Parker Counties. So, if you see PPVFD apparatus going out the front or back gate, it is to support other departments just as they support PPVFD. For example, if there is a structure fire in Pecan Plantation, 911 dispatch will first page Pecan Plantation, DeCordova Bend Estates, Indian Harbor and Granbury. If additional resources are required, Cresson and Tolar departments will be paged.

PPVFD fights fires and so much more. It is here to serve

YOU, and personnel train for all types of situations. For example:

- **Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA):** Vehicle stabilization and extrication.
Value to the members: Save lives, minimize injury, and reduce time to receiving health care. We have the tools to cut a car open to safely remove a patient.
- **Aircraft Incidents:** Airplane crashes and airplane fires
Value to the members: We live in a community with two runways. PPVFD is here to save lives and property. The department has equipment that allows personnel to cut a victim out of a downed aircraft and protect surrounding homes and properties.
- **Swift Water Rescue and Recovery:** PPVFD has a boat, and members train every spring and summer.
Value to the members: Saving lives. PPVFD has rescued at least 15 people from high water, including two young girls clinging to a tree in the Brazos River. One of its volunteers owns a helicopter that can be used to search the riverbanks for flood victims.
- **Technical rope rescue:** High angle and low angle technical rope rescues

see **FIRE** p. 22

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Value to the members: PPVFD rescued a worker hanging upside down on a water tower maintenance ladder with multiple injuries, rescued golfers on the first hole who had fallen into the canyon, and rescued several people who fell down the bank of the river on Ravenswood and Westover. PPVFD has an all-terrain vehicle with a Stokes basket that can go onto the golf course and in the orchard to retrieve sick or injured members and deliver the patient to the ambulance waiting on the street. It has also been used to retrieve people that have fallen down a steep bank on the Brazos River.

- **Search and Rescue:** Natural disasters: tornados and flood, missing persons

Value to the members: If anyone, young or old, wanders off and you can't locate them, CALL 911. Volunteers from ALL NINE Hood County VFDs will arrive to search for the lost person. Departments train for all kinds of search and rescue operations, including searching for tornado victims or people lost in a flood. The member who owns a helicopter can use it for search and rescue. Remember, when disaster strikes, PPVFD is here for you 24/7.

- **Fire Fighting Duties: Structure fires, grass fires, wildland fires, motor vehicle fires.**

All nine Hood County Volunteer Fire Departments work together for any kind of fire suppression activities. PPVFD has "live fire" training with other departments several times a year.

Value to the members: PPVFD has the trucks, equipment and training to save lives and protect your personal property.

- **Landing Zone Support:**

When EMS requests an air ambulance helicopter to transport a patient, the PPVFD is paged to go to the helipad at the Pecan Airport. Its job is to maintain a safe work area around the helicopter. It also assists EMS when they transfer the patient to the helicopter. PPVFD personnel help the helicopter crew load the patient, and stands by until the helicopter is safely off the ground and en route to the hospital.

- **Training:** The main purpose of the fire department is to preserve life, protect property and safeguard our communities through relentless commitment to emergency preparedness, fire prevention and safety, response and recovery. All the training courses and qualifications PPVFD does is on the firefighter's own personal time; examples are Firefighter I, Firefighter II, hazmat training, swift water, high angle ropes, EMT, paramedic and emergency driver training, just to name a few.

Value to the members: When PPVFD shows up at your house, rest assured, you will have well-trained, professional, dedicated neighbors, who arrive ready to tackle any incident.

- **Dedicated, Motivated Volunteers:** PPVFD volunteers are dedicated to this department.

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Value to the members: PPVFD members, collectively, have over 100 years of fire service experience. Most active volunteers have more than 10 years of experience in either paid or volunteer fire departments. One member has been active for 29 years. Some other members have 21, 20, 18, 17, 15, and so on. PPVFD even has a former Midland Fire Department captain and Midland Volunteer Fire Department chief. Several paramedics and several EMTs also volunteer in the department.

- **PPVFD volunteers are always “On Call”** ready to respond to the emergency needs of Pecan Plantation members and have the experience and training to respond to almost any type of incident.

PPVFD spends countless hours searching for and researching available grants, from government and non-governmental organizations. Once a year, PPVFD receives funds from Hood County and Johnson County because it services around 100 houses on Ravenswood Drive that are located in Johnson County. These efforts save YOU money. PPVFD doesn't want to cost you any more money than necessary and prides itself on being the best steward of your assessment money, your life and your property.

PPVFD constantly searches for ways to be more cost effective and plan for the future needs of this growing community. For example, in 2010, PPVFD upgraded its equipment and requested a new appraisal from the Insurance Services Office (ISO), successfully lowering the ISO/PPC rating from a 5 to a 3. This rating saves residents money on their homeowners insurance. The only other Hood County fire departments that have an ISO/PPC 3 rating are Granbury VFD and Acton/DeCordova Bend Estates VFD. In comparison, Dallas and Fort Worth are ISO/PPC 2.

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ACC REPORT

The number of new home permits remained low during January 2024 with the ACC approving only two New Residence Construction Permits, six Miscellaneous Construction Permits, and no Construction Revisions or Permit Extensions.

The ACC construction permit list currently contains 51 active permits for new homes under construction and 23 active miscellaneous permits for various other improvements.

The following new homes were approved to begin construction during January 2024:

ADDRESS	SQ/FT LIVING AREA	OWNER	BUILDER
2116 Middlewood Cir.	2650	Dennis Montefuseo	Jacob Freeman
6112 Bonanza Dr.	3013	Patrick Arenal	Donny Couto

COMPLIANCE CORNER

During January 2024, the Compliance Office received 37 calls and 29 emails reporting possible compliance issues, three calls and three emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 587 calls and 78 emails requesting ACC, plat/lot, rules, C&R or construction information.

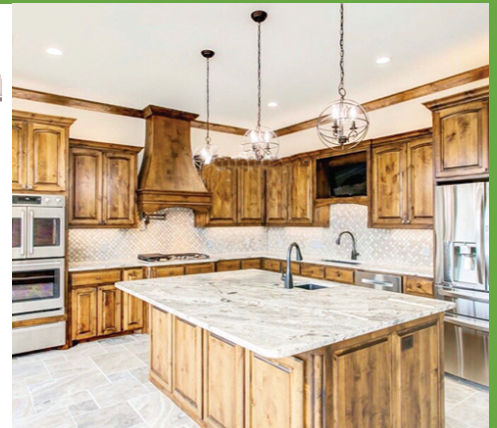
Since many lots have recently been sold in the newly developed additions, all owners of vacant lots are reminded to enlist a landscape maintenance contractor to regularly service your property for the entire annual mowing season which usually includes the months of March through at least mid-November. All properties are not only required to be

mowed on a frequent enough basis to prevent the average growth height from exceeding the violation level of 10", but must also be kept free of fallen tree limbs, trash and other debris. Under PPOA Rules & Regulations, vacant properties found in a violation condition are subject to the Association arranging for enforcement service on the property with cost recovery charges billed to the owner's member account. Cost recovery charges for non-scheduled property maintenance are generally far more expensive than routine/contracted landscape service because personnel and equipment to perform the task must be pulled from a contractor's daily schedule of jobs and work area.

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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By John Ingram III
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USTA league play is now in full swing. We have a number of players participating each week in home or away matches (both singles and doubles). Good luck to all our Pecan teams.

The dates are set for the summer sports camp and all sports camps. For specific information call our shoppe.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS PPTA EVENT:

The PPTA Spring BBQ (Hanger Dance) will be Friday, April 12. We'll have food, music, fun and camaraderie. We'll see you there. No foolin'!

Planning your summer? Put some tennis (a lifetime sport) into your child or grandchild's life!

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP (GOLF, TENNIS, SWIM)

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- II. July 9-12
- III. July 30-Aug 2

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- C. June 25-28
- D. July 16-19
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March 9, 2024... a date which could live on in infamy!

Your Pecan Plantation Tennis Association board of directors voted to have a party to end all parties. We are making plans for an additional 80 people for this two-stage, half-day event with the hope it will rival our Christmas party attendance record.

Free to all members and non-members, it will be a St. Patrick's Day playday and social dinner. We decided to thank all those folks who play here and pay court fees and invite those eligible non-members of PPOA to come out and enjoy a day of tennis, dinner, drinks and socializing along with the usual PPTA members.

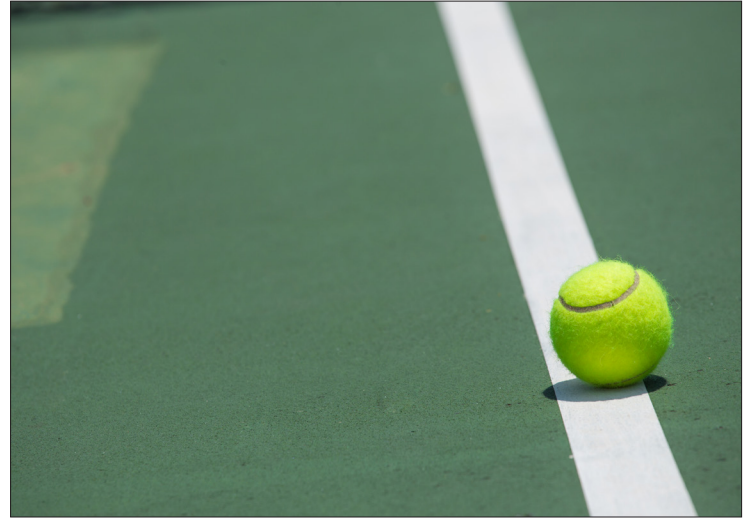
The party will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at the Pecan tennis courts. Anyone who wants to swing a racket will play doubles arranged by our ambassador of tennis, Sir John. Beginners may be able to finagle a free lesson out of him (otherwise, I heard he was cheap but not easy!) Burgers, brats and hot dogs will go on the grill at 5:30 p.m. and the fire pit will be lit at 7 p.m. if needed.

Spread the word to your tennis buds outside of Pecan!

The next big event is the annual membership meeting April

12 at 4 p.m. at the Pecan Airport hangar. It's a WWII-themed hangar party with the usual outstanding barbecue. We will hopefully elect new members to the board of directors, have a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction followed by dancing and music by Sir John, of course!

Spring league captains, send me your news early as this publication requires article submissions a whole month in advance!



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Pecan Plantation Widow and Widowers Group:

offering support,
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By Eden Duncan Gilbreath



From left: Neal Pipkin, Donna Thompson, and Tim Cecil



From left: Dan Crise, Peggy Wetle, Dale Heid, and Caryl Mahaffey



From left: Gloria Enriquez, Pat Hockett, Mary Jo Johnson, Kathleen Little, Peggy Wetle, Donna Thompson, Neal Pipkin, and Sherrie Ricci

It goes without saying that losing your life partner causes profound grief. Only one who has experienced this loss themselves can imagine the depth of grieving the loss of a spouse.

The trauma of having cared for loved ones “in sickness and in health” as many wedding vows declare adds to the very difficult days.

Navigating life after the death of a spouse means navigating a whole new reality. There are many decisions to be made during an illness or after a death whether sudden or expected. After the spouse’s death dealing with not only crushing grief but living a whole new life without their beloved presents many challenges.

Widows and widowers groups try to meet various needs according to their focus. Some groups are grief sessions aimed at providing counseling, hope and support. Other groups are primarily social clubs. Some are a bit of both. There are groups to be found at churches or civic organizations and sometimes even in neighborhoods.

Pecan is home to a widow and widowers group right here in the neighborhood. In February the group celebrated their one-year anniversary since the reorganization. Many get-togethers now number over 50 in attendance.

Though many of the group members have gone to grief classes, groups or sought wisdom from counselors or books, there remains a need to have people around that understand the struggles of someone who has lost a spouse. The Pecan Widow and Widowers Group provides this support.

At monthly meetings, widows and widowers gather to offer support and can, through conversations, share

feelings and frustrations with people who are traveling the same path. A sympathetic ear goes a long way. Also, members can share knowledge about how they handled a legal situation and other affairs.

“One of the hardest things is going out to eat. You don’t want to cook at home for one, but you don’t want to go out to dinner and say, ‘Table for one please.’ That is where the Widow and Widowers Group comes in,” shared group leader Caryl Mahaffey.

Besides the conversation and wonderful meal prepared by Chef Jordan, an educational program is presented each month. Experts bring subjects of various interest to the group members at the meetings - subjects as far ranging as gardening to personal health.

“The Widow and Widowers group has the full support of the clubhouse and staff. We are looking ahead; to forming new friendships, going on garden tours and baseball games and other social events,” said Mahaffey.

Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday night of the month, reservations for the meeting should be made the Tuesday prior.

There is no better time to get involved. Friendly faces await. To reserve your spot at the March gathering, RSVP no later than Tuesday, March 19 at noon for the event on Tuesday, March 26. Email reservations preferred to Caryl Mahaffey at caryl.mahaffey@charter.net.

The board of the Pecan Widow and Widowers group consists of leader Caryl Mahaffey, co-chair Peggy Wetle, joined by Dan Crise and Dale Heid. Any of the board members can be contacted if you have questions about the group.

Navigating life after the death of a spouse means navigating a whole new reality.

AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lana Robinson

The Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary is seeking sponsors and participants for its 2024 golf tournament. Expectations are running high on the heels of a banner fundraising year and record-setting golf tournament in 2023.

The 2024 tourney is set for Saturday, April 20, at the Pecan Country Club. Format is a 4-Person Scramble with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Form your 4-man team and register no later than April 1. First come, first registered (we have filled up early the past two years with 144 players on the course on tournament day). Cost is \$75 per person. Carts will be \$30 for two people (two cart maximum per team and must be reserved). Payment must be received at time of registration, along with a registration form with all fields completed. Mail check(s) for correct entry amount made payable to

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Because we are having our tournament earlier this year, with the idea of having cooler weather for our sponsors, players and volunteers, we are still working on our hole-in-one sponsorships and prizes that help lure in more players. We will release more details as the campaign continues.

Right now, we need sponsorships and donated items/services for our raffle. One hundred percent of the profit goes directly toward the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS.

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Please consider one or more of the sponsorship levels. In exchange, your business(es) can be promoted through multiple outlets throughout our community and within Hood County. Sponsors' names, as well as those who donate raffle prizes, will be posted on a list and updated/refreshed regularly on the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary FACEBOOK page, Nextdoor Pecan and other social media.

Contact Susan Thillen, ppaux2023treasurer@gmail.com if you are willing to be a sponsor of this event or to donate a product or service and to arrange for payment.

We hope we can count on your help to make this year's Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary Annual Golf Tournament one of the best yet.

Shout out to Shawn Williamson, owner of The Cutting Edge Landscape and Irrigation in Granbury, for his generosity in preparing the site for the new memorial patio at the PPVFD/EMS building. Shawn did this at no cost to the auxiliary. The area has been created around a flagpole at the EMS building at 9518 Monticello Dr. where 4-inch x 8-inch bricks, which can honor a person or an achievement, 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. You can pick up an order form at the auxiliary meetings and the EMS building during regular business hours. For more information or to order, call Susan Thillen 817-657-3937, or Donna Bullis 817-454-0422.

Come to the Volunteer Brunch at 10 a.m. at the EMS building Saturday, March 2, to learn more about the auxiliary and its mission, meet members, and find out how you can become involved in supporting your Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS. You may be new to the community, or you may have lived here a long time and may not be aware of our organization. We welcome your ideas and participation at our meetings, but we realize meetings are not everyone's cup of tea. Either way, we would appreciate your help as we are always seeking volunteers who will show up for and lend a helping hand at our fundraising activities and events. Y'all come.

The next regular auxiliary meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, March 4, at the EMS Meeting Room, 9518 Monticello Dr. Plan to come at 6 p.m. to join us in a social time and potluck meal.



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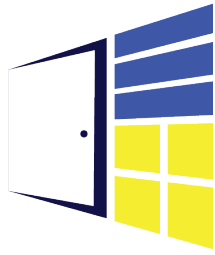
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WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Bob Lusk

Your wildlife committee has been active with several projects.

After evaluating deer count data, committee members, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department biologists, and PPOA employees who administer deer trapping, PPOA has been advised by the wildlife committee the deer herd is in good condition and should be left as is. Therefore, the decision has been made not to harvest any deer this season.

Another project spearheaded by the committee is to start managing several ponds in Pecan Plantation to improve fishing opportunities for residents... especially youth.

As part of the preparation for stocking additional fish, much needed habitat improvement has been implemented. Committee members and Pecan employees, headed by Daniel Van Patten, grabbed 15 Christmas trees destined for the mulcher and committee members met for a work day late in January, put the trees in concrete and buckets, and then installed them into the pond on golf course hole #10. Pecan residents Ben Tabor, a river fishing guide with *Fatties on the Fly*, with his friend Patrick Clayton, volunteered with several committee members to install the trees into the pond.

Can you keep a secret? Trees were dropped into the pond near the dock. Pecan staff is planning to remove the existing dock and repair it, then re-install it.

Wildlife committee members are planning the fund-raising raffle to raise money for the annual Dr. Barna Memorial Kid Winter Fishing Tournament. In years past, money raised has been spent buying rainbow trout for stocking for the tournament, a huge community success each year.

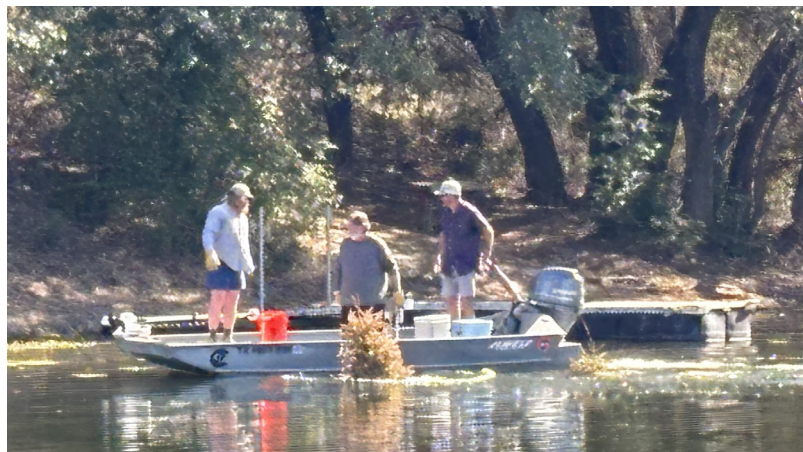
The raffle starts early March.

There are five prizes: Two Charter Arms Pacemaker 22 magnum 8-shot revolvers, one lavender, the other gray, with holster, 200 rounds of ammo, a nightstand lock box, and two one-hour training sessions included. These two grand prizes are focused primarily for women interested in self-defense.

There are also two 1911, .45 caliber pistols and a Bond Arms derringer, 2-shot, caliber yet to be determined.

There will only be 500 tickets sold, and they may be purchased for \$25 each, or five for \$100. Contact any wildlife committee member (roster on the committee page in the PPOA website) or text committee chairman Mike Hustak at 269-598-4179.

Tickets go on sale early March; drawing will be held June 14.



Christmas trees repurposed for fish structure added to #10 pond, next to tennis courts.



Preparing to launch trees for fish attractors and structures in #10 pond.



Pecan resident and fishing guide, Ben Tabor (find him at "Fatties on the Fly") assists installing repurposed Christmas trees for fish habitat in pond #10 in Pecan.

PICKLEBALL NEWS

By Jana Reeves



Ladies-only pickleball on Tuesday afternoons

The Pecan Plantation Pickleball members continue to enjoy the new PAC gym floor. Despite delays due to bad weather and needed repairs, the wait was worth it! There were approximately 70 members who attended the re-opening where Pecan GM Rick Lantgen spoke to the crowd. President Sam Butler also introduced the new system dividing players into social or competitive play for games on the four courts. If you have any questions about this process, ask any board member for a review. As always, please remember safety first and have fun! Open play is available every weekday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., except for Wednesdays when the PAC closes by noon. During spring break, March 11-15, times are adjusted to 9:30-11:30 a.m.

PPPA held its annual members meeting Tuesday Feb. 27. During the meeting, members were updated on fundraising

events and current projects — including improvements to the outdoor court. Then new board members were elected. We look forward to another great year of pickleball in Pecan.

During the month of March, PPPA will offer one beginner's clinic Monday, March 18, 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. This is a fun introduction to the rules and game of pickleball. Wear comfortable clothing and court shoes. The class is limited to eight participants and registration is required. Please, stop by or call the PAC to sign up.

The ladies pickleball group celebrated with a Valentines Day party in February. They met for lunch and games prior to an afternoon of pickleball play. The ladies-only play is every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. but there will be no play Tuesday, March 12. All levels of play are welcome.

Pecan GM Rick Lantgen speaks to the Pickleball members





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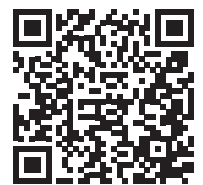


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HOW TO CREATE AN OUTDOOR LIVING RETREAT

Al fresco entertaining has taken off in recent years. It's much more common today to find homeowners who want to extend living spaces to the outdoors in meaningful ways that go beyond a few lawn chairs and a stand-alone grill. Dream backyard living rooms mirror similar spaces indoors and contain features like cozy corners, lush furniture and televisions or movie projectors. Plus, they often abut additional outdoor luxuries like fully functional kitchens.

Homeowners have various options when designing outdoor living spaces. Above all else, spaces should be created with the goal of encouraging people to get together. Here are some ideas.

POOLSIDE RETREAT

Homeowners with pools and other water features likely want this area to be the star of the entertaining space. Furniture will be more of the lounging variety, with comfortable chaises and spots to catch the sun. If a swim-up bar isn't possible, a rolling bar cart can be stocked with essentials for cocktails or mocktails for the kids. Furniture near the pool will be exposed to a lot of sun, so look for durable, sun-resistant fabrics.

FIRESIDE NOOK

Gathering around an outdoor fireplace or fire pit is a treat when the weather cools down. Mirror the look of the same setup indoors by arranging outdoor sofas so they flank the fireplace. Add some ottomans or side tables for stowing

mulled cider or hot chocolate. A mantel above the fireplace can hold pots of greenery or candles that add to the ambiance.

CONSIDER A CUSTOM BANQUETTE

Unused corners on a patio or rooftop retreat can utilize a custom-made banquette that provides the functionality of a sofa sectional outdoors. Have a contractor design it to the exact specifications of the area, and add a rug to ground the space.

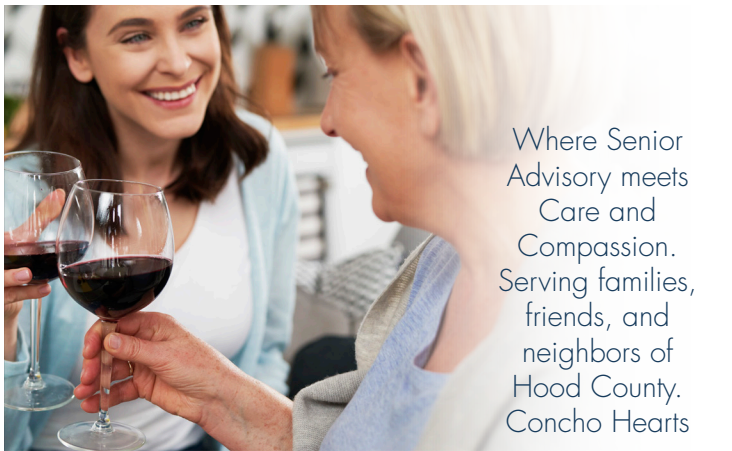
VARY THE FLOORING

Depending on the entertaining space, a balance of soft grass, pavers or other hardscape will be necessary. Certain areas will need to be hard enough for chairs and other furniture, particularly for those who are including an outdoor dining table in the design.

CREATE SOME PRIVACY

Some homeowners are lucky enough to have natural barriers that offer privacy in their entertaining spaces. When there isn't enough, tall shrubs, inexpensive bamboo fencing or trellis can provide a blind that makes an outdoor living area more cozy and private. Consider placing tall, potted plants on rolling casters to improve privacy as the need arises.

Outdoor living spaces are all the rage, and they can add value and functionality to most any home.



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PECAN PLANTATION COMMUNITY GARDENS

Steph Phalen

Marching forward, Pecan Plantation Community Gardens is anticipating a successful planting season. Our beautiful warm January temperatures allowed us to plant 425 red, yellow and white onions which will be ready for picking in May.

The potatoes that went in the ground in February will be harvested in June.

Workdays on March 9 and 23 will find us planting carrots, lettuce, spinach, radishes, peas and a variety of beans — all organic!

This month's featured garden enthusiasts are mother/daughter team Katherine Crofts and Bernadette Gutilla who are originally from California. Although they have lived in New Hampshire, Ohio and Minnesota, they chose to make Texas their home. Bernadette first considered growing vegetables at home but thought she would start by joining the community gardens where she could enjoy organic produce and learn from fellow gardeners. She looks forward to sharing recipes and cooking tips. Welcome, Bernadette and Katherine.

Our website has been updated with our watering calendar along with an activities calendar: <http://www.ppoacommunitygardens.org>. Check it out for garden news or to join us for the bargain price of \$25 a year. Applications also available at the PAC. Members come from a variety of gardening backgrounds and are a mix of differing levels of expertise.

Are you still looking for ways to use your pecans? If so, try making pecan butter. Recipes can be found online at websites such as Cookie + Kate. You will need a food processor and a few common ingredients to prepare scrumptious butter. It's easy, delicious and less expensive than purchasing at the store. If you have recipes or gardening tips, please share by contacting us on our website.

The community gardens is looking for donations of T-posts and cattle panels to create trellises. If you have these items, please contact Susan Harris at 214-926-1800. An example is pictured.

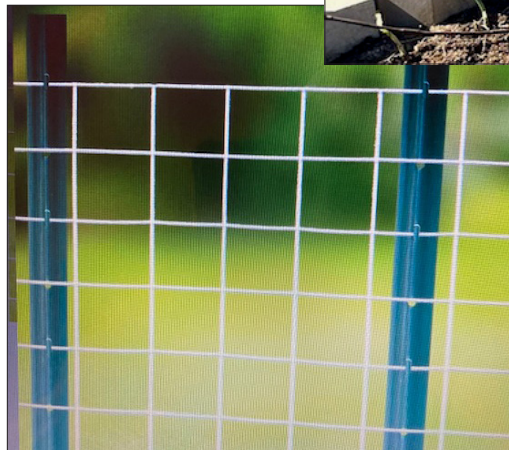
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Katherine Croft and Bernadette Gutilla



Mike Cross, Tommy and Jill Hosek planting onions



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BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

Spring is almost here, and the outdoor activities are picking up. Club members have been fishing regularly and the shotgun group has been getting out to shoot again after some cold and wet spells earlier this year. Because of that cold weather, I do not have any shotgun scores to report this month. The picture this month is of Jerry Sprayberry with some more of the trout he caught in the pond on hole 10 behind the clubhouse. He and Bob Price have been regularly catching some of the leftover trout.

One of the club's annual activities is to clean out all the birdhouses in the birding area of the walking trail across from the RV park on Ravenswood. We check and clean all the houses along

the Ravenswood side of the trail, check the bench and picnic table for needed cleaning and repairs. We will also take down the Martin houses that are in the open area toward Ravenswood and make sure they are clean and ready for the Martins. There have been times when we did not seem to get any Martins, but they have been seen in the houses this last year or so.

The speaker scheduled for our March meeting will be a local taxidermist who will talk to us about what he does, and I am sure it will include how we should take care of any game we would like mounted.

If you would like any information about the club, you can contact me at ccald67@gmail.com.



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BREAKFAST CLUB

On Feb. 14, Lance Tahmahkera, the great-great-grandson of Quanah Parker, the last chief of the Comanches, shared stories and histories of the Comanche, along with the heritage and perspectives of Native Americans. Many of the stories told to Lance as a child cannot be found in books. Tahmahkera also brought many rare family artifacts, relics and photographs for members to enjoy. All together this was an extremely interesting presentation about Quanah and his mother Cynthia Ann Parker, a white girl captured by the Comanches when she was 8 years old. They are two of the most interesting people in Texas history. We were indeed fortunate to have Lance as our guest.

On Feb. 28, we hosted author Martin Brown. Martin's book, "The Glen Rose Moonshine Raid," is a fascinating look at life during prohibition in Glen Rose. Our neighbors to the south did not take prohibition lightly and operated in open defiance of the law. Gov. Pat Neff eventually sent a contingent of Texas Rangers and undercover agents to stop the illegal activity. More than 50 men were arrested, including the sheriff and the county prosecutor. Outraged, some of Glen Rose's most prominent citizens stalked the Rangers and their agents, assassinating the primary operative in an ambush. Things went south from there. A fascinating story! You should have been at Breakfast Club to enjoy it.

We're looking at a couple more interesting speakers in March. Melinda Ray will be our guest March 13. Melinda is an author of several books including "Limestone Legacies: A Collection of Granbury and Hood County History." Melinda is the owner of Books on the Square and the former owner of the Nutt House Hotel. Come join us while Melinda spins tales of some of the area's original characters including the Nutt, Landers and Bond families.

The Hood County Sheriff's Office has a crime victim liaison to assist victims of crimes. Victim liaison Mary Flores will be our guest speaker March 27. Her duties include helping victims apply for Crime Victims' Compensation Funds, assisting with the Texas Victim Notification System so victims are aware of the custody status and criminal case status of the associated criminals. Mary can also assist with applying for the Address Confidentiality Program. Many of us were unaware of this amazing program to help the victims of crimes. Join us to learn more.

Breakfast Club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of most months for food, fun and

fellowship. Breakfast is available at 8 a.m. while our program begins at 9 a.m. If you don't want breakfast, then drop in at 8 a.m. for some free coffee and fellowship.

We strive to bring you the best in presenters of interest to our audience. There are no dues for Breakfast Club, and everybody is welcome. We request you call the clubhouse front desk (817-573-2641) and make reservations no later than noon the Tuesday prior to the upcoming meeting. You may also order breakfast at that time. The breakfast menu is on our Facebook page at Pecan Breakfast Club. Send your email address to pecanbreakfast@gmail.com to be included in our mailing list. Watch for e-blasts and Columns articles about our activities. Come join us!

Know of an interesting speaker? Let us hear about them.



MARCH PHOTO CONTEST



Heidi Edwards

The March photo contest was a huge success with many amazing entries. The photos on these pages represent the finalists.

The winning photo, left, was chosen as the winner by a committee of media professionals at the Hyde Media Group. The committee based its decision on which photo best encapsulates the month of March for the March cover.

Congratulations to Heidi Edwards on her beautiful photo of a hummingbird in her own backyard.

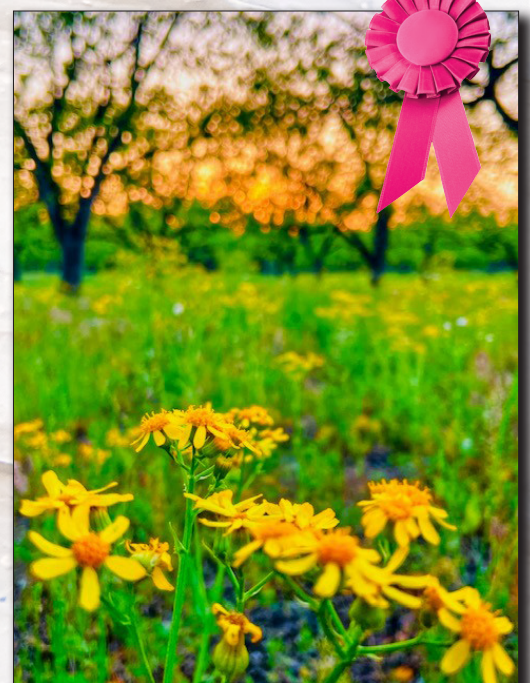
The photos below were named as honorable mentions for the contest.

Congratulations to all the participants on your outstanding work. The committee had a difficult time choosing the winner.

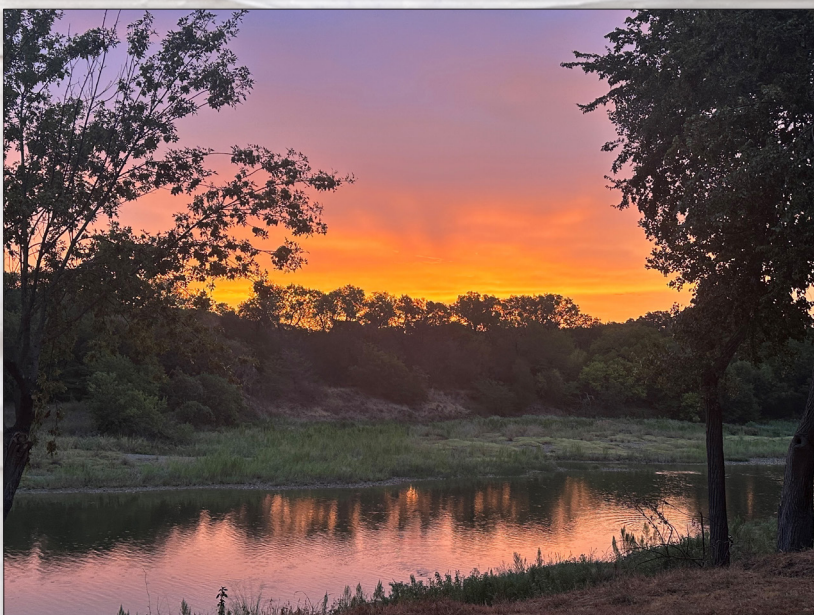
The next photo contest is coming up for the June issue. Deadline is April 30. Submit your photos to communications@ppoaweb.com



Donovan Reese



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Top row from left: Donovan Reese, Kellee Fry, Kathy Phelps

Middle row from left: Bill Lanus, Ken Kunzman

Bottom photo: Kellee Fry

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PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

Boot scootin' takes center stage

Sandy Hoelting, President

Put on your hat and dust off your boots, it's time for Boot Scootin'!

On March 23, our annual Boot Scootin' evening event will take place at the Pecan Plantation Country Club and all members of Pecan Plantation are invited. Reservations are under way with a quickly approaching deadline. Because this is always a sold-out event, be sure to get your tickets soon.

Pecan Plantation Woman's Club has committees that work all year on this March 23 event, and the theme for 2024 is Boots and Bluebonnets. Committee members have planned every detail to make your evening memorable. From the General Store (with lots of goodies you can purchase — a lot of surprises await you!) to the silent auction, there are so many opportunities made especially for you. The Brazos Room will be filled with silent auction items that have been donated by merchants and individuals alike. These pieces are often one-of-a-kind treasures from art and jewelry, to gift certificates — something for everyone. The Big Tex Auction will also have unique and unusual items for your bidding. Remember, all the money raised from Boot Scootin' goes to support our community, Hood County charities and scholarships.

The evening is even more enjoyable with the live country western band, complete with dancing for all the cowboys and cowgirls that want to do a little two stepping and dance the night away. A delicious and exceptional meal will be prepared by Chef Jordan for everyone to enjoy during this special evening.

Come dance the night away at Boot Scootin' 2024!

If you have any questions or want to get information about joining Pecan Plantation Woman's Club, please contact me by email at sandyh9911@gmail.com or call 501-922-7464.



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ART MATTERS

By Cheryl Moore

January and February brought great news and exciting opportunities for members of the Pecan Plantation Art Guild.

First, many thanks to Barbara Brown for stepping up to serve as interim president. She now returns to her elected job as first vice president in charge of membership.



Doris Bernier

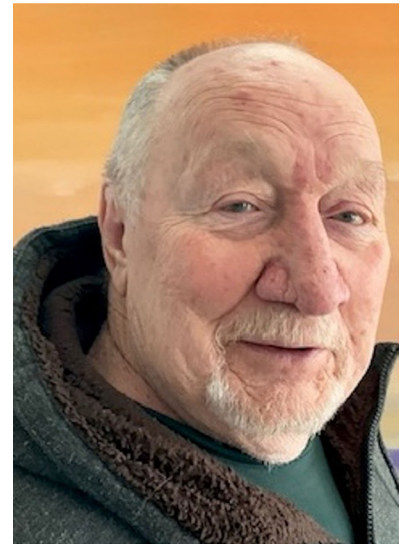
We welcome new President Doris Bernier, who has a proven track record of leadership and achievement both in the private sector and as a community volunteer. An artist in her own right (she loves the very precise medium of colored pencils) and past president of Lake Granbury Art Association, her work with LGAA included several successful art shows for members and even artists from other areas. Her information technology skills have enabled her to be very effective in communications with membership through emails and live streaming meetings. Her creative approach to projects has produced beautiful displays and opportunities for others to learn by her example. Doris grew up in this area but spent years in Chicago with her husband raising a family. We are glad they moved back and settled in Pecan Plantation. Doris says, "I hope that this year with the Pecan Art Guild will be one of the best ever, and I can't wait to get started!"

You won't want to miss the meeting Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. when Jim McDonald (jimcdonaldartstudio.com) will show us his skills. This accomplished and awarded artist moved recently to Bluff Dale from Taos, New Mexico, where he still spends his summers. He describes his beautiful landscapes as abstract expressionism, which he creates with oil paint and a palette knife "mainly... from memory and my imagination... Very often they are commonplace views which I create in an uncommon way to depict the history of the subject and the people that interacted with it — dilapidated homes, barns and fences slowly returning to the earth are frequent elements." Watch the video on his website for some further insights into the thoughts of this amazing artist.

Membership in the Pecan Plantation Art Guild is open to all Pecan Plantation residents who are interested in art. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Pecan Activity Center. Dues are \$35 per calendar year. For more information, visit the website at pecanplantationartguild.com.



In January, members voted for this painting by Sue Bagwell as our Artist of the Month. It was on display at the PAC until our February meeting when we voted for a new Artist of the month.



Jim McDonald self portrait



At the February meeting, we greatly enjoyed a demo by Audrey Caylor (audreycaylorart.com), a contemporary wildlife and western artist. Her mediums of choice are oil and acrylic. A native Texan who comes from a long line of artists, Audrey's painterly creations have won her great recognition and many awards since she just started entering shows about two years ago.

Audrey's statement: "The purpose of my work is to capture the feeling or the spirit of the animal with a simple glance. I'm driven by understanding wildlife's natural beauty and how the simplicity of one brush stroke can depict that."



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By New Member Orientation Committee

WILLIAM AND MELISSA ASTON, The Landings East, are relocating from Fort Worth. William and Melissa have two children. He is employed by Eagle Ranch Vision Source as an optometrist and enjoys piloting, lake activities, dirt bikes and pickleball. Melissa is a retired optometrist and enjoys playing tennis and pickleball.

JASON AND KAREN BOWERMAN, Tezcuco Court, relocated to Pecan Plantation from Georgetown. Jason is employed by Squadra Solutions, LLC, and Karen is employed by Texas Christian University. They share their home with their 17-year-old Tortie cat. Jason and Karen enjoy watching college basketball and hiking.

CHAD AND ANITA DOWDY, The Landing East, are relocating to Pecan Plantation from Prosper. They have two children. Chad is employed with the sheriff's department and enjoys playing cornhole and golf. Anita is employed by Cook Children's Health Care System and enjoys reading, baking, hiking and traveling.

JOSH AND CAROLYN GARLAND, Westover Drive, relocated from Newberg, Oregon. They have four teenage children. Josh is employed by CBRE Real Estate Services and is a big gamer. Carolyn enjoys paddleboarding and DIY projects.

HUNTER HALISCAK AND MICHELA ALEXANDER, The Landings East, will be relocating from Justin. They discovered Pecan Plantation while attending the Oshkosh (WI) Airshow. Hunter is a pilot with Spirit Airlines and Michela is a pilot with American Airlines. He enjoys woodworking and 3-D painting, while she enjoys gardening and canning their home-grown goodies. They both love a good board game night!

RYAN LAVEAU AND BRITTANNY CRAINE, Hanging Moss Drive, moved from Temecula, California, with their children, Harper and Hunter. Ryan is employed with Master Halco Decking and enjoys golfing, cars and baseball. Brittanny is employed with Melaleuca Wellness Company and enjoys yoga, networking, coffee and wine.

MIKE AND BARB MATESICH, Bellechase Road, relocated from Surprise, Arizona, to be near their son and his family who live in Pecan. They have six children and five grandchildren. Mike is retired from education and the building industry, and Barb is a retired postpartum doula. He enjoys golf and woodworking, and she enjoys cooking and quilting.

ZEHIR-MURCIA MORENO AND JUAN-CARLOS TORRES, The Landings East, are relocating from Plano. Zehir is employed with JP Morgan Chase and enjoys traveling. Juan is employed by the City of Carrollton and enjoys hiking, softball, gardening and traveling.

TONY AND SANDY OCHOA, Monticello Drive, relocated from Alvarado, along with Tony's mother, Josie Ochoa. They have three children and five grandchildren. Tony is retired from the U.S. Navy and is now working for the Department of the Navy as a civilian. Tony and Sandy both enjoy sports, golf, hiking, traveling and crafting.

LONNIE AND MARY PENNINGTON, Brierfield Road, relocated from Sanger. They have one child, one grandchild, and one great-grandchild. Lonnie is retired from Halliburton and enjoys fishing and gambling. Mary is retired from Sally Beauty and enjoys family and gambling.

CHIP AND MARILYN ROEMISCH, Tremont Lane, moved to Pecan Plantation from Andrews. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Chip is employed by Conoco Phillips and Marilyn is retired from Concho. They enjoy time with their family, golf, traveling, cooking and entertaining.

WELDON AND LORI RUSSO, The Landings East, will be relocating from Fort Worth. They have three daughters. Weldon became familiar with Pecan Plantation in the '90s when his father was a resident. He is employed by Fort Worth Physical Therapy and Lori is retired from Eagle Ranch Vision Source. Weldon enjoys sports, softball, basketball, tennis, golf and flying. Lori enjoys tennis, golf, walking and gardening.

JADDU SATYANARNYANA, The Landings East, will be moving from Irving. He is employed with American Airlines and enjoys running, reading and nature.

CODY AND CHRISTINE SUMMERS, Ravenswood, relocated from Haslet. They have three teenage children – twin girls and a son. Cody is employed in the financial services industry and enjoys golf, hunting, working out, sports and traveling. Christine is self-employed by Take Charge College Recruiting Service, helping softball players get to college. She enjoys tennis, softball, traveling, coaching and board games

TOD AND ROBIN SUTHERLAND, Buena Vista, moved to Pecan Plantation from Howe. They have four children. Tod is self-employed and enjoys motorcycles, motorsports and the outdoors. Robin will soon retire from PepsiCo and enjoys outdoor activities.

BOB AND KAY WILLINGHAM, Firehouse Road, former Pecan Plantation residents, have relocated back from Angel Fire, New Mexico. They have three children. Bob was formerly employed by Golf Etc. and enjoys playing golf and cars. Kay was employed in the oil and gas industry.

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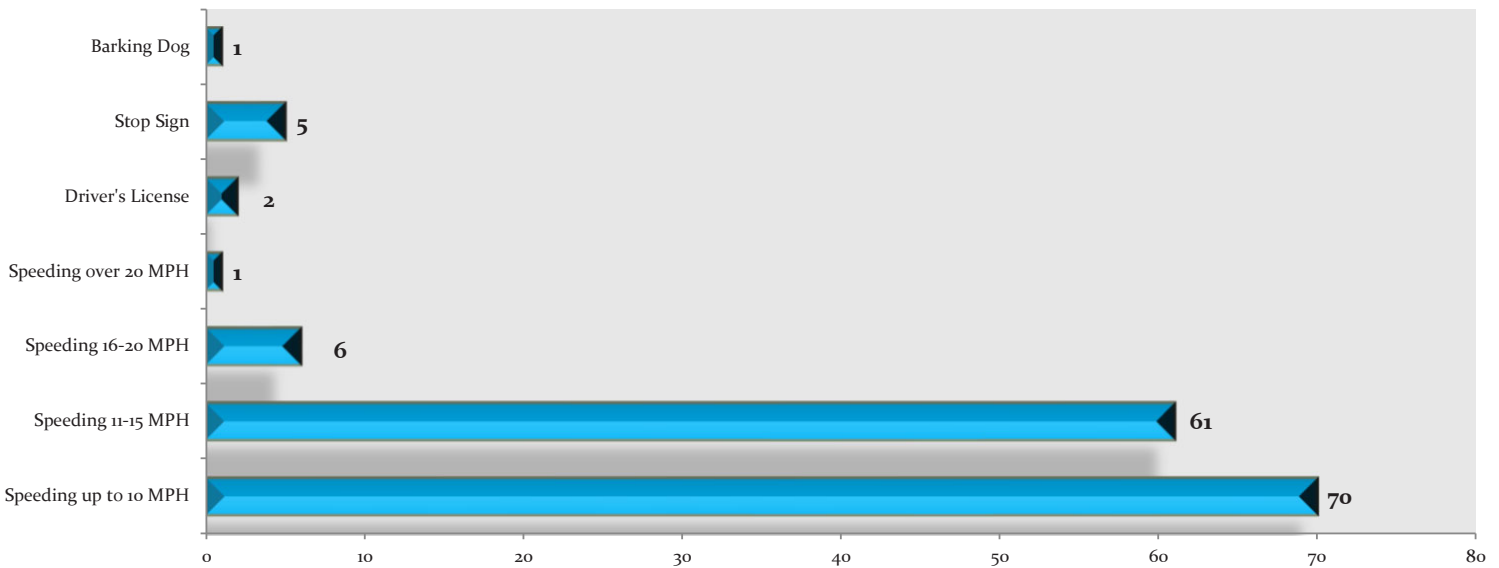
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January 2024

Citations January 2024

Total: 146 Citations



Asset Type	Amount
Speeding up to 10 MPH	70
Speeding 11-15 MPH	61
Speeding 16-20 MPH	6
Speeding over 20 MPH	1
Driver's License	2
Stop Sign	5
Barking Dog	1
Total Warnings Among Citations	10

Areas of Citations Issued

Claremont - 6
 Georgiana Ct. - 1
 Monticello - 5
 Orchard - 13
 Plantation - 60
 Ravenswood - 1
 Wedgefield - 59
 Westover - 1

Breakdown by Violator Type

Member/ Guest - 110
 Contractor/ Vendor - 36

**Pecan Plantation Owners Association
Pecan Plantation Country Club
For the Two Months Ending December 2023**

CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT

	Actual YTD	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,782,715	\$ 1,715,211	\$ 67,504
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>\$ (281,017)</u>	<u>\$ (254,707)</u>	<u>\$ (26,310)</u>
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 1,501,698	\$ 1,460,504	\$ 41,194
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (954,518)	\$ (976,058)	\$ 21,540
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (480,739)	\$ (558,893)	\$ 78,154
Net Operating Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation	<u>\$ 66,441</u>	<u>\$ (74,447)</u>	<u>\$ 140,888</u>

RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,431,261	\$ 3,431,261
Fund Deposits	\$ 231,277	\$ 1,295,404
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (633,775)</u>	<u>\$ (3,426,321)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 3,028,763</u>	<u>\$ 1,300,344</u>

NEW CAPITAL FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,050,920	\$ 1,050,920
Fund Deposits	\$ 121,719	\$ 702,359
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (18,220)</u>	<u>\$ (89,670)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 1,154,419</u>	<u>\$ 1,663,609</u>

ROAD & DRAINAGE FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,364,734	\$ 1,364,734
Fund Deposits	\$ 303,883	\$ 1,863,705
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,690,444)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 1,668,617</u>	<u>\$ 537,995</u>

ACROSS

- 1 middle name of "Lady Bird" Johnson
- 5 repair socks
- 6 get ready for publication
- 7 TXism: "a shy dog don't get ___ biscuits"
- 8 TXism: "old as ___"
- 9 late TX actress and model, Fawcett
- 15 "against" prefix
- 16 TX Leon Jaworski became Watergate prosecutor after this Cox was fired
- 19 TXism: "that's a fine how ___ ___" (something irritating)
- 21 where Moses got the commandments
- 22 TXism: "___ ___ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- 27 tear in a sweater
- 28 sell door to door
- 29 TXism: "useless as perfume ___ ___"
- 30 TXism: "___ ___ a whipped pup"
- 32 Austin band: "Asleep ___ the Wheel"
- 33 TX Cooley is known for his work in ___ - ___ surgery
- 36 Granbury historic hotel: "___ House"
- 37 nickname of president born in Denison
- 38 TXism: "attracted like ___ ___ a magnet"
- 39 male fowl (2 wds.)
- 41 "black gold"

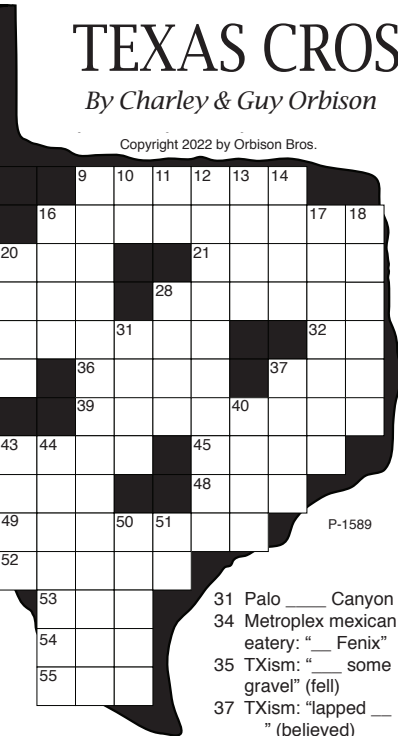
- 42 Texas city meaning "the pass" (2 wds.)
- 45 many Texans have played on the PGA ___
- 46 Astros former leag.
- 47 chain-___ fence
- 48 marching cadence word in Texas, cars must have a registration ___
- 49 "___ ___ in the face" (an insult)
- 53 ___ Ocean, Texas

- 54 word before a woman's maiden name
- 55 big cell service provider

DOWN

- 1 suffix for "lemon" or "lime"
- 2 young man
- 3 Groveton is the seat of this county
- 4 TX Tanya Tucker sang "San ___" (1975)
- 8 TXism: "___ - slinging drunk"
- 9 TXism: "a ___ - ___ would have more fun" (bored)
- 10 summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)
- 11 actor Rock in Texas epic "Giant" (init.)

- 12 TXism: "cream ___ ___ top" (good quality)
- 13 head nod at an auction (2 wds.)
- 14 TX Woodward was the walking boss in "Cool ___ Luke"
- 15 TXism: "if he's ___ ___ bark"
- 16 Eve's mate in Eden
- 17 TX Shaquille won 3 titles as this (city abbr. + team)
- 18 calorie counter
- 20 the family ___
- 22 TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have to ___"
- 23 Lennon's widow



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 - **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.

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

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.
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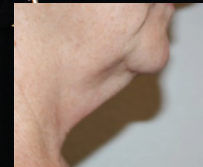
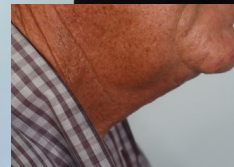
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