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**BOD Meeting:**  
**July 25, 2024, 6 p.m.**

**BOD Committee Workshop**  
**July 15 at 6 p.m. in the Ballroom**



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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
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Safety & Security	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
Sports & Rec (Grounds)	July 9	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

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### JULY

Tuesday, July 16

### AUGUST

Saturday, Aug. 3

Tuesday, Aug. 13



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

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



Eden Duncan Gilbreath



Karen Gomez

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



## ON THE COVER



### ON THE COVER

A Barred Owl sits upon a plant stand in front of Old Glory on this month’s cover. The photograph was submitted by Karen Gomez, who has had her photography featured on the cover before. Karen’s photography of Pecan Plantation is quite magnificent.

## Want to Contribute to Your Neighborhood Magazine?

See something that makes you think “that ought to be in the magazine”? Send us ideas for stories or photos of friends, family, nature, wildlife, sports action, special moments, and you might see it in print!

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## *From the desk* of Rick Lantgen

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through 2024 already! We have a lot of projects in process, and I am very pleased to say one of the largest is the golf course irrigation project being completed. With the previous golf course irrigation in the ground for 50+ years, it was beyond time for the replacement of it to ensure one of Pecan's greatest assets would continue to be so.

This 2+-million-dollar project originally proposed in 2017; then revisited by the Board in 2022 and ultimately approved a year ago has finally come to fruition. As with all projects there were many challenges during the planning stages but, with everyone working together, the golf committee, the finance committee, the Board of Directors, and our Golf Course Superintendent, JD Ashwood this project was a roaring success.

I also want to thank the members and the Pecan golf community for their patience and support during the installation process, especially after a few weather-related delays and the aftermath that mother nature caused during the project. Speaking of mother natures wrath, the contractors will still be working on the small punch-list and

hopefully by the time this is printed that will be completed too.

I want to particularly thank JD Ashwood for keeping his "eye on the prize" and bringing this enormous project to its finalization. He worked diligently with the designer, the installation contractors, and the suppliers on a daily basis to keep this on track and within budget. The amount of time and energy he willingly put forth is admirable and appreciated more than we can express. If you see him, thank him for a job very well done, as it wasn't without sacrifice.

In addition to the golf course irrigation, the other golf course items that have been addressed are the restrooms receiving a much needed "facelift". The new doors were installed in June, the trim and interiors painted by the LGA volunteers in May, except for a few other items on the punch list we are almost done with that updating on those two buildings. One other item of note is the #2 tee box being moved to help with playability and turf growth. All in all, I hope everyone feels as I do that this project was well worth the wait.

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# Pecan Plantation

# Mystery Bus

## Adventures & More in '24!

July 10

Aug. 14

Sept. 11

Oct. 9

A fun, new experience has come to Pecan! But it's a secret, so don't tell anyone.

The "Mystery Bus," which is a dining adventure, takes up to 50 residents to an unknown location for food and drinks, with lots of fun there and back. It's a different destination each month. Evenings begin at 5 p.m. in the clubhouse lobby, where hors d'oeuvres are served. At the designated time, guests board the bus, where refreshment await. En route to the month's location, libations will flow and riders will participate in trivia contests for prizes. Once at the destination, those lucky enough to be on the trip will have a special meal before returning to Pecan at roughly 9 p.m.

Cost for the Mystery Bus varies on the destination, but the total includes your hors d'oeuvres at the club, drinks on the bus, and your dinner (tax and tip included). The only thing not included is your tips to the bus driver and the servers on the bus.

Signups for the Mystery Bus are fast and furious, selling out in about an hour, so you have to be quick. Reservations are online only, and open at 8 a.m. on the Wednesday after the previous bus trip. Sign ups can be found on the PPOA website's Community Calendar or on the PPOA App under "events." Registration for the July bus ride opens June 19.



# MGA SCHEDULE

MGA TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS  
SAVE THE DATE!

## JULY

- 13-14 - MEMBER/MEMBER TOURNAMENT
- 18 - PAR 3 SCRAMBLE - PSST
- 25 - 4-MAN SHAMBLE, COUNT 3 BB'S, PSST



Hello everyone! As the golf course is recovering and looking great, as the water, fertilizer and sunshine hits the course it will continue to improve. Please continue to review the events tab in the Pecan apps to review our upcoming events or when you see me just ask. Hopefully everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather. Summer is here so remember to drink plenty of water and hunt shade when possible. If y'all are traveling be safe. Please remember to rack the bunkers, fix your ball marks on the green

and fill your divots in the fairway. It's our golf course — please help maintain it as we play. We are having great turnout on our MGA tournaments and are very appreciative of everyone supporting us whenever needed. Let me know if you have ideas to make anything better. Hit 'em straight!!

Robert Forshee/MGA president

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# LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION



June was a very busy month for Pecan's Ladies Golf Association. We had a very successful "Sassy Sisters," our member/member tournament, hosted by Mary Ann and Jeanne Green. We took a road trip to Squaw Valley while the greens were aerated and helped with the MGA's Member/Guest tournament. The bathrooms on #5 and #14 are almost completed and have just a few finishing touches left. Memorial Day was a blast and that leads us into celebrating our country's birthday July 4. We don't have a lot scheduled for July and hope the heat doesn't rise too quickly and stay too long. Let us take this down time to reflect on this glorious country we are blessed to live in and this amazing community we live in called Pecan Plantation.

— Marilyn Neely, president, Pecan LGA

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# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The entertainment committee started June with "Roll Out Those, Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer." We celebrated the dads at Daddy O's Bingo. Monty Lewis always keeps us laughing. The new event this year is the Mystery Dinner Bus trip. GM Rick Langten led a group of 50 that met at the clubhouse for hors d'oeuvres and loaded the bus and enjoyed cocktails and trivia games. No one knew where they were going. Everyone had a wonderful time. This event will happen every month on the second Wednesday through October. Make sure you make your reservation early for July 10.

We hope you are finalizing your golf cart/bicycle decorations for the Fourth of July parade. Everyone will meet at the Nutcracker Golf Club parking lot at 4 p.m. to line up; the parade starts at 5 p.m. and will continue up to the clubhouse. Bring your family and friends to spend the day swimming at the clubhouse. The fun begins at 4 p.m. with games, food, drinks and dancing from 6 to 10 p.m.

Firecracker Bingo will be July 9 at 5:30 p.m. Chef Jordan will have an All-American buffet prepared for us. Call the front desk for reservations by July 5.

Check your eBlast and The Columns for more details. Happy Fourth, and God Bless America.

Vicki Winder  
Entertainment Chair



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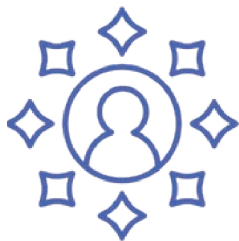
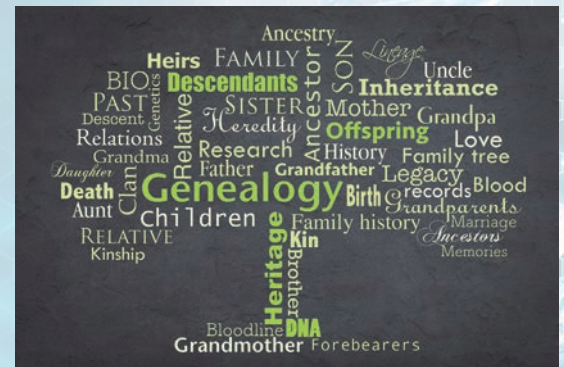
## HOOD COUNTY HISTORY

The genealogy group will meet Tuesday, July 16 at 10 a.m. at Pecan Plantation EMS Training Room (9518 Monticello Drive 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.

### July 16 — Hood County history with Karen Nace

Quite often we know the basic history of our area — where we came from and where we live now. But sometimes, when we delve deeper, we learn little tidbits about not-so-well known people, places and happenings. For instance, have you heard of Mildred P. Crockett? HE was once a postmaster in Granbury. How about the Tarantula Train coming to Granbury a few times in the 1990s? Exploring local history provides information about intriguing tales and lesser-known events providing you with a unique perspective on the past. We need to go well beyond the famous and well-known names. These stories provide a more complete picture of an area and its people. Come and hear Karen Nace tell us about some of our local history and where to possibly visit and explore further.

Call or text Kay at 682-459-5718 if you have any questions. She is looking for input on specifics that you may be especially interested in. It will help to give her guidance to cover topics you want to know more about.



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Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### CLUBHOUSE POOL

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

Closed: Every Monday

Street Dance: Thurs, July 4 (4 p.m. - 10 p.m.)

Pool Party: Noon - 3 p.m. games & DJ

Pool closes at 8 p.m.

(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 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

### 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!

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as well as candy, snack, and drink sales.



### TINY TRIBE SOFT PLAY

(Ages 4 & under)

Monday, July 8 (1 p.m. - 2 p.m.)

Join us for a play day and make some friends.

Soft play will boost cognitive skills and improve development all while having fun!

For more info call Ashley 682-500-8874.

### 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

### 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!

### 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!

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

August 8, 9 & 10  
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
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**GOLF, TENNIS & SWIM CAMP** (Ages 6-12)

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

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

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)

July 24, 25, & 26  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
Cost: \$60/members & \$70/guests  
Instructors: Duff and Phil (Golf Professionals)  
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**ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES**

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**Pilates**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri (8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.)  
Cost: \$3/class  
Instructor: Shawn Farris (Please bring your own mat)

**Low Impact Aerobics**

Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, & Fri (8 a.m. - 9 a.m.)  
Saturday (9 a.m.- 10 a.m.)  
Cost: \$3/class  
\*Bring hand weights & a mat if possible\*

**Line Dancing**

Fridays (10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)  
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Tues - Fri 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.  
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Certified Instructor: Leslie Stain  
Sign up at PAC.

**ADDITIONAL EVENTS**

**PAC will be closed Thursday, July 4.**

**July 9 - 30 - Tuesdays 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Watercolor Painting for adults w/ Anita Lloyd**

**July 14: Paint Along with Kathy Yoders**

**July 22: Carter Blood Drive - CLUB parking lot**

**Aug. 1: Adult Guitar Lessons start**

**Aug. 5: Tiny Tribe play day**

**Sept. 17: Adult Tap lessons begin**

**Sept. 28: EMS Auxiliary Fall Bazaar**



# RV CLUB NEWS

By Glenna Haskell, VP

Hello fellow RVers, and welcome to summer. 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 I may include them in The Columns.

Pecan Plantation RV Club held a mini rally May 19-22, at Dinosaur Valley RV Park in Glen Rose. We had a wonderful turnout of 15 trailers and about 34 people attended some if not all the rally. Our hosts Angie and Jay Brown and Judy and Bill Winkler organized several activities for everyone. Several men played golf while the rest of us shopped and several of us met for a no-host lunch at Storybook Café. If you have not been to this café you need to check it out. The food was very good and it has unique decorations. I know I will most definitely go back.

We had free time to go antique shopping or visit the dinosaur museum and the state park. We held the May meeting at the Dinosaur Valley RV club room. After dinner of chicken tenders and lots of pot luck sides we played games. I am not sure who the genius is in our club that invented the Saran Wrap game, but it was both entertaining and frustrating. Just the look on everyone's face while they tried to peel away Saran Wrap in the hope for some kind of prize was priceless. The RV Club always finds ways to have a good time. Some of us also played LCR, a dice game. So much laughter!

One night we had a no-host dinner at Massey's BBQ where golf awards were awarded. I know the guys said it was a challenging and hot course. After the dinner our hosts made smores at the host camp site in the RV park. Wednesday morning had us heading back to Pecan Plantation. Thank you so much to our hosts and everyone who helped make this mini rally a success. We have a wonderful group of people in our club.

Remember, if you are not a member and would like to join, please go to our website [PPOARV.ORG](http://PPOARV.ORG) for more information. 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).

Glenna Haskell, VP





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By John Ingram III  
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- Summer camps are in full swing. (Note: No camp the week of July 4) Be sure to catch one of our summer sessions!
- It's once again time for "Tennis on the Lawn at Pecan!" Look for our grass court at the golf driving range and PPTA's Wimbledon playday July 13. Cheerio!
- Congratulations to our USTA teams for completing a successful spring season. (We are playing summer USTA as well.)



## PPTA "Wimbledon Whites"

**Saturday, July 13**

**8-11 a.m.**

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# PECAN PLANTATION TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The Pecan Plantation Tennis Association's board meeting was held May 14, and the board elected the following officers: Dee Wilcox, president; Jay Hammond, first vice president; Randy Leach, second vice president; Pat Newberry, secretary; Sherry Bernhoft, treasurer; and Sir John Ingram, Ambassador of Tennis, who attends all board meetings.

The PPTA's April 12 annual celebration was a big success. The meeting was held at the Air Park hanger with a WWII theme. Thank you to Tom Woodward for arranging the EEA hanger and Dick Keyt for bringing his plane.

We will be starting a volunteer committee. Members, let's get excited about assisting in all the fun events this year. At the end of the year we plan to have a special dinner for all those who volunteer during the year. We will need volunteers for the July 4 street dance.

Mark your calendars for the Wimbledon play date July 13 at 8 a.m.

I am so honored to be the new president and we're going to have a killer year! Thanks to Ken Schreiber for passing the torch and for serving for four years as president, keep on flying high!

Madam President  
Dee Wilcox



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# PICKLEBALL NEWS

By Jana Reeves

Despite being rained out on the original date, 24 members made time to attend a Pickleball University led by Miles Broughton. Two different groups worked on pickleball skills and strategies in an effort to improve their game. Thank you to all the participants and to Miles for his generous donation. The association is also interested in hearing from members about other clinics they would like to attend. Let us know!

The Pecan ladies finished out their spring afternoon pickleball with an end-of-the-year party. Members gathered for lunch, fellowship and door prizes followed by two hours of pickleball play. The group will resume in the fall when the students are back in school.

The PPPA also sponsored a fundraising booth at the Pecan Plantation Memorial Day Street Dance. Members volunteered their time to serve up cotton candy, supervise the bounce house, and work the pickleball game. It was a hot but fun event for everyone!

Open play for adults is available at the PAC every weekday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Family friendly hours are every Tuesday and Friday evening from 6-7:45 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from noon to 2 p.m. Outside play is available from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. and reservations are required using the PPOA website.



A young pecan resident gets 'dunked' during the Memorial Day fundraiser.



Ladies end of the year party



Session 2 of Pickleball University



Session 1 of Pickleball University



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# EQUESTRIAN UPDATE



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*This month we are featuring a new horse committee member and horse rider at Pecan Stables. Jeannie Kendrick and her husband, Alex moved to Pecan in 2022 and added her name to the boarding wait list upon arrival. Though Jeannie holds little hope of receiving a stall any time soon, it doesn't squelch her enthusiasm for volunteering her time to help with whatever is needed to benefit the barn.*

*By Jeannie Kendrick*

Walking into Pecan Stables I listen to horses nicker "hello" and life's troubles melt away. I marvel at being here, wrapped in the welcoming arms of others for whom horses are our life's blood.

I was born in Florence, Texas. My dad was a cowboy — a horseman — who could gentle and train any horse for maximum performance. He worked as a ranch hand all over west Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. My memories of the many places we lived were of the horses there. I inherited my dad's gift, he trusted me and together we trained many horses. We enjoyed our adventurous, footloose life.

Studying ecology at UofA opened my eyes to the science of what I innately understood about nature. Later, I headed to California, civil engineering as my career. Urban life was not for me, but a few horses to ride sustained me. I met my husband Alex, just out of USMC, studying water resources. Together we built careers, planned, and saved for the life and land we dreamed of. It became reality when we found our forestland in the rugged mountains of Oregon — and jobs in our respective fields. For 37 years we worked to prove that ecosystem management was feasible, and produced healthier, sustainable forests. One of only 28 privately owned "Green Tag" certified forests in the entire country, we hoped to influence the outcome of forest management on a grander scale, and used our website, writings, tours and presentations to do so. My horse activities progressed to 25-50-mile endurance races. Adjoining Siskiyou National Forest, my Polish Arabian D'Talentt and I built stamina and an unbreakable bond, which enabled us to complete every ride entered.

In 2020 Alex suffered a stroke, leaving him with right-side hemiplegia. Knowing our life there was over, it hurt thinking of life without trees, water and wildlife. In 2022, we found a buyer to continue stewardship of our beloved forest farm and left to make a life in Pecan. One day, I met a lady wearing boots, and asked if she had a horse at the stables. When I told her my horse couldn't come due to the wait list and no stables nearby, she asked me to meet her horse. Just being at the stables helped heal my aching heart. Now, I can often borrow a horse and ride the Brazos Trail alongside amazing ladies with Texas-sized hearts! I'm so thankful we found Pecan Plantation and continue to have hope of becoming a boarder at the stables.

**We continue to remain at full capacity at the Stables. If you're interested in getting on the waitlist, call the PPOA business office at 817-573-2641, ext. 337. For all other stables-related questions, call Tammy Dressman @ 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.**





# BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

Summer is well underway and many of our members are out traveling and enjoying the outdoors. Fishing and shooting have continued for many members even as the rain earlier has occasionally interfered or required plan changes. Pictures this month are from an outing by Bob Price, Jerry Sprayberry, Mike Margle and me on a fishing trip to Lake Texoma. One picture is the catch of stripers we had one morning with a guide and the other is Bob Price with a very nice crappie and a striper he caught later in the week. The influx of muddy water on the lake from all the rain we had received made fishing more difficult as the week went by.



The sporting clay shooters continue to go out every other week. Scores from a couple of recent outings are as follows. Scores are for 50 shots. Looks like Mack Gilbreath has been dominating!

The club is in the final stages of lining up a dove hunt for September and hopefully we will be able to find some birds. The last few years have been hit and miss. The birds can be there one day and gone the next. Hopefully all the hailstorms we had this spring and early summer have not hurt the bird population. I think most of us have suffered substantial damage to our homes and it caused us to cancel our May meeting which was scheduled for the day of the large storm.

Have a great Fourth of July as we celebrate our independence. If you have any questions about the club, you can contact me at ccald67@gmail.com.

Shooter	Score
Mac Gilbreath	46
Jim Berzina	41
Greg Pearson	38
Milt Schrepel	37
Rod Bradshaw	35
Ron Croft	32
Dan Young	31

Shooter	Score
Mack Gilbreath	46
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Ken Wiggs	32
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## MEMBER PROFILE

### Beth Eschbach

Beth Eschbach is ably managing the job of PPAG programs VP, having recently served as president for two years, and is now even our acting treasurer. Give this lady a job, and she will ace it! We are fortunate this accomplished artist came to Texas 37 years ago and chose Pecan Plantation in 2012. She has always been involved in the arts, with jobs as a floral designer, graphic designer and art teacher. About 20 years ago, Beth started taking classes and workshops from her favorite contemporaries and served as president for two years of the Richardson Civic Art Society.

Beth's award-winning work is always evolving, painting mostly in acrylic and oil, and using landscape, portraits and figures as subject matter. If not working in her studio, she is out in the yard gardening. She is a Texas Master Naturalist and a member of the Native Plant Society of Texas. Her many activities show her love of nature and of helping other artists enhance their skills. She and Tim, her husband of 47 years, have three grown children and seven grandchildren. When the grandkids come to visit, they know Gran will have an art project to share with them.



Beth Eschbach

## SAVE THE DATES!

**SEPT. 27**

**Gallery Night in Pecan: Five beautiful homes become galleries for one night (4-8 p.m.) to meet our artists and enjoy their art. Free hors d'oeuvres and beverages.**

**NOV. 9**

**PPAG Pop-Up Art show at the clubhouse, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. just in time for the holidays.**

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Kathy Yoders was selected in May as Artist of the Month. See our Current Artist of the Month at the PAC. Also enjoy the work of Gloria Hood in the hall leading to the ballroom, as well as the work of various artists in other clubhouse locations. All are available for sale by contacting the artist.



# JULY'S GUEST

On July 9, we are in for a treat. Catherine Angle (better known as Cat) will have an exciting, hands-on demonstration of the art of origami, Japanese paper folding. Cat has embraced origami since she was 6 years old and has folded at least 2,000 butterflies! Many of us know Cat as our favorite framer. If you've ever worked with her business



**Catherine Angle**

Framed! By Cat, you know what we mean. Her beautiful frames have graced the works of Best of Show winners and enhanced the beauty of art in homes and businesses everywhere. This native Texan comes from a rich background in art, as her mother was an award-winning artist in many mediums.

Cat has a B.S. in fashion merchandising from Tarleton, and she lives in the Paluxy area with her husband and two dogs. She is known to the art community as an avid supporter and promoter of artists and their work. She has generously given her time and resources to the Lake Granbury Art Association as chairperson of spring member shows, the Granbury Wine Walk and Harvest Moon Festival art sales; and donations of art to fundraisers for Ruth's Place, Paluxy Children's Advocacy, Texas Rescue and other charities.



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# WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS CLUB

By Caryl Mahaffey

Excitement is in store for the Widow and Widower's July meeting. The group will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month, July 25, at 5:30 p.m. for game night at the Pecan Ballroom. You will want to bring your small change to play the classic game of Left, Center, Right. The LCR Game is a fun and easy dice game. It is sure to be a hit and it will be exciting to see who is the last one holding the die.

The group will have the rest of its summer meetings at the clubhouse where we can enjoy the air-conditioned room. Our May picnic at the RV pavilion meeting tested each of us on our endurance without air conditioning. We had a storm pass through right before everyone arrived at the pavilion, which created a very hot and humid evening. Mary Gourley, assisted by Susan Wesley and Gloria Enriquez, started our "Lazy Days of Summer" off with a great feast and the first Widow and Widower's Olympics. Competition was fierce. The attached pictures don't do our fun meeting justice.

Our June meeting featured our favorite, bingo night. All members brought a "white elephant" gift placed in a brown bag to be used as a prize for each round of Bingo. Some members got quite the "prize."

In July, the chef will treat us to one of his unique menus. The menu will be sent to each member the first of July. The RSVP for the July meeting will be due to Caryl Mahaffey by July 18 by e-mailing caryl.mahaffey@charter.net (preferred) or calling 817-964-5915. Attendance is open to any Widow or Widower who lives in Pecan. An RSVP is necessary to attend the meeting.

See you July 25 at 5:30 p.m. Come and take your chance with the throw of the dice.

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# BREAKFAST CLUB

This month marks my fourth year as host of your Breakfast Club. We've endured the pandemic and changes in our management structure and still survived. We managed to resurrect ordering from the club's breakfast menu as we did before the pandemic. That effort only took four years! Even if I say so myself, we've had some amazing speakers during this time. Authors, historians, politicians, an astronaut, the grandson of the Quanah Parker and an amazing survivor of ten gunshots were among some of our presenters. Each with an amazing story to share.

The best thing about hosting Breakfast Club is I get to eat breakfast with these amazing individuals and have some wonderful personal conversations with them. I book all our speakers well in advance. At any given time, I have speakers scheduled six to eight months in advance. As I am writing this article in May 2024, I have our schedule booked through the end of this year with a few unconfirmed speakers in 2025.

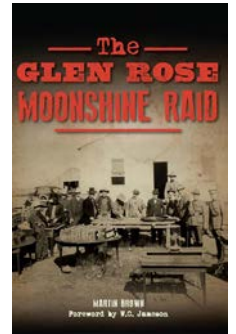
Now comes the time for me to move on to other things. We have no succession plan for Breakfast Club and no elected officers to lean on. Therefore, I am asking for your help to find a new host for our club. If you are interested in hosting the club or know someone who would make a good host, let me know. I am not planning to book any more speakers after the first of the year so a new host can start with a clean slate next year. Thank you for your consideration.

On June 12, we heard from Martin Brown. Brown is the

author of the fine book *The Glen Rose Moonshine Raid*. It is the true story of our neighbors down the road who completely ignored prohibition and thumbed their noses at the federal government. The Texas governor dispatched the Texas Rangers and undercover agents to right this wrong by many prominent citizens of Glen Rose. That did not go well with our neighbors and things turned very tense to say the least.

On June 26, we welcomed Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller to the Breakfast Club. Miller is from Stephenville, and besides being the Agriculture Commissioner he is also the owner of Miller Nursery in Stephenville. Oh, and by the way, Miller holds nine world championship rodeo titles. His political life is permeated with many interesting tales.

July brings us Chief Michael Barrett of the Pecan Volunteer Fire Department. The newly elected chief will update us on the status of his department. On July 24, Alicia Saldana and her team from Solaris HealthCare will discuss with the club their hospice, palliative and home health care options. Solaris is new to our area, and I had the pleasure of taking its team on a tour of Pecan. I'm sure you will find their presentation not only informative but equally important.



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# COMMUNITY GARDENS

Spring in the garden has been a busy, productive time, with well-attended work-days, pop-up events and happy hours.

Mother's Day was particularly special for Community Gardens members Cindy Ricci and Susan Reid when they worked the soil alongside Cindy's daughter and Susan's daughter-in-law Robyn Reid.

Robyn and husband Andy have been Granbury residents since 2022, and they were delighted when both sets of parents chose to relocate to Pecan Plantation that same year. Lovely spring weather surrounded the workday where members harvested potatoes, onions, garlic and herbs.

The Memorial Day Street Dance fundraiser was a great success. Gardens members facilitated carnival games to raise money for a storage building which will house equipment and supplies.

In July, members will harvest organic tomatoes, okra, beans, eggplant and peppers.

Gardens members hail from a variety of gardening backgrounds and possess differing levels of expertise. Come grow with us! Applications to join the club are available at the PAC.



**FUTURE EVENTS:**  
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Keep your eyes on the sky for Granbury Fourth of July Celebration's fireworks, beginning at dusk (typically around 9:45 p.m.). The fireworks are directed over the lake from behind the Pearl Street Bridge and can be seen all over the historic small town. Tune into KPIR 1420 AM for choreographed patriotic music.

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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 dock painting has been completed.
- The marina is just like most of us in Pecan, waiting on a new roof.

## LAKE GRANBURY FISHING

- Best fishing dates and times
  - July 2-9 are prime fishing days
  - Best times are 10 a.m. to noon and 6 to 10 p.m.

## LAKE GRANBURY — DID YOU KNOW

- When water is released from Possum Kingdom Lake it takes about 40 hours to make its way to Lake Granbury. The top of Lake Granbury gate is 693 feet.
- Brazos River Authority operates both Possum Kingdom and Granbury lakes. Brazos River Authority reservoirs contain no flood control space. Designed and built for water supply purposes only, and not flood control.



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# My mother, Flora Mae

By Paula Andrade

**M**y name is Paula. I am 65 years old, the fourth child of six and third daughter of four to Flora Mae Terrell. My mother is 93 years old as of May 28, 2024, and I want her to know how I feel about her while I still have her with me.

Flora Mae is the youngest of six girls born to Earnest and Ethel Rhodes. She was born in McCrory, Arkansas during the Great Depression. At the time of this letter, she has one sister left on earth, the lovely and hilarious Bonice Crenshaw. Lucky for the offspring of these six comical little ladies, they shared a remarkable sense of humor ... truly hysterical in the very driest way possible. And some of us were blessed enough to inherit that gift.

My mother has been married three times. First, to her grammar school heartthrob, who fathered my two older sisters and older brother. My biological father was her second husband, and I was their only child. Last, and most important is my stepfather, Melvin Lee "Terry" Terrell, whom I have always and always will call "Daddy." This wonderfully amazing man married my mother when he was 22 years old. Mother was seven years his senior. Don't forget, she already had four children! Who does that? If you ever run into Terry, ask him about the day he and I met ... he loves to tell that story, and I love to hear it ... over and over. They had my two youngest siblings and then there were six.

Back to Flora Mae. A retired nurse, she is one of the best nurses you'd ever meet. She did not graduate from high school but got her GED while I was in high school. She studied harder than anyone I know. In fact, we would frequently find her sleeping on a pile of books when we got up for school in

the mornings. The day she went to Austin to take her state board exam, I was in the hospital in San Antonio delivering my first child. She just missed it, but she spent the next two weeks taking care of me and my newborn son. That's who she is. She did that for nearly all 16 grandchildren. Now, she has 28 great-grandchildren and a couple of great-great-grandchildren, with more to come, I'm sure.

Did you know that our sense of smell is stronger than our sense of sight, taste, touch and hearing when it comes to the provocation of memories? It's true. According to an article written by Colleen Walsh, Feb. 27, 2020, in the Harvard Gazette, odors take a direct route to the limbic system, including the amygdala and the hippocampus, the regions related to emotion and memory. I know this because there are four very distinct smells that when I get a whiff of any two or more of them, memories with my mother flood my mind.

Cigarette smoke is one (although she quit smoking decades ago), along with Juicy Fruit chewing gum, Chanel No. 5 and coffee will conjure up a delicious memory in no time flat! To this day, I carry an open pack of Juicy Fruit in my purse just so I can bring on a "mother" memory at will. Some of my favorite memories are:

- Occasions that I would fake an illness so I could stay home from school and have her all to myself ... (this worked like a charm until I got to high school, although I imagine she knew I was faking all along. God Bless her.)
- Playing sick meant that I got the rare opportunity of feeling her cool fingers on my cheek and forehead as she checked for signs of a fever throughout the day and being fed mashed bananas



and chicken noodle soup with saltines (still a favorite).

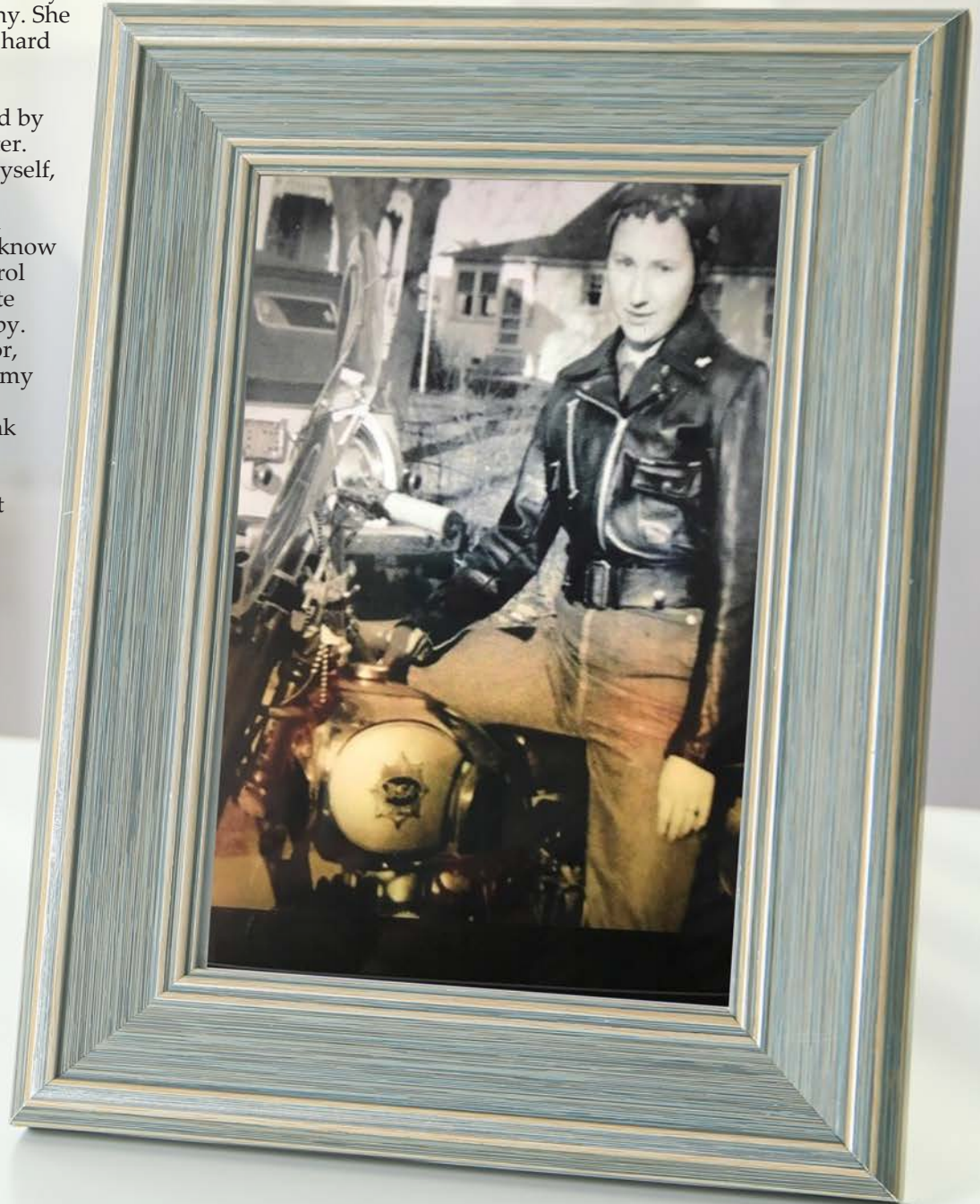
- Watching her step off the bus in Arkansas after having left my older sister and I with cousins while she looked for work in Texas. I remember so clearly the way her brown hair sparkled in the sun and fell in soft, earthy waves about her face, her brown eyes smiling, red lips and a cornflower blue spaghetti strap dress with full skirt and black pumps, her tan arms stretched out toward me. I was only two, but I remember feeling so overwhelmed with love for her in that moment that it hurt.
- Playing cards and board games with my mother is a treat. She's funny. I mean "Golden Girls" funny. She always gets us laughing so hard we cry.

Gosh, I hope she's still around by the time I finish editing this letter. Perhaps I'll just read it to her myself, while I still have her.

If you meet my mother, she'll insist you call her "Flo." You'll know it's her, because she's like if Carol Burnett, Lucille Ball, Betty White and Audrey Hepburn had a baby. That's Flo. She's mother, mentor, favorite person and the love of my life. Know that I will miss you, Mother, every single time I think of you!

Your loving daughter ... and probably your favorite, but that can be our little secret.

*Paula*





# WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

## Fawns, Fish and the Fourth of July

By Bob Lusk

Did you know that deer don't sweat? They pant. Yep, they do. When you see a deer panting, it needs water. Here in Pecan, you probably won't see many deer panting. They know how to play the game here, with your sprinkler system and many miles of river ... and ponds all around Pecan Plantation. Deer get plenty of water here.

The fawn crop looks pretty strong this year and judging by the neighbor's landscaping, looks like they're learning to make a living here in the community, just like their ancestors.

The wildlife committee, which meets every second Friday morning at the clubhouse and welcomes visitors, continues to keep a varied agenda, discussing topics ranging from deer to pigs to birds to fish ... to wildlife around our community, and ways to increase awareness for our neighbors.

Committee Chairman Mike Hustak reports the wildlife committee's annual deer count is set for the end of July and early August. Volunteers spread out across these thousands of acres and count how many bucks, does and fawns they can see. To make it scientific with limited overlap, the counters are assigned a given area and one hour to make the count. This happens three times. Those numbers are collected, summarized and submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, who comes back with a report recommending how many deer to harvest. Then, the wildlife committee works with the PPOA to decide a plan of action.

In May, a batch of tilapia was purchased and stocked into the ponds at #10, #11, and the driving range to assist with algae control. Tilapia, famous here for great fish tacos, are well-known as a grazer that consumes filamentous algae, a plant that seems to plague several ponds around the community. Rather than spend a similar amount of money on copper-based algacide chemicals, these fish were stocked to do the same job, organically. Feel free to eat some, if you can catch the wily rascals.

Speaking of pond #10, behind the tennis courts, Daniel Van Patten and his crew extracted the rickety old dock and replaced it with a larger, t-shaped version. Go catch bluegills off the dock. Better yet, take a kid to catch bluegills. Bring nightcrawlers and a bobber.

Spend much time on the river? There's a wide variety of fish you'll see, and if luck leans your way, you might catch. While common carp are, by far, the most dominant species, there are some fun game fish as well.

If spring flows are good, striped bass, also called "stripers" make the run up the river from Lake Whitney. Some may actually make their way downstream through the gates at Lake Granbury, but that's a tough ride, if they can survive the tumble. Stripers are actually saltwater fish, long stocked into lakes around part of the nation. They are a "put and take" fishery in most reservoirs because they don't have conditions to reproduce. In natural systems, they grow up in the ocean

and swim upstream into rivers to reproduce. Thus, the trek from Whitney to Lake Granbury. Only two man-made systems have documented successful reproduction, Lake Texoma along the Red River, and Santee-Cooper chain of lakes in South Carolina. Stripers can grow large, given the best conditions. They don't like hot water, which limits their success in our stretch of river during low flow. In the river, stripers are long and lean, and built to travel long distances.

White bass, also called "sand bass" or "sandies" look quite similar to their striper cousins, but don't grow very large. Twelve to 15-inches is about as big as they get. These little fighters tend to run in schools and are famous for ganging up on smaller fish, especially shad, and shoving them to the top, great for topwater action. They'll do that here in our part of the river.

These fish are great rolled in corn meal and deep fried. Just cut out the red meat in those stripers.

The river also boasts spotted bass, a type of largemouth bass. You can tell them by the row of deep green horizontal lines of spots below their lateral line and by looking at their dorsal fins ... spotted bass dorsal fins are connected, while largemouth bass fins on top are separate.

Speaking of largemouth bass, northern strain, native to our area, seem to be what we are mostly seeing in the river. Spotted bass rarely tip the scales beyond a couple of pounds, but the largemouth bass here have been reported weighing up to 7 pounds.

Didn't know you were getting a fisheries biology lesson? You're welcome.

Happy Independence Day from your wildlife committee.







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# AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lana Robinson

The long-awaited Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary Golf Tournament is coming up Saturday, July 27, at the Pecan Country Club and course. Check in at noon for the 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. The tournament that was originally scheduled in April was canceled due to inclement weather. The auxiliary appreciates the patience and understanding from sponsors and players as leadership worked with the PPOA golf committee to reschedule.

Van Griffith is once again offering a new KIA car for a hole-in-one prize. The raffle drawing associated with the tournament was held April 22, due to the fact that some of the prizes had expiration dates within which tickets and gift certificates had to be used, and winners were contacted at that time. That raffle raised more than \$12,000. On the new tournament date, there will be one raffle. Tickets will be sold that day and proceeds will go in a pot where the winner will receive half the money raised and the auxiliary will receive the other half.

At press time, the Diamond and Gold sponsorships were filled because there were no additional spots for players available. However, if you missed out on the earlier registration, there could be some cancellations as the tournament day approaches. If you wish to be placed on a waiting list, contact Jeanie Curry at 972-977-7049 to discuss details. Silver sponsorships are still available. For a donation of \$250, your business sign or a sign provided by the auxiliary with your name or business on it will be placed on the hole to show your support of the VFD/EMS.

One hundred percent of the profit goes directly toward the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS. In exchange, your business(es) can be promoted through multiple outlets throughout our community and within Hood County. Sponsors' names 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 leading up to the tournament.

Volunteers are also needed for the golf tournament. To find out how you can help, email auxiliary volunteer coordinator Seleta Webster at [seleta.chere@gmail.com](mailto:seleta.chere@gmail.com) or call 806-646-0656.

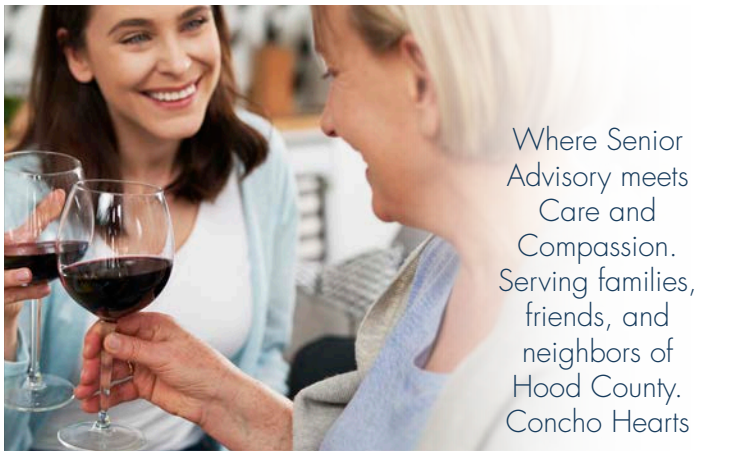
Auxiliary members were treated to a tasty Mexican meal from Del Norte's, courtesy of the Pecan Plantation VFD, at the June 3 meeting. The meal was an expression of gratitude from fire department personnel for the auxiliary's ongoing fundraising efforts. During the business meeting, members were informed that the May 25 auxiliary and Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at the Planeview Park netted \$1,280. The business meeting focused on preparations for several June events, including the Cleburne Railroaders game June 20, and the Gold and Silver fundraiser June 22, both of which were to benefit the PPFVD/EMS. Other business focused on ongoing fundraisers, such as the Memorial Bricks being sold and placed in a patio honoring our heroes, past and present, at the EMS building. Contact Donna Bullis at 817-454-0422 for details. Also discussed was the Circle of Flags project offering Pecan residents the opportunity to honor a veteran with an American flag placed at the front and back traffic circles on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day for years to come. This project is headed up by Juliana Eckley. For a form or details, call 817-573-1623.

Stay tuned for information regarding the auxiliary's annual Pecan Arts and Crafts Fair, set for Saturday, Sept. 28.

The next regular meeting of the PPFVD/EMS Auxiliary is set for 7 p.m., Monday, July 1, 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.







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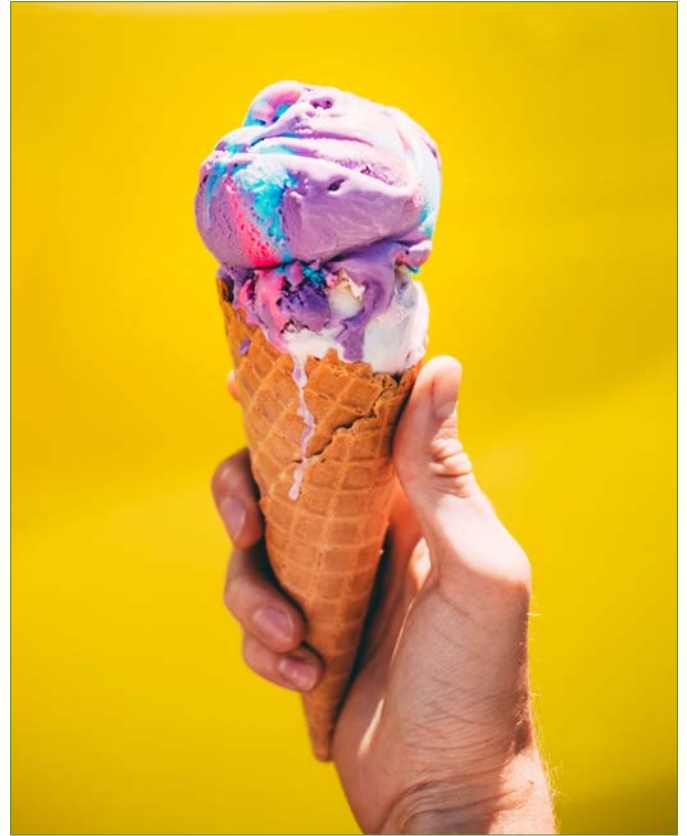
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# DID YOU KNOW?

The adage, "Success has many fathers, but failure is an orphan" is an applicable turn of phrase in many instances, and it seems to ring true when trying to pin down the origins of ice cream. A 2019 study from Datassential that surveyed more than 2,500 consumers about their dessert habits and preferences found that ice cream is the No. 1 dessert. If that's a fairly straightforward pursuit, identifying the origins of this beloved treat is not so easy. Many attribute the origins of ice cream to China's Tang dynasty, which was in power from 618 to 907. History.com notes that sources from that period reference a sweet drink made from iced, camphor-laced water buffalo milk, which certainly sounds similar to modern day ice cream. But others point much further back, noting that iced drinks and desserts were sold along the Euphrates River as far back as at least 4000 B.C. History.com also notes that the first European ice creams can be traced to Italy in the 1600s. The difficulty with distinguishing the exact origins of ice cream, and the various claims that trace those beginnings to one place or another, support the notion that success, in this case the confectionary triumph that is ice cream, indeed has many fathers.



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# GAS OR CHARCOAL?

Grilling is serious business in the hearts and minds of millions of people, which is perhaps the reason why individuals tend to be so devoted to their preferred method of cooking foods over an open flame. That devotion extends to the type of grill cooks use, which typically comes down to a choice between gas grills that utilize propane and charcoal grills that burn charcoal. Though the debate over which type of grill is better will likely never end, charcoal devotees insist that science is on their side. Grilling with charcoal leads to the release of an aroma compound known as guaiacol. Guaiacol is produced during the breakdown of lignin, a resin that BarbecueBros.com notes holds strands of cellulose together to form wood. As lignin breaks down, guaiacol is released, providing foods cooked over charcoal with a uniquely smoky, bacon-like flavor. That unique flavor is absent from foods cooked on a gas grill, which charcoal grill enthusiasts point to as proof that their preferred method to grill meat is superior to other means.



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# PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

By Gerta Howell, president

Hopefully your summer is going well and it's not too unbearably hot. As I mentioned last month, during June, July and August, we have what we call "Summer Chit Chat," our casual and relaxing summer luncheon meetings in the Pecan Plantation Clubhouse ballroom. It is a great time to meet new people, talk and enjoy getting to know one another better. We hope you will come and be a part of Pecan Plantation Woman's Club. The luncheons are the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in the ballroom. Remember, the permanent reservation list is NOT in effect for the Chit Chat luncheon. Make a reservation. Come and enjoy! For those of you who are still working and unable to attend during the day, we have a quarterly evening social. July 10 is one of our evening socials.

Because of the hard work and wonderful generosity of the ladies in PPWC, we were able to award five \$2000 scholarships to deserving young women in Hood County.

**Damaris Amador** is a graduate of Lipan High School. She will attend Amarillo College to obtain an associate degree in dental hygiene. She has worked and still participated in many school activities and organizations. Her ultimate goal is to become a general dentist.

**Peyton Mitchell** is a graduate of Granbury High School. She plans to attend Toni and Guy Cosmetology School. Peyton also worked and is active in the youth ministry at Stonewater Church, plus varsity cheer and track, student council and other school activities and organizations.

**Mikayla Sobczak** is a graduate of Granbury STARS Accelerated High School. She has been accepted at Weatherford College in the Associate Nursing Program. Her decision to become a nurse was fostered by the support and love of the nurses that cared for her grandfather. She has been very active in community service, serving at the Veterans lunch and the food pantry at the United Methodist Church. She has certifications in both Microsoft Word and Excel as well as a Forward Training certificate.

**Miriam Ramirez Stone** is a graduate of Granbury STARS Accelerated High School. She has been accepted at Tarrant County College to pursue an associate degree in business and hospitality. Her ultimate goal is to open her own nonprofit to help others, such as opening a homeless shelter. She also is Powered for Life under Forward Training. She is the first in her family to attend college and the first in years to finish high school. She has been totally self-supporting for a year.

**Kerri Underwood** is a graduate of Granbury STARS Accelerated High School. Her plan is to attend Weatherford College and pursue study to be a diagnostic medical sonographer. Wanting to help people and see the joy and excitement when they get to find out the gender of their fetus is the motivation for choosing this field of study. She eventually would like to become a doctor. She has been through Forward Training and has worked at numerous jobs during her high school years. She also will be the first in her family to attend college.

We have planned an exciting year for our members starting in September. Our invitation is open to all the wonderful ladies that live in Pecan Plantation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at gertabear@gmail.com or call 210-379-3053. We would love to have you join us!







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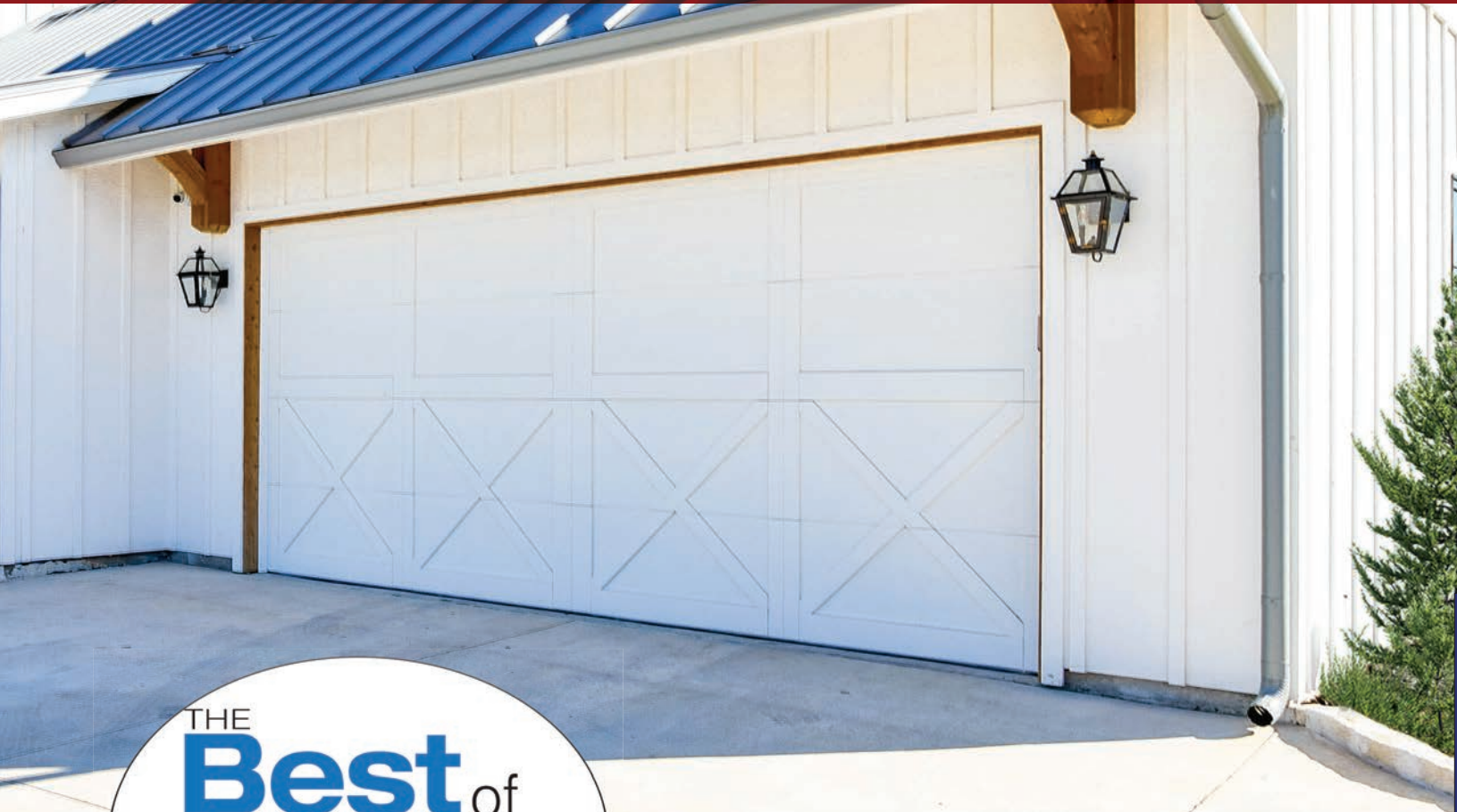
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# INDEPENDENCE

## DAY FACTS

Americans celebrate Independence Day every July 4. The holiday has become synonymous with summer fun, as grand fireworks displays and backyard barbecues are integral components of many people's July 4 celebrations.

As Americans and residents of the United States prepare for some festive Fourth of July celebrations, they can keep these interesting facts related to Independence Day in mind.

- \* There have been many iterations of the American flag. The American flag has become an iconic symbol of freedom recognized across the globe since the United States declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776. But few July 4 celebrants may know that the current version is the 27th iteration of the American flag. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the current version of the flag officially became the flag on July 4, 1960.
- \* More than half of all Americans own an American flag. A 2023 poll from WalletHub found that 57 percent of Americans own an American flag. And that's not the only way Americans show their national pride, as the same poll found that roughly one in three Americans intended to purchase patriotic merchandise for July 4.
- \* The United States is not the only place to celebrate American independence. Such celebrations occur in various countries, including Australia, Denmark, Ireland, and Norway. The festivities in Rebild National Park in Denmark is believed to be the largest celebration of American independence outside the United States.
- \* The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that 150 million hot dogs are consumed on July 4. Though there's no corresponding estimate related to how many hamburgers Americans eat on July 4, various reports suggest Americans eat roughly 50 billion burgers annually, so it's fair to conclude many a burger will be consumed this Independence Day.
- \* July is a popular month for nations to celebrate their independence. In addition to the United States, various countries, including Algeria (July 5), Argentina (July 9), The Bahamas (July 10), Belarus (July 3), Burundi (July 1), Canada (July 1), Cape Verde (July 1), Colombia (July 20), Kiribati (July 12), and Liberia (July 26), celebrate their Independence Day in July.
- \* John Adams, a Founding Father of the United States and the second president in the country's history, felt Americans should celebrate their independence from Great Britain on July 2. That's because the Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. However, the Declaration of Independence was not approved for two more days, thus making July 4 the day to celebrate America's independence from Great Britain.







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There's no shortage of ways to impart flavor to foods when cooking at home. Smoking food is one method that has grown increasingly popular in recent years.

Smoking imparts unique flavor to a wide variety of foods. Like other approaches to cooking, smoking involves a learning curve that may include some trial and error. Grilling enthusiasts who want to try their hand at smoking food can keep these tips in mind.

- **REMEMBER THE MANTRA "LOW AND SLOW."** Low and slow is the preferred method among cooks experienced in smoking. The method involves cooking foods at low temperatures for long periods of time. When smoking, unlike with traditional grilling, cooks want to ensure the food is not directly over a flame. Smoking stones can be used to absorb and deflect heat, and similar products can accomplish the same. That absorption and deflection allows foods to cook slowly, which in turn helps impart the smoky flavor people love.
- **CONSIDER ADDING WATER TO CREATE MOISTURE.** A water pan inside the smoker can ensure foods remain moist while smoking. Long cooking times can dry foods out, but the water in a water pan can make the environment inside the grill more humid.
- **ADD FLAVOR WITH WOOD.** Seasoned wood chunks and wood chips can add flavor to foods, and such products are readily available at many grocery stores and home improvement retailers. Choice of chunk or chips depends on which type of smoker individuals have. The grilling experts at Weber advise using chips when light

smoking for less than an hour. If smoking for an hour or more, Weber advises using chunks.

- **CONSIDER ACCESSORIZING AN EXISTING GRILL.** Smokers or grills that can accommodate smoking can be expensive, and cooks who already have reliable charcoal or gas grills may not be able to justify such an investment. In such instances, smoker boxes, which sit right on an existing grill grate and make it easy to transform grills into makeshift smokers, can do the trick. In addition, smoker attachments that can be attached to gas and charcoal grills can enable a less expensive introduction to smoking foods.
- **MONITOR TEMPERATURES.** Temperature is important when smoking foods. If temperatures rise too quickly, foods can quickly become dry and overcooked. If temperatures do not rise, foods can sit on the grill for hours on end. Each recipe is unique and will suggest an ideal temperature range when cooking foods slow. That may require staying home and monitoring the grill temperature, periodically adjusting vents to maintain a steady temperature. Many smokers now enable users to monitor temperatures via a smartphone app, and those can be useful for cooks who cannot stick around the house for the duration of the smoking.

Smoking is a popular way to cook foods over an open flame. Smoking may involve some initial trial and error, but the results are well worth navigating one's way through the learning curve.



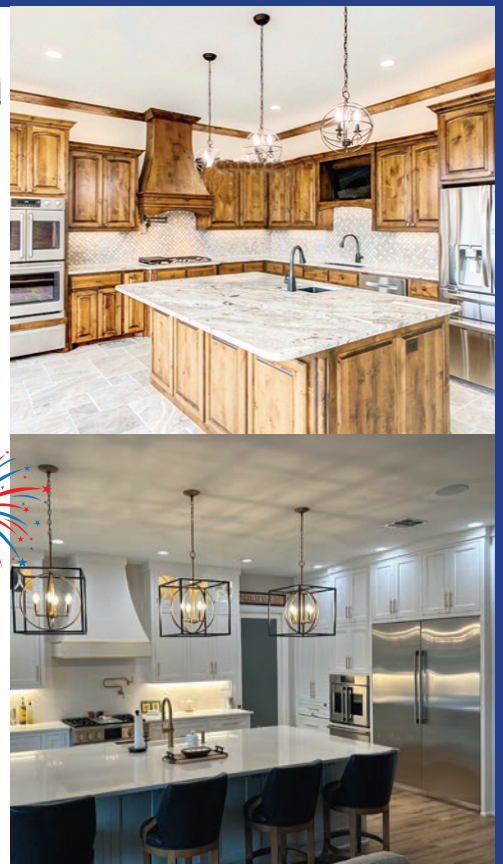


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Home Safety is everybody's responsibility all year long. Let's talk about the different safety issues around the house: falling, scalding, electric shock, weather events and of course, fires.

Falling is the most common safety issue in the home. Falls can happen anywhere for a variety of reasons. For example, slipping getting in or out of the shower or bathtub, loose area rugs, items left on steps or stairs, tripping over the family pet (sorry Fido), climbing too high on a ladder, getting in and out of your vehicle, and slipping on icy sidewalks and driveways. If you feel you are going to fall, reach out to something that will stabilize you. It could be a wall, a couch, a chair, etc. Remember, if you fall and can get to a phone, call 911. Our professionally trained EMS team has the training and experience to safely get you back on your feet.

Scalding can happen anytime when you are cooking, working on your car's engine, or touching a hot BBQ grill. If you get scalded, immediately run cool water (not ice water) over the exposed area to cool the skin. CALL 911!

Electric shock is more common than you might think. It is painful, debilitating and can even affect your heart. So, be careful when working on appliances, water heaters, or crawling around in your attic. CALL 911!

Weather events, such as strong winds, tornados, hail, flooding and even extreme heat can injure you or cause you harm. If you haven't enrolled in the Hood County Emergency Alert Notification System (Everbridge), review the PPVFD article in the June Columns for details.

That brings us to fires in the home. You might have a grease fire in your kitchen. Don't throw water on it! You'll only make it worse! Water will turn to steam and expand 1,600 times the volume of water you are using. Just lay a clean kitchen or bath towel over the skillet. It is enough to smother the fire without the use of a dry chemical fire extinguisher, which will make a mess on your stove, walls and floor. An even better solution is to purchase a PREPARED HERO Fire Blanket. You can hang it in your pantry so it's close at hand. Just open the pouch, grab the two flaps, and pull them apart. Then you can lay it over the fire. It smothers a fire in seconds, and it is reusable.

Home fire extinguishers can be purchased anywhere hardware is sold. They are commonly called ABC fire extinguishers for: A) combustible materials, B) combustible liquids, C) electrical fires. Another extinguisher you might want to get is a Type K extinguisher. It is designed just for kitchen fires. Marine fire extinguishers are B and C only. They only work on combustible liquids and electrical fires. They work well on boat motors but are not good for combustible materials.

Another type of extinguisher is commonly called a water can. You fill it with water to the recommended level, then inject compressed air into it. This type is good for combustible materials but not for liquid or electrical fires. CO2 fire extinguishers are not common in homes. They are commonly found in industrial buildings or restaurant kitchens.

To use any of these portable home fire extinguishers, just remember PASS. Pull the pin. Aim at the base of the fire. Squeeze the trigger. Sweep back and forth.

Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. If you have propane appliances or furnaces, we recommend a Carbon Monoxide Alarm on the ceiling and a propane leak alarm near the floor. Propane is heavier than air, so it sinks to the floor instead of rising to the ceiling.

If you haven't done so yet, please stop by the EMS Station or Fire Station and pick up the File of Life. It is a form you can fill out to list your name, doctor's name, emergency contact information, medical conditions, medications, allergies, recent surgeries and medical insurance information. It folds up nicely and fits into a plastic holder with a refrigerator magnet on the back. Put it on your refrigerator door so if you call 911, the responders can quickly find it. It could save your life.

We are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in joining our department and giving something back to your community, we would welcome you. No experience necessary. Just drop by the Fire Station Monday through Friday and talk to Capt. Scott Christy. If you have a child or grandchild who would be interested in making a career in the fire service, we are a great way to jump-start their career. We do the training so when they go to the fire academy, they are well prepared with a head start on the rest of the recruits. Over the years, many of our junior firefighters have gone on to get career jobs in the D-FW metroplex.

Have a safe summer and be careful. Remember, your volunteer fire department and EMS department are standing by to assist you in your time of need.

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# 6 TIPS FOR STAYING HYDRATED THIS SUMMER

Summer is marked by hot and humid conditions. After all, the band The Lovin' Spoonful didn't sing, "Hot town, summer in the city. Back of my neck getting dirty and gritty" because the summer weather is crisp and cool. Although summer temperatures can make a day at the beach or in the pool ideal, that rising mercury also can contribute to dehydration.

The Mayo Clinic advises that water is critical to every cell, tissue and organ in the human body. The body relies on water to function properly. Water helps to regulate body temperature, flush waste from the body, lubricate and cushion joints, and promote healthy digestion. And that's just the start. So when temperatures climb and the body begins sweating to cool off, it is vital to replenish lost fluids at a faster rate. The U.S. National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine says women should consume 2.7 liters of fluid per day, while men need 3.7 liters. These amounts increase if one is exercising, sweating, has an illness like a fever, or is vomiting.

The following are six ways to stay properly hydrated to avoid adverse reactions during hot summer days.

**1** Consume a glass of water when you wake up. Start the day off with some water to give you an energy boost and get your metabolism moving.

**2** Coffee and tea count toward fluid intake. Drinking your favorite tea or coffee is another way to take in fluids. A 2016 meta-analysis published in the *Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport* found that caffeine doesn't contribute to dehydration for healthy adults, so having a cup or two should be fine.

**3** Certain foods are hydrating as well. Hydrating foods include cucumbers, celery, tomatoes, watermelon, strawberries, grapefruit, and peppers. The Mayo Clinic says the average person gets 20 percent of his fluid intake from food.

**4** Make water more fun. Add unsweetened flavoring to water if you find plain water too bland. You can squeeze in lemon or lime juice, or float cucumber or apple slices in the water for some flavor.

**5** Reach for calorie-free beverages before food. It's easy to mistake the signs of dehydration for hunger. By drinking a glass of water or another unsweetened beverage prior to every meal, you can stay hydrated and reduce the amount of food you eat. This can be part of a healthy weight loss plan.

**6** Occasionally consume electrolyte powders and drinks. Working out in the heat or sweating profusely can unbalance electrolytes in the body. The Cleveland Clinic says electrolytes are substances that help the body regulate chemical reactions and maintain balance between fluids inside and outside of your cells. They include sodium, calcium and potassium. An electrolyte-infused beverage can help replenish these lost substances.

Staying hydrated is essential at all times, but it's especially important when summer temperatures can make loss of body fluid more significant.





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## ACC REPORT

The number of new home permits during May 2024 topped the previous month's total with the ACC approving six New Residence Construction Permits, 11 Miscellaneous Construction Permits, 1 Construction Revision and no Permit Extensions.

The ACC construction permit list currently contains 47 active permits for new homes under construction and 42 active miscellaneous permits for various other improvements.

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

Address	Sq/Ft Living Area	Owner	Builder
6612 Pinehurst Dr.	2151	Ryan Rodriguez	Ryan Rodriguez
2712 Village Rd.	2728	Ryan Rodriguez	Ryan Rodriguez
3104 Hazlewood Rd.	2500	Ryan Couto	Ryan Couto
9618 Bellechase Rd	1896	Chris Blount	John Moore
3004 Hazlewood Rd.	2513	Al Couto	Al Couto
3012 Hazlewood Rd.	2730	Al Couto	Al Couto

## COMPLIANCE CORNER

During May 2024, the Compliance Office received 81 calls and 42 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 75 calls and 30 emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 621 calls and 80 emails requesting ACC, plat/lot, rules, C&R or construction information.

**HOME SALE NOTE:** Upon the sale or transfer of home ownership by any other means, Section-15 of PPOA Rules & Regulations requires residential property to be in compliance with all applicable elements of PPOA's Governing Documents. If ownership is transferred with an existing non-compliant issue, the new owner will be responsible for bringing the property into compliance. When it is requested by a title company, lending institution or prospective buyer, PPOA will perform a compliance inspection and return a report stating whether or not the property is in compliance and detail any deficiency if it is not. Since compliance certification requests are frequently received only a few days before the scheduled closing date, we remind members contemplating the sale of their home to help avoid any last minute surprises or delays by contacting Membership Services at the PPOA Business Office to arrange an early inspection of the property to identify any existing issue that may require corrective action.

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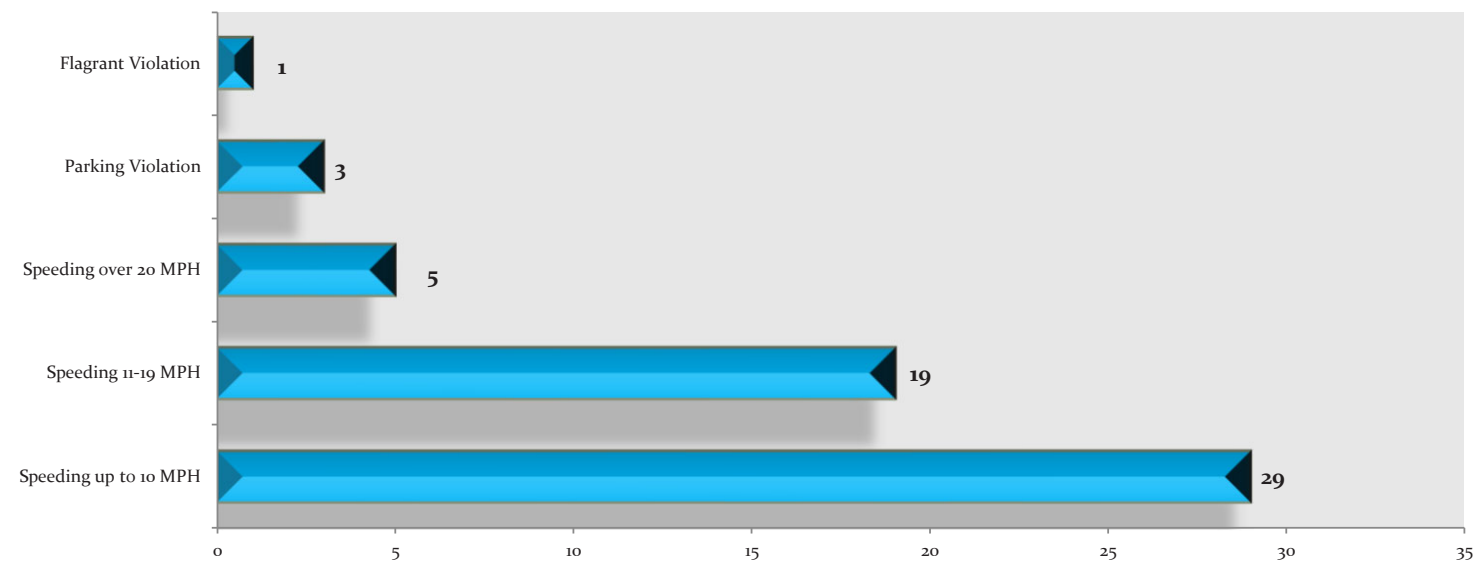




# Security Statistics

May 2024

Citations May 2024  
Total: 70 Citations



Asset Type	Amount
Speeding up to 10 MPH	29
Speeding 11-19 MPH	19
Speeding over 20 MPH	5
Parking Violation	3
Flagrant Violation	1
Total Warnings Among Citations	13

## Areas of Citations Issued

- Claremont - 7
- Clubhouse - 2
- King Air - 1
- Monticello - 13
- Orchard - 1
- Plantation - 33
- Pinehurst - 1
- Ravenswood - 2
- Wedgefield - 3
- Westover - 7

## Breakdown by Violator Type

- Member/ Guest - 29
- Contractor/ Vendor - 41







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Operating Revenues	\$ 5,368,444	\$ 5,221,820	\$ 146,624
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>\$ (781,751)</u>	<u>\$ (712,162)</u>	<u>\$ (69,589)</u>
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 4,586,693	\$ 4,509,658	\$ 77,035
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (2,793,808)	\$ (2,956,396)	\$ 162,588
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (1,563,742)	\$ (1,671,341)	\$ 107,599
<b>Net Operating Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation</b>	<u><b>\$ 229,143</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (118,079)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 347,222</b></u>

**RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND**

	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Year End Forecast</b>
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,431,261	\$ 3,431,261
Fund Deposits	\$ 639,295	\$ 1,219,978
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (1,838,929)</u>	<u>\$ (3,358,272)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><b>\$ 2,231,627</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,292,967</b></u>

**NEW CAPITAL FUND**

	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Year End Forecast</b>
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,050,920	\$ 1,050,920
Fund Deposits	\$ 306,933	\$ 666,873
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (43,390)</u>	<u>\$ (94,524)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,314,463</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,623,269</b></u>

**ROAD & DRAINAGE FUND**

	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Year End Forecast</b>
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,364,734	\$ 1,364,734
Fund Deposits	\$ 915,154	\$ 1,858,744
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (256,112)</u>	<u>\$ (2,597,483)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><b>\$ 2,023,776</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 625,995</b></u>



# 5 FUN FACTS ABOUT JULY

July is synonymous with fun in the sun. In the northern hemisphere, July is typically characterized by sunny days, warm weather and long hours of daylight, making it an ideal month to enjoy a little rest and relaxation. Though it might be a great time for some R&R, July also boasts an interesting history. As revelers soak up some sun this summer, they can ponder these fun facts about the month of July.

**1** July is named after a person whose been famous for thousands of years. According to the Farmer's Almanac, Roman dictator Julius Caesar developed the precursor to the Gregorian calendar used today. Though that made him worthy of a month named in his honor, it didn't do much to protect him during his life, as Caesar was famously assassinated in 44 B.C.

**2** July is a celebratory month for fans of revolution. American Independence Day (July 4) and Bastille Day (July 14), which commemorates the storming of the Bastille and the dawn of the French Revolution in 1789, are among the notable revolutionary moments celebrated in July.

**3** Baseball historians know that many significant events in the game have taken place in July, and some records set in the month have withstood longer than others. On July 12, 1931, Mel Ott of the New York Giants hit his 100th career homerun, becoming the youngest player to reach that milestone. Ott was 22 years and 132 days old when he set the mark, which still stands today.

**4** One of the more famous statements in United States history was uttered in July, though it wasn't within American borders or even on the planet Earth. On July 20, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, after stepping onto the surface of the moon, declared, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

**5** Two men who played integral roles in the American colonies gaining their independence from Great Britain both passed away on July 4th, the day that celebrates that very independence. On July 4th, 1826, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who were once friends, then political rivals and, finally, friends again, passed away within hours of each other.

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5 Texas moonwalker, Bean  
6 both Texas Christian & Notre \_\_\_\_ claim the 1938 national championship  
7 "Hook ' \_\_\_\_ Horns!"  
8 gun rights grp.  
9 TXism: "first \_\_\_\_ out of the box"

15 Tex Ritter sang the theme song for 1952 western "High \_\_\_\_"

16 TXism: "you're buying oats for a \_\_\_\_" (waste)

19 TXism: "lower than \_\_\_\_ belly"

21 Waxahachie's county

22 most outlandish fishing story? (2 wds.)

27 popular seasoning

28 abuse sexually

29 deadly

30 illegal pursuer of another person

32 this Agee blocked for Emmitt Smith in 1990 (init.)

33 TXism: "go to \_\_\_\_" (Sunday)

36 Texans love black- \_\_\_\_ peas

37 a wager at Lone Star Park

38 Texas-based film, " \_\_\_\_ Comin' Back, Red Ryder?"

39 " \_\_\_\_ she wore flannel PJs on her honeymoon"

- 41 cell service provider  
42 least serious crime: \_\_\_\_ misdemeanor  
45 "get \_\_\_\_ of it"  
46 TXism: "got \_\_\_\_ many irons in the fire"  
47 Vega High class (2 wds.)  
48 TXism: "that's a horse \_\_\_\_ different color"  
49 TX James Baker was Reagan's and George H.W.'s Chief \_\_\_\_

22 23 24 25 26

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53 Texas Traveling Wilbury, Roy (init.)

54 between E.III and E.V?

55 president born in Denison, TX (init.)

## DOWN

1 TXism: "tight \_\_\_\_" (cheapskate)

2 peach cobbler \_\_\_\_ mode

3 Milam County seat

4 TX Lucian Adams got Medal of Honor for \_\_\_\_

8 TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_\_ on your face"

9 TXism: " \_\_\_\_ in church"

10 Quanah High class

11 six points on Fri. night

12 check phrase: "pay to \_\_\_\_"

13 sprawl or lie lazily

14 honorary Texas Ranger: \_\_\_\_

15 TXism: "he couldn't drive a \_\_\_\_ a snow bank"

16 Seur \_\_\_\_ Salle, an explorer in Texas

17 Jenna Bush Hager to Barbara Bush Coyne

18 real \_\_\_\_

20 a Houston suburb

22 famous UT and NFL QB, Layne (init.)

23 this Myers designed the Texas Capitol (init.)

24 meat & veggie dish

25 TXism: "he's a little shy in \_\_\_\_ size" (slow witted)

26 TXism: "he'll be \_\_\_\_ his own funeral"

28 archaic "reward"

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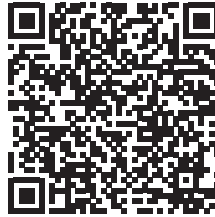
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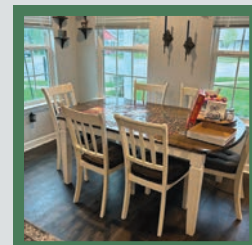
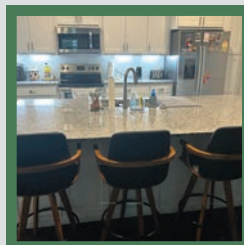
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