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**BOD Meeting:**  
Sept. 26, 2024, 6 p.m.

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**BOD Committee Workshop**  
Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Ballroom

**Monday  
September 2**  
Business Office/  
Security closed for  
Labor Day



## COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

Committee	Frequency/Day	Time	Location
Airport	Sept. 12	8 a.m.	CH Conference Room
Appeals	Sept. 10	10 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
ACC	Sept. 5   Sept. 19	2 p.m.	S&S Conference Room
Bylaws	Sept. 9	1 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Entertainment	Sept. 4	2 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Finance	Sept. 18	3:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Golf	Sept. 4	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room
Horse Owners	Sept. 24	3:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Infrastructure	Sept. 3	9 a.m.	CH Conference Room
LRP	Sept. 16	1:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Marina	Sept. 11	3 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Safety & Security	Sept. 17	9:30 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
Sports & Rec (Grounds)	Sept. 3	1 p.m.	PAC
Wildlife	Sept. 13	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room

MEETINGS ARE OPEN AND DATE/TIMES/VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
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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.

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 7

Tuesday, Sept. 17

### OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 5

Tuesday, Oct. 15



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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

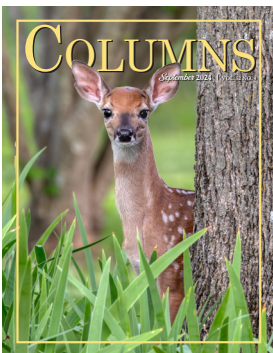


Karen Gomez

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

This young deer anxiously watches the amazing photographer, Karen Gomez, as she takes this shot that graces the September 2024 issue of Columns magazine.

# Want to Contribute to Your Neighborhood Magazine?

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# GENERAL MANAGER

## From the desk

of Rick Lantgen

It is with joy that I write to you today to extoll and celebrate a remarkable milestone within our gates, as this year marks the 50th anniversary of our own Pecan Plantation Ladies Golf Association. These women have been a pillar of camaraderie, competition and sportsmanship both on and off the golf course. It's fitting that we take a moment to honor and thank them for their contributions to Pecan as a whole, especially its golfing community.

The LGA has not only fostered a love for the sport among its members, but it has also played a significant role in promoting friendship. These ladies' dedication to each other and the game of golf has created a legacy of excellence that continues to inspire new generations of women golfers. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all its members, both past and present, for reaching this incredible milestone.

The LGA will be celebrating this landmark in the coming days when it hosts its annual Pecan Belles Member/Guest Golf Tournament. This event, which takes place Sept. 16-18, promises to be a wonderful occasion for LGA members and their guests to enjoy friendly competition, good food and wonderful times on our beautiful course. I encourage you to go watch. It's sure to be some great golf!

The LGA and many other organizations at Pecan have not only contributed to our club, but they have also been integral

to the success of our association. These clubs and their events, initiatives, charity projects, and volunteer work have created a sense of unity and purpose among PPOA's members, which in turn builds a strong sense of community. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a devoted organizations in our midst.

PPOA's clubs bring joy and fulfillment to all our members. The dynamic activities of various sporting groups, as well as the life-enriching experiences offered by our art, gardening, service, and social clubs, prove there is truly something at Pecan for everyone. These groups provide opportunities for our members to pursue passions, forge friendships, and contribute to life here on the peninsula.

So, as we celebrate this significant anniversary for the LGA, let us also take a moment to appreciate all the clubs and organizations that make Pecan Plantation such a special place. Their dedication and enthusiasm enhance all our lives and strengthen the fabric of our community. And if you are looking for an activity or a group of like-minded people, you should think about joining a club... or get a group of folks together and form one of your own. There is always room at the PPOA table.

Congratulations once again to the Ladies Golf Association for 50 years of competition, friendship and fun. Here's to many more years of success, fellowship, and shared achievements. And good luck on the course!

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# MGA SCHEDULE

MGA TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS

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## SEPTEMBER

- 9/5 FLORIDA SCRAMBLE
- 9/14 TOURNAMENT ROYALE (MIXED)
- 9/19 2 MAN TEAM (PICK YOUR OWN PARTNER)  
6 HOLES--SCRAMBLE, SHAMBLE, ALT. SHOT
- 9/26 LOW GROSS/LOW NET
- 9/28-9/29 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

## OCTOBER

- 10/3 TEXAS SCRAMBLE
- 10/12-10/13 MGA CHAMPIONSHIP
- 10/17 4 MAN TEAM--2 BEST BALLS
- 10/24 SCRAMBLE--4 CLUB MAX
- 10/31 4 MAN SHAMBLE--2 BEST BALLS



Hello everyone! Sorry, but I'm forgetful about writing articles.

Fall is coming and we may get a break from the heat sooner or later. The golf course is recovering and looking really good. Please continue to review the events tab in the Pecan apps to review our upcoming events or when you see me just ask. We have the Pecan Club Championship and the MGA Championship coming up, so please register to play and

compete in both.

Please remember to rake 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. I am always open to suggestions to make anything better.

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Robert Forshee/MGA president

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# LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION



Labor Day usually signifies the end of summer, cooler temperatures and the upcoming holidays.

For the LGA, September is one of the most important months of the year. We begin the process of electing new officers for 2025. The nominating committee will be appointed by the current president and that slate will be presented in November for the election, with installation of the new officers in December. We also have our second general meeting Sept. 10 after golf. The nominating committee will be voted on at that meeting.

September is also the month of our Member/Guest Tournament. The theme this year is "Celebrating 50 years!" Terri Isbel and her team have put together an over-the-top celebration of this momentous occasion. Those dates are Sept. 16-18. We hope all our members will find a guest to play with and support our main event of the year. We would also appreciate any support from our community. Kim Teague is our sponsor chair and will accept any of the four levels of sponsorship ranging from \$100 to \$400. You can contact her at 682-936-2100 for information about sponsor packages. I hope all of you will decide to play, sponsor and support our major tournament of the year.

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# At Your Service

By John Ingram III

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- Well done, junior campers (and staff)! We had a fun summer of tennis, golf and swimming. Thanks to parents and grandparents who trusted us with their precious ones, and we look forward to seeing you next year.
- Thanks to all who participated in PPTA's "Breakfast at Wimbledon" event on our own grass court. The strawberries and cream (and the Pimm's), along with everyone in their tennis whites made for an extra-special event.
- Fall Junior Tennis begins Wednesday, Sept. 4
- Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 p.m. for ages 6-9 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 10-12. Come on out for some fun junior tennis (and visit with other parents). Call the Tennis Shoppe to sign up.
- USTA fall leagues begin this month. Matches are all on Saturdays, with some being home matches and others at area clubs. Good luck to all players.



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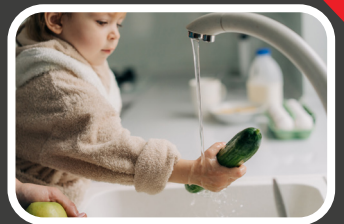
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### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Adult Beginner Tap Lessons - New!

Tuesdays, Sept. 17 thru October 29 (7 weeks)

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

\$10/class - Bring your own tap shoes

Instructor: Kim Wallin

#### "Let's Karoke Pecan" Class

Mondays, Sept. 9 through Oct. 12 (6 weeks)

5 classroom with final class being a live Karaoke Night performance. Learn your true vocal range & style. Find songs that fit your voice and so much more. Loads of fun!

Instructor: Rebecca Faiola (510-326-3553)

\$75/person Sign up at the PAC - Space is limited!

#### Beginner MahJongg Lessons - New!

Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - October 22 (6 weeks)

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

\$30 for session. Limit of 8 students.

Instructor: Eva Margle (evalyn11@gmail.com questions)

#### Learn to Draw - The Basics (Ages 10+) - New!

Sunday, Sept. 8 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)

Cost: \$50 - includes all supplies

Instructor: Kathy Yoders

New Workshop 2nd Sun of every month!

#### Adult Guitar Lessons

Next 6 week session starts September 5

Lessons every Thursday 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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Tues, Sept. 3, 10, 17, & 24 (4 p.m. - 6 p.m.)

Bring oil paints, terpenoid, medium canvas, glass jar, Palette, and brushes to class.

Cost: \$75/month (4 classes)

#### Dance Classes for Kids

Mondays starting September 9

Mini Tots Ballet and Tap: (18 mo to 4) 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Ballet/Tap/Jazz/Hip-Hop Combo: (ages 5+) 4:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$60/month

Instructor: Dance Dreams Academy

### NOTE SPECIAL CLUBHOUSE POOL HOURS

Mon, Sept 2: Labor Day Pool Party 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Pool will be open Labor Day from 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Pool Closes for the Season on Tues, Sept 3.

#### PAC Pool Hours through October

7:30 a.m. - sunset

Open daily except Wednesday

Guest fees of \$4 apply to all non-members at both pools

### EXERCISE CLASSES

#### Yoga with DeDe

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.)

Cost: \$10/class or \$35/month (4 classes) or \$65/month (8 classes) or \$95/month unlimited classes

Certified Instructor: DeDe Lamont

#### Chair Yoga with DeDe

Monday (10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)

Thursday (10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)

Cost: \$10/class or \$35/month (4 classes) or \$65/month (8 classes)

Certified Instructor: DeDe Lamont

#### 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\*

#### Deep Water Aerobics at Club pool

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

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

Certified Instructor: Leslie Stain (sign up at PAC)

#### Line Dancing - Free

Fridays (10:30 a.m. - noon)

Intermediate dancers meeting for practice, exercise, fun.

No Instruction.

### PICKLEBALL

#### Indoor Pickleball Schedule

Weekdays (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Wednesday (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

#### Family Friendly Open Play

Tues & Fri Evenings (6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)

Sundays (12 p.m. - 2 p.m.)

#### Ladies Only Open Play - Tuesdays (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

Starts back up August 13!

Three outdoor courts are available with a reservation from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. through PPOA app or website.

#### Save the Date

Sept 28:

EMS Auxiliary Craft Bazaar

Oct 26:

Kids' Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat

Nov 5:

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# EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Hattie Sisk

Where do I begin? Once upon a time many years ago, I met “my only true love” at the Charleston South Carolina Naval Base where my (future) husband was stationed. From the moment we met, we knew we were soulmates and married shortly thereafter. My husband, Ro, served 30 years in the United States Navy. After he retired from the military, we decided to start living our dreams of traveling and work camping across the beautiful USA. After 10 years of living the mobile, place-to-place lifestyle, we decided it was time to settle down and make our next dream a reality. This stage of life brought us to purchase a 7-acre ranch in Virginia where we put our horses and enjoyed our passion of riding into the sunsets together. Unfortunately, and without any warning, my husband’s next deployment was to heaven. I prayed every day for the good Lord to show me where to go and the Lord answered my prayer. I decided to move to Texas where I could live out and bring to life another of our dreams.

Before turning to trail riding for the pure enjoyment of it, I was training fourth level dressage with my horse Cheech. Cheech was a 7-year-old Trakehner from Canada. He was a 17-hand chestnut whose movements displayed the most beautiful extensions and oh, how he



loved to dance! He moved flawlessly and was definitely a show boy. He has passed now but is greatly missed and the memories are so cherished. I hope you enjoy the included picture of him as much as I do.

When I moved to Pecan Plantation, I experienced a little piece of heaven where there are so many conveniences and amenities to enjoy. My favorite amenity is the Pecan Plantation Stables where my beautiful horse, Spirit, resides. Due to our wonderful caretakers, Pastor and Wade, he is so well taken care of. How blessed we are to have them. Spirit is a beautiful 8-year-old dun paint, picture included. We’ve come a long way together. He was partially green and had been abused when I bought him, but with a lot of time, lots of love, and the patience of Job, we’re coming along nicely and connecting as one. I’m looking so forward to having many happy trails!

Be sure to click on the conveniently included QR code, which is a quick way for anyone interested in navigating to the Pecan Plantation Stables Facebook page. We have lots of posts from boarders and others with horsey pics and stuff that won’t be included in the Columns magazine.

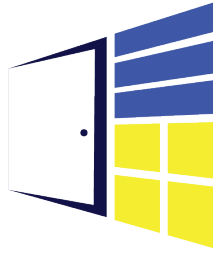
As well, check the PPOA official website, [ppoaweb.com](http://ppoaweb.com), where you’ll find additional information on committees, meeting times, etc. We continue to remain at full capacity at the stables. If you’re interested in getting on the waitlist, call the PPOA business office at 817-573-2641, ext. 337. For all other stables-related questions and information call Tammy Dressman at 817-614-9744.



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# 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)



What comes once a year, is eagerly anticipated, and is four hours long? Did you guess the Super Bowl? You're close, because we are referring to Pecan Plantation Art Guild's Gallery Night, the Super Bowl of neighborhood art fun.

Since 2012, PPAG Gallery Night has been an annual visit to beautiful homes turned into galleries for one night, to meet artists and view their art, to enjoy the camaraderie of meeting old and new friends as you move from location to location, and to pick up a bite and a beverage along the way. Except for two years during Covid shutdowns, it occurs annually on the last Friday of September — this year Sept. 27). So mark your calendars to save that date!

Which houses, you ask? It's a closely guarded secret! You will be invited to visit five beautiful homes, when you check in by driving by the clubhouse from 3:45-7:30 p.m. the day of the event. You will receive a booklet containing a map directing you to the gallery homes, a directory of the artists, as well as tickets to exchange for beverages. There is no charge for any of this, but we do suggest a donation of \$5 per person, and we are grateful for that help to defray our costs in providing this fun event. We recommend carpooling because it's fun to go with friends and it helps reduce congestion from parking at the gallery homes.

Some of the homes belong to our artists, and others are the homes of generous art appreciators who enjoy hosting the event. We enlist the aid of all PPAG members and their friends and relatives to help with the details. We are most grateful to volunteers from other organizations who have helped us out, such as Pecan Plantation Woman's Club, the Green Thumb Garden Club and others.

We thank our generous gallery home hosts, as well as our sponsors who have helped underwrite our expenses:

**Heron House Gallery** (owned by our artist Linda Parks) in its new location at 1830 Plaza Drive;

**Prairie Wind Realty** (owned by our artist Lana Robinson) which successfully represents a large percentage of our homeowners in the sale or purchase of their homes; and

**Board & Cork Charcuterie**, our favorite place for hors d'oeuvres and wine, conveniently located in The Village right here in Pecan Plantation.

Watch for further information and updates in The Columns and on social media such as Facebook, Instagram and Next Door.



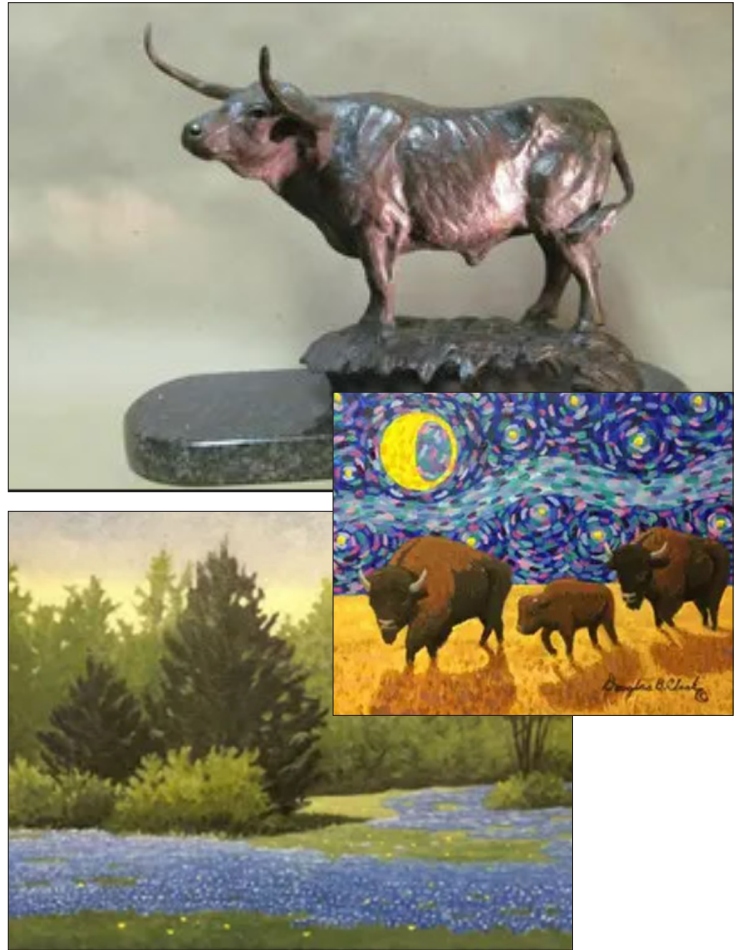
**ARTIST OF THE MONTH**



Sue Bagwell with her painting selected for Artist of the Month in July. See August's winner's art at the PAC until Sept. 10. In September, enjoy the art of Sue Thompson on the wall leading to the ballroom. Through Sept. 30 peruse the art of Beth Eschbach, Betsy Ferguson, Margaret Gulinson, Deanna Thibault and Kathy Yoders in dining areas, hallways and meeting rooms at the clubhouse. All art displayed is for sale by contacting each artist directly.



On Tuesday, Sept. 10, we welcome Doug Clark to our meeting as demonstrating artist. He is a Texas sculptor and painter who has had a lifelong love of both art and wildlife. Clark prefers to work from life and his own photographs and field sketches gathered from his extensive camping trips across the western United States and Canada. His favorite animals to depict are the longhorn, American bison and grizzly bear, all residents of that region. Clark's sculptures capture the essential qualities and personality of each animal that he creates. His work may be seen at the Acosta Strong Gallery in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Adobe Gallery and the Dow Gallery in Fort Worth, David Dike Fine Art in Dallas, Prellop Fine Art in Salado, The Insight Gallery in Fredericksburg, The White Buffalo in Glen Rose and the Beretta Galleries in Highland Park and New York City. Clark's works are in corporate, university, public and private collections. He is a member of The National Sculpture Society, The Outdoor Painters Society and The Texas Artists Coalition. He will share with us his insights into design, construction and reproduction of sculptures and his unique paintings.



See his many sculptures, acrylic paintings, oil paintings and prints on his website: [douglasbclark.com](http://douglasbclark.com).

The Nine-Square Project makes its highly anticipated appearance this month. Nine different artists have each collaborated to paint a separate 12-by-12 canvas square. When put together, they create a beautiful Texas scene that will be a unique addition of artwork to anyone's home or office.



The nine participating artists are Jimmy Borum, Barbara Brown, Connie Gilmore, Gwen Hutson, Cheryl Moore, Heather Moore, Judy Taubinger, Pamala Vannoy and Kathy Yoders, the group leader. The artists have donated this work as a fundraiser for a local charity. Raffle tickets may be purchased from PPAG members until Nov. 19 at our Pop-Up Art Show at the clubhouse at 4 p.m. The winner need not be present to win. Watch for further details about ticket sales and charity selection on social media.

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Tuesday, September 24

Sue Jackson slab plate pottery workshop, 10-12 at EMS, \$50, all materials included.

### Friday, September 27

Gallery Night in Pecan, 4-8 p.m., tour galleries and meet artists in homes, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages, suggested \$5 per person donation. Watch for details.

### November 19

Date change for Pop-up Art Show and Sale at the Clubhouse, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., just in time for the Holidays!



# PICKLEBALL NEWS

By Jana Reeves



PPPA sponsored its second tournament of the summer Saturday, July 20. The tournament allowed players the opportunity to choose their own partner but with a twist — the combined age of both players had to be at or more than 100 years old. This made for unique partnerships such as two father/daughter teams and one team with the oldest combined age of 149.

The 16 teams competed in round robin play followed by single elimination games in two brackets. Congratulations to the following medal winners. In the Premier League: Gold — John Tirch and Jodi Davis; Silver — Kevin and Clarie Downing; Bronze — Joe Huahulu and Lisa Moore. In the Championship League the medal winners were: Gold — Gary Bullard and Jeanie Tirch; Silver — Randy and Tammy Barrett; Bronze — Everett and Deanna Berry. Congratulations to all the teams!

On Aug. 31, the PPPA will sponsor a fundraising booth featuring a dunk chair and bounce house plus delicious cotton candy and prizes for sale. We invite all Pecan residents to stop by, learn more about pickleball, and enjoy the official end of summer.

The beginner's clinics are back. The first class will be Tuesday, Sept. 10h from 2-3 p.m. indoors at the PAC. Clinics are limited to eight players and preregistration is required. Call or stop by the PAC to sign up. Paddles are available to use and please wear comfortable clothing and court shoes.

Ladies-only play is every Tuesday afternoon from 1-3 p.m. All levels of play are welcome.

A reminder that open play for adults is every weekday morning from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. except Wednesdays, when play concludes at 11:30 a.m. Family friendly hours are Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6- 7:45 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 2 p.m. **\*\*Special note: the PAC will be closed Labor Day.\*\***

Pickleball play is also available on the outdoor courts from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. every day. Reservations are required.



**Top left: Tournament Bronze medal winners**

**Top right: Tournament Gold and Silver medal winners in Championship League**

**Bottom left: Father/Daughter partners Hayley Roebuck and Damon Berry & Kirby and John Phalen**

**Bottom right: Tournament Gold and Silver medal winners in Premier League**







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# WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS CLUB

By Caryl Mahaffey



The Pecan Widow and Widowers Club will meet the first Thursday of each month in the ballroom at the Pecan Plantation clubhouse. The change in date was required due to available space in the ballroom

for our meetings and dinners.

Everyone will want to be present for our September meeting for an outstanding presentation by Pecan resident Duey Powers. Duey has shared his beautiful pictures of birds in our community via different media presentations. He will share his knowledge about bird migration this fall as they follow their way along the shores of the Brazos River and sometimes finding their way into our backyards.

Dewey and his wife, Janet, started their serious birding adventures after he retired. They have traveled around the United States following and photographing different migrating birds. Their most satisfying adventure is attracting the migrating birds to their water and feeding features in their yard. They have some beautiful resident birds right here in Pecan. The Bald Eagle and her mate have been one of the most fascinating birds to watch and photograph. Come and learn about

their fascinating hobby.

Chef Jordan Ray will treat us to one of his unique menus. The menu will be sent to each member several weeks before the meeting. The RSVP for the September meeting will be due to Caryl Mahaffey seven days before the meeting by emailing [caryl.mahaffey@charter.net](mailto:caryl.mahaffey@charter.net) (preferred) or by 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 Sept. 5, at 5:30 p.m. Come and enjoy visiting with your W/W friends, have a wonderful meal and learn about the beautiful birds in Pecan.



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# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Happy Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2. Enjoy the end of the summer with a fun pool party from noon to 3 p.m. Come join in on the fun with a DJ, games and great food.

We continue to make our monthly bingo a "hit" with big crowds since we changed to the second Thursday of each month. Sept. 12 will be our Surprise September Bingo and buffet at 5:30 p.m. Win Pecan Bucks starting with \$10 up to \$100. Also, we thank First National Bank for giving us a \$25 gift certificate each month.

Oct. 10 will be our Trick or Treat Bingo. We will award the \$25 gift certificate from First National Bank for the best Halloween costume that evening.

The big event of the year will be our "Pecan Around the World," Oct. 5, so be sure to save the date. This will be an all-inclusive event with Chef Jordan bringing us fine cuisine from Morocco, Brazil, Italy, Australia and more countries to be announced. Don't miss out!! More information will be in our eBlast.

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Good day, everyone. Pecan EMS continues to grow along with our community. Our new oxylator emergency ventilators, made possible by generous donations from members of the PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary, are being fielded. Our hope is to keep them boxed up, but if we need them, we now have the capability to manage ventilations without turning to our large transport vent. Quicker access to airway control equates to better patient outcomes, so we are very grateful for this new piece of equipment.

Our call volume for July is on par with projections: we're at 125 for the month. Thank you for trusting us with your health and safety.

August will see us in the pool for water emergencies and training. I'm really looking forward to this one! Our June training covered Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) brought to us by Xtreme Education. We enjoy getting out to train!

Thank you for your continued support of your EMS service. Our board meetings are public and are held every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the EMS building at 9518 Monticello Drive. Please stop by and learn more about us.

Brandl Stephenson BA, LP, FP-C  
EMS Chief



# RV CLUB NEWS

By Glenna Haskell, VP

Hello fellow RVers! I hope the past three months were enjoyable and that you made many new memories. Several of you sent me pictures of your travels. It sure looks like a lot of you did some serious traveling.

I have to apologize for a picture that was missing from the August Columns. This is the picture of the Outlaw Filling Station in Glen Rose.

I received a whitewater rafting picture from Bill Winkler last month but not in time for the August article so I am happy to post here. Looks like the Kroons, Winklers, Schmersahls and Browns had fun riding the rapids in Taos. I have a lot of travel pictures to post from our group. The Kroons', Greens' and Prices' travels included going on a fishing trip on Lake Michigan, The Bailey's Harbor Lighthouse and the Oshkosh Airshow where they ran into Barb and Steve Wilson. It truly is a small world. They also visited the Lincoln Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois and Cana Island Lighthouse in Door County, Wisconsin, where the Greens climbed up 200 steps to the top — that's impressive. The Schmersahls' and Browns' travels included Driftless Glen Distillery in Baraboo, Wisconsin, Rivers Edge Pub and Dell Boats in Spring Green, Wisconsin, Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin and Reba's Place in Atoka, Oklahoma. Looks like at some point in their travels the Browns got to visit with grandson Maddox. I am sure I will have more from their RVing next month to share.

I cannot believe summer is over already. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Mini Rally Sept. 15-18. You can bring your camper or just attend any or all days. You should have received an email with rally activities and registration form. The weather should not be as hot, and we can fellowship with one another.

Upcoming events:

- September Mini Rally at Pecan Shady Campground – Sept. 15-18  
Remember registration deadline is Sept. 8. Call Glenna at 432-413-1830 for more information. Joe and Judy Henson and Steve and Glenna Haskell are co-hosts for the rally.
- Oct. 13-18 – Finish Line RV Park, Hot Springs, Arkansas. More information to come.

Jackie and Tom Schmersahl and Bill and Sharon Green are co-hosts for this rally.

Remember, send me any and all pictures with a brief description of where you went and what you did for the Columns. Also, send me your grandchildren's first day of school pictures to post in October. You may find out more information about our club on our website at PPOARV.org.

Glenna Haskell, VP





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# AGING INDIVIDUALS' CALORIE NEEDS AFFECTED BY THEIR ACTIVITY LEVELS

Healthy aging is a multifaceted process that involves an array of variables. Diet and exercise are two such variables, and each are intertwined. According to the National Institute on Aging, the amount of calories individuals over 60 need each day depends on their physical activity levels. Though all adults should aspire to be physically active each day, some aging adults may experience mobility issues that make it hard to move around. But activity levels can serve as a measuring stick for daily calorie intake. The NIA notes that the more active men and women over 60 are, the more calories they will need to consume.

## INACTIVE

The NIA recommends that women over 60 who are not physically active consume 1,600 calories per day. Men over 60 who are not physically active are urged to consume between 2,000 and 2,200 calories each day.

## MODERATELY ACTIVE

What qualifies as moderate physical activity is best defined by an individual's physician, who may recommend various exercises or activities based on each person's condition. Daily walks may qualify as moderate physical activity, but aging adults are urged to keep track of the length and intensity of such walks so they can work with their physicians to determine how they might affect their daily caloric intake. Women over 60 who engage in moderate physical activity each day are urged to consume 1,800 calories per day, while men in that category should consume between 2,200 and 2,400 calories.

## VERY ACTIVE

Aging men and women can probably determine on their own if their lifestyle can be described as very physically active. Women over 60 who qualify as very active should consume between 2,000 and 2,200 calories per day, while the NIA advises very active men to consume between 2,400 and 2,600 calories per day.

Of course, it's important that men and women over 60 choose the right foods each day as well. The NIA advises against choosing foods that have a lot of sugar, saturated fat and sodium. Fruits, vegetables and whole grains are examples of healthy foods that can help aging individuals reach recommended daily calorie intake without compromising their overall health.







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# PECAN PLANTATION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hello, Pecan neighbors,

Has it been hot enough for you? Can you imagine fighting a structure fire or a large grass fire in this heat? Your Pecan Volunteer Fire Department does it year after year.

We are not only a Pecan Plantation Fire Department. We are one part of the Hood County Fire Service, which has nine fire stations. What does this mean for you? It means we can call any, or all, of the Hood County resources if we need help. In the case of a fire in Pecan Plantation, Station 80 in Pecan, Station 40 in Acton/DeCordova Bend Estates, and Station 50 in Indian Harbor are paged to respond to the fire.

Hood County provides an engine or tanker and one brush truck to each of the nine fire stations. These are provided at no cost to the Pecan residents. The county is picking up the tab for the trucks, and maintenance for those trucks. The county provides insurance on all the Pecan Fire/EMS vehicles. For the Hood County trucks, there is no cost to Pecan residents.

As we mentioned earlier, Hood County provided Tanker 84 and Brush 86 to Station 80 in Pecan Plantation. Let's look at one of these trucks. Tanker 84 is a Pierce tanker truck that carries 2,500 gallons of water. It normally carries a driver and five firefighters. It also has jump seats for two additional firefighters. It carries 400 feet of 1 3/4-inch hose line, 200 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose, and 1,000 feet of 5-inch supply line so we can connect to the nearest fire hydrant. It also carries all the tools used in firefighting.

Most areas of Hood County are not as fortunate as we are because there are no hydrants in these areas. What happens if there is a fire in one of these areas? For a structure fire, the first engine on scene will be the attack engine. It carries 2,000 gallons of water. The next engine is daisy-chained to the first engine. That provides about 4,000 gallons of water for the initial attack. Tankers shuttle water from the nearest fire hydrant to the second engine on scene. We use a minimum of two tankers for this operation. Usually, three or four tankers are employed if the nearest hydrant is several miles from the fire scene. The county tankers carry 2,500 to 3,500 gallons of water.

For a large grass fire or wildland fire, brush trucks do the firefighting and the engines and tankers refill the brush trucks. Multiple water supply trucks are used to shuttle water to the staging area where the brush trucks go to resupply. Depending on size, the brush trucks carry 350 to 1,000 gallons of water. Pecan Plantation has three brush trucks. Brush 84 carries 400 gallons of water. Brush 86 carries 350 gallons and Brush 87 carries 600 gallons. Hood County provided Brush 86. Brush 84 and Brush 87 were provided by a grant from the Texas Forest Service. On a very large fire, like the Big L Ranch fire in March 2022, multiple staging areas were used so brush trucks didn't have to go as far to get water.

Hood County plans to provide us with an engine with a

2,000 gallon tank. This truck will replace Tanker 84, which is showing its age. We are two years away from delivery. Once again, this costs Pecan residents absolutely nothing.

So, when you see one of our Pecan Volunteer Fire Department trucks running code toward the front or back gate, be aware we are simply assisting other fire departments, just like they assist us. We are neighbors helping neighbors.

If you have a friend or relative living in Pecan who is interested in the fire service, or if you would like to volunteer with us, please drop by the fire station Monday through Friday during business hours and talk to Captain Scott Christy. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** We will train you according to your interest level and your abilities.

Stay safe and keep cool the rest of the summer. Please check out our website. The URL is [pecanplantationfireandems.org](http://pecanplantationfireandems.org). Please follow us and like our Facebook (Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department).







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# PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

By Gerta Howell, president

As we begin our new PPWC club year, I invite all ladies in Pecan Plantation to join us for our Sept. 19 meeting at the Pecan clubhouse. We are excited about all the programs and special events planned for the year. This year's programs include entertainment as well as valuable information. Chef Jordan has planned new and delicious menus.

For those of you who are new to Pecan Plantation, the meetings and luncheon are a wonderful place to meet and make new friends, learn about Pecan Plantation, enjoy entertaining programs and have fun. PPWC does so much for our community. We are always open to having new ladies join our committees with new ideas and skills to make PPWC better every year. There are so many activities to be involved with — the fashion shows, the bake sale, Christmas Tour of Homes and Boot Scootin.' The fashion shows highlight the latest fashions of our Granbury merchants. The bake sale, just before Thanksgiving, provides frozen, home-made casseroles and desserts for sale to Pecan residents. Boot Scootin' is a Western-themed dinner/dance that raises money for charities and scholarships. One of our major projects is decorating Pecan Plantation for Christmas. If you have not been here for Christmas, you are in for a treat! For those of you who love Christmas and Christmas decorations and would love to share this, think about having your home in our Christmas Tour of Homes.

If you were not able to attend the July Chit-Chat luncheon and shopping trip to the Granbury Square, you missed out on a fun excursion. The Granbury Merchants advertised a welcome to us and provided "goody" bags for us. We

had a ball.

The Granbury Merchants are always very generous to PPWC and supportive of PPWC.

As we continue with the vision and purpose of PPWC to promote friendship and fellowship among Pecan Plantation women and to use PPWC 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. We let this light shine not only in Pecan Plantation but also throughout Granbury and Hood County.

Please join us Sept. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Pecan Plantation clubhouse ballroom for social time with the meeting and program beginning at 10 a.m. To make a reservation, contact Susan Martin at [ppwrcres@gmail.com](mailto:ppwrcres@gmail.com). 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!" We look forward to seeing you there. Have questions or suggestions or need information? Email me at [gertabear@gmail.com](mailto:gertabear@gmail.com) or call/text me at 210-379-3053.





# Pecan Plantation Woman's Club

## Luncheon, Meeting & Program

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Clubhouse Ballroom

Gathering 9:30am - Meeting 10:00am

Gerta Howell, President ~ 210-379-3053

### *Menu:*

Southwest Stuffed Avocado with Chicken

Mexican Rice

Dessert: Sopapilla with Cinnamon

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Luncheon: \$22.00

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*Noon Thursday, September 12, 2024*

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## Pecan Plantation Woman's Club Program

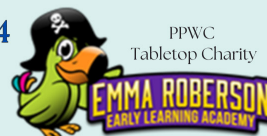
# MUSICAL DUET

*Raulianne Rangel*

*&*

*Grace Juhee Lim*

September 19, 2024



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# COMMUNITY GARDENS

By Steph Phalen

Anyone interested in joining the community gardens may pick up a registration form at the PAC. For only \$25 annually, members can enjoy organic vegetables. We welcome all levels of expertise, from newbies to longtime gardeners.



## GARDEN TIP

Properly watering the garden involves these steps:

- 1: Check to see if the soil is wet
- 2: Water accordingly
- 3: For best timing, water early morning
- 4: Concentrate on watering the roots
- 5: Water slowly

## STIR FRIED OKRA AND POTATOES

8 ounces Red Bliss or other waxy potatoes, peeled and chopped into 1/2-inch slices

1.5 pounds okra, topped and cut into 1/2-inch slices

2 tablespoons canola oil

1/4 teaspoon cayenne

1/2 teaspoon turmeric

1 teaspoon coriander

1 teaspoon kosher salt

Directions:

1: Heat a large sauté pan with canola oil. Add the potatoes and cook over medium high heat for eight minutes.

2: Now add the cayenne, turmeric and coriander and sauté for 10 seconds. Add the salt and okra, toss well and cook uncovered for four minutes.

3: Lower the heat to medium and cook covered for approximately 15 minutes.

## SO COOL!!

In September, we transition to autumn, when garden members choose crops and prepare the grounds for cooler weather vegetables. What veggies qualify as cooler weather? More than you might expect. Members will be planting the following organic offerings this fall: garlic, turnips, mustard greens, beans, radishes, kale, collard greens, lettuce, beets, spinach, parsley and more.



## MEET NEW MEMBERS

Gayle and Jeff Irwin and their dog Harmony.

One morning during their walk, they stopped by the gardens when they saw people working. They joined on the spot because they wanted to be supportive of the community. Also, their home does not have a deer proof garden area, so they are excited about picking fresh organic vegetables and herbs whenever they wish.

The Irwins moved to Pecan from Houston in 2022 after extensive research and their daughter's recommendation. Their daughter and grandchildren live in the metroplex which means they can visit often. Jeff is a retired financial planner and Gayle worked as an HR director for many years. Welcome!



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# WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

## Summer check in

By Bob Lusk

Hog activity has seen a slight increase after the river level dropped, especially along Ravenswood from Plantation Beach to the campground, according to Daniel Van Patten, our knower of wildlife things big and small here in Pecan.

He also reported tilapia are doing their job keeping algae at bay in the three golf course ponds where they were stocked earlier in the spring. Did you know tilapia were the fish Jesus used to feed the masses? They are reproducing very well in these ponds, but maybe not quite as well as they did for the Messiah at that meeting. Baby tilapia embed themselves in fast-growing filamentous algae and are proving to be much more effective and cost less than regular herbicide treatments. And, they're organic. Tilapia are also pretty tasty in fish tacos.

Your wildlife committee is spreading its wings, so to speak. At this writing, the deer count is happening and numbers will be reported to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists by the time you read this story. We'll relay information to you as soon as we get it and run it through the PPOA board of directors.

Want to hear something really exciting? Better yet, want to play? The wildlife committee is moving fast to put together a Brazos River Ecology Project and needs volunteers to help. There are three pieces to it. Water quality is the first part. The leader of this project is Bob Lusk (me) and I've been working with the Texas Stream Team, based in San Marcos with the Meadows Center. The mission is to find a handful of volunteers who will assist in collecting data using a water testing kit and thermometer. Training will happen Sept. 14, here in Pecan.



**Water samples will teach us about the health of the river water ongoing.**

Other parameters will be monthly checks of oxygen levels and some water chemistry. Water affects what lives in and around it.

The second piece is riparian plant inventory. Riparian areas



**This little 4-week-old channel catfish was found in a shallow stretch of the river in July.**

The basics are simple. We'll take regular water temperature readings, record those, and the leader (me), will collect the data and send it to the scientists at the Stream Team. We'll use that information to build a database for ourselves as well and compare it to what we find with other pieces of this program. Other parameters

are plant growth directly contacted along the shoreline of the river and lining the creeks and tributaries. Different plants are indicators of river health. Master naturalist and committee member, Tim Eschbach, will spearhead that team. Using the iNaturalist app on your phone, this part involves simply taking photos of plants along the river, identifying them through the phone app and recording the images and where the plants are growing. This will be a fun part that everyone can do, especially those of us along the river.

The third part is fisheries biology. We've applied to, and are working with the Texas Parks and Wildlife's River Team, to acquire a scientific collectors permit for the purpose of education.

One of the most exciting prospects of this program is not only learning about the river, but using field days, twice yearly, to get kiddos involved, especially middle schoolers and high school students. Actually, we're actively seeking teachers to help spearhead this opportunity. Teachers, please email or call ... see below.

PPOA Board President, Bob Taber, is on board and excited about this program, "Not only am I excited for this project, I'm going to be involved, especially helping gather water samples. Our stretch of the river deserves some much-needed attention and then educate our members about it."

Taber invited the leader (me) to make a short presentation to the board workshop in July and there were several folks there with smiles after hearing about the concept.

We're ready to hear from folks interested in participating. Here're the nuts and bolts. We want weekly water temperature readings from 4-5 places along the river. We'll need monthly oxygen level checks and a couple other quick pieces of data, such as visibility.

Twice yearly, once in spring and again in fall, we want to do excursions on the river for teams to identify plants, teams to collect fish via seines (nets), trap and electrofishing, and some organizer-types to help put things together.

Yes, we'll have some organizational meetings to put this project together. Drop the leader (me) an email at [boblusk@outlook.com](mailto:boblusk@outlook.com) or ring my cell at 903-814-7634.

Look for more information as it develops via your PPOA eBlasts. This is going to be fun, educational, and who knows, it might spawn some career opportunities for some of our youth. Like that master salesman, Ron Popiel, used to say, "Act Now!" (Did he really say that?)



**Learning about plants along and in the river will give us insight into how the river works as an ecosystem.**



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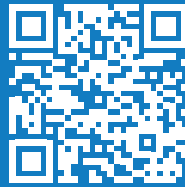
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# BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

This past month has found many of our members out of town on vacation, so activities have slowed down. Heat and members on vacation has meant there have been very few shotgun shooters participating so I do not have scores for this month. Several members have dove hunts booked and will be out hunting when you read this article.

For a recent meeting the club took a tour of Truelife Taxidermy in Granbury. The company visited one of our meetings earlier this year, so we decided to tour its facilities. Everyone was quite surprised by the volume and extent of the work they do. I did not get a count on the number of mounts they were working on or were waiting to work on, but it had to be hundreds. They employ several taxidermists, and all had numerous mounts in the process. Just keeping track of all the work would be taxing. They receive all kinds of wild game from all over the world and can get you in touch with outfitters and guides that can get you hunts in most any place in the world. It's worth a visit and they are happy to show you around.

Pictures this month are of Jerry Sprayberry with a nice striper caught recently on Lake Granbury while fishing with Bob Price.

The other pictures is of Ron Croft with family vacationing in Rocky Mountain National Park, which happens to be where I am while writing this article. It is warm here but not as hot as in Pecan.

I'm looking forward to the fall and some cooler weather. If you have any questions about the club, you can contact me at [ccald67@gmail.com](mailto:ccald67@gmail.com).





# AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lana Robinson



Make plans now to attend the 2024 Pecan Arts and Crafts Fair, set from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Pecan Activity Center and grounds, located at 9145 Plantation Drive. Gates will be open that day for the public to attend. The PAC gym will be transformed into a virtual wonderland of unique, handcrafted home décor and gifts — artwork, jewelry, apparel, woodcrafts, yard art, handbags, ceramics, stained glass, holiday decorations and ornaments, macrame, ironworks, knitted and crocheted baby items and other accessories, quilts, specialty foods, candles, scents, smells and more.

Meet up with friends and shop until you drop! Come expecting an array of offerings from top-notch artisans, crafters and vendors, along with several organizations who participate in this popular annual event. Enjoy the music of the Marina Trio from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the PAC patio. The Fidget Chicks will be selling yummy Pulled Pork sandwiches at the fair and “to go.”

Returning by popular demand the day of the fair are the Cowtown Gold & Silver buyers. Bring your scrap precious metals (orphaned earrings, broken or tangled chains, dental gold, etc.), sterling flatware, jewelry, hollowware and other unwanted items, along with coins, and turn them into cash! Cowtown Gold & Silver will be in the craft room behind the receptionist desk of the PAC. They only purchase karat gold and sterling silver or pure platinum. If you do not find a hall-mark, or if you aren't sure, bring them in they will examine or test them for purity. You will receive a check for what you sell and at the end of the day, Cowtown will write a check for 10% of its proceeds directly to the auxiliary for the benefit of the VFD/EMS.

If you are a vendor and want to rent a space for this event or get more details regarding the cost, contact Joy Rice at 254-289-2224 or jdtrauxiliary@gmail.com.

## AUXILIARY GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

What a fantastic golf tournament we had Saturday, July 27. The tournament netted \$27,509.17 for the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS. The auxiliary wishes to thank all the generous

sponsors, donors, PPOA and clubhouse staff as well as the many volunteers who helped make the event a great success. Tournament winners were:

**First place team:** Mitchell Kammerer, Chester Bardin, Dustin Young and Daniel Aparicio

**Second place team:** Jeff Martin, Michael Stephens, Dave Jansen and Curtis Almond

**Third place team:** Amber Willhite, Billy Hoggatt, Karen Currington and Doug Currington

**Fourth place team:** Jay Arrington, Andy Prikryl, Danny Guidry and John Heffernan

Winner of the Longest Drive contest was Daniel Aparicio; Closest to the Pin winner was Chester Bardin; winner of the Holiday Inn — Glen Rose Package was Daniel Aparicio; winner of the Cleburne Railroaders Baseball Package was Ashley Kraft; and the 50/50 pot drawing winner was Dan Young. Winner of the golf bag donated by Pecan residents and gold sponsors Marc and Jennifer Lancaster was David Pritchard.

## OFFICERS TO LEAD AUXILIARY IN 2025 SOUGHT

The auxiliary is seeking a new team or slate of officers to lead the organization in 2025. Officers currently sought include president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Please consider stepping up to help with the fundraising mission of this important body for the benefit of your local volunteer fire department and EMS. The importance of those willing to serve cannot be understated in order to keep the auxiliary moving forward into the future. Everyone's involvement is appreciated.

The next regular meeting of the PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary is set for 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 9, 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 auxiliary will have new auxiliary T-shirts for sale at the meeting. The shirts are available for \$20 each in sizes small to 3XL. There are limited quantities, so don't miss out! If you need a particular size, contact Julie Logan at 727-252-3702 and she can put it aside for you.



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# BREAKFAST CLUB

By Ron Liddell

As my term as host is approaching its end, along with the recent assassination attempt on our President, I thought I would take the opportunity in August to revisit a program I presented many years ago. The program focused on some of the logistical challenges surrounding the President's travels as well as some of the security activities. I also revealed some interesting behind the scenes stories. I hope the club members found it entertaining and informative.

Additionally, in August we were fortunate to have as our guest speaker U.S. Rep. Roger Williams. Williams gave a very interesting presentation and answered several member questions.

On Sept. 11, Lance Tahmakera will be returning. Tahmakera is a direct descendant of the last great Comanche Chief, Quanah Parker and Quanah's mother, Cynthia Ann Parker. I encourage you to read about the Parker family before Lance's presentation. Lance spoke here recently, and his presentation was outstanding. At the request of several members, I have asked Lance to

return for a longer presentation.

Please step up soon if you are interested in becoming our next host. I'll give you all the help and support you need to be successful. Please don't let Breakfast Club perish!

Breakfast Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of most months for food, fun and fellowship. Breakfast is available at 9 a.m. while our program begins at 9:45 a.m. If you don't want breakfast, then drop in at 9 a.m. for coffee and fellowship!

We strive to bring you the best in presenters of interest to our audience. There are no dues for Breakfast Club, and everyone is welcome. We request you call the clubhouse front desk at 817-573-2641 to make your reservation no later than noon the Tuesday prior to our meeting. Send your email address to pecanbreakfast@gmail.com to be included in our mailing list. Watch for eBlasts and Columns articles about our activities. You are invited to join our Facebook page at Pecan Breakfast Club.

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Rising prices have pushed people to look for new ways to save money. The do-it-yourself approach to home repairs has long been seen as a potential avenue to save money, and holiday shoppers can consider DIY when shopping for loved ones this year.

A recent survey by the remodeling company Allstar Home reported that 70 percent of Americans have recently engaged in DIY home improvement projects. Similarly, a new Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of the DIY Network found that 73 percent of Canadian homeowners have done a renovation project themselves in the past. With so many homeowners tackling projects around the home on their own, DIY-related products may be just what's needed to hammer down the perfect gift. The following are some potential home improvement presents for DIY enthusiasts.

## MAGNETIC WRISTBAND

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## PAINTING ESSENTIALS KIT

Painting is an easy and effective way to transform a room. For those DIYers who have yet to compile all of their painting gear, local home improvement retailers often package kits that include a dropcloth, assorted roller sizes, brushes, a paint tray, and even painter's tape to get started on projects.

## ROLLING WORK BENCH

People serious about projects will need a place to store all the tools they have collected. A rolling work bench, such as the Gladiator nine-drawer work bench, has drawers to store tools and a wooden top on which smaller tasks can be tackled. Roll it where needed.

## HEARING PROTECTION

Drills, sanders and other power tools can be noisy. DIYers will want to protect their hearing, and a set of workshop earmuffs can be a thoughtful gift. Some, like the 3M WorkTunes headphones, even come with Bluetooth technology to offer both hearing protection and the ability to listen to tunes while working.

## HEADLAMP

DIYers need both hands to tackle jobs effectively, which can make holding a flashlight to illuminate the area challenging. Hands-free lighting is possible with an LED headlamp. The light is easily focused where the user is looking.

## LASER MEASURING TAPE

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The list of gifts for DIYers is endless. Tools and additional gear can help people nail holiday shopping this year.





# GENEALOGY GROUP

## SHOW AND TELL

The Genealogy Group will meet Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Pecan Plantation EMS Training Room at 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.

### Sept 17, Show and Tell – Bring a “family” artifact (Ronda Bauman)

We are looking forward to seeing what unique and interesting artifacts members come in with this year. The smallest and simplest of objects are sometimes the most unusual. We might not have seen one since we were young, or at Great-Grandma’s house, or always wondered what “it” was. Or maybe you have “one of those” and YOU don’t know what it is! We might be able to help you identify it. Perhaps an old photo. How about a tintype? I’ll bring a photo made from a tintype. Please bring whatever you would like and share with us.

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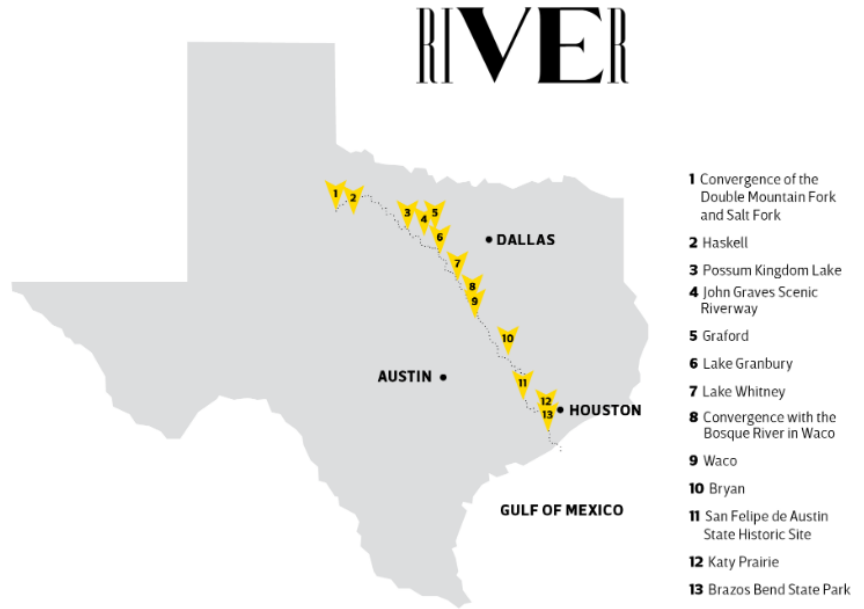


# MARINA HAPPENINGS

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Many of you already know us or have seen me around. We are Mark and Lisa Morton...no I am not the other Mark Morton here in Pecan who plays guitar and is a better golfer than I. I am the one who is always wearing the hat with the crazy gray hair sticking up.

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- high-level, DOD compliant, data removal
- 60+ point functionality testing and sanitization of each device
- repackaging of each device to sell to various wholesalers and retail stores which in turn resell them to other businesses and consumers.

Most of this is performed at our robotic facility in Flower Mound, TX; however, as a value service to our friends, neighbors and community, we will be stocking a small quantity of devices in our Pecan processing location towards the end of August – first of September '24.

What items will we stock?

- iPhones: 8, XR, 11, 12, 13, 14 and occasionally an 15
- small selection of Samsung Androids locked to a specific carrier such as Verizon, AT&T or T-Mobile
- iPads primarily for WiFi use

If you're in need, come in soon, as our inventory changes daily because we typically sell our units as fast as we receive and process them.

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## ACC REPORT

The number of new home permits during July 2024 was good for the usually slow mid-summer months with the ACC approving five new residence construction permits, 14 miscellaneous construction permits, two construction revisions and no permit extensions.

The ACC construction permit list currently contains 38 active permits for new homes under construction and 25 active miscellaneous permits for various other improvements.

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

Address	Sq/Ft Living Area	Owner	Builder
2181 Middlewood Cir	2669	Tyler Bennett	Randy Lindsey
5008 Piper Dr.	4954	Kevin Rainosek	Will Steed
6032 Bonanza Dr.	3053	Mark Hague	Mike Leatherwood
3719 Tremont Ln	2501	Al Couto	Al Couto
6425 Buena Vista Dr.	2265	Tod Sutherland	Tod Sutherland

## COMPLIANCE CORNER

During July 2024, the compliance office received 88 calls and 36 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 95 calls and 21 emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 558 calls and 94 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 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.

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**CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT**

	Actual YTD	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 7,391,673	\$ 7,191,717	\$ 199,956
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>\$ (1,132,440)</u>	<u>\$ (1,023,128)</u>	<u>\$ (109,312)</u>
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 6,259,233	\$ 6,168,589	\$ 90,644
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (3,815,276)	\$ (4,005,584)	\$ 190,308
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (2,088,260)	\$ (2,212,705)	\$ 124,445
<b>Net Operating Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation</b>	<b><u>\$ 355,697</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (49,700)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 405,397</u></b>

**RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND**

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,431,261	\$ 3,431,261
Fund Deposits	\$ 836,179	\$ 1,244,922
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (2,248,542)</u>	<u>\$ (3,258,528)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,018,898</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,417,655</u></b>

**NEW CAPITAL FUND**

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,050,920	\$ 1,050,920
Fund Deposits	\$ 400,377	\$ 643,911
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (47,839)</u>	<u>\$ (93,534)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,403,458</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,601,297</u></b>

**ROAD & DRAINAGE FUND**

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,364,734	\$ 1,364,734
Fund Deposits	\$ 1,228,278	\$ 1,859,210
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (256,112)</u>	<u>\$ (2,591,805)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,336,900</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 632,139</u></b>



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# Security Report

## September 2024

Many people over the past months have experienced heavier traffic volumes at the security gates. The buildups can be an understandable frustration.

The security staff has worked hard to speed up the processing times of guests. Members are reminded to call in their guests and use the ABDi gate access app for guest authorizations before they arrive at the property. Calling in guests and using the app is important for expedited entries and smaller lines because they remove the additional time required for the gate attendant to contact a member to approve authorization for their guests to visit the property. We've double-staffed the security gates during peak hours, and we've also been proactive with various building contractors by contacting company supervisors to ensure all drivers have a required valid driver's licenses as they arrive. These small measures have helped congestion greatly and we expect some of the traffic will decrease as new construction projects are completed.

A review of gate entry statistics provided insight into the increased traffic volumes and traffic-related property damages at the gates.

In 2023, for seven months, the property had 985,965 entries combining the front, back, and marina gate locations. In 2024, during the same seven months, the property had 1,309,626 entries. This is an increase of 323,661 gate entries for 2024 and this value does not include the thousands of guests who are manually processed at the guest lanes by the gate attendants.

As annual budget planning nears, we'll like-

ly revisit traffic-calming devices as a staffing force multiplier to handle the increased traffic and population. The gate attendants, security officers, and office staff should be commended for the excellent jobs and positive attitudes they exhibit each day with this additional workload.

In other news, the security gate software company ABDi (Applications by Design Inc.) announced it's sold the company to Envera Systems. The developer of ABDi said he wished to retire and has assured me Envera's management team shares the vision of ABDi and will build upon the current software programs the security staff and members have become comfortable with. ABDi was founded in 1996 and has become an industry leader within the gated community space. At the time of this article, there are no known changes with access methods to the community that will affect the members. We will monitor the developments of Envera and evaluate if the company remains in alignment with community needs, cost effectiveness, and overall return on investment compared to competitors in the industry.

Be safe, thoughtful and kind to each other while enjoying the remainder of summer. We appreciate your continued support and are thankful for the constructive partnerships with local law enforcement and other first responders. Working together has made Pecan Plantation one of the safest environments among private communities in Texas and we intend to keep it that way.





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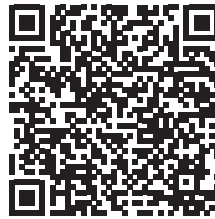
Residents of Pecan Plantation have three collection points for recycling.

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

- LAST SATURDAY of each month from 8 a.m. to noon. Bring recyclable items, branches and bulk trash.
  - WEDNESDAYS from 4 to 6 p.m. Only branches and recyclables are accepted.
  - Never accepted at this location: refrigerators, TVs, tires, paints or other hazardous materials.
- Call the Operations office 817-408-3511 for more info.

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

Hood County Citizens Collection Station is located at 244 Bray St. Call 817-579-3288 for hours and information. This location does accept glass, aluminum and metal cans, cardboard, paper and most plastics. Follow the QR code for a detailed list and instructions on what and how to recycle.



Acceptable Recycling Items			
ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED	YES	NO	HOW
METAL	Aluminum, tin food & beverage cans, up to 1 gallon in size; 3 gallon #10 cans such as coffee containers	Any other metal containers including aerosol cans containing hazardous chemicals, paints, cleaning fluids, poisons, no scrap metal	Rinse empty containers & place in cart; can lids ok, in can labels ok.
Newspaper, catalogs, magazine, junk mail, shredded paper	Clean, dry newspaper & inserts, magazines & catalogs, junk mail, computer paper, stationary, bills, shredded paper, envelopes with windows, NOTE: must be less than 2 months old or goes in the trash	All other paper including soiled paper, telephone books, non-paper bags such as plastic or Tyvek, overnight delivery envelopes, bubble wrap, books of any kind, greeting cards, gift wrap & product samples.	Place in brown paper grocery bags or cardboard & place on top of other materials. NO PLASTIC BAGS.
Plastic	Small & wide mouth containers up to 1 gallon marked on the bottom with a "1" or "2".	Containers with other numbers or no numbers; containers larger than three gallon; plastic bags, motor oil & anti-freeze containers...even if marked with a "1" or "2".	Make sure containers have a "1" or "2" on the bottom; remove cap or lid; labels okay; rinse & place in cart.
Boxboard	Cereal, cracker, shoe boxes, shirt boxes, beverage cartons & six-pack cartons	Boxboard containing wax, plastic or foil; or contaminated with food	Remove plastic cereal bag, flatten boxes, place in polly cart
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- 1 ace of spades, e.g.
- 5 "Kick \_\_\_\_\_ Traditional Tribe of Texas"
- 6 "night," informally
- 7 Cowboys Jason Garrett was 2016 Coach of the \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 state fair mo.
- 9 Amtrak train that runs across Texas: "Sunset \_\_\_\_\_"
- 16 a brother of George W. and Jeb Bush
- 18 TXism: "light \_\_\_\_\_ egg shell"
- 21 UT opponent in the "Red River Shootout"
- 22 in Fort Worth: "\_\_\_\_\_ Carter Museum of American Art"
- 23 shoemaker in the Alamo City
- 24 Corpus Christi mayor Joe (2017-21)
- 30 Texas armadillos generally have \_\_\_\_\_ of armor
- 34 TX Sissy Spacek played this Loretta in a 1960 film (init.)
- 35 crying sound
- 36 old wise person
- 37 \_\_\_\_\_ Pass, TX
- 39 TXism: "weak \_\_\_\_\_ kitten"
- 43 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ by a lawyer" (finalize)
- 44 TXism: "don't cross the river '\_\_\_\_\_ come to it'"
- 45 Joan Crawford was born in Texas as Lucille Fay \_\_\_\_\_ Sueur

- 46 British goodbye (hyph.)
- 47 fishermen with rods?
- 49 TXism: "hard \_\_\_\_\_ enamel"
- 52 365 days (abbr.)
- 53 cowboy song: "whoopee ti-yi-\_\_\_\_, get along little doggies . . ."
- 54 "Lake O' The \_\_\_\_\_"
- 55 a motorcycle is a two-\_\_\_\_\_ vehicle
- 58 \_\_\_\_\_ Dame University

- 59 old ice hockey leag. of the former Houston Aeros
- 60 father
- 61 Yoko \_\_\_\_\_

**DOWN**

- 1 seat of Randall County
- 2 TXism: "just down the road \_\_\_\_\_"
- 3 this consists of Astro and Ranger starting pitchers
- 4 someone who acts rather than merely talking or thinking
- 9 TXism: "hasta \_\_\_\_\_ vista" (see ya)
- 10 "Queen \_\_\_\_\_ Causeway" to South Padre Island
- 11 TX Dexter's "Pistol Packin' \_\_\_\_\_"
- 12 "he's \_\_\_\_\_ it" (involved)
- 13 "\_\_\_\_\_ Mercies" film was written by TX Horton Foote
- 14 "Gig '\_\_\_\_ Aggies!"
- 15 law enforcement agcy. in Texas
- 17 first governor of Galveston (2 wds.)
- 19 Jewish prayer shawl
- 20 "\_\_\_\_\_ Mission" in El Paso
- 24 board game manufacturer (abbr.)
- 25 appellate court in Texas (abbr.)
- 26 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ an arm and a leg"

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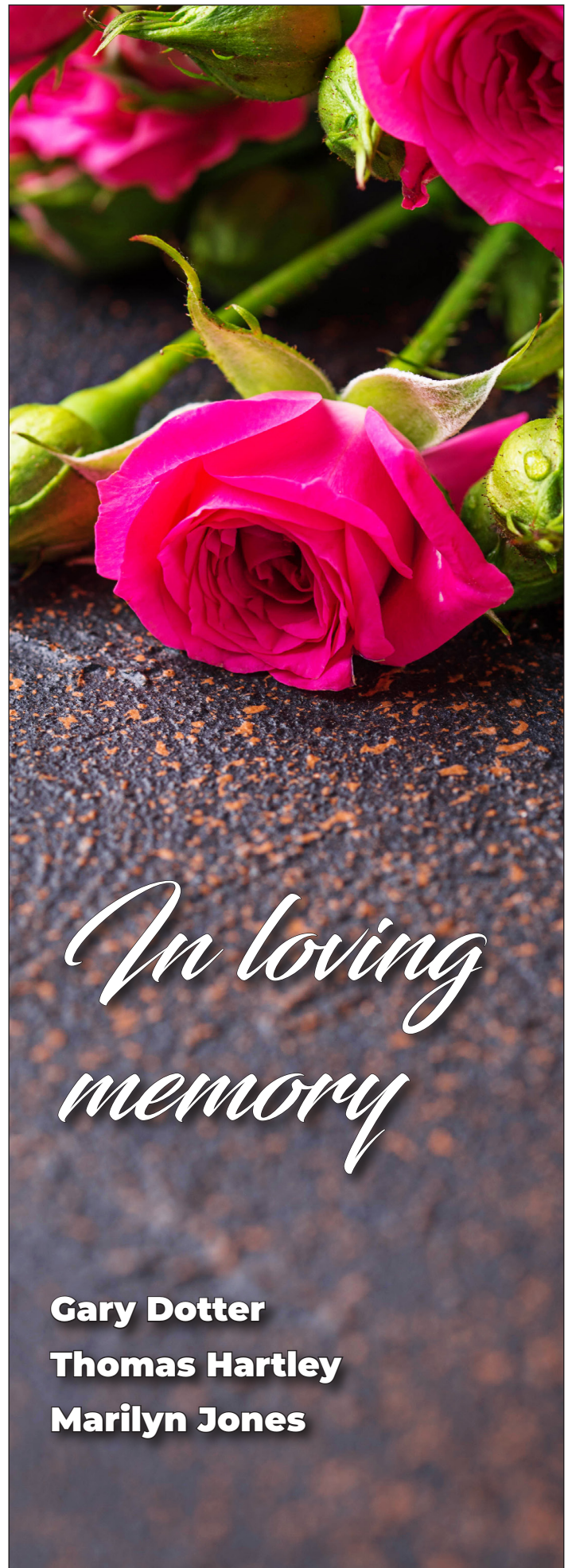


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