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BOD Meeting:

Dec. 19, 2024, 6 p.m.

BOD Committee Workshop

Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Ballroom

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Nov. 28 - 29 for
the Thanksgiving
holiday



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

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

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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

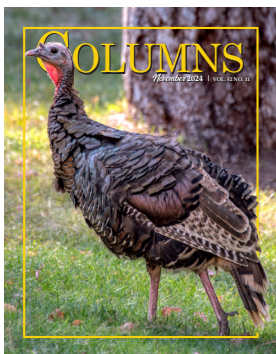


Karen Gomez

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

Wild turkeys almost went extinct in the 1930s due to over-hunting and loss of forest habitat. However, recovery efforts have been successful, and there are now an estimated 7 million wild turkeys in North and Central America. This wild turkey was spotted in Pecan Plantation. Karen Gomez provided this amazing photo for use on the cover of this month’s issue.

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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GENERAL MANAGER

From the desk
of Rick Lantgen

As we approach Thanksgiving and the ushering in of the holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you and encourage you to breathe in each day's blessings. It's important to remember how when the pace of life quickens due to the stresses of travel, shopping, and all the other bumps that surprise us along the way, this time of year should ultimately show us of the importance of family, kindness, and grace — values that create the strong bonds within our community.

Pecan Plantation is not just a collection of homes filled with strangers, but rather a neighborhood built on care, generosity, and respect for one another. The kindness and support you extend to the other members of your "Pecan" family are what makes this community a special place to live. It is a testament to our little gem on the Brazos. There is a longing in this country for community, and that is something you will always find within our gates. No wonder people are scrambling to relocate here.

As we venture into the next eight weeks of hustle and bustle, please remember all the many exciting activities

planned in and around the neighborhood. There are way too many to list here, but I guarantee there is something for everyone. And I hope you step back and take in the atmosphere as family arrives, decorations are hung, and childlike spirits take flight. These special moments give us the opportunity to come together, celebrate, and create lasting memories. It also gives us the chance to share our blessings with others. There are plenty of ways you can do that here, too.

So, on behalf of the PPCC management, staff and Board of Directors, I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving and a memorable holiday season that will follow. May it be filled with warmth, love, and a renewed sense of connection with your neighbors. Let us remember to spread kindness and grace, and build an even stronger, more vibrant home.

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MGA TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS
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NOVEMBER

- 11/9 ANNUAL BREAKFAST MEETING
- 11/9 2 MAN TEAM - SCRAMBLE (ODD) SHAMBLE (EVEN)
PICK YOUR OWN PARTNER
- 11/14 LOW GROSS/LOW NET - PICK YOUR OWN FOURSOME
- 11/21 PAR 3 SHAMBLE (COUNT 3 BBS) PSST

DECEMBER

- 12/7 TOYS 4 TOTS SCRAMBLE (MIXED)
- 12/12 2 MAN SHAMBLE (COUNT BB) PSST



Hello, everyone! As bad we hate it, winter is fast approaching, and with it comes colder weather and the holiday season. Everyone, enjoy your family during Thanksgiving and please don't eat too much turkey.

- We just completed the MGA Championship last month. Congratulations to all the winners.
- Our annual MGA meeting is on Saturday, Nov. 9, and we would love a great turn out. Breakfast will be served, and new board members will be elected. If anyone would like to serve on our board, please let me know.

- The Golf committee, along with MGA and Golf Club staff, have been conducting an awareness program to help our membership learn the proper way to fill divots on tee boxes and fairways. We also have crews showing the proper way to fix ball marks on our greens. Hope everyone is getting good information from them. It's our golf course. Please help maintain it as we play.

- As always, be safe if you travel during the holiday season. "Hit 'em straight!!"
~ Robert Forshee/MGA President

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October held our last tournament of the year - The President's Choice. Marilyn's Musketeers battled it out with Carol's Commandos in match play. Since I'm writing this in September, I don't know the outcome. But may the best team win! It's always fun but played with good sportsmanship and the LGA's love for each other.

November brings us to the end of our year. We will elect our Liz Hamilton nominee and vote on officers for 2025. Tonya McCleod has her slate ready to go. November leads us into December for our Christmas Party and Year End Awards. Donna Berry and Laura Sorrells are planning a very special celebration of 50 Christmases from the past. We will present the Ringer year end awards for both 9-Hole and 18-Hole players. I would like to take this time to thank Brenda Palmer and her crew for all of their help this year. They have made all of our events special and glitch free. Please don't miss any of these very special events.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving with family and friends and know how blessed we are living in this small community of Granbury and the best country in the world.

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“Danke Schön” to all who came to our PPTA Oktoberfest playday last month. It was an enjoyable evening of tennis fun and gemütlichkeit!

Junior Tennis is now in full swing! (Wednesday 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.) Come join the fun! (Note: no class on Wednesday, Nov. 27)

Calling all current (and former) tennis players! If you want to get back into the game, we have groups of players at all levels (all managed by our excellent group of “court captains”). Contact John Ingram for further information.

“A Thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues.”
Cicero

A blessed Thanksgiving to all!!



JUNIOR TENNIS
Wednesdays
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Sessions:
II Nov. 6 – Nov. 20
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IV Dec. 4 – Dec. 18



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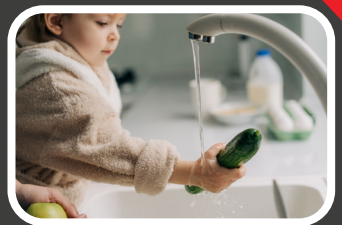
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John Ingram, PPOA/PPCC Tennis Pro

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Election Day at the PAC

Tuesday, Nov. 5

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

PAC Gymnasium



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

Sunday, Nov. 10 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)

Cost: \$50 - includes all supplies

Instructor: Kathy Yoders

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Brunch & Pictures with Santa at Clubhouse

Sunday, Dec. 1 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Stop by the Clubhouse to eat brunch and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Bring your camera to take photos.

Be sure to make your brunch reservation. 817-573-2641.

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Sunday, Dec. 15 Starts at 3 p.m.

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Bring card stock to class.

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Dance Classes for Kids

Every Monday

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

Red Cross Blood Drive - PAC Gym

Wednesday, Nov. 6 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Pecanplantation to make an appointment.



**The Sports & Recreation Committee will meet
Tuesday, November 19th at 1 pm at PAC.
No Meeting on November 5th or December 3rd.**

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, Tuesday, & Thursday (10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)

No class on the second Tuesday of each month

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

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.)

Thanksgiving week play is 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.)

No Play Nov. 26

Indoor Beginner Clinic - Nov. 12

(Limit 8 people, sign up at PAC)

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

The PAC Holiday Closings

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Dec. 24: Christmas Eve CLOSED
Dec. 25: Christmas CLOSED
Dec. 31: closing at 3 p.m.
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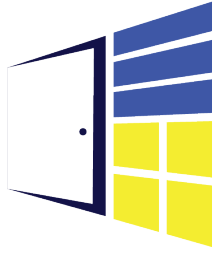
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Join us to learn from Pam as she shares tools and tricks for turning an image of your work or photo into a linoleum block carving that can be used to make art prints! Pam is an artist, instructor, author of books "Art at the Speed of Life," "Creating Art at the Speed of Life," and "Mixed Media Portraits with Pam Carriker." Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, she now resides in Pecan Plantation living on a runway with her pilot husband. Pam's work and writing can be found in more than 60 art publications. Pam has served as a columnist for Somerset Art Journaling magazine, created instructional art videos for several companies, and created a line of visual journals, stencils, rubber stamps and signature mixed media products for several well-known art companies. Now, semi-retired, she is enjoying the pursuit of oil painting and teaches locally periodically. Turning her "hobby" into her dream job has been the culmination of a life-long pursuit of living a creative life, and she firmly believes it is never too late to begin living "Art at the Speed of Life!"



Pam Carriker



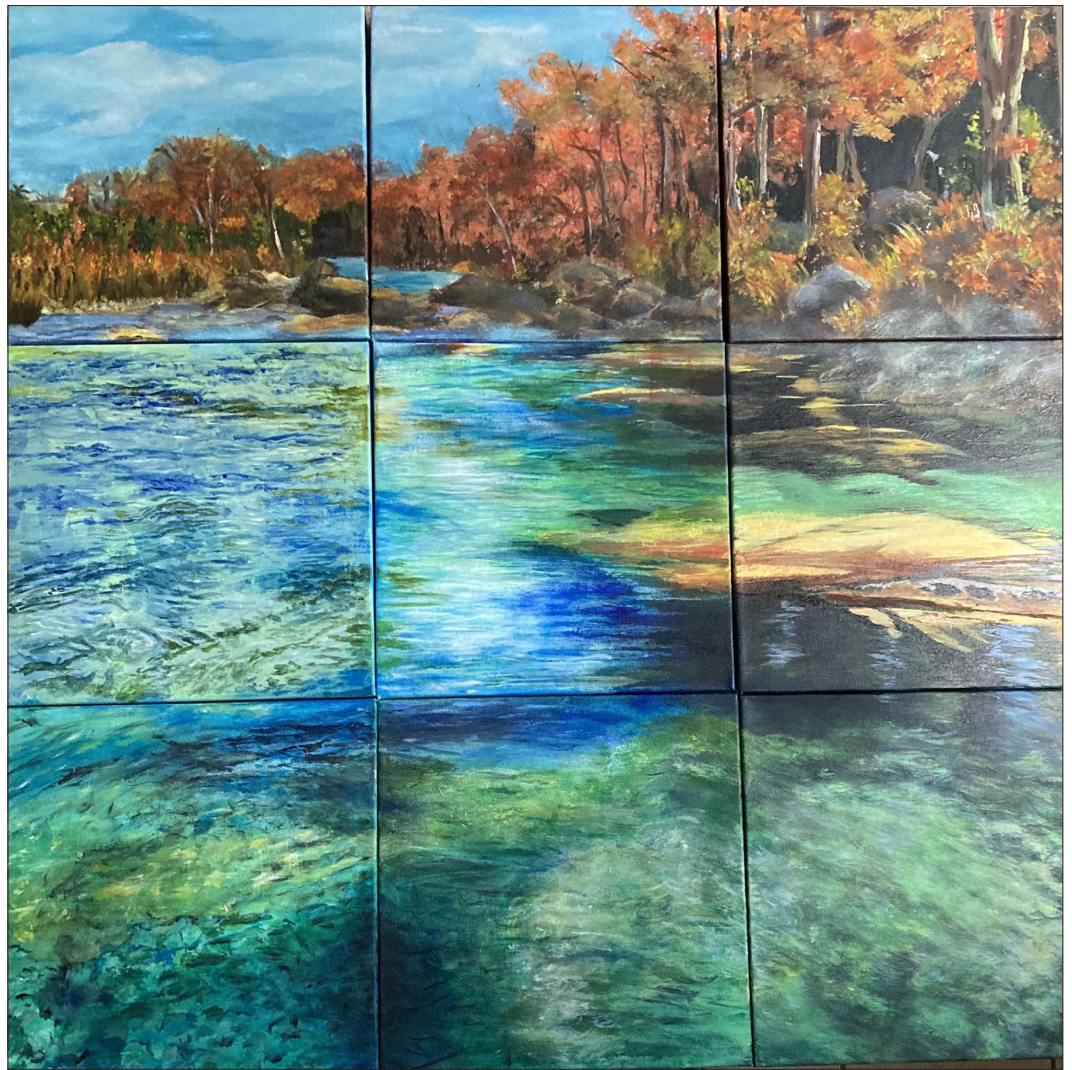
POP-UP ART SHOW

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024,
from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the clubhouse,

Our artists are preparing tables full of lovely, giftable items, just in time for the holidays. Take advantage of this opportunity for unique, creative gifts for friends, family and co-workers, or yourself and your home. An exciting ending for the day will be the raffle drawing for the fabulous Nine-Square Painting at 4 p.m. You need not be present to win.

NINE SQUARE PAINTING RAFFLE TO BENEFIT EMS

Doesn't this just invite you to splash in this water and relish the sunlight dancing on its surface? The Nine-Square Project is ready to find its new home, uplifting your spirits each time you glance at it. Team leader Kathy Yoders and artists Jimmie Borum, Barbara Brown, Connie Gilmore, Gwen Hutson, Cheryl Moore, Heather Moore, Judy Taubinger, and Pamala Vannoy each painted a square. PPAG members are selling raffle tickets, and the drawing happens at 4 p.m. at our Pop-Up Art Show at the Clubhouse, Saturday, Nov. 16. You need not be present to win. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Pecan EMS.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH



ELIZABETH KING

Elizabeth King with her artwork selected for Artist of the Month in September. See October's winner's art at the PAC until Nov. 12. In November, enjoy the art of Gwen Hutson on the wall leading to the ballroom. Peruse the curated art of PPAG artists Connie Gilmore, Robert Hollis, Barbara Johnson, Van Johnson, Pam McLean, and Susan White in dining areas, hallways, and meeting rooms at the Clubhouse. All art displayed is for sale by contacting each artist directly.

SAVE THE DATE!

Nov. 10 to Dec. 31
LGAA "Three Jims" show, honoring Jim Stewart and featuring Jim McDonald and James Spurlock.
Opening reception Nov. 9.

Nov. 16
Pop-Up Art Show at Pecan Plantation clubhouse,
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Drawing for Nine Square Painting raffle at 4 p.m.

AUXILIARY NEWS

By Lana Robinson

Everyone had a great time at the 2024 Pecan Arts & Crafts Fair, held at the Pecan Activity Center and grounds on Saturday, Sept. 28. The Auxiliary welcomed big crowds most of the day - it was perfect weather. Many enjoyed the music of the Marina Trio on the PAC patio. The fair was very well-attended.

Thanks to the hard work of many Auxiliary volunteers, participation by fantastic artisans and vendors, as well as Pecan Plantation residents and area shoppers, the event raised \$7,280 (\$4,246 in booth rentals; \$1,154 in Raffle ticket sales; and \$1,880 from the Gold & Silver fundraiser) for the PPVFD/EMS. Thanks to all who participated in any way and contributed to the success of this popular annual event.

NEW AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP SOUGHT FOR 2025

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. If you are interested in helping lead the Auxiliary as an officer, please call Jeanie Curry at 972-977-7049.

MEMORIAL BRICK PATIO PROGRESS

Attention Pecan residents! You have an opportunity to honor a loved one or a VFD or EMS volunteer, past or present, by purchasing an engraved memorial brick from the PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary. This program was initiated to help raise funds for our VFD/EMS departments while creating a memorial patio on the EMS grounds where people from Pecan Plantation and surrounding areas can pay tribute to their heroes. The Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Memorial Brick Patio has already begun at the entrance of the Charlie Lee Memorial EMS building at 9518 Monticello Dr. You are invited to view the bricks that have already been laid.

These 4 x 8 bricks, which can honor a person or an achievement, are being custom engraved by a local business in Granbury and then set in the patio. The current price for each brick is \$50. A logo may be added for an additional charge. Now is a great time to honor your loved ones. Order forms are available at the Auxiliary meetings and the EMS building during regular business hours. You can also download and print out the form provided here on our PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary Facebook Page. For more details, contact Donna Bullis, 817-454-0422.

The next regular meeting of the PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary is set for 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 4, at the Charlie Lee Memorial EMS building at 9518 Monticello Dr. 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 Auxiliary t-shirts for sale at the meeting. The shirts are available for \$20 each in sizes small to 3XL. There are limited quantities.



Darla and Jerry Lyon, Pecan residents and owners of Paluxy Puzzles, were among 64+ craftsmen, artisans and vendors selling their handiwork at the Pecan Arts & Crafts Fair at the PAC on Sept. 28.



From left: Auxiliary Co-President Jeanie Curry, Jana Pounds, and Auxiliary Secretary Julie Logan, were just three of a multitude of volunteers who worked during the recent Pecan Arts & Crafts Fair hosted by the PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary.



Doug and Karen Gomez, who own and operate Fire Eyez Photography in Pecan Plantation, were on hand at the Sept. 28 Arts & Crafts Fair with their amazing collection of Pecan Wildlife Christmas and note cards. Always a favorite with the crowd.



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THE PECAN PLANTATION LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

a driving force for 50 years

By Eden Duncan Gilbreath

Founded in 1974, the Pecan Plantation Ladies Golf Association celebrates 50 years this year. It cannot be overstated what an accomplishment this is, and how key the club has been to the members.

This year, all the activities of the association have transpired with a special nod to the history of the group and a fond remembrance of all they have shared. The club's fall golf tournament and luncheon was a joyous celebration with many past presidents and longtime members in attendance.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Mary Queen of Scots is credited with being the first female golfer, and actually one of the first golfers of either gender to play the game as we know it. During her reign (1542-1567) the famous St. Andrews Links Golf Course of Scotland was built, now considered to be the home of modern golf.

The St. Andrews Links Golf Course would also become home to the first ladies golf club in 1867. A club founded by women local to the area, most were wives and daughters of the men of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews.

The Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews was exclusively open to men until 2014, when the membership overwhelmingly voted to open membership to women for the first time in its 260-year history.

By the late 1800s, women were gaining respect as golfers in the United States though their garments were still restrictive. In 1917 the Women's Tournament Committee of the United States Golf Association was formed.

PECAN PLANTATION

A group of families led to the site in the 1920s by John B. Christenson formed a community known as Kristenstad, but the community had failed by 1938.

In 1949, O.P. Leonard bought the property and named it Leonard Bend. The Leonard Bend Pecan Farm grew to be home to 3,300 acres of orchard on the peninsula.

The building of the DeCordova Dam in 1966 literally changed the landscape of the county, changing entirely the future of the area.

The Leonard family began development plans to turn the farm into a residential community. The country club, golf course, airport and recreational areas were opened in 1971.

In 1974, just three years after the opening of the golf course, the Pecan Plantation Ladies Golf Association was formed.

PECAN PLANTATION LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Pecan Plantation Ladies Golf Association was created for the purpose of stimulating interest and promoting among its players the true spirit of keen and friendly competition.

PPLGA established three types of membership: full mem-



bership, social membership and honorary membership for those who have made an outstanding contribution to the PPLGA and are approved by the executive board.

Over time, the group became home to two divisions: the 18-hole group and a nine-hole group for beginners and newcomers. The purpose was to establish regular playdays and occasional tournaments for competition.

In the early days, they played from silver tees which were farther than the green tees they play from today.

The Pecan Plantation Ladies Golf Association was formed before the Pecan Plantation Men's Association which was formed in 1981.

PPLGA PRESIDENTS WEIGH IN

"Many of the men with homes in Pecan only lived or visited here on weekends, as they were still working (in the metroplex). They came out to play on weekends.

"Most of the wives, however, were not employed and either lived here full time with their children or could come to Pecan all week to play golf.

"These lady golfers formed friendships that led to them forming several social organizations including the PPLGA," shared Wynette Burns, PPLGA president, 2020.

"The LGA gave homemakers in Pecan both social interaction and competition and encouraged the development of the golf program at Pecan," Burns said.



Past LGA presidents: Front row left Margie Johnson 2016; Pam Meyer 2022; Lorraine McKaye 2012; Betty Morgan 1998; Kim Teague 2021; Second row Becky Hurlbut 2008; Clara Garcia 2013; Wynette Burns 2020; Pam McCada 2003; Teri Ansell 2019; Third row Pam Brozek 2018; Mary Gourley 2001; Pat Ducato 2002; Carol Bishop 2023; Karen Williams 2009; Marilyn Neely 2024

It was the friendships among the ladies of Pecan Plantation that spurred the creation of the association, and the association continues to be a driving force in the community. PPLGA have sent care packages to members of the armed services, supported area high school girls golf, made donations to local charities and more.

“PPLGA is one of the most vocal and influential groups at Pecan and has been instrumental in supporting improvements and maintenance of our golf course and in welcoming and encouraging new players,” offered Burns.

Betty Morgan, PPLGA president 1998 concurs. “PPLGA has been a source of joy for the entire 30 years that I have lived here. I have found the most supportive, kindest and joyous friends of my whole life.”

Carol Bishop, PPGLA president 2023 explains it this way: “As a new member of the community, I was delighted to find out such a large group of ladies were members of the PPLGA. “That made for the perfect way to make new friends and link up with ladies with the same abilities that I had. “I am thankful for this organization and the opportunities it provides for the ladies of all ages and abilities.”

PPLGA has remained loyal to its goal of encouraging friendly competition.

“It not only provided me with the knowledge of the rules of golf, but also the importance of playing in a competitive environment,” said 2021 PPGLA president Kim Teague.

Teague explains, “The LGA has devoted members to keep us updated on all PGA rule changes, which assures we are all playing the same game — as we are all trying to improve.”

“Competition breeds excellence. Good instruction (is) available to improve one’s game,” expounds Burns.

“New residents of Pecan from all over the country and all walks of life find community when they become part of our LGA. I knew one person when I joined 14 years ago but was immediately part of a loving, supportive group,” said Burns.

PPLGA members experience camaraderie, friendship, competition and the challenge to remain active.

As Burns shares, “The last 14 years, when many my age

resign themselves to a rocker, have been so enriched by golf and our LGA. “I have had back surgery, and both knees replaced but have worked hard to get recovered so I could get back on the course and reunited with my golfing friends. Invaluable!”

PPLGA has even contributed to mental health with the forming of relationships, along with the physical and emotional wellbeing of members, such as the opportunity to socialize outdoors during COVID-19.

LOOKING FORWARD

Many traditions have been established and maintained through the years, such as the member/guest tournament which has grown from La Tee Esta to the 50th celebration held this past September.

“Pecan Plantation is a golfing community and as such, all lady golfers have and continue to contribute to Pecan’s history and esteemed reputation,” offered Clara Garcia, PPLGA president 2013.

“It has been such an honor to serve as this year’s president. It is even more special that this is the 50th anniversary of the PPLGA. We have geared every activity to that theme, with the history of our club in the forefront,” shared Marilyn Neely, current PPGLA president. “I am proud to celebrate the past 50 years and be a part of the next 50 years – our centennial.”

**Information on the history of golf was found on various online sites such as dailysports.com, golfcollege.edu, links.golf. The history of Pecan Plantation was gleaned from ppoaweb.com.*



EMS

By Brandl Stephenson BA, LP, FP-C, EMS Chief

Good morning, everyone. Please join me in welcoming two people to your VFD/EMS department: Lydia Torres, EMT-P, and Sam Greif, PPVFD Interim Fire Chief.

Lydia has been a part of our EMS department for a few years now, working as an EMT. She recently passed her national test for paramedic and will begin her field training in that new role. Lydia has consistently shown a true compassion and empathy for her patients and the community at large here, and I'm excited to see her stepping into her new role as a paramedic. As any medic can tell you, the test to acquire your 'red patch' is grueling. Congratulations, Lydia, on your well-deserved accomplishment!

Sam Greif is a former PPVFD/EMS board member and Fort Worth FD lieutenant. Due to the recent activity at the VFD, he has agreed to act as Interim Fire Chief, focusing on recruitment and training. I'm eager to work with Chief Greif, training together while providing consistent, coordinated fire and EMS service to the community.

Our call volume continues trending upwards: 134 calls for September. We ended last year at 1177 calls, breaking 1000 for the first time. This year, we are already at 1104, on track to break that record. Your crews are working hard to maintain the edge that makes them the best of the best!

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our department during these periods of transition, growth, and change. As with any change, there are growing pains, but we are always here to discuss the Pecan Fire and EMS Department with you. Thank you for your continued support of your department.

Please take a moment and remember those who serve, both at home and abroad. Your prayers and well-wishes really do carry weight and are greatly appreciated.

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PECAN PLANTATION FIRST WEDNESDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Did you know . . . that Pecan Plantation has a Bridge Club that is open to all women that like to play bridge? The FIRST WEDNESDAY BRIDGE CLUB has been playing bridge at the club since the club first opened. While many of the players have come and gone through the years, there are a few members that have been playing since this group first started.

As the name implies, the group meets the first Wednesday of every month in the Terrace Room. After registration, play begins at 9:30 a.m. with a break for lunch, after which play resumes and is completed by 2:30 p.m. Each person is given a Rotation Card, and four rounds are played, with six hands each round using Rubber Bridge Scoring. Since players change tables and partners each round, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet many new bridge players. The fee to play is just \$2, most of which is used to pay up to five places at the end of play after the points are tallied.

Each month, Chef Jordan plans a special entrée for lunch, or players may elect to

have a Cobb or Chef Salad, and lunch ends with dessert. Lunch is charged to your member number except in December when the First Wednesday Bridge Club pays for the member's lunch.

This is a really FUN group of ladies that love to play bridge! There are women of all ages and bridge skill levels. All Pecan women bridge players are welcome to join. Annual membership is just \$20. Visitors are welcome to play once before joining. Reservations are required each month, so bridge tables can be planned, and lunch orders can be placed in advance.

If you have questions or would like to make reservations to play, please contact the First Wednesday Bridge Coordinator, Vicki Leggett at: vleggett19@gmail.com or 903-388-2200. If you are interested but your bridge is a little rusty, one of the members has offered to do some refresher bridge lessons.

If you love playing bridge, please come check out the First Wednesday Bridge Club!



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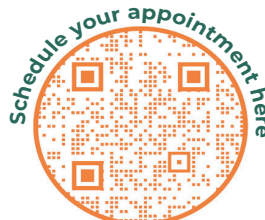


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BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell



As we move into November, big game hunting will begin all across Texas. As you probably have noticed here in Pecan, the deer rut has been underway for some time and has our deer population on the move. There will also be more activity as you travel all over the state, so use caution.

One of our members, Ron Croft, recently returned from a Mule Deer hunt in Northwest Wyoming. The picture is the outfitters and hunt party packing mules for the trek into the mountains to set up a drop camp for a strenuous hunt. Ron said they rode the mules about 100 miles during the hunt, and it took some time to recover. He did have an opportunity to harvest a great deer, but it was not to be, and he came home emptyhanded. He also reported that they felt at times like they were being hunted as there were a lot of bears in the area. They had to put an electric fence around the cook tent and place anything that had any scent inside at night.

Several members, including myself, were able to hunt

dove in the Godley area despite the rain, which washed out most hunting west of Granbury - not great success, but we did get in some shooting. Birds once downed were hard to find as the sunflowers and weeds were shoulder high, and it was difficult to even see the ground. I guess it was all that good rain we had earlier in the year.

Our shotgun shooting group is back in action since the weather has cooled. They usually go every couple of weeks.

Comanche Reservoir, formerly Squaw Creek, has reopened and - as of this writing - we will be fishing there this week. The goal is to catch a lot of catfish for the club's fish fry the first part of November. It is a great place to fish during the winter as the water is generally warm.

Have a great Thanksgiving. If you have any questions regarding the club, you can contact me at ccald67@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY GARDENS

By Steph Phalen

We have so much to be thankful for in Pecan Plantation. Those of us in the garden club are particularly grateful this year for our beautiful garden. It has taken much hard work, but we have enjoyed a bountiful harvest and made some friends along the way.



GARDEN TIP

Using a fork for pulling weeds. Who knew?

A fork is actually a great tool for pulling weeds when they are small because of its thin prongs. The fork prongs can easily get into the soil and reach the roots - as long as you insert the fork near the base of the weed. Then, simply push down on the handle and lift. Be sure to wear your garden gloves when weeding.

BROWN BUTTER SAGE SAUCE

What better time for sage advice? This herb is often considered a main ingredient for stuffing. But here is a yummy recipe that can be used over vegetables, pasta, chicken, or white fish.

- 8 Tbs unsalted butter
- 1 large garlic clove, crushed and finely chopped
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh sage leaves
- 1/8 tsp ground black pepper
- fine salt to taste

Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat. When the butter begins to bubble, add the garlic. Stir for about one minute. Then add the sage leaves and continue stirring until the butter has turned very light brown, about two to four minutes.



MEET NEW MEMBERS VINCENT AND ANITA HOSS

This month, our member spotlight is on Vincent and Anita Hoss.

Anita was born in Halden, Norway. She grew up on a small farm where her family grew and sold produce and berries at the weekly market and to grocery stores.

Vincent and Anita met when she was a nanny for a family friend in Northern California. Married for 38 years, the Hosses have four grown children and family who live in the Fort Worth area.

By viewing hundreds of YouTube videos, the couple learned to grow microgreens during COVID. They also have a small company that manages websites and digital marketing for businesses.

Vincent says they really like the community and the friendliness of all the fun people they have met during their short time in Pecan Plantation.

They joined the garden club because they wanted to learn how to grow vegetables and berries in the heat and "interesting soil" of Pecan Plantation.

ACTIVITIES:

NOV. 12 Tuesday membership meeting ... time and place to be announced. New 2025 Officers welcomed aboard. Bring a friend!

NOV. 9 & DEC. 14 - Garden Workdays. (Harvest and clean beds)

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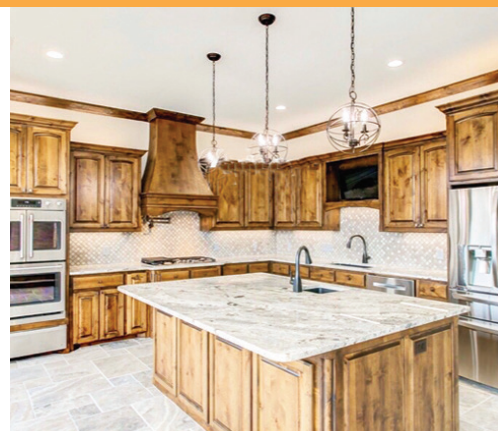
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WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

River ecology and deer count

By Bob Lusk

Deer were counted over three Mondays last summer, and numbers were submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regional biologists for recommendations.

Their recommendations are based on what's considered "typical" habitat. Pecan Plantation is far from typical habitat.

There is one deer per each 6.14 acres. The buck-to-doe ratio is 2.77 does to each buck. Bucks make up 17.7% of the population, does are 48.9%, and fawns are 33.4%. Statistically, the estimate is 733 deer here.

Recommendations are to remove 60 bucks from the population, using non-selective means. It's been recommended to remove 200 does as well.

The PPOA Board of Directors has been advised of the recommendations.

The annual Dr. Barna kid's Trout Fishing Tournament is set for Dec. 30. Mark your calendar. Catchable-sized rainbow trout will be trucked in from a southcentral Missouri trout farm, much to the delight of those kiddos who will wrangle some of them. The pond at Hole #10 will be the site of this annual event.

The Pecan River Ecology Program (PREP) is gaining traction.

A trainer with the Texas Stream Team came to Pecan Sept. 14 to teach volunteers how to collect and analyze river water samples, using special water testing kits. Sixteen of our neighbors participated in the training, which took most of the day. Each participant is now a certified citizen scientist, qualified to collect and analyze water samples from the river around Pecan.

On Sept. 28, volunteers Bob and Cindy Taber, Jason and Julie Hodges, Mark Barnes, Doug McDaniel, and myself traipsed around the river, gathering water and checking temperature, conductivity, pH, dissolved oxygen, along with field notes for six of the seven designated sites. The data was uploaded to the Texas Stream Team website, sponsored by the Meadows Center in San Marcos.

Monthly data collection will give us a baseline to begin understanding the river and then sharing it with the community.

Master Naturalists Tim Eschbach and Jason Hodges are collaborating on the riparian plant part of the ecology program. The goal is to have volunteers catalog plants along both sides of the river to see what types of plants and plant communities exist and watch how they change over the years. We'll report progress as it happens.

I am spearheading the fisheries part of this program. We're awaiting the finalizing of a scientific collectors permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Once that happens, we'll set a date for gathering fish and analyzing fish populations of the river.

So far, we've had two dozen volunteers sign up. Contact me at boblusk@outlook.com to join the team. Or, call 903-814-7634.



Texas Stream Team trainer Adam Berglund, from San Marcos, holds court, teaching Pecan volunteers how to use test equipment, gather water, and make field observations.



PREP volunteer Mark Barnes sets up to test water samples.



PREP volunteers, Julie and Jason Hodges, use water chemistry kits to analyze river water near the front gate bridge.



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

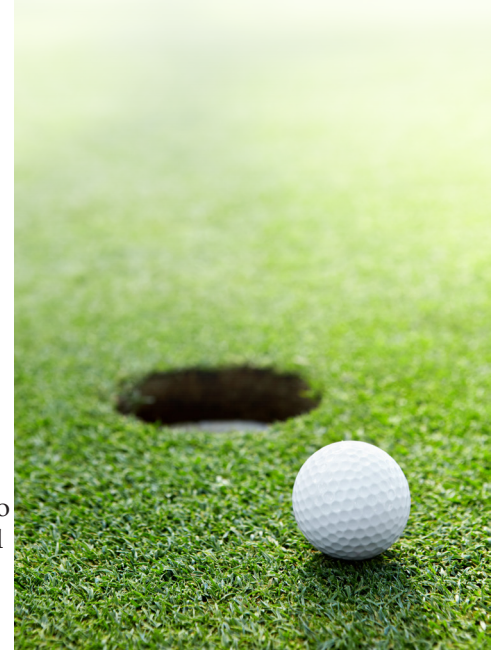
Also, be sure to sign up for the four-person pick-your-own-team Toys for Tots Golf Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 7. It's always a lot of fun! The start time

is 9 a.m., and it's a scramble format. The cost to play is \$50 per person (just be sure to make the check out to Toys for Tots), and you can sign up on the TeeTimes app. You must sign up no later than Friday, Dec. 6 to join and donate to the cause. So, don't forget to mark your calendars.

Tournament players will also be able to enjoy an on-site raffle with the chance to win a golf bag or a driver (donated by the MGA). Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or you can get a bundle of five tickets for \$20, which you can purchase the day of the tournament on Dec. 7. As always, all proceeds will go directly to our local Toys for Tots.

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

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LtCol Casey is originally from Amarillo, TX, and he participated in MCJROTC in high school. After high school, LtCol Casey earned his B.S. in education from West Texas A&M on an NCAA rifle scholarship and his Texas Teaching Certificate. In 1991, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the Platoon Leaders Class program and attended The Basic School in Quantico, VA.

After completing The Basic School and Field Artillery officer Basic Course in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, LtCol Casey was assigned to the First Marine Division in Twenty-nine Palms, CA. He served as a Forward Observer, Liaison Officer, Fire Direction Officer, Platoon Commander, and Executive Officer with Batter E, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, and Battery I, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines between October 1992 and June 1995. During this period, he was involved in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, serving as the assistant Operations Officer for 3rd Battalion 9th Marines and platoon commander. Additionally, he deployed in support of the Unit Deployment Program in Okinawa, Japan.

From June 1995 to May 1998, LtCol Casey was the Officer Selection Officer (OSO) for Recruiting Station Des Moines, 9th Marine Corps District. During this tour, he was recognized as OSO of the year for two consecutive years. After his tour as an OSO, he attended and graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

After graduation from the Advanced Course, LtCol Casey returned to the 1st Marine Division in Camp Pendleton, CA, where he served from January 1999 to August 2001 with 11th Marines. He served as the Battalion Logistics Officer, 11th Marines Assistant Operations Officer, and the Commanding Officer for Battery F, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines. During this period, he deployed in support of Battalion Landing Team 1/5, 31st MEU, as the Commanding Officer of "Fox" Battery during Operation

PROGRAM EMCEE **Col. John Jaekle USAF (ret.)**

Tandem Thrust in Australia. In the summer of 2001, he was transferred to the 4th Marine Corps District in New Cumberland, PA, where he served as the Assistant for Officer Procurement (AOP) until July 2004.

In July 2004, LtCol Casey reported to Third Marine Division, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, Kaneohe, HI where he served as the Battalion Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer. During this tour, he was deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving as Border Transition Team chief, Border Transition Brigade Executive Officer, and Task Force Military Police Executive Officer.

In September 2007, LtCol Casey reported to Marine Corps Recruiting Command, Quantico, VA and served as the Head of Officer Recruiting for the Marine Corps. He was instrumental in the Marine Corps' growth to 202k. Finally, in the summer of 2010, LtCol Casey reported to the 8th Marine Corps District in Fort Worth, TX, to serve as the District Executive Officer. He retired in May 2012 to take the position of Senior Marine Instructor with Granbury High School JROTC. In addition to teaching JROTC, LtCol Casey is an adjunct professor for the Marine Corps Command and Staff College Distance Education Program.

LtCol Casey has been awarded the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Outstanding Volunteer service Medal for his service.



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WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS CLUB

By Caryl Mahaffey

November will be the Pecan W/W Thankful Month. We will meet the first Thursday of November, on the 7th, in the Ballroom for our Thanksgiving meeting. It is the month that we share our many blessings with others. We will collect gifts for the BeeHive Assisted Living in Granbury. Also, we have chosen to give assistance to Joseph's Closet on Paluxy Road for some of their needs during the holiday season.



We will hear about the needs at Joseph's Locker from their president, Cindy Tow. To complete our Thankful Program, we will have a presentation by our own Donna Thompson on choosing gratitude. Donna has published several great books.

The Chef is planning a Thanksgiving menu along with a special salad for the salad lovers.

That menu will be sent to each member closer to meeting time.

The RSVP for the November meeting will be due to Caryl Mahaffey seven days before the meeting by e-mailing caryl.mahaffey@charter.net (preferred) or calling 817-964-5915.

Mark your calendar to attend our Nov. 7 meeting at 5:30 p.m. Attendance is open to any widow or widower who lives in Pecan. A RSVP is necessary to attend the meeting. Come join us in November for our caring and sharing month with our Widow & Widower's friends.



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PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

By Gerta Howell, president

Ladies, if you have never attended one of Pecan Plantation Woman's Club Fashions Shows, you need to make a reservation for our Fall Fashion Show meeting and luncheon on Nov. 21. Our theme this year is "Let's Boogie" presented by the Fashion Show committee led by Kim Wallin and Barb Brisco. Boogie Wonderland is where "fun and funky" meet fashion and friendship. Come see the latest fashion trends featuring the biggest lineup of merchants from Granbury and Glen Rose that we have ever had!

Our Evening Social on Oct. 8 was a wonderful time learning Chair Yoga with DeDe Lamont. For those new to Pecan, PPWC Evening Socials are events for ladies who are unable to attend the daytime meetings and luncheons on order to enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, and friendship. Programs entail different and fun activities, along with one of Jordan's delightful culinary creations. We have four PPWC Evening Socials a year. The next one is Jan. 14. Look for details in the January Columns and on the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club Facebook page.

Have you all been busy making your favorite casserole and baked goods for our PPWC Casserole & Bake Sale on Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. at the PAC? Li Cross is the chair of this event. People start lining up around 9 a.m. to purchase their favorites. We are planning to have many more items this year, and it is not unusual for some items to be sold out quickly. Pecan Plantation Woman's Club members are fantastic cooks and bakers. All proceeds benefit PPWC scholarships and charities.

We are taking reservations now for The Christmas Tour of Homes and Santa's Workshop & Bakery on Dec. 12: myppwc.com Debbie Kill along with Connie Brashier, Allison Gilmore, Vicki Winder, Teri Gorrell, and Kathie Schoepf are planning to make this event the best one yet. Another special event to kick off the season is the Christmas Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Nov. 30. After the parade we will "Light up Pecan!" The "entrance fee" is a toy donation for Toys for Tots, and Santa will make a visit for a photo-op with the kiddos. Bring your family and friends. Look for more details on our website: myppwc.com or Pecan Plantation Woman's Club Facebook page.

If you have questions, need more information or have suggestions, please email me at gertabear@gmail.com or call/text 210-379-3053.

Wishing everyone a most Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!



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Luncheon, Meeting & Program

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Clubhouse Ballroom

Gathering 9:30am - Meeting 10:00am

Gerta Howell, President - 210-379-3053

Menu:

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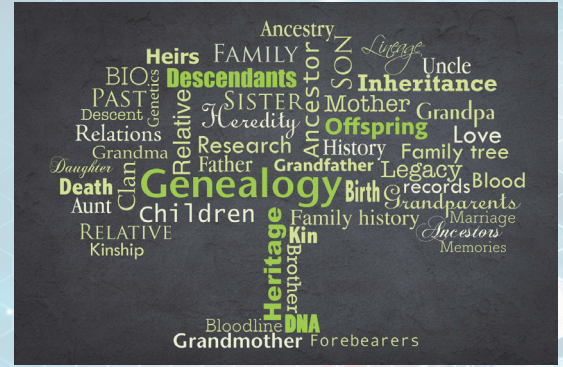
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Organizing Your Family History Information Group Discussion

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Come and share organizational ideas. We all do many things differently, and what you do might just be the magic answer that one of us needs!

Call or text Kay at 682-459-5718 if you have any questions. We are always looking for ideas for future meetings. What interests YOU, interests US as well!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

DEC. 17, 2024

Christmas Party - Potluck and White Elephant Exchange

JAN 21, 2025

Genealogy Ethics - Jennifer Lowrance

FEB 18, 2025

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Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (4,866,055)	\$ (5,078,281)	\$ 212,226
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (2,743,939)	\$ (2,740,388)	\$ (3,551)
Net Operating Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation	<u><u>\$ 323,277</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,779</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 315,498</u></u>

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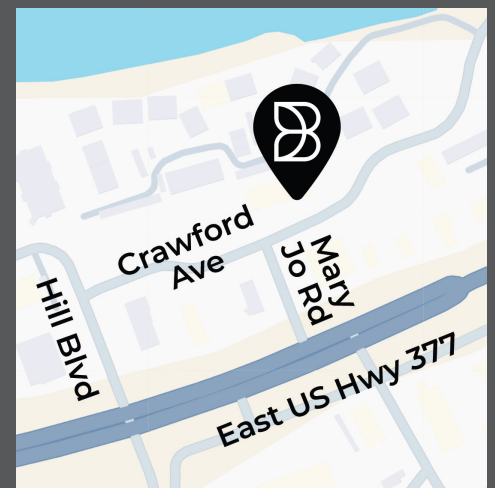
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PICKLEBALL NEWS

By Jana Reeves

The Pecan Plantation Pickleball Association sponsored a two-day tournament in September. On Friday, the men played in a blind-draw round robin series where the teams were based on age - with one partner older than 65 and the other partner younger than 65. The winners were Ken Glass/Matt Long (gold), Mike Romanowski/David Burch (silver), and Hal Spotswood/John Tirsch (bronze). Then on Saturday the women played an individual point round robin series with both a social and a competitive division. The winners were Deanna Berry (gold), Kerrie O'Neill (silver), and Charlotte Bishop (bronze) in the competitive bracket. In the social bracket, the winners were Susan Harris (gold), Cindy Hogue (silver), and Debbie Wright (bronze). Congratulations to all the participants, winners, and the committee for a fantastic tournament.

To kick-off the fall, the ladies pickleball group had a party at the end of September. Twenty-four members enjoyed fun, games, and prizes. The ladies-only group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1 - 3 inside at the PAC, although, this month there will be no play on Tuesday Nov. 5 or Nov. 26. All levels of play are welcome.

The next beginner's clinic will be on Tuesday Nov. 12 indoors at the PAC from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The class is limited to eight students, and pre-registration is required. Please, call or stop by the PAC to sign up. Paddles are available for use during the clinic, and please wear comfortable clothing and court shoes.

Regular adult open play is every weekday from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., except on Wednesday when play concludes at 11:30 a.m. A reminder that the PAC gym will be closed on Nov. 5 for voting and Nov. 6 for the blood drive. Also, during the Thanksgiving Holiday week, hours in the morning will be reduced by one hour.

Outdoor play is available from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. every day. Reservations are required. Visit the PPOA website to reserve your time.



Men's medal winners



Ladies' medal winners - competitive



above - Ladies' medal winners - social
below - Ladies' pickleball party





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RV CLUB NEWS

By Glenna Haskell, VP

Hello, fellow RVers, and welcome to Fall. I hope everyone had a wonderful October and were able to attend the Fall Mini Rally or the Fall rally in Hot Springs Arkansas. I cannot believe that we are already in the Holiday season.

The September Mini Rally held at our own Shady Campground Sept. 15-18 was very well attended. Several members toured Happy Hill Farms and were very impressed with the facility and its mission. In the September meeting, a motion was made and approved to donate \$500 to Happy Hills during North Texas Giving Day. Yours truly became sick and was unable to attend the finally rally day. I want to give a big thank you to co-host Joe and Judy Henson. I am sure they did a fantastic job in my absence. I have attached pictures from the rally.

I want to thank everyone that came by my booth to visit and shop at the EMS/VFD craft fair Sept. 28, 2024. I was not sure that I wanted to have a booth this year but am happy to report that it was very well-attended. I think the Fly in Air show was a big draw. Thanks again to those that support my ongoing sewing addiction.

Remember, send me any and all pictures with a brief description of where you went and what you did for the columns. You may find more information about our club on our Website at PPOARV.ORG. If you haven't visited the Website, it is a great place to get information about all our upcoming events. Bill Winkler is our website editor, and it is fantastic. Thank you, Bill.

Glenna Haskell, VP

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November Meeting
Don and Kim McDonalds
Hangar
(more info to come)

December Christmas Party
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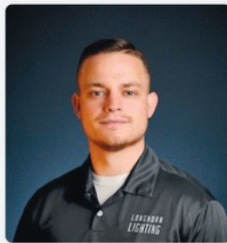
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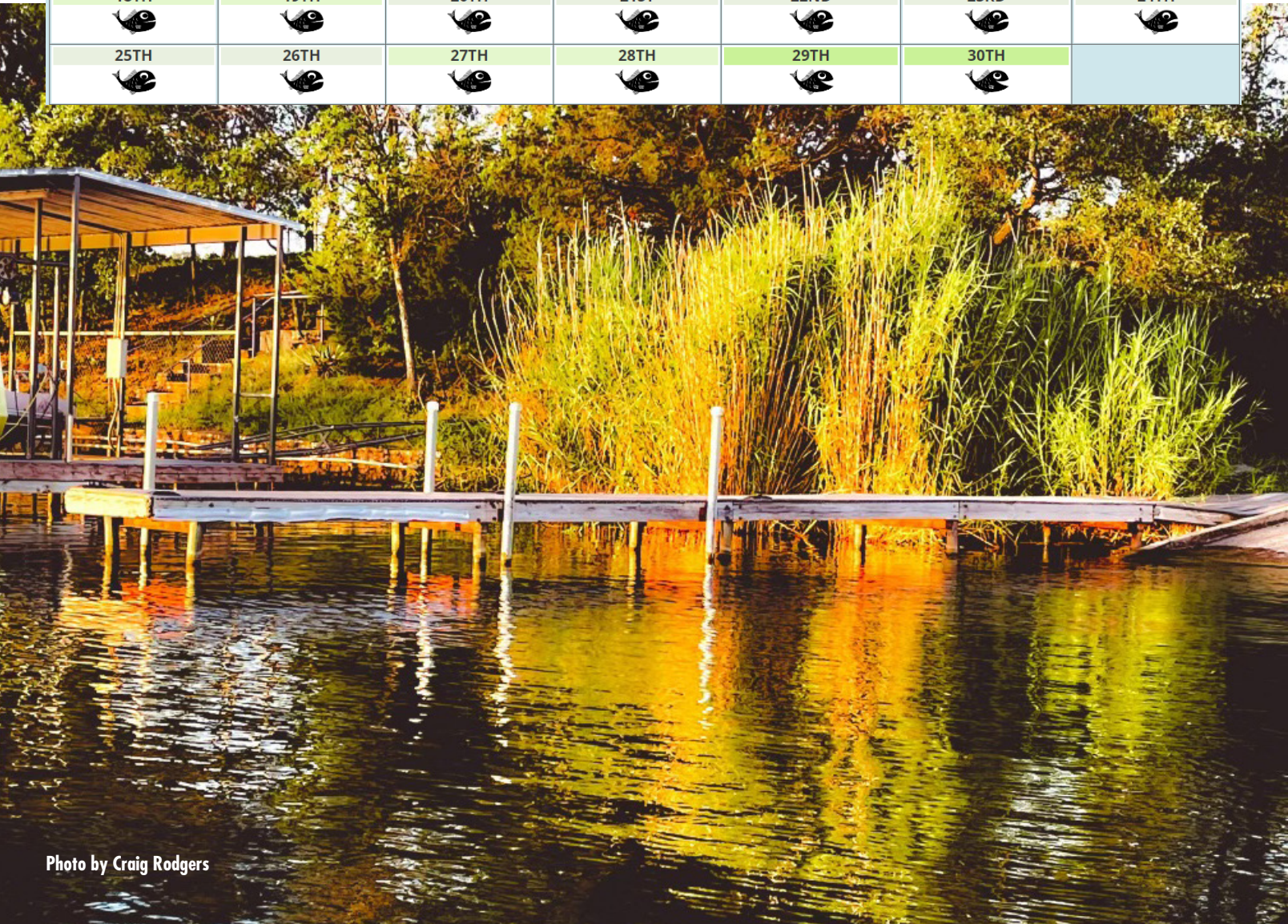
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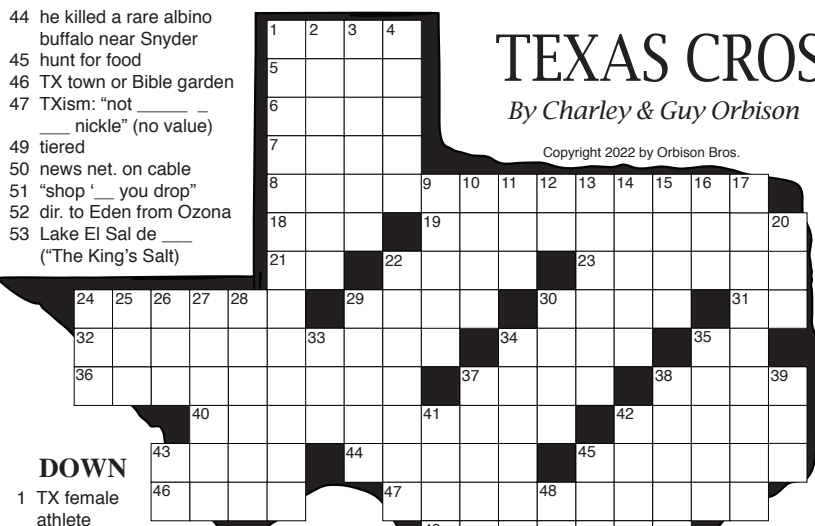
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "wearing nothing _____ smile" (naked)
- 5 TXism: "happy as _____ in a candy store"
- 6 Big _____ National Park
- 7 "do it or _____!"
- 8 LLano is the "_____ Texas"
- 18 TXism: "_____ rattle your teeth!" (threat)
- 19 an area in Texas (2 wds.)
- 21 _____ Leon, TX
- 22 TXism: "the _____ is wagging the dog"
- 23 former A&M basketball coach, Tony (1991-98)
- 24 TXism: "_____ calf rope" (quit)
- 29 saddle _____
- 30 _____ Pictures made "Walker, TX Ranger"
- 31 Cowboy Dave who was head Bear (init.)
- 32 TXism: "couldn't drive _____ snow bank" (incompetent)
- 34 TXism: "_____ a fancy to" (attracted)
- 35 this Ames played "Mingo" (init.)
- 36 Austin politicians
- 37 TXism: "chew the fat"
- 38 this Keenan was Digger on "Dallas"
- 40 hit with a gun (hyph.)
- 42 the "Wink Sink," "Kermit Crater," or "Guacamole _____"
- 43 Oklahoma town



DOWN

- 1 TX female athlete
- 2 instrument played by TX Ginger Rogers
- 3 Christmas tree decoration
- 4 viper
- 9 this Driscoll was the "Savior of the Alamo"
- 10 Washington wasn't a Texan cause he couldn't "tell _____"
- 11 TXism: "compadre"
- 12 "_____ for a penny . . ."
- 13 TXism for "also" (2 wds.)
- 14 TXism: "scarce as a wildcatter with _____ balance"
- 15 TX pro football Hall-of-Famer Yale
- 16 "bear in Spanish"
- 17 TXism: "couldn't _____ under a sitting hen" (dumb)
- 20 _____ Braunfels, TX
- 22 driving 50 mph on a 75 mph road (2 wds.)
- 24 TX country singer Ketchum
- 25 TXism: "fits like scales _____ fish"
- 26 TX Dan Morales is a Harvard _____ School graduate
- 27 Emmitt Smith often _____ off the field
- 28 Steinbeck's wife from Texas
- 29 longtime South Carolina senator, Thurman
- 30 "Dallas" was prime time _____ opera
- 33 take home pay
- 34 age of Sam Houston when he settled in Texas (hyph.)
- 35 once a town south of Texarkana
- 37 Crystal City has a statue of cartoon _____ Popeye
- 38 in San Antonio: Sea _____
- 39 TX poet Naomi Shihab _____
- 41 TXism: "pulled the _____ over his eyes"
- 42 "_____ for the best"
- 43 TXism: "cut _____ some slack"
- 45 TXism: "a _____ piece"
- 48 "Eagles" drummer from Texas, Don



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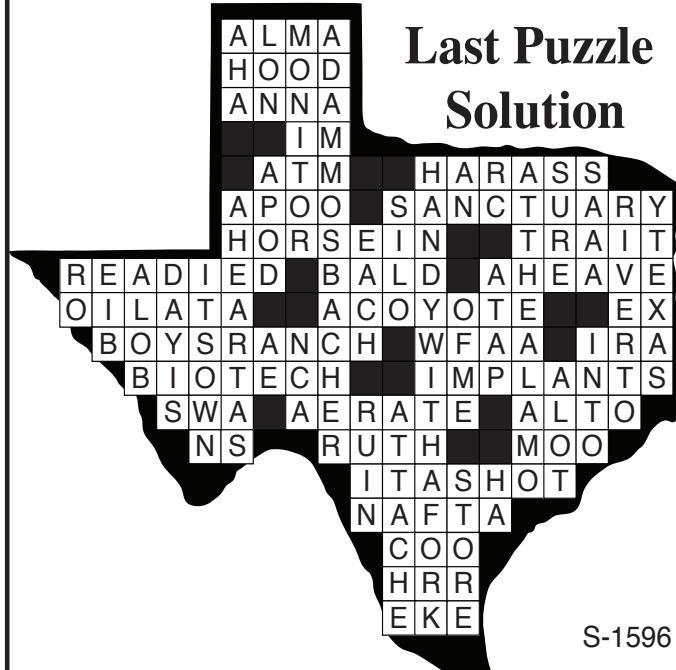
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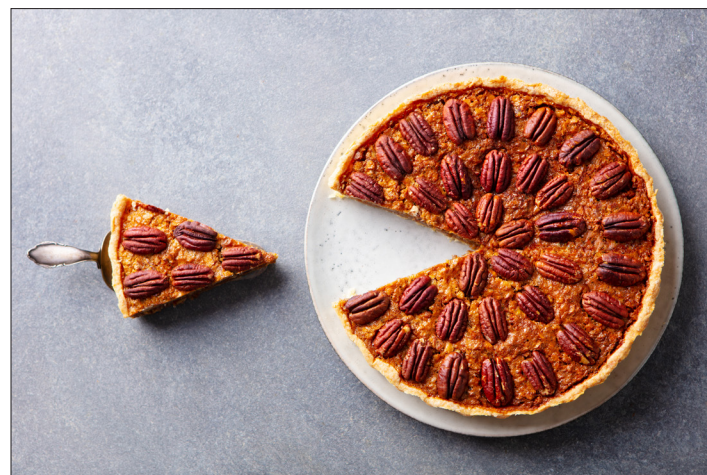



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While a mouthwatering turkey and sides like mashed potatoes and stuffing garner the bulk of the attention on Thanksgiving, the dessert table also can be a tempting place to direct one's eyes. Though no dessert is off limits on Thanksgiving, pie is a particularly popular option on Turkey Day. With that in mind, those tasked with crafting something for dessert this Thanksgiving can consider the following recipe for "Pecan Pie" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

PECAN PIE

Makes 8 servings

- 1 9-inch unbaked frozen deep dish pie shell, thawed
- 1 1/2 cups pecans, coarsely chopped
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon molasses
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Spread pecans along the bottom of the prepared pie shell.
3. In a large bowl, mix the remaining ingredients and pour over pecans. The pecans will rise to the surface of the pie.
4. Bake for 60 to 65 minutes until the filling has set. Pie is done when the center reaches 200 F. Pie center when lightly tapped should spring back. Remove pie from oven and let cool on a wire rack for at least 2 hours.
5. Serve.

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