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**BOD Meeting:**  
**June 27, 2024, 6 p.m.**  
**BOD Committee Workshop**  
**July 15 at 6 p.m. in the Ballroom**



## COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

Committee	Frequency/Day	Time	Location
Airport	2nd Thursday	8 a.m.	Planeview Park (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
Entertainment	1st Wednesday	2 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Finance	Wednesday prior to 4th Thursday	3:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Golf	1st Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room
Horse Owners	4th Tuesday	3:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Infrastructure	1st Tuesday	9 a.m.	CH Conference Room
LRP	3rd Monday	1:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Marina	2nd Wednesday	3 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Safety & Security	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
Sports & Rec (Grounds)	1st Tuesday	1 p.m.	PAC
Wildlife	2nd Friday	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room

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### 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.

### JUNE

Saturday, June 1  
Tuesday, June 18

### JULY

Saturday, July 6  
Tuesday, July 16

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



Eden Duncan Gilbreath

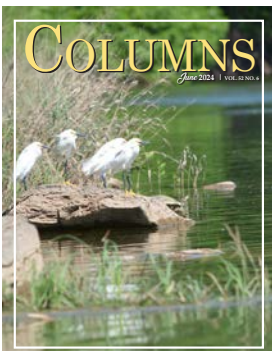


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## ON THE COVER



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The June cover features this beautiful photo by Heidi Edwards. Heidi won the June photo contest with her amazing shot of these white egrets and a basking turtle. Congratulations Heidi!

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# GENERAL MANAGER

## From the desk of Rick Lantgen

It's not often that I am able to write something for The Columns that is timely, but this month the stars aligned, and the magazine's publication date falls perfectly between two major neighborhood events.

First, I hope everyone enjoyed last week's Memorial Day Celebration. And while Memorial Day is considered the official start of summer, it's important to take a moment and remember those who gave life and limb in the service of the greatest country in human history. The sacrifices made by those individuals and their families, are why we have the freedom to live, thrive, and enjoy ourselves in fantastic neighborhoods like Pecan Plantation.

Memorial Day was just the start of a bunch of amazing summertime events. They will continue the weekend of June 7 and 8 as the Clubhouse will be transformed into the epicenter of regional fun. The first-ever Summer Jam is coming to the front steps, and it will be one for the history books.

Last year, a couple thousand of you and your guests enjoyed the Le Freak concert held in conjunction with the Annual Member/Guest Golf Tournament. If you didn't go, you certainly missed out on a stellar show. Don't make the same mistake twice, because this year's concert will be three-times bigger – and over the course of two-nights. It will be the biggest event to ever roll through the neighborhood in a long, long time.

Kicking things off Friday evening will be the multi-talented Josh Weathers. Josh and his band are known far and wide for incredible live performances and a myriad of musical stylings. A true road warrior, he is constantly touring across Texas and the United States. We are incredibly lucky that he will make a stop

on the peninsula. At the time I am writing this, we don't have a firm start time, but it will be around 8 p.m. For the official start, call the clubhouse or check your eblasts.

Saturday's show is a double-header. The Lost Shaker of Salt Band and its tribute to the late, great Jimmy Buffett will start at 7 p.m. LSS will bring a piece Margaritaville to Pecan, playing all the tunes Parrotheads love, plus many, many more. It never too early in the summer for a trip to the beach.

And following LSS are the Windbreakers... Yacht Rock's finest party band. Imagine a band (incredibly similar to Le Freak) singing those mellow tunes from the 1970s and '80s onboard Al Czervik's boat. You may have to Google that.

Our team has worked tirelessly to ensure that every aspect of this event is meticulously planned, from the lineup of talented performers to the array of delectable refreshments that will tantalize your taste buds and wet your whistle. Whether you're a fervent music enthusiast or simply seeking to bask in the ambiance, Summer Jam offers something for everyone. And please don't forget, your visitors are welcome to join you for the show, just remember to call them into the gates, or send them a pass on the ABDI app.

Your participation and enthusiasm sustain the neighborhood's spirit, and events like Summer Jam are a fantastic time to come together as a community, have a great time, and enjoy what it's like to live in a neighborhood like ours. I encourage every one of you to embrace the spirit of togetherness and come out to our Summer Jam. It is great time for everyone to see what our slice of Heaven is about!

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# **SUMMER JAM**

**NIGHTS OF JUNE 7-8**

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**JUNE 7**

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- 20 - LOW GROSS/LOW NET - PICK YOUR OWN FOURSOME
- 27 - TEXAS SCRAMBLE - PRO SHOP PICKS TEAMS



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# LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION



April flew by with our Ringer Tournament and great golf weather. The bathrooms are painted and we're just waiting on the doors for installation and the MGA/LGA project will be complete. The LGA kicks off June with our Member/Member/Sassy Sisters tournament. Mary Ann and Jeanne Green have been working diligently to make this a fun two-day tournament. Suzy Stout is planning a road trip when Pecan is closed for aeration. Those details will be forthcoming. Pecan has many exciting events planned for June and I hope everyone can enjoy them. June is a vacation for many of us and I hope all will have safe travels and great family time. If you're taking a road trip, drive safely. If you're flying or cruising, give yourself plenty of time to meet your ETAs and ETDs. Have a great summer, everyone!!!

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# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

May was an exciting month and what a way to start with our new entertainment committee who have such great ideas.

Everyone enjoyed Kentucky Derby Day, buying tickets to place in bags to win prizes for the winning horses. We did have a prize for the horse that came in dead last!

The ladies and gents came decked out with their stylish hats.

We celebrated bingo night with Cinco de Mayo. Monty Lewis always comes dressed for the occasion and is full of funny stories to entertain the crowd.

We finished off May celebrating Memorial Day.

We planned the year and each month we'll have exciting events. Be sure to check your E-Blasts, Columns and Facebook for all the wonderful things happening so that you can join in on the fun.



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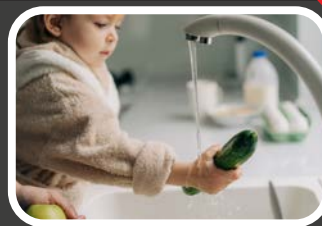
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# GENEALOGY GROUP

# DNA

# EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

The Genealogy Group will meet Tuesday, June 18, at 10 a.m. at Pecan Plantation EMS Training Room (9518 Monticello Drive behind the fire station). Everyone is welcome.

June 18 — DNA: Exploring Genetic Genealogy with Kay Holly. What is genetic genealogy anyway? Can DNA testing prove genealogical ancestry? What are the different DNA techniques for genealogy? How do you use DNA to climb your family tree? DNA can provide clues about where a person's ancestors might have come from and relationships between families. With

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### CLUBHOUSE POOL

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

Closed: Every Monday

(Guest fees of \$4 apply to all non-members)

No outside food or drinks allowed at Club Pool

### PAC POOL HOURS MAY THRU AUGUST

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

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Closed: Every Wednesday

(Guest fees of \$4 apply to all non-members)

### SWIM LESSONS AT THE PAC POOL

Session 1: (June 3 - June 14)

Session 2: (June 17 - June 28)

Session 3: (July 8 - July 19)

(8) 30-Minute Classes

Lessons held Mon-Tue-Thurs-Fri

Mom & Tot (Ages 6 mo. to 4)

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Beginners (Ages 3 to 5)

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Older (Ages 6 to 9)

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$80/members & \$100/guests

Instructor: Certified Swim Instructor

### DEEP WATER AEROBICS AT CLUB POOL

Starts Tuesday, June 4

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

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

Certified Instructor: Leslie Stain

Must pre-register at the PAC.

All payments must be made at PAC.

### BEGINNER WATERCOLOR CLASSES (AGES 8 - 15)

Tuesdays, July 9 - July 30 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$75/month (4 classes) or \$20/class

Instructor: Anita Lloyd, Ph.D.

Must pre-register at the PAC.

### PAC GOLF CART DRIVE-IN MOVIES

Sat, July 13 (9 p.m.) Wonka (PG)

Bring your Golf Cart or a chair and enjoy!

Free popcorn. PAC will remain open for bathrooms

as well as candy, snack, and drink sales.



### FREE KIDS CRAFTS

Crafts start at 2 p.m.

Fathers Day Craft: Sunday, June 9

Children under 6 will need adult assistance.

Limited to 10 children. Must pre-register at the PAC.

### KIDS SOCCER CAMPS

June 3, 4, 5 & 6

Ages 4 to 6: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Ages 7 to 10: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$40/members & \$50/guests

YMCA Soccer Coach

Meet at PAC Soccer fields. Please bring shin guards,

soccer ball, and water each day.

### 2 DAY AIR RIFLE CAMP

(Ages 8 - 13)

June 1 & 2 (Sat & Sun)

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cost: Free!

Practice on Saturday. Tournament on Sunday.

MUST PRE-REGISTER! Space is limited to 18 kids.



### 2 DAY ARCHERY CAMP (Ages 8 - 13)

June 8 & 9 (Sat & Sun)

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cost: Free!

Practice on Saturday. Tournament on Sunday.

MUST PRE-REGISTER! Space is limited to 18 kids.

### LET'S SING AND ACT I (Ages 7 - 11)

July 15, 16, 18, 19

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Cost: \$50/members & \$55/guests

Instructor: Rebecca Faiola

Introduction to musical theatre class with exercises in singing and acting for kids new to theatre

### LET'S SING AND ACT II (Ages 12 - 16)

July 15, 16, 18, 19

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$50/members & \$55/guests

Instructor: Rebecca Faiola

Intermediate class studying musical theatre, styles of singing, monologue coaching, and improvisation.

Sign up at the PAC - Must pre-register!

### EXPEDITION: ART (Ages 7 - 12) -

June 25, 26, 27, & 28

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Cost: \$65/members & \$70/guests

Instructor: PP Art Guild members

4 Different projects: paint your pet, mixed media, textile art, and acrylic color swipe string pull.

All supplies included. Snack provided daily.

Maximum 12 students - Must pre-register!





### KIDS 4TH OF JULY COOKIE DECORATING

Saturday, July 6

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 8 & up

Cost: \$30/members & \$35/guests

Instructor: Donna Swarb (11th Green Bakery)

Kids will be learning beginner cookie decorating skills to a 4th of July themed class. Kids go home with 3 decorated cookies. All supplies included. Maximum 10 students - Must pre-register!



### LITTLE ARTISANS CRAFTING CAMP

July 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Ages 4 to 10

Cost: \$100/members & \$110/guests

Includes all supplies for crafting plus water and an organic snack daily.

Instructor: Kate Little

Kids will be making a craft project to take home daily. Wear clothes to get messy in. Provide preferred name (for projects) and favorite color.



### CUPCAKE/CAKE POP CAMP (Ages 8+)

July 29 & 30

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$35/members & \$40/guests

Instructor: Donna Swarb (11th Green Bakery)

Kids learn how to pipe buttercream and decorate 3 cupcakes and mix and shape dough to make 3 cake pops and then decorate them. All new!

Maximum 10 students - Must pre-register!



### PRINCESS TEA PARTY

Friday, June 14 (seating at 2 p.m.)

\$25/person inclusive - all ages welcome!

Location: Clubhouse Ballroom

Real antique china, Hors d'oeuvres, crafts, and songs.

Pre-registration required - limited to first 100 people!

### MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS "HERCULES"

July 22 - July 27

Auditions are: Mon, July 22 (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

This is a free event for children to participate.

Children must be available for rehearsals and performances during the entire week.

Rehearsals are: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and/or 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Kids must be available for 2 performances on Sat, July 27.

Performance times will be 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

MCT will accept children entering 1st thru 12th grade.

Audition sign-ups at the PAC. Grandkids welcome!

### MCT WORKSHOP: Put your Best Foot Forward

Thursday, July 25 (3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)

Learn different styles of movement and dance in theatre.

Must be participating in MCT play to attend workshop.

Sign up at PAC- Grades K thru 12 - Cost: \$5/child

### ENCHANTED SUMMER DANCE CAMP (Ages 3 - 7)

August 8, 9 & 10

1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$75 each

Instructor: Dance Dreams Academy Staff

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

Kids will be doing crafts and singing songs too!

Please bring princess stuff and tap shoes if possible.

### ANNUAL KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 10 at 8 a.m.

Meet at No. 10 Golf Course Pond

All ages are welcome!

Bring your fishing pole. Bait will be provided.

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### GOLF, TENNIS & SWIM CAMP (Ages 6-12)

Session 1: (June 11- June 14)

Session 2: (July 9 - July 12)

Session 3: (July 30 - August 2)

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cost: \$165/members & \$185/guests

Register at Tennis Shop - 817-579- 9412

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

Bring swimsuit, towel, hat, sunscreen, water and pool shoes. Racquets & clubs provided if needed.

### TENNIS & MORE SPORTS CAMP (Ages 6-12)

Session 1: (June 4 - June 7)

Session 2: (June 18 - June 21)

Session 3: (June 25 - June 28)

Session 4: (July 16 - July 19)

Session 5: (July 23 - July 26)

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cost: \$165/members & \$185/guests

Tennis pro: John Ingram (USPTA Certified)

Register at Tennis Shop - 817-579- 9412

Tennis and swim every day plus an additional fun sport each day. (Ex: BB, soccer, whiffleball, etc.)

Bring swimsuit, towel, hat, sunscreen, water and pool shoes. Racquets provided if needed.

### JUNIOR GOLF CAMPS (Ages 5 - 16)

Camp 1: June 26, 27, & 28

Camp 2: July 24, 25, & 26

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Cost: \$60/members & \$70/guests

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Sign up at the Pro Shop: 817-573-2645

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June 17, 18, 20, & 21

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$100/members or \$80/PPPA members

One hour of indoor Pickleball instruction and one hour of supervised swim to cool off! Please bring towel, swimsuit, water & sunscreen. Wear tennis shoes.

Limit of 16 kids. Sign up at the PAC!

# ART MATTERS

By Cheryl Moore

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 our website at [pecanplantationartguild.com](http://pecanplantationartguild.com)



**Sue Jackson**

On Tuesday, June 11, Sue Jackson will demonstrate her pottery art during our monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the PAC. A former elementary art teacher in Arlington and avid world traveler, she recently moved to Granbury. Of her art, she says, "I create functional art from clay. I love the beauty of nature — both the complexities and the simple lines — and I want the owner of my pottery to enjoy the beauty of the piece and its functionality. Creating a piece of pottery with my hands — envisioning its form, contours and textures — brings me great pride and fulfillment. I use actual leaves in my pieces utilizing the veins and shapes of the leaves. Dragonflies and frogs add 'whimsy' to some of my pieces. I also bring other media such as metals, wood, beads and fiber into my pieces. Pottery is a very sensual as well as visual art form. I love creating the form and shape, adding texture, and then adding the glaze colors. Seeing the

final result when the kiln is opened is like seeing the bud of a rose open." See more of her work at [www.suejacksonpottery.com](http://www.suejacksonpottery.com).



The Pecan Plantation Art Guild's (PPAG) Spring Show and Sale in April at the Langdon Center Gallery at the A.P. Gordon House near the Granbury Square gives us the opportunity to show our work to the wider local community. We welcomed visitors from all corners of the country who were also in town to witness the total eclipse event. Our members submitted their work to be judged by internationally recognized artist James R. Spurlock ([jamesrspurlock.com](http://jamesrspurlock.com)).



**Spring Show Judge James R. Spurlock congratulates Jim Stewart, his choice for Best of Show.**



**Barbara Doberenz' watercolor wins the Award of Excellence.**



**Cheryl Moore with her winning painting for Artist of the Month in April. See May's winners' work on display at the PAC until June 11. Enjoy the curated artwork throughout the clubhouse on display until July 1, by PPAG artists including Carl Stidson, Barbara Brown, Heather Moore, Cheryl Moore, Susan Thillen and others. All are for sale. Please contact the individual artists for information. See the art of Margaret Gulinson all month in the hallway to the ballroom.**



**Spurlock congratulates Sue Bagwell on her piece which wins the Award of Achievement.**



**KayCee Shane's art shown here wins the Award of Merit from Spurlock.**

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- Heads up! "Tennis on the Lawn at Pecan" returns in July, with grass court tennis (and even wooden racquets) for your tennis enjoyment (details to follow).
- Thanks to all who helped serve the world-famous PPTA scones at the May street dance. We all had fun and helped raise money for the association.



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# BRAZOS

Pecan resident Steve Edwards loves to launch his johnboat from his backyard and fish the waters of the Brazos River. This photograph was taken by Heidi Edwards. Steve and Heidi have resided in Pecan since 2019.

A portrait of Mark Webb, a man with short blonde hair, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a building with 'FNB' and 'Your Hometown Bank' signage. The building also has 'FIRST NATIONAL' visible on a sign.

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# WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

## Turtles, fawns, and birds, oh my!

By Bob Lusk

### WHY DID THE TURTLE CROSS THE ROAD?

We've recently seen quite a few water turtles, mostly red-eared sliders, slipping across lanes of traffic. That's part of their ritual to make baby turtles this time of year. With fertile eggs about the size of a taw marble, (all you old-timers will appreciate that comparison) and with a leathery texture, colored white, the female is on a mission to find the best spot.

The momma turtle moves to find sandy soil to make her nest. When she finds the best spot, she'll jet water from her tailpipe and scratch with her hind legs to dig a hole up to 6 inches deep. She'll lay her eggs, usually in a clutch of 5-10, but the number can vary even higher.

When the eggs hatch, the little turtles, about the size of a silver dollar, dig their way out of the nest and head straight for water. They leave behind the leathery remnants of their egg shells. The bright green babies are on their own from the beginning. Better learn how to eat, fast.

### BIRDS

For all us bird enthusiasts, take some time to identify some of the species. You'll be surprised at the variety of birds that make a part-time living here in Pecan Plantation. Did you know the purple martins seen around here traveled all the way from Brazil and are already seriously into nesting and raising their broods? Neighbors have reported successful blue bird hatches, some boxes are boasting their third hatch of the year. Painted buntings have been sighted, too. They love to eat from flat tray-feeders. Try white millet with finely chopped sunflower kernels and nyjer.

Don't forget about your hummingbirds. Show them some love as you enjoy their antics. They are territorial little energy-burners. The ruby-throated hummingbird is most common in our area.

One hummingbird fan bought hanging baskets of fuchsia and hangs them as a "welcome wagon" for his hummers, with sugar-water feeders close by.

If you want to attract more hummers, here's a tip. Put multiple feeders around different sides of your house to keep just a few from dominating all of your feeders.

If you are really enterprising and have access to a horse, place piles of horse hair near your feeders. That's a popular nesting material for intricately designed hummingbird nests.

### PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE BIGGEST RULES WHEN YOU SEE A FAWN.

Rule one: Leave it alone ... its mom is nearby.

Rule two: Leave it alone ... its mom is nearby.

After the PPOA April Community Committee sign-up, the wildlife committee is proud to announce three new members recently selected to fill vacant slots. Committee chair, Mike Hustak said, "Listening to the committee members after reviewing the applications and a meeting with PPOA Community Manager Rick Lantgen, we are happy to announce our three new members, Tim Eschbach, Mark Barnes and Amber Nystrom."

Hustak also thanked the three departing members, Steve Dockery and Larry and Mary Lou Wood for their long service on the committee.

The wildlife committee meets the second Friday of each month and welcomes visitors.



Red-eared slider turtle, sunning to warm its cold-blooded self.



Mississippi kites glide in Pecan for a few months each year. They are predators with a keen eye. *Courtesy Karen Gomez*



Canada geese (not "Canadian" geese) with their fledglings here in Pecan. They reside here year-round. *Photo Courtesy Karen Gomez.*

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# AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lana Robinson

April was a challenging month for the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary. The 2024 PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary Golf Tournament had to be postponed due to torrential rainfall on the planned date of April 20. Fortunately, we have been able to reschedule the tournament for 8 a.m., Saturday, July 27. We will be reaching out to sponsors and players and are hopeful we will have as many, if not more, than had already signed up. On a high note, due to the fact that the time was ticking on the shelf life of some of our prizes, the decision was made to go ahead and hold the raffle drawing (typically held at the pavilion during the tournament). The drawing took place at the fire station at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 20. We are excited to report the raffle garnered \$12,216.28 for our VFD and EMS.

Winners of the high-end raffle prizes were: 1) Casa Con Vista Vacation, \$1,100 value, donated by Ashley Crowder: Kim Wilson; 2) \$350 WeatherTech gift card, donated by Lana and Eric Robinson, Prairie Wind Real Estate: Bubba Crozier; 3) Fire Station Pizza Party for 10, donated by VFD and auxiliary volunteers: Sarah Miller; 4) Bond Arms Rough-neck handgun, \$277 value, donated by Pritchard Law Firm: Joe Davis; 5) Nighttime Aerial Tour of Metroplex in private plane, donated by Steve Bloomquist, Fathom Realty: Chris and Gina White; 6) Dierks Bentley concert package (anonymous donor): Juliet Gritz; 7) Bond Arms Rowdy handgun, \$299 value (anonymous donor): Tanner Galvan; 8) 52 Qt. RTIC insulated cooler and accessories, \$300 value, donated by ARIES Building Systems: Susan Graves; 9) Smitty's BBQ Catered Party for 20, \$750 value, donated by Steve and Brandy Smith, Smitty's BBQ: Jill and Tommy Hosek; 10) TCU Horned Frog sports themed basket, \$250 value, donated by Kevin and Kathy Lautenschlager: Carol Berzina; 11) UT Hook 'EM Horns sports themed basket, \$250 value, donated by Kevin and Kathy Lautenschlager: Shannon Mauldin; 12) OU Sooners sports themed basket, \$250 Value donated by Kevin and Kathy Lautenschlager: Jodie Davis; 13) Alabama Crimson Tide sports themed basket, \$250 value, donated by Kevin and Kathy Lautenschlager: donated back to VFD/EMS; 14) Five 50-pound bags of soybeans and 10 50-pound bags of deer corn, \$270 value, donated by Brian Gwin, Fat Mamas Feed: Lynn Curry; 15) Himalayan Massage and HydraFacial, \$350 value, donated by Lisa Reyes, Serenity on the Square: Gay Hudson; and 16) Facial, \$250 value, donated by Angelica DeLeon, Angelica's Studio: Sherry Barrett.

Additional winners of various raffle prizes were: Dennis Eubanks, Julie Logan, Rob Holdeman, Joe Lamb, Evelyn Vergne, Everett Barry, Jane Ash, Donna Bullis, Dee Webb, Donna Thompson, Tim Cline, Joe Kazmier, Linda Klodd, Tammy Dufee, Steve Reyeng, Betty Liddell, Bruce Bolick, Bill Poirler, David Pritchard, Billy Colbert, Scott Christie, Tina Smith, Randall Hillman, Bobby From, Seleta Abbott, Georgina Pearson and Nannette Samuelson.

Thanks to all who donated the fabulous prizes, purchased raffle tickets, and the volunteers who organized the effort and sold raffle tickets. Special thanks to Julie Logan and Seleta Webster for your countless hours that made the raffle a success.



Baseball fans, we have a new fundraiser for 2024 that should be right up your alley. You can go online to purchase tickets using the QR code to a special event coming up at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 20, at the Cleburne Railroaders Stadium (The Depot), located at 1906 Brazzle Blvd. in Cleburne. On this particular evening, the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary will be the designated Spotlight nonprofit organization. Tickets are \$11 each, and the auxiliary will receive \$5 of each ticket sold ONLY for those online ticket purchases. For more details, call Auxiliary Co-President Jeanie Curry at 972-977-7049 or Seleta Webster at 806-646-0656. The Cleburne Railroaders is a professional baseball team that plays in the American Association of Professional Baseball, an official Partner League of Major League Baseball. Please buy your tickets online and come out to enjoy a great evening with friends and neighbors from Pecan.

The next regular meeting of the PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary is set for 7 p.m., Monday, June 3, at the Charlie Lee Memorial EMS building at 9518 Monticello Drive. All Pecan residents are invited to attend. Come at 6 p.m. for a social time and potluck meal prior to the meeting. The Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS board of directors will conduct a business meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, at the same location.

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# BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

I hope everyone has enjoyed the spring rains as summer is now upon us. The club has been busy with fishing outings to local lakes Lake Texoma and Lake Tawakoni. Pictured is Joe Fritz fishing with family and friends on a recent outing to Lake Tawakoni with Littlejohn guide service. As you can see, they had a very successful day with lots of hybrid bass and sand bass. If new to a lake or if you want to have a fun day on the water, using a local guide is always a good idea. You will likely end up with plenty of fish to take home.

At a recent club meeting we were pleased to have one of our local game wardens, Brian Srba (pictured) come talk to the club. He updated us with his take on some of the recent laws that have affected hunting practices in the river and answered various questions from club members. We also found out that he and many other wardens have been involved in patrolling the Rio Grande to help with the ongoing border security situation.

Our shooters have been taking advantage of the warmer weather to get out every couple of weeks. Here are scores from a couple of recent outings. All shooters were using 12 guage for the weapon of choice. As usual, there were 50 targets for each. The scores were as follows:

Shooter	Score
Mac Gilbreath	48
Jim Berzina	46
Rod Bradshaw	41
Tim Fuston	41
Milt Schrepel	38

Shooter	Score
Mack Gilbreath	45
Jim Berzina	44
Buzz Taylor	39
Dan Young	39
Rod Bradshaw	36
Milt Schrepel	32
Ron Croft	23

We recently enjoyed our spring club fish fry and had lots of fish that were donated and cooked by many of our members. Members and guests enjoyed lots of fish, vegetables, salads and desserts. If you would like information about the club you can contact me at [ccald67@gmail.com](mailto:ccald67@gmail.com).



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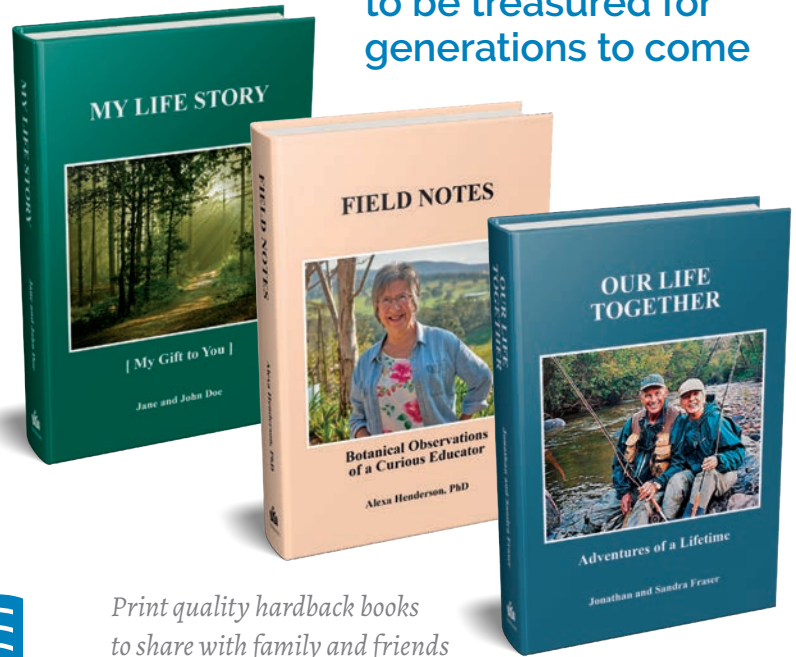
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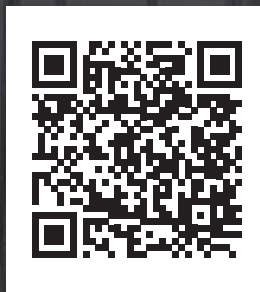


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# EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Pam Chipps

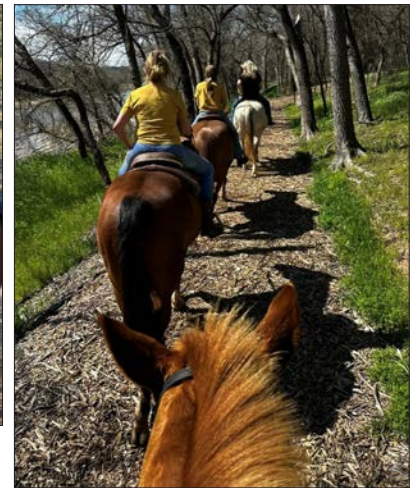


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Boy do we have some active boarders at the Pecan Plantation Stables. Whether it's trail riding on beautiful beaches or state parks, camaraderie while camping, day rides at the river, riding in the orchard (oh, how we miss those days – so looking forward to the new trail), riding throughout our beautiful community, parades, hosting events and bringing smiles, partying and gathering for fellowship, or eventing, we've got it covered. Thought we'd let the pictures do the talking this month.

We continue to remain at full capacity at the stables. If you're interested in getting on the wait list to join this exciting group of boarders, call the PPOA business office at 817-573-2641, ext. 337. For all other stables-related questions and information call, Tammy Dressman, at 817-614-9744. Be sure to check out our Pecan Plantation Stables Facebook page – just click on the conveniently included QR code for quick access.



# BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club took a huge step backward in May! As some may remember, Breakfast Club used to meet in the Terrace Room where we ordered our breakfast from the Brazos Room menu. Then the pandemic hit followed by a new management team and things changed. The best we could do was a very limited menu. Thanks to Chef Jordan, effective May 8, 2024, we took that giant step backward to the way things were before the pandemic. We will be ordered from the regular breakfast menu. You no longer must place your breakfast order in advance when you make your reservations.

Breakfast Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of most months for food, fun and fellowship. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. while our program begins at 10 a.m. If you don't want breakfast, then drop in at 9 a.m. for coffee and fellowship!

We strive to bring 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 at 817-573-2641 and make reservations no later than noon on the Tuesday prior to our meeting. Reservations are required so staff can plan on appropriate seating. Send your email address to [pecanbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:pecanbreakfast@gmail.com) to be included in our mailing list. Watch for eBlasts and Columns articles about our activities. Also check out our Facebook page at Pecan Breakfast Club.

A new feature we have added is the 10-Minute Conversation. This gives us the opportunity to catch up on all things Pecan from our management staff and interesting members. In May we had conversations with Daniel Van Patten and

Gail Joyce.

Our guest speakers for May were Dub Gillum and Pecan's own Bob Lusk. Dub is a former DPS trooper and is currently the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4. While on patrol as a DPS trooper in Granbury, Trooper Gillum pulled over a vehicle for speeding. As he approached the vehicle, the driver pulled a gun and fired 10 close range shots in 2.8 seconds! Gillum was hit eight times. His story of survival and recovery was amazing!

Pecan's own Bob Lusk is the Pond Boss. He has over 30 years of practical experience in the art of lake and pond management. He is nationally known for his knowledge of this subject. Bob is the editor of Pond Boss Magazine, a fascinating presentation.

Our June guests will feature Martin Brown and Sid Miller along with a couple of interesting 10-minute conversations. Martin is an author who will be telling the stories from his book "The Glen Rose Moonshine Raid." It's an interesting look into the lives of our friends down the road during prohibition.

An eighth-generation farmer and rancher, Sid Miller is the 12th Commissioner of The Texas Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Miller is from Stephenville and is a graduate of Tarleton State University. He holds nine world rodeo championships and is the owner of Miller Nursery. His tenure as commissioner has been filled with accomplishments and some controversy. This should be a very interesting presentation.

Start your day off right with Breakfast Club. See you there!



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# FIRE / EMS

There have been a lot of changes on the Fire/EMS board the last few months. Two board members left, and two new board members were elected. Please welcome Kim Wilson and Stan Willey to the board. Kim is the vice president and will be working with the treasurer on the financial wellbeing of the corporation. Stan is the president and will be working to make sure all governance issues and internal policies are being followed. We want to be good stewards to all PPOA members while being as transparent as possible and look forward to communicating more with all of you. More information about us can be found on our website at [pecanplantationfireandems.com](http://pecanplantationfireandems.com).

Your Fire/EMS personnel have been taking way more calls than just a couple of years ago. As an example, there were more than 1,000 EMS calls last year alone and this year is trending even higher for both fire and EMS. We have two great chiefs and super personnel in both departments and I know we are all proud of the work they do. Thank you for your support and know that we are here to serve you



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# PECAN PLANTATION COMMUNITY GARDENS

Steph Phalen

Who knew the community gardens would offer a perfect location for parties? April's eclipse celebration brought 35 watchers, ranging in age from 6 to who-knows-how-old? Moon pies and sun chips were just a few of the refreshments attendees savored.

Happy Hour in the garden was also well-attended with revelers enjoying conversation and their beverage of choice. Members spent time sharing tips for gardening and using produce.

Workdays brought record numbers of members to plant squash, cucumbers, beans, okra, peppers and herbs. And how we have delighted in our abundance of snow peas, radishes, herbs and many lettuce varieties to add to our menus.

The garden club is proud to offer organic vegetables. We welcome anyone with an interest in gardening; no experience necessary.

Annual family membership is \$25 and applications are available at the PAC.

June 8: Next workday where we will cage tomatoes, harvest onions and garlic.

Come grow with us.



Lauren Scott

**GARDENING TIP**  
A common recipe for homemade bug spray using Dawn is to mix one tablespoon of the dish soap with one quart water. Spray directly onto your plants to kill any unwanted insects. Evening is the best time to spray.



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# Beautiful sites to see across North America


A stylized map of North America is shown, cut out of a light blue background. The map is made of a light brown, wood-grain material. A large wooden compass rose is positioned in the center of the map. Three pushpins are placed on the map: a red one in the northwest (Montana), a blue one in the central US, and another red one in Mexico. Callout boxes with white backgrounds and black borders point to the locations of Glacier National Park and Mexico City.

**Glacier National Park:** Located in the northwestern region of Montana, Glacier National Park is adjacent to the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. Glacier National Park features more than 700 miles of trails, making it an ideal spot for avid hikers. Melting glaciers, alpine meadows, carved valleys, and spectacular lakes are just a handful of the features visitors to Glacier National Park can take in.

The vastness of North America means there's no shortage of places to visit and sights to see. Individuals who have caught the travel bug could spend much of their lives traversing the continent and still not see everything North America has to offer. But that doesn't mean they can't try.

Summer vacation season provides a great opportunity for individuals or families to pack up the car and hit the open road or even book a flight to any of North America's idyllic locales. If a trip is on tap, travelers may want to check out these special sites throughout North America.

**Mexico City:** The Federal District in Mexico City features one of the world's largest cathedrals and it's home to Palacio de Bellas Artes, a stunning cultural center built in the early decades of the twentieth century that features a large theater, a concert hall and the National Museum of Architecture. Visitors who want to take in some older sites can visit the Plaza de Tres Culturas, which features centuries-old Aztec pyramids, and the Church of Santiago Tlatelolco, which was built as a symbol of the Spanish conquest in 1521.

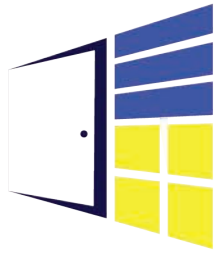


**Old Montreal:** One of Canada's oldest cities, Montreal is a sight to behold, and Old Montreal can give visitors the impression that they're stepping back in time. The Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal has been known to take visitors' breath away, and the Place d'Armes can be a great place to people watch and take in some stunning architecture.

**Page, Arizona:** The Grand Canyon may garner the bulk of the Arizona tourism glory, but the state in the southwestern region of the United States is home to many more breathtaking sites. Page is one such place travelers won't want to miss. Visitors can take in the world's largest known natural bridge at Rainbow Bridge National Monument. More adventurous types can navigate their way through curvy rocks in Upper Antelope Canyon.

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**Samaná Province:** It's often overlooked that the Dominican Republic is part of North America. But nature lovers likely don't take that proximity for granted. Much of the Dominican Republic is stunning to behold, and Samaná Province certainly fits that bill. Samaná has a rich history as a popular sixteenth century hideout for pirates. Seclusion is still part of the appeal of Samaná, which boasts wild beaches, coconut plantations and rainforests among its many awe-inspiring attractions.



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# PECAN PLANTATION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Have you ever wondered how to respond in the event of an area wide emergency? How will you know what has happened, where the danger area is located? Also importantly, who oversees keeping residents safe and informed. This month's Columns article will hopefully answer some of these questions.

Most residents of Pecan Plantation know Texas has its share of natural and man-made disasters. We experience tornadoes, wildland fires, flooding, periods of power failure, and endure excessive heat and droughts in summer months. Hopefully we will never experience any emergencies with the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, De Cordova Bend Dam, or any leakage from the miles of underground natural gas lines crossing Hood County.

A mass notification system (MNS) broadcasts messages to inform employees and the public of an emergency. It sends real-time alerts and instructions to groups and individuals during critical events. Everbridge sends multiple channel messages through SMS, email, desktop alerts, and/or voice. Pecan Plantation Fire Department supports the usage of a single provider for emergency mass communications. With a unified network that Texas Department of Public Safety and Hood County Emergency Response use, problems with several different notification protocols should be addressed.

Hood County Emergency Management Office is responsible for emergency notification which includes outdoor sirens, usage of local media outlets radio, TV and websites. This month we would like to offer a letter presented by Margaret Campbell, Emergency Management Coordinator here in Hood County.

Hood County already uses an app called Everbridge to alert residents to important area information.

The Hood County Office of Emergency Management uses the Everbridge alert system to provide both critical and non-critical information in real-time. Hood County will issue informational messages to alert residents about a variety of events, ranging from severe weather, fires, floods and other emergencies, to boil water notices or road closures.

You can choose how to receive the message: text message, cell phone, home phone or email. You can also list any physical, sensory or cognitive needs to signal that you or someone in your house may need extra assistance

during an emergency. For example, if you have someone in your household that is wheelchair-bound and you think you may need extra help evacuating during a flood or wild-fire, or if you are dependent on supplemental oxygen and need a shelter during a power outage, you are able to add that information to your profile.

Hood County can send messages in a variety of ways. Weather notifications are sent out automatically, but when you create an account, you can choose to receive many different types of weather alerts, from a real flood advisory to severe thunderstorm warnings and tornado watches.

In the event of an emergency, the Hood County Office of Emergency Management will send out a message to those affected. We can send messages to individuals, groups or neighborhoods to keep citizens informed before, during and after critical events.

Do you have an elderly parent in another town, or a child that has moved away to college? You can add up to five addresses to keep track of events in their locations as well. Since you create the account, you control the information YOU want to receive, and you are able to update your preferences whenever you want. If you need help setting up or making changes to your account, the Hood County Office of Emergency Management is always available for you.

Please scan the QR code below to receive more information about the Hood County Emergency Alert Program. With the Everbridge app, YOU pick where, YOU pick how to get emergency alerts sent by Hood County Office of Emergency Management.

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Hood County will utilize Everbridge in order to provide both critical and non-critical information in real time. Hood County will issue informational messages regarding weather related events, road closures, boil water notices, etc. via phone call, text message, and email.

Hood County will send messages to individuals, groups, or neighborhoods to keep citizens informed before, during, and after critical events.

**Control the critical information YOU want to receive by registering for Mass Notifications in Hood County**



# WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS CLUB

By Caryl Mahaffey



The lazy days of summer are here! Come dressed cool and casual during the summer. Widow and Widowers Club will meet June 25, the fourth Tuesday of June, at the Pecan Clubhouse. During the summer, we will focus on enjoying ourselves with our new W/W friends and games. We will have lighter meals during the summer. The chef has planned for our June meeting a salad bar with all the trimmings including chopped chicken. Also, a potato bar with all the extras. Chef's choice fruit and dessert will complete the meal.

Widow and Widower's is open to all widows and widowers who reside in Pecan. An RSVP is necessary to attend the meeting. RSVP no later than Tuesday, June 18 to: Caryl Mahaffey at [caryl.mahaffey@charter.net](mailto:caryl.mahaffey@charter.net) (preferred) or cell: 817-964-5915.

The club is growing fast and meeting the needs of those who have lost their spouses. We always welcome new members at each meeting. Now is the time to join our relaxed summer meetings. See you June 25.



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# What is the **SUMMER SOLSTICE?**



**M**any people anxiously await the first day of summer and look forward to activities that are tailor-made for warm weather. The first day of summer is known as the summer solstice, which marks the official start of astronomical summer. The solstice features more hours of daylight than any day of the year, according to Space.com. The next summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere occurs on June 20, 2024 (the Southern Hemisphere celebrates the solstice on December 21, 2024).

The National Weather Services says the summer solstice happens at the moment the earth's tilt toward the sun is at a maximum. The sun will appear in its highest elevation with a noontime position that will not move much for several days before and after the summer solstice. The word solstice is derived from the Latin word "sol," meaning sun.

During the summer solstice, the sun travels the longest path through the sky, which is why it is the day with the most daylight. The length of daylight depends on the latitude. At

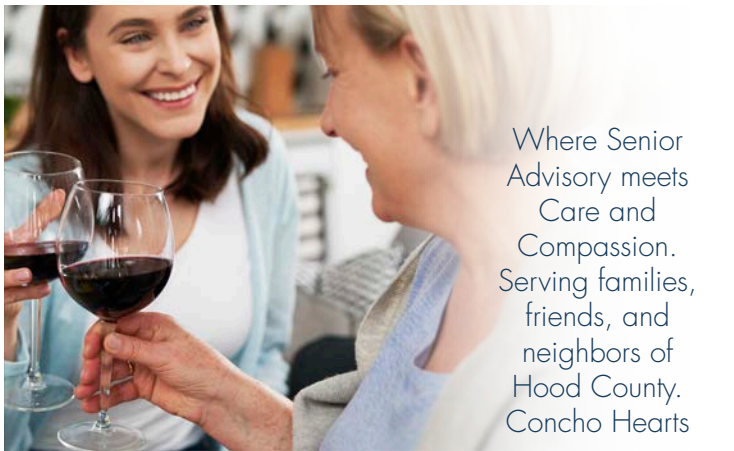
the equator, the time from sunrise to sunset is about 12 hours.

Although many people celebrate the summer solstice primarily for the extra hours of daylight, the solstice has historically been assigned deeper meaning in many cultures. In Scandinavian countries, the solstice is celebrated as a holiday known as Midsummer's Eve, which is observed on a weekend near the time of the summer solstice. Festivities include dancing, singing, drinking, cleaning house, lighting bonfires, and more.

During the summer solstice at Stonehenge in the United Kingdom, the sun will rise behind the entrance to a stone circle and the sunlight will flow into the center of the monument. Researchers believe solstices have been celebrated at Stonehenge for thousands of years.

The summer solstice is soon to arrive, marking the start of summer, which is reason enough to celebrate this unique day on the calendar.





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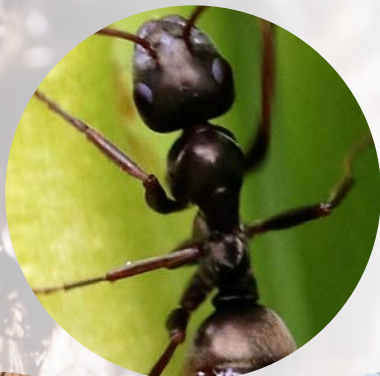
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# MARINA HAPPENINGS

Summer is here! This is a great time of year to get on the lake and the marina is here for you to enjoy Lake Granbury! Get the boat, jet ski and fishing poles out of storage and get on the lake. Everything you need to enjoy the lake is right here in Pecan Plantation!

Keep an eye out for: KICKOFF TO SUMMER event at the marina which will be a Jimmy Buffet-style party.

## READY TO ENJOY

- Boat launch
- Fuel
- Great views of the lake
- Fishing pier
- The Pecan Pit Bar and Grill, serving lunch and dinner seven days a week, breakfast on weekends and daily specials such as Taco Tuesday and Friday Fish Fry
- Outdoor dining
- Live music on select weekends
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## UPDATES IN-PROGRESS *stay tuned for more improvements to come*

- As part of the ongoing remodeling and cleanup, demolition of Storage Building 1 has been completed.
- The new decking for the docks has begun.
- The dock painting has been completed. Now awaiting the new roofs.

## HOW TO GET TO THE MARINA

at 4600 W Wedgefield Road

- Never leave Pecan property. Turn left on W. Wedgefield Road and go through the tunnel
- Or, just outside the back gate of Pecan, there is an automatic gate that uses your standard car entrance reader allowing you to easily access the marina and “The Pecan Pit Bar and Grill”

## LAKE GRANBURY FISHING

- How do you catch a striper on Lake Granbury?
- Topwater fishing is an excellent way to catch stripers, but you need to know when the right time to use this method is. Stripers typically hit the topwater around sunrise so, ideally, you would want to arrive at your fishing spot at least an hour before sunrise, especially in the summer.
- June average air temperatures
  - Average high: 92 F
  - Average low: 71 F

## LAKE GRANBURY DID YOU KNOW?

- The lake was created by the DeCordova Dam, which is 2,200 feet long, 84 feet high, and 17 feet wide at the top and is one of three lakes damming the Brazos River.
- The Leonard family, who founded Pecan Plantation, sold 411 acres of Pecan Plantation to BRA for the construction of the dam.
- The dam began impounding water Sept. 15, 1969. Shortly after that the Leonard family started development of the pecan farm as a residential community. The country club, golf course, airport and several recreational areas and parks were opened in 1971.



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# How **RARE** is an **ACE?**

Few individual accomplishments in sports may be more coveted than sinking a hole-in-one on the golf course, but golfers from all walks of life may not want to hold their breath hoping to accomplish that feat the next time they hit the links. According to the National Hole-in-One Registry, the odds of the average player making a hole-in-one are 12,500 to 1. Even professional golfers may want to temper their expectations of sinking a hole-in-one, as the Registry cites the odds of a pro accomplishing the feat as 3,000 to 1. Golfers who like to play in foursomes should know that their odds of sinking a hole-in-one if someone in their group has already done so are especially long. According to the Registry, the chances of two players from the same foursome sinking a hole-in-one are 17 million to 1.



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# PICKLEBALL NEWS

By Tracy Davis

April 6 marked a day of celebration for the essence of pickleball — showcasing skill, sportsmanship and the pure joy of the game. The annual Battle on the Brazos was a testament to these values, with both teams displaying incredible heart and camaraderie. The friendly competition with DeCordova was a series of nail-biting games that culminated in a dramatic finish. Tied at eight games each, Pecan Plantation pulled off a thrilling victory to claim the very first Challenge Cup.

In other exciting news, the "Cowtown" Fort Worth Tournament also highlighted the talent and spirit within our community. Kudos to Carmine Esposito and Lanny Teague for their stellar play in the 3.5 division, and to DeAnna Berry and Jodi Davis for their undefeated streak in the women's 3.0. Playing mixed doubles with Jodi was an enriching experience that I treasure.

We honor the contributions of every player and the sportsmanship that makes our community great. Here's to the continued growth, fun and friendships that pickleball fosters in our lives.

Warm regards,  
Tracy Davis

This year the PPPA is excited to offer a Pickle/Swim camp for kids ages 8-12. The camp will be June 17, 18, 20 and 21 from 1-3 p.m. at the PAC. There is a limit of 16 participants and pre-registration is required. The cost is \$80 per student for PPPA members and \$100 per student for non-PPPA members. The kids will have one hour of pickleball instruction followed by one hour of swimming in the PAC pool. Please contact the PAC to check for current availability.

A reminder that summer hours for indoor open play are from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Also, family-friendly hours are Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6-7:45 p.m. Outdoor play is from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. and reservations are required. A lot of opportunities to come join the fun!



GM Rick Lantgen, PPPA president Sam Butler, and PAC Director Joi Keahey with the Pickleball Trophy.



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# RV CLUB NEWS

By Glenna Haskell, VP



April was a very busy month for the PPOA RV Club. We held a mini-Eclipse rally at Pecan Campground April 6-8. The festivities, hosted by David and Vicke Kroon and Jay and Angie Brown, included a Friday night social, Saturday air rifle shoot and rock painting ending with a pot luck dinner and games, Sunday morning brunch at Pecan, and the big event Sunday afternoon. Shout out to our chef for the wonderful Sunday morning brunch. We had 35 people attend and the food was fantastic. As you can tell from the pictures we had a large turnout for the eclipse. The weather cooperated and the sighting was phenomenal. We all looked so cute sporting our eclipse t-shirts.



The week of April 14, rally goes headed to Waco for a fun-packed week of activities. Our hosts, Bob and Helen Price and David and Vickie Kroon made sure we were well fed, kept us entertained and offered lots of choices for fun things to do in Waco. Each evening, we met for social hour with fun and games led by our game master, Chuck Tines. He knows how to keep us all entertained. We fellowshipped each evening with dinners either hosted, pot luck or catered. We celebrated one birthday — Jerry Coleman (no age mentioned) but we made him wear a birthday sash — and Chuck and Judy Tines' wedding anniversary.



We had lots of fun things to see and do. We toured the Dr Pepper Museum, the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame, and the Waco Mammoth National Monument. The sites were exceptional. If you ever get to Waco, check them out. Many of us went to Magnolia Market to shop, eat, and explore the buildings. Some of the men golfed at Battle Lake Golf Course while some went on the Fixer Upper Tour of homes. I am not a golfer but thoroughly enjoyed the Fixer Upper Tour. Our last outing was to the Heritage Village. I especially liked this place because of the beautiful quilt shop. And yes, I bought a lot of material. This is truly a homestead craft village. They make heirloom furniture, pottery, hand-quilted quilts, blacksmiths make decorative ironwork, weavers make beautiful shawls and clothing, and much more. Several from our group ate at the wonderful café.



As you may know, our club does not meet the months of June, July, and August; however, please send me your vacation pictures with a description of where you went and what you saw so that I may include them in the Columns.

In closing, please have a wonderful summer. Try to stay cool and take lots of wonderful pictures for the memories. You can send pics to [glennah1@att.net](mailto:glennah1@att.net). Visit our website at [PPOARV.ORG](http://PPOARV.ORG).



Glenna Haskell, VP

# PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

By Gerta Howell

The "45th Year Celebration of Friendship" of Pecan Plantation Woman's Club has come to an end, but the spirit of "Support, Inspire, Uplift Through Friendships" will continue for years to come. Our year has been highlighted with many successes such as a profitable bake sale, a wonderful Christmas Tour of Homes, the most beautiful of Christmas decorations throughout Pecan, best-ever Santa's Workshop, fabulous Boot Scootin', awesome fashion shows and the very innovative ways and means committee with great raffle prizes. I mention all this because of their efforts, as well of all the generous support by the PPWC membership, we were able to award five scholarships to deserving young women and give funds to seven Hood County charities, as well as donations to six of our "Table Top Charities" and support to the clubhouse. It takes a host of wonderful ladies, working many hours to do all that PPWC does to support Pecan Plantation, the ladies of PPWC and the community.

We have had a variety of fun and interesting programs this past year. The 45th Anniversary Extravaganza was a wonderful look back at PPWC's past 45 years, through fashions, headlines, music and delivered with great humor by the 45th Year Celebration Committee. Bags, t-shirts, etc. were also designed and sold by the committee. We

need to thank Sandy Hoelting, president 2023-24, for her inspiration, leadership and enthusiasm that made this year so successful. She was a "rock" through many a difficulty.

Looking forward to a new fiscal year beginning in June, we hope to continue with the vision and purpose of PPWC to promote friendship and fellowship among Pecan Plantation women and to use club resources to support the community. My President's Theme for 2024-2025 is "Let Your Light Shine." It is my goal to acknowledge that every member of PPWC is special, unique and creative. Your smiles are special, especially to the new members.

If you haven't attended one of our meetings, we would be honored to have you join us. It is a great way to meet new friends, plug into our community, and become involved in many fun and worthwhile activities. From June through August, we have what we call "Summer Chit Chat," our casual and relaxing summer luncheons. The first of these will be Thursday, June 20, at 10 a.m. in the Pecan Plantation Clubhouse Ballroom. We hope you will come and be a part of PPWC. "We may work hard, but we really do have a lot of fun doing it!"

If you have questions or need information or have suggestions? Email me at [gertabear@gmail.com](mailto:gertabear@gmail.com) or call/text me at 210-379-3053.





## Pecan Plantation Woman's Club

### *Summer Fun Chit-Chat Luncheon*

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# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By New Member Orientation Committee

**ACE ALLEN**, Lot 3993, relocated to Pecan from Argyle, Texas. He has two children. Ace is employed with Ace Truck & Equipment. He enjoys flying, golf, and gardening.

**STEVE AND TRACI BRYANT**, Bellechase Road, moved from Weatherford. They have three children and six grandchildren. Steve retired from Lipan ISD as an administrator/basketball coach and now works for Glen Rose ISD as a teacher/coach. He enjoys all sports, groundskeeping and grandkids. Traci works as a nurse at Poolville ISD. She enjoys sports, lawn, and gardening, and grandkids.

**F.O. BUCK AND LINDA COOPER**, East Landing North, will be relocating to Pecan from Laguna Niguel, California. They have one child and two grandchildren. F.O. is a retired builder/general contractor. Linda is self-employed as an accountant. They enjoy crypto, entertaining, and interior design.

**OSCAR CAZARES AND VERONICA ESTRADA**, Lot 3535, are moving to Pecan from Fort Worth. They have three adult children. Both Oscar and Veronica are employed with RTX, Pratt Whitney. He enjoys pickleball and sports, and she enjoys décor and DIY projects.

**MICHAEL AND ASHLEY FORSTON**, Prospect Hill, moved to Pecan from Lillien. They have two children. Michael is employed with Sundance Disposal Solutions and enjoys outdoor activities and golf. Ashley is employed with Fathom Realty.

**JANET KELLY**, Bontura Road, will be relocating back to Pecan from Tolar. She has two children and five grandchildren. Janet is a retired TCU professor. She enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.

**TOM AND MISAKO PLANT**, Lots 3991/3992, will be moving from Grand Prairie. They have two children. Tom is employed by Boeing and enjoys general aviation, flying, art, and hiking. Misako is self-employed with Japanese Art Miyabi, LLC and her interests are homemade Japanese arts and crafts, Ikebana flower arrangements, and kimono fashion.

**MARTY AND TAMA PURSELLEY**, Lot 3712, will be relocating from Punta Gorda, Florida. They have two children and one grandchild. Marty is retired from the Tarrant County District Attorney's office. He enjoys hunting, fishing, pickleball, amateur radio, coffee roasting, boating, and states that he is generally a serial hobbyist – guitar, cooking, and barbecuing!

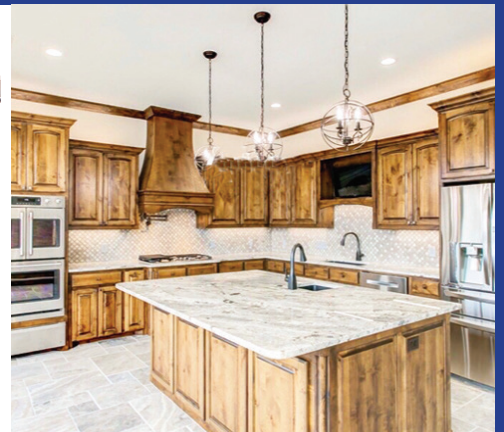




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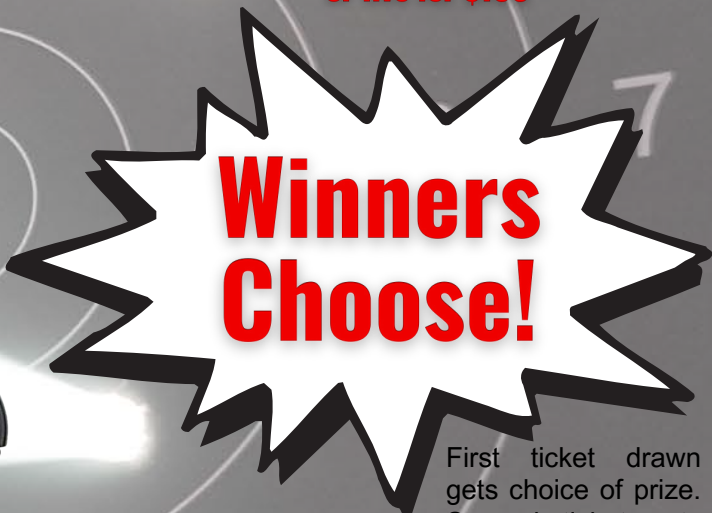
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## ACC REPORT

The number of new home permits during April 2024 remained the same as the previous month with the ACC approving four new residence construction permits, 22 miscellaneous construction permits, and no construction revisions or permit extensions.

The ACC construction permit list currently contains 41 active permits for new homes under construction and 32 active miscellaneous permits for various other improvements.

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

Address	Sq/Ft Living Area	Owner	Builder
2141 Middlewood Cir	2474	Sandra Ames-Johnson	Jacob Freeman
2706 Village Rd	2837	Walter hardin	Ryan Rodriguez
2149 Middlewood Cir	3538	Jeffrey Giese	Premier Homes
2156 Middlewood Cir	3597	Donny Couto	Donny Couto

**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 noncompliant issue, the new owner will be responsible for bringing the property into compliance. When it is requested by a title company, lending institution or prospective buyer, PPOA will perform a compliance inspection and return a report stating whether or not the property is in compliance and detail any deficiency if it is not. Since compliance certification requests are frequently received only a few days before the scheduled closing date, we remind members 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.

## COMPLIANCE CORNER

During April 2024, the compliance office received 74 calls and 48 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 102 calls and 28 emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 609 calls and 88 emails requesting ACC, plat/lot, rules, C&R or construction information.

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# POSSIBLE CAUSES OF LOW ENERGY IN DOGS

Many dog breeds love to get outdoors and run. Dogs' love of activity endears them to millions of animal lovers, and it's one of the first distinctions people make between canines and other popular pets, such as cats.

It's not uncommon for dogs to look for a place to lay down and relax after a play session. And certain dog breeds, such as English bulldogs, tend to be less physically active than others. However, low energy levels throughout much of the day and an unwillingness to get up and run around could be signs of something serious in dogs that typically embrace physical activity.

The United Kingdom-based People's Dispensary for Sick Animals notes that lethargy in dogs may indicate a host of problems. Identifying the cause of low energy in dogs can be the first step toward helping man's best friend get back to being his or her energetic self.

## POTENTIAL CAUSES OF LETHARGY

The PDSA notes that various medical conditions can contribute to low energy in dogs. A veterinarian should be consulted immediately if a dog's energy levels suddenly dip. That's because certain issues that compromise canine's energy levels could prove fatal if left untreated.

Infections are a potential cause of lethargy in dogs. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, canine distemper is a serious disease caused by infection with the canine distemper virus. Vaccination can prevent canine

distemper, but dogs that are not vaccinated can suffer a range of symptoms, including lethargy, if they are infected with the virus.

Obesity is another potential cause of lethargy in dogs. The PDSA notes that overweight dogs tend to move around less, so pet owners may need to alter pets' diets and exercise routines to help them lose weight and become more physically active. Overweight dogs are at an elevated risk of developing diabetes, which the PDSA notes is one of a handful of hormonal issues, including Cushing's disease and hypothyroidism, that also can cause low energy in dogs. Each issue is serious and dog owners are urged to work with their veterinarians to help dogs lose weight.

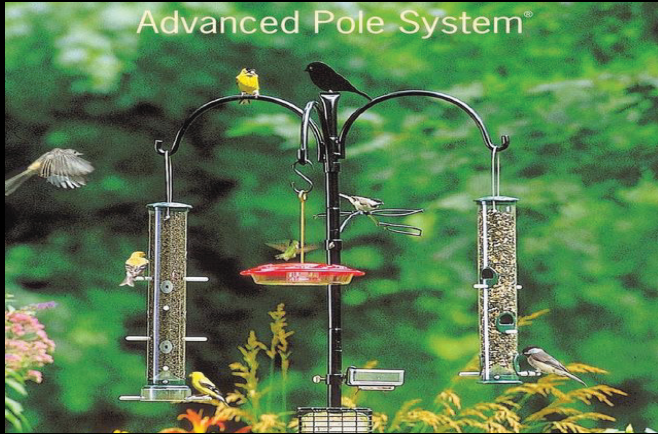
Dogs also can suffer from heart disease, which can cause low energy. PetMD notes that many dogs develop heart disease as they age. The most common forms of heart disease in dogs are heart valve disease, myocardial (heart muscle) disease, heartworm disease, and arrhythmia. Heart disease in dogs affects blood flow and makes it hard for the heart to pump blood, which can make dogs tired.

Additional causes of low energy in dogs include anemia, kidney disease and liver disease. Certain medications also can cause low energy in dogs, so it's vital that pet owners discuss potential side effects of any medicine prescribed to their dogs.

Low energy in dogs can be a warning sign of various issues. Dog owners are urged to contact their veterinarians immediately if dogs exhibit signs of low energy.



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	Actual YTD	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 4,407,525	\$ 4,240,824	\$ 166,701
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>\$ (640,695)</u>	<u>\$ (565,864)</u>	<u>\$ (74,831)</u>
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 3,766,830	\$ 3,674,960	\$ 91,870
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (2,335,441)	\$ (2,451,370)	\$ 115,929
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (1,294,265)	\$ (1,422,217)	\$ 127,952
<b>Net Operating Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation</b>	<u><u>\$ 137,124</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (198,627)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 335,751</u></u>

**RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND**

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,431,261	\$ 3,431,261
Fund Deposits	\$ 981,527	\$ 1,246,288
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (1,315,683)</u>	<u>\$ (3,359,185)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,097,105</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,318,364</u></u>

**NEW CAPITAL FUND**

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,050,920	\$ 1,050,920
Fund Deposits	\$ 260,268	\$ 684,432
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (39,490)</u>	<u>\$ (84,694)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,271,698</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,650,658</u></u>

**ROAD & DRAINAGE FUND**

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,364,734	\$ 1,364,734
Fund Deposits	\$ 761,837	\$ 1,860,553
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (256,112)</u>	<u>\$ (2,407,153)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,870,459</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 818,134</u></u>

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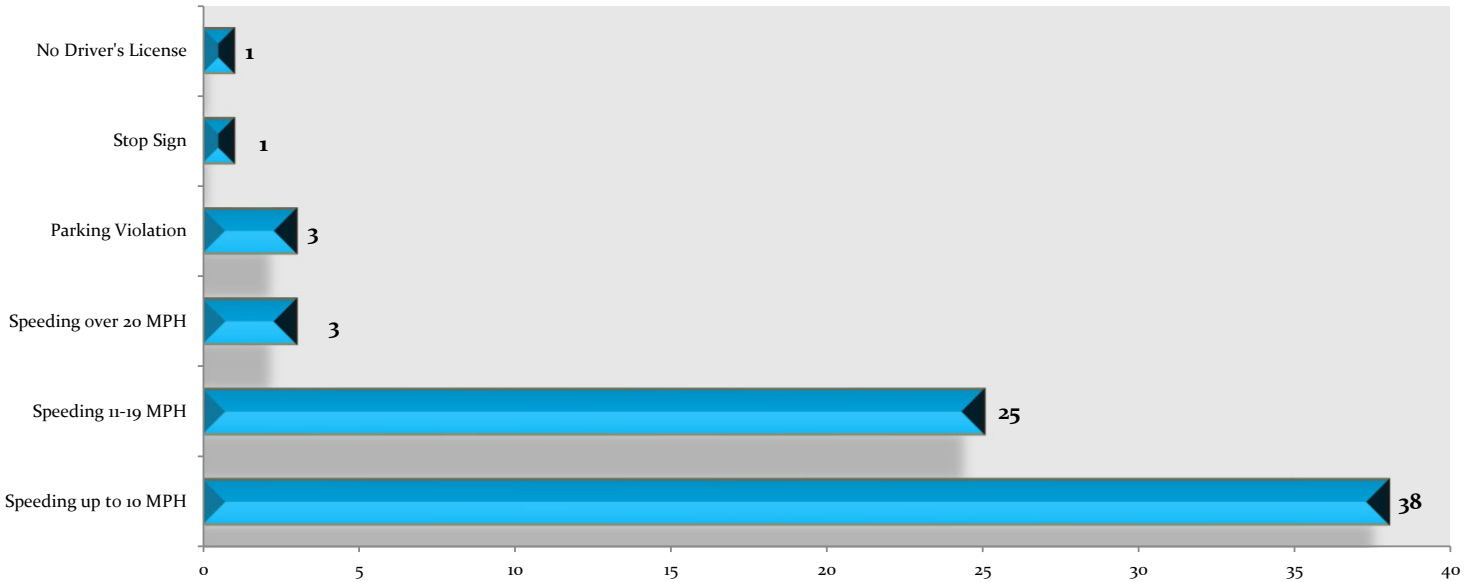
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# Security Statistics

April 2024

## Citations April 2024 Total: 71 Citations



Asset Type	Amount
Speeding up to 10 MPH	38
Speeding 11-19 MPH	25
Speeding over 20 MPH	3
Parking Violation	3
Stop Sign	1
No Driver's License	1
<b>Total Warnings Among Citations</b>	<b>2</b>

### Areas of Citations Issued

- Claremont - 8
- Clubhouse - 1
- Fremont - 1
- Kingsley - 1
- Monticello - 14
- Orchard - 6
- Plantation - 27
- Pleasant Hill - 1
- Ravenswood - 1
- Wedgefield - 7
- Westover - 4

### Breakdown by Violator Type

- Member/ Guest - 38
- Contractor/ Vendor - 33





**ACROSS**

- 1 hula hoops and mullets, e.g.
- 5 TX George Jones' "The Race \_\_\_"
- 6 "\_\_\_-tat" (knocking or gunfire)
- 7 TX Jamie Foxx's first name at birth
- 8 TXism: "Devil's \_\_\_" (praying mantis)
- 17 "Texas Tea"
- 18 TXism: "\_\_\_ duck in water"
- 21 4-term Dallas mayor: \_\_\_ Thornton
- 22 truck rubber
- 23 TXism: "he's \_\_\_ walk the river with"
- 24 TX Bob Wills' "Take \_\_\_ to Tulsa"
- 29 Laredo had a large anti-\_\_\_ smelter
- 30 this Bob started a chain of Texas cafeterias
- 31 big Texas-\_\_\_ game
- 32 TXism: "like two dogs fighting \_\_\_" (vicious)
- 34 QB Blake for IFL Frisco Fighters \_\_\_ and reel
- 36 Anglican church service at sunset
- 37 in Coleman County on U.S. 283
- 38 TXism: "would \_\_\_ maggot" (putrid)
- 39 TXism: "thick as ticks \_\_\_"
- 41 two-\_\_\_ (fake)
- 42 "without further \_\_\_"

- 43 TXism: "get your ducks in \_\_\_" (get organized)
- 44 this Warren starred with TX Dennis Quaid in 1983 film "Tough Enough"
- 45 "The Texas Chain \_\_\_ Massacre" (1972)
- 46 former Cowboy DE Ed "\_\_\_ Tail" Jones
- 47 a birdie is one \_\_\_ par
- 48 walked ostentatiously
- 50 "\_\_\_ hunt" (prank)

- 51 county prosecutor who wasn't elected (abbr.)
- 52 TX Willie's "Farm Aid \_\_\_" was in Lincoln, Nebraska
- 53 jar top

**DOWN**

- 1 crowd pleaser all over Texas on July 4 (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "skinny \_\_\_"
- 3 TXism: "it'll \_\_\_ something better comes along"
- 4 between meals treat
- 9 TXism: "you can write it \_\_\_" (certain)
- 10 "\_\_\_ a scratch" (unharmd)
- 11 it's now Verizon

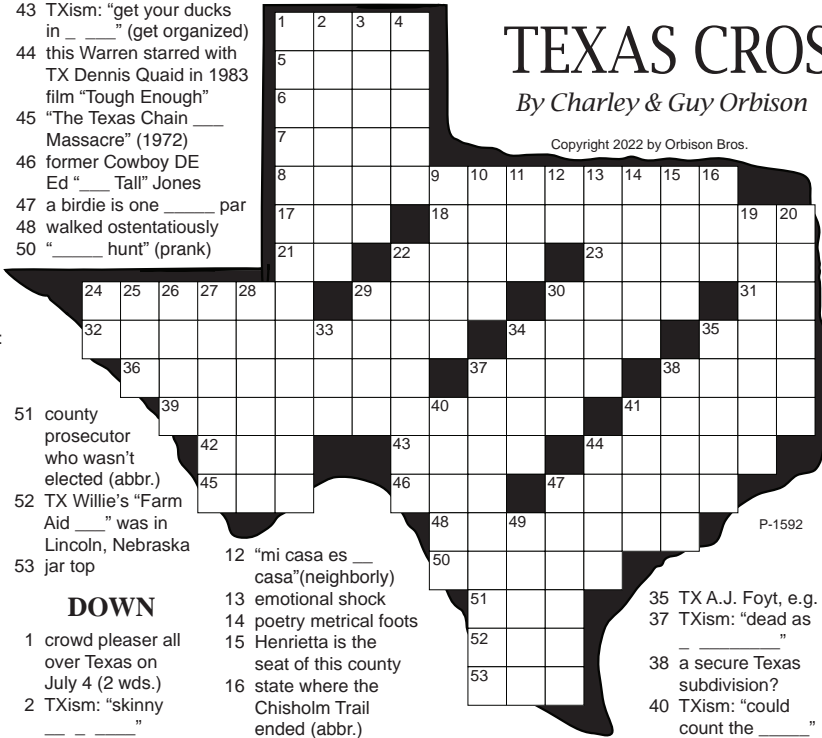
- 12 "mi casa es \_\_\_ casa" (neighborly)
- 13 emotional shock
- 14 poetry metrical foots
- 15 Henrietta is the seat of this county
- 16 state where the Chisholm Trail ended (abbr.)
- 19 "The Three \_\_\_"
- 20 Barbary sheep
- 22 "shoo" is a word said \_\_\_
- 24 "Mighty \_\_\_" does not flow in Texas
- 25 New Year's \_\_\_
- 26 UT-Austin mascot
- 27 AT&T Center and Toyota Center

# TEXAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Solution is found on page 64



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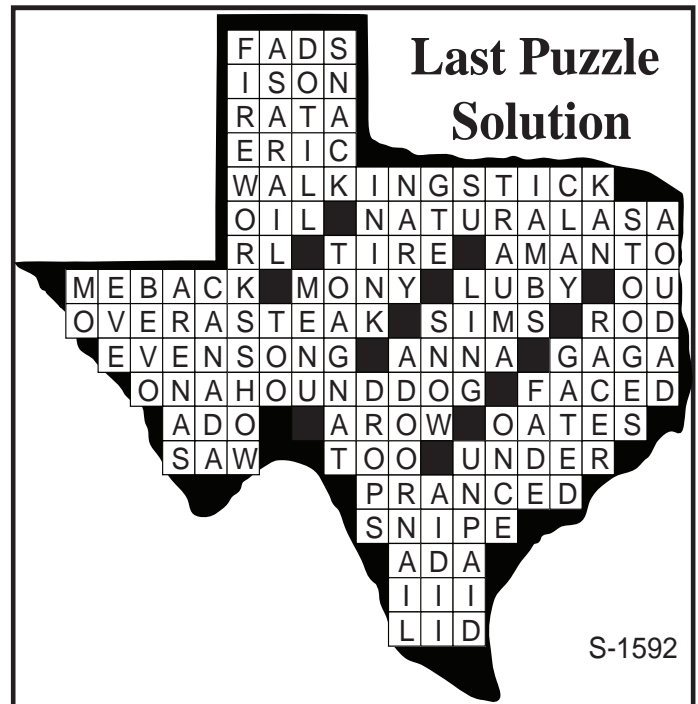


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ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED	ACCEPTABLE		HOW
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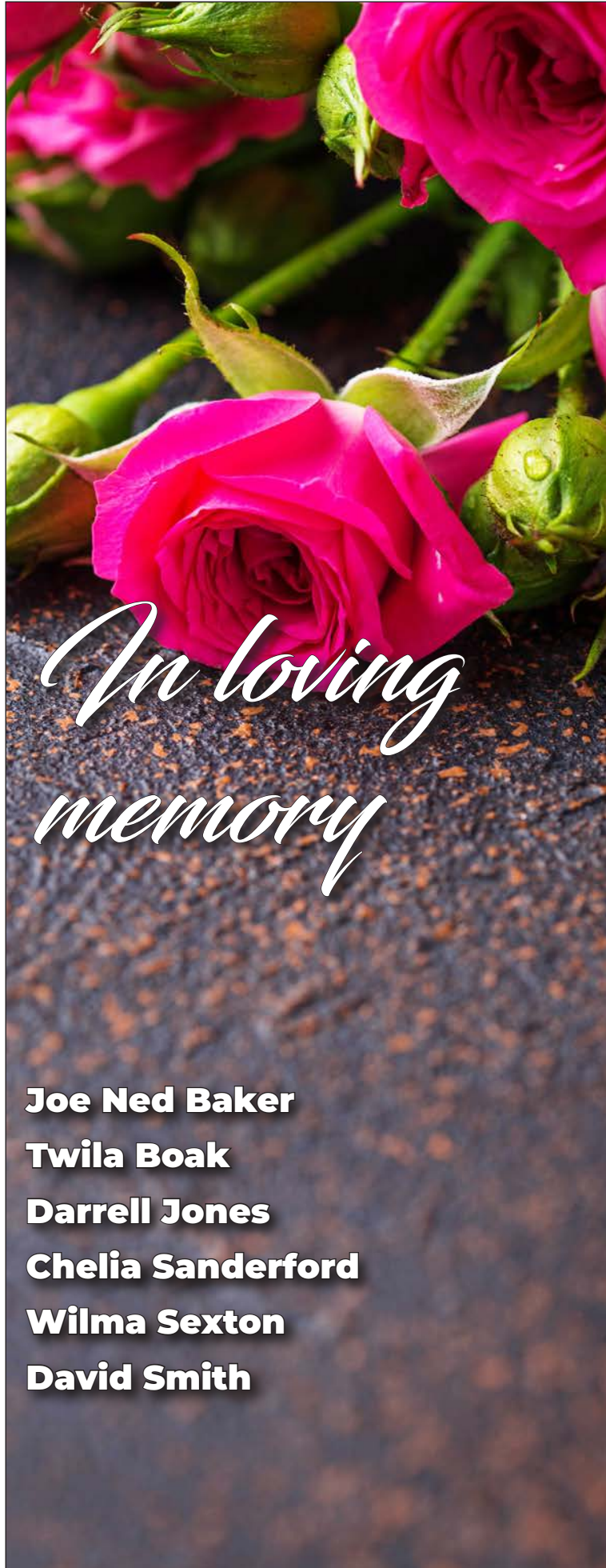
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