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BOD Committee Workshop
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Committee	Frequency/Day	Time	Location
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Appeals	May 13	10 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
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Bylaws	May 12	1 p.m.	CH Conference Room
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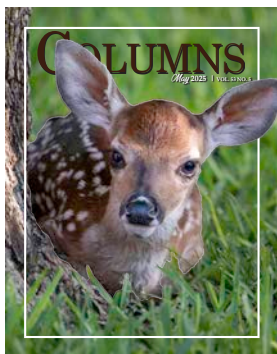


Karen Gomez

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

White-tailed fawns are born with almost no scent, which helps them hide from predators. They’ll often lie completely still in tall grass while their mom forages nearby—like tiny, camouflaged ninjas!

This beautiful shot was captured by Pecan’s own Karen Gomez.

Photo by Karen Gomez

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of Rick Lantgen
From the desk

It's that time of year again, and I can already feel the excitement building. One of our most anticipated weeks is just around the corner — the Brazos River Cup and the Third Annual Summer Jam are set for June 4-7, and I'd love for you to be part of it.

What started as a simple member/guest golf tournament has grown into something truly special — a full-on community celebration that brings all of us together. Whether you're a golfer, a music lover, a proud "plus-one," or just looking for something fun to do with neighbors, this is the weekend to circle on your calendar.

We'll kick things off Wednesday, June 4, with a practice round and the annual Calcutta reception for players, spouses, and sponsors. From there, it's three days packed with tournament play — meals, shootouts, closest-to-the-pin challenges, prizes, and plenty of cheers from friends and family lining the fairways. And yes, spectators are encouraged! Grab a chair or hop in your golf cart and come watch the action unfold on the course.

But of course, golf is only part of the fun.

This year also brings the debut of Sponsor Row, where

you can visit with local businesses and event sponsors near the clubhouse. It's a great place to mingle and learn more about some of the amazing services and products available right here in our community.

On Friday, June 6, our clubhouse steps will once again transform into a concert stage as the high-voltage AC/DC tribute band Back in Black cranks up the energy for our Third Annual Summer Jam. Then on Saturday, June 7, we'll keep the music rolling with A Hard Night's Day, a Beatles tribute that's sure to get everyone singing along. And the best part? Both concerts are completely free and open to everyone.

As a reminder, members are welcome to invite guests to the Summer Jam shows — just please make sure you call them into the gate. We'll also have our Sponsors Row open during both concerts, so be sure to stop by, visit with local vendors, and maybe pick up a freebie or two while you're there.

We're also adding something new this year — an event just for significant others. On Saturday, while the golfers are out on the course, their wives and girlfriends are

**It's time for the Brazos River Cup, Pecan
Plantation's biggest tournament of the year!**

June 4-7

Formerly called the "Men's Member/Guest," this year's tourney has a new name, and continues to be packed with tons of great events for the whole community, including the Third-Annual Summer Jam!

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PECAN PLANTATION
SUMMER JAM
2025
SUMMER CLUBHOUSE STEPS



JUNE 6



JUNE 7

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Tournament At-A-Glance

- June 4-7
 - Wednesday reception and Calcutta
 - Breakfast and lunch are provided all three days*
 - Day Money (Proshop credit) all days
 - Shootouts
 - Friday and Saturday night concerts
 - Saturday Spouses' luncheon with guest speaker
 - Saturday banquet
 - Closest-to-the-Pin Challenge
 - Much, much more!
- *Meals include both players and spouses


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To play, volunteer, sponsor, or find out more, stop by the Pro Shop or give us a call at 817-573-2645. Let's make the debut of Brazos River Cup the best week of the year!



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the fun!**

Pecan Plantation's Biggest Tournament of the Year!

June 4-7



Have something to say? Someone to honor or to congratulate? Or maybe, you have a small business you would like to promote. Member/Guest Golf Tournament is a perfect time to get your message out! PPCC is selling custom made tee-box and green signs for the big tournament. For \$125, get four days of exposure on the course with a full-color, 18x24-inch sign, or let that loved one know you are rooting for him. Or better yet, talk a little bit of trash to your rival... just keep it in "good taste!"

It's all in fun, after all. The sign will remain on the course June 4-9, and it's yours to keep. Don't miss your chance, order a sign! For questions, please call 817-573-2641 ext. 347

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Example of an 18x24 sign


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18"

Name & Member No.: _____

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Sign Text (please print): _____

24"

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June 7

The "Sig-O" Luncheon

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New to this year's tournament events is the BRC's Sig-O Luncheon, just for the golfers' Plus Ones! Saturday, while the fellas are on the course, this special event is just for the "significant others" in their lives. It will feature delicious food and lots of fun. Keynote Speaker Sally Baskey will deliver a humorous and uplifting message that will leave you giggling and wanting more. The Sig-O luncheon is included in the golfers' registration package and open to all those special ladies who put up with their husband's golf obsession.

About the keynote

Sally Baskey is a humorist and motivational speaker whose message radiates around using humor to get through life. Her book, "Laughter, My Drug of Choice," shares her philosophy of using a sense of humor to deal with change. Sally has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and taught at the Actors Workshop in Dallas before starting a 25-year career with a major oil company.

Her presentations entertain and educate audiences by showing how laughter can help diffuse difficult situations in life.



THE BRAZOS RIVER CUP



Sally Baskey

Pecan Plantation's Biggest Tournament of the Year! June 4-7

The Brazos River Cup (formerly the Pecan Plantation Men's Member/Guest Tournament) is here, giving you the opportunity to reach thousands of golfers and residents in Pecan Plantation, Texas! The four-day event will see 200 golfers, multiple volunteers, and thousands of concert goers descend on the Pecan Plantation clubhouse. This is the best opportunity of the year to have the residents of this community know about your business or cause. Don't miss out on the chance to reach a wider audience! For more information please contact Jay Arrington at Jay.Arrington@ppoaweb.com

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- 5/15 4-MAN, COUNT 2 BEST BALLS, PSST OR PICK PARTNERS
- 5/22 TEXAS SCRAMBLE (PSST)
- 5/29 4-MAN SHAMBLE, COUNT 2 BEST BALLS, PSST OR PICK PARTNERS)



Hello everyone.

Hope your 2025 is going great so far. Summer is upon us. Welcome to all the new members who have joined us here at Pecan. Everyone keep your eye on the events calendar and find things to get you out in this beautiful weather we're having. Have fun if you're traveling this time of year and come back to us safe

and sound.

If you haven't been playing in our weekly tournaments, we hope you come out and join us soon.

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In April, we had our 18 Hole Guest Day April 1 and had 92 players. It was a wonderful day hosted by Lindy Williams and Rose Tibbitts. Up next was the Spring Ringer April 14 and 15. Thanks to you all for playing and making this another great tournament. Special thanks to Lori Johnson and Karen Warren for their fantastic job.

May is another busy month for the PPLGA. It starts with the 9 Hole Guest Day May 6. Suburban is at Squaw Valley. Many of our ladies will be playing in the Cowgirl Classic at Nutcracker, Guys and Dolls Couples tournament at Pecan and other invitational tourneys in the area. Good luck to all our great golfers.

I would like to thank the LGA Volunteers that are working on the Tournaments, Play Days, Guest Days and the LGA Officers. They are working hard to make this a memorable year for the LGA.

We have started planning our biggest tournament of the year, the Member/Guest, in September. If you would like to be a part of it, we can always use more helping hands. There are lots of jobs to be filled. Just let me know or talk to our tournament co-chairs, Deonna Galbraith or Paula Marker if you want to be a part of the team.

See you on the course,

Tonya McLeod

LGA President



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(Featuring tennis, whiffleball, basketball, mini golf and more!)

- June 3-6
- June 17-20
- June 24-27
- July 15-18
- July 22-25

Note: For those new to Pecan (or who used to play and miss the fun), contact us here at the Shoppe and we will get you matched with some like-level players! We like newcomers, too!

- Thanks to all who participated in the PPTA annual Spring Barbeque. What fun to see everyone in a social setting. Much appreciation to the hardworking PPTA board (Dee, Randy, Sherry, Debbie, Jay, and Pat) for making it happen.
- It is time for summer tennis majors. (French Open in Paris; Wimbledon in London; U.S Open in New York). If you find that you were mistakenly left out of the draw, be sure to play in our Pecan Grand Slam Tennis events.
- A group of ladies from Sun City Georgetown will be visiting us May 6-8. If you would like to play some tennis with this very fun and friendly group (mostly 3.5 level), let us know.
- Also: May 8 (11 a.m.), the ladies from "Courtside Couture" in Fort Worth will be doing a "pop up" (trunk show) by the tennis courts. Come out and see their very fashionable tennis and pickleball wear. (CourtsideCouture.com)
- Summer is almost here. Make sure you have signed up your child or grandchild for our summer junior camps. See the Pecan Activity Center pages for information on Tennis related camps.

It's time to "play on the clay" to celebrate the French Open which takes place in Paris May 25 to June 8. Join us on the clay court at River Crest Country Club in Fort Worth, Saturday May 31, 3-5 p.m. See Monsieur John Ingram for details. Tres Bon.



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Beginners (Ages 3 to 5)
10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Older (Ages 6 to 9)
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$80/members & \$100/guests
Instructor: Certified Swim Instructor

DEEP WATER AEROBICS AT CLUB POOL

Starts Tuesday, June 3
Tues - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Cost: \$50/month (16 classes) or \$5/class
Certified Instructor: Leslie Stain

PAC GOLF CART DRIVE-IN MOVIES: Free!

Fri, May 31 (9 p.m.) Movie TBD
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Bring your Golf Cart or a chair and enjoy!
Free popcorn. PAC will remain open for bathrooms
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FREE KIDS CRAFTS

Crafts start at 2 p.m.
Mothers Day Craft: Sunday, May 4
Fathers Day Craft: Sunday, June 8
Children under 6 will need adult assistance.

KIDS SOCCER CAMPS

June 3, 4, 5, 6
Ages 4 to 6: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Ages 7 to 10: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$40 members & \$50 guests
YMCA Soccer Coach
Meet at PAC Soccer fields. Please bring shin guards, soccer ball, and water each day.

KIDS SOFTBALL CAMP (Ages 8 to 14) - New!

June 23, 24, & 25
PAC Softball Field
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Cost: \$40 per child
Instructor: Ashlie Hedemann
Kids will be learning Pepper drill, tee work, infield drills, around the horn, hitting, base running, and sliding drills.
Limit of 30 kids. Register at the PAC.

LET'S SING AND ACT I (Ages 7 - 12)

July 14, 15, 17, 18
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Cost: \$60 members & \$65 guests
Instructor: Rebecca Faiola
Introduction to musical theatre class with exercises in singing and acting for kids new to theatre.
Sign up at the PAC - *Must pre-register!*

LET'S SING AND ACT II (Ages 13 - 16)

July 14, 15, 17, 18
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$60 members & \$65 guests
Instructor: Rebecca Faiola
Intermediate class studying musical theatre, styles of singing, monologue coaching, and improvisation.
Sign up at the PAC - *Must pre-register!*

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No show policy applies to all camps & events

FLY FISHING 101 - New!

May 30 & 31 (Fri & Sat)

10 a.m. - noon

Ages 10 to 16

Cost: \$75 per angler

Instructor: Ben Tabor (founder Fatties on the Fly)

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Space is limited - *Must pre-register!*

SUMMER ART CAMP (Ages 7 - 12) - New!

June 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13

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

Cost: \$70 members & \$75 guests

Instructor: PP Art Guild members

5 Different projects: pastel painting, flower string pulls, cat portraits, dog portraits, and rock art. All supplies included. Snack provided daily.

Maximum 12 students - *Must pre-register!*

SUMMER COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

Saturday, June 14

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Ages 8 & up

Cost: \$35 members & \$40 guests

Instructor: Donna Swarb (11th Green Bakery)

Kids will be learning beginner cookie decorating skills to a Summer themed class. Kids go home with 3 decorated cookies. All supplies included.

Maximum 15 students - *Must pre-register!*

LET'S MAKE CAKE POPS! (Ages 8+)

Monday, June 23

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Cost: \$35 members & \$40 guests

Instructor: Donna Swarb (11th Green Bakery)

Kids learn to shape and mix dough to make 3 cake pops, decorate them, and take them home to eat or share. Loads of fun!

Maximum 10 students - *Must pre-register!*

PRINCESS TEA PARTY

Friday, June 27 (seating at 2 p.m.)

\$25 person inclusive - all ages welcome!

Location: Clubhouse Ballroom

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Pre-registration required - limited to first 100 people!

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

Kids must be available for 2 performances on Sat, July 26.

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

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

Audition sign-ups at the PAC. Grandkids welcome!

MCT ACTING WORKSHOP

Thursday, July 24 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Learn different styles of movement and dance in theatre.

Must be participating in MCT play to attend workshop.

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

ENCHANTED SUMMER DANCE CAMP (Ages 3 - 7)

August 7, 8 & 9 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$75 each

Instructor: Dance Dreams Academy Staff

The kids get to experience all of the fun of being different Disney Princesses throughout each day all while focusing on ballet and tap technique. Kids will be doing crafts and singing songs too! Please bring princess stuff and tap shoes if possible.

ANNUAL KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT - Free!

Monday, June 9 at 8 a.m. Meet at No. 10 Golf Course Pond

All ages are welcome! Bring your fishing pole. Bait will be

provided. Medals awarded to the winners of each category!

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

Session 1: (June 10- June 13)

Session 2: (July 8 - July 11)

Session 3: (July 29 - August 1)

9 a.m. - noon

Cost: \$165 members & \$185 guests

Register at Tennis Shop - 817-579- 9412

First day check-in is at the Tennis shop @ 8:45 a.m.

Bring swimsuit, towel, hat, sunscreen, water and pool shoes.

Racquets & clubs provided if needed.

TENNIS & MORE SPORTS CAMP (Ages 6-12)

Session 1: (June 3 - June 6)

Session 2: (June 17 - June 20)

Session 3: (June 24 - June 27)

Session 4: (July 15 - July 18)

Session 5: (July 22 - July 25)

9 a.m. - noon

Cost: \$165 members & \$185 guests

Tennis pro: John Ingram (USPTA Certified)

Register at Tennis Shop - 817-579- 9412

Tennis and swim every day plus an additional fun sport

each day. (Ex: BB, mini golf, whiffleball, etc.) Bring swimsuit,

towel, hat, sunscreen, water and pool shoes. Racquets

provided if needed.

JUNIOR GOLF CAMPS (Ages 5 - 16)

Camp 1: June 25, 26, & 27

Camp 2: July 23, 24, & 25

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Cost: \$60 members & \$70 guests

Instructors: Duff and Phil (Golf Professionals)

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

KIDS PICKLEBALL CAMP (Ages 8 - 12)

June 16, 17, 19, & 20 1 p.m - 3 p.m.

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

One hour of indoor Pickleball instruction and one hour of

supervised swim to cool off! Bring towel, swimsuit, water &

sunscreen. Wear tennis shoes. Paddles provided if needed.

Limit of 16 kids. Sign up at the PAC!

WHAT IS CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE?

By Lake Granbury Medical Center

"Congestive heart failure (CHF), often referred to simply as heart failure, is a chronic condition in which the heart's ability to pump blood effectively is diminished," mentioned Dr. Levi Rice, general and interventional cardiologist at Lakeside Physicians. "This leads to inadequate blood flow to meet the body's needs, resulting in a buildup of fluid in the lungs, legs and other tissues."

CHF is a serious and progressive condition that requires medical attention and lifestyle management.

CAUSES OF CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

CHF develops when the heart becomes too weak or stiff to function properly. Common causes include:

- Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Narrowed arteries reduce blood flow to the heart muscle.
- High Blood Pressure: Over time, increased pressure can strain the heart.
- Heart Attack: Damage to heart muscle can impair its pumping ability.
- Valvular Heart Disease: Faulty heart valves can lead to inefficient blood flow.
- Cardiomyopathy: Diseases of the heart muscle, often from genetic factors, infections or alcohol abuse.
- Arrhythmias: Irregular heart rhythms can reduce pumping efficiency.

SYMPTOMS OF CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

CHF symptoms can vary depending on the stage and severity of the condition but often include:

- Shortness of breath, especially during physical activity or lying flat.
- Fatigue and weakness.
- Swelling (edema) in the legs, ankles and feet.
- Rapid or irregular heartbeat.
- Persistent coughing or wheezing, often with white or pink-tinged mucus.
- Sudden weight gain from fluid retention.

TYPES OF HEART FAILURE

- Left-Sided Heart Failure: The left ventricle fails to pump blood efficiently, leading to fluid buildup in the lungs.
- Right-Sided Heart Failure: The right ventricle cannot pump blood effectively, causing fluid to accumulate in the lower body.
- Biventricular Heart Failure: Both sides of the heart are affected.

TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT

While CHF is a chronic condition, treatment can help improve quality of life and slow progression:

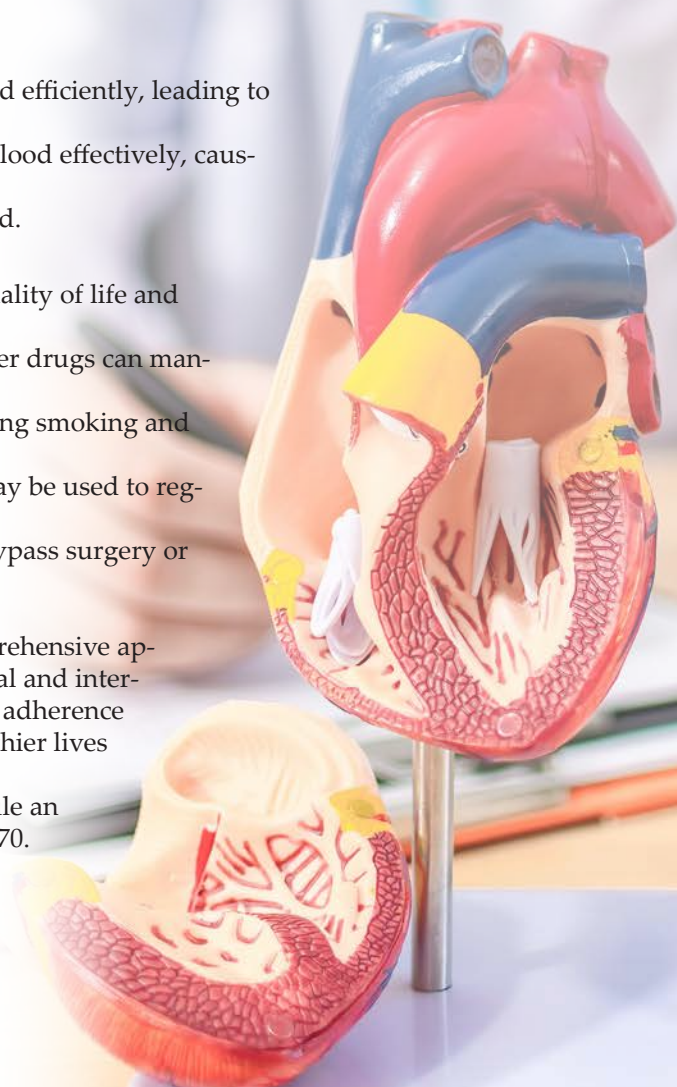
- Medications: ACE inhibitors, beta-blockers, diuretics and other drugs can manage symptoms and improve heart function.
- Lifestyle Changes: A low-sodium diet, regular exercise, quitting smoking and managing weight are critical.
- Medical Devices: Pacemakers or implantable defibrillators may be used to regulate heart rhythms.
- Surgical Options: In severe cases, procedures like coronary bypass surgery or heart transplants may be necessary.

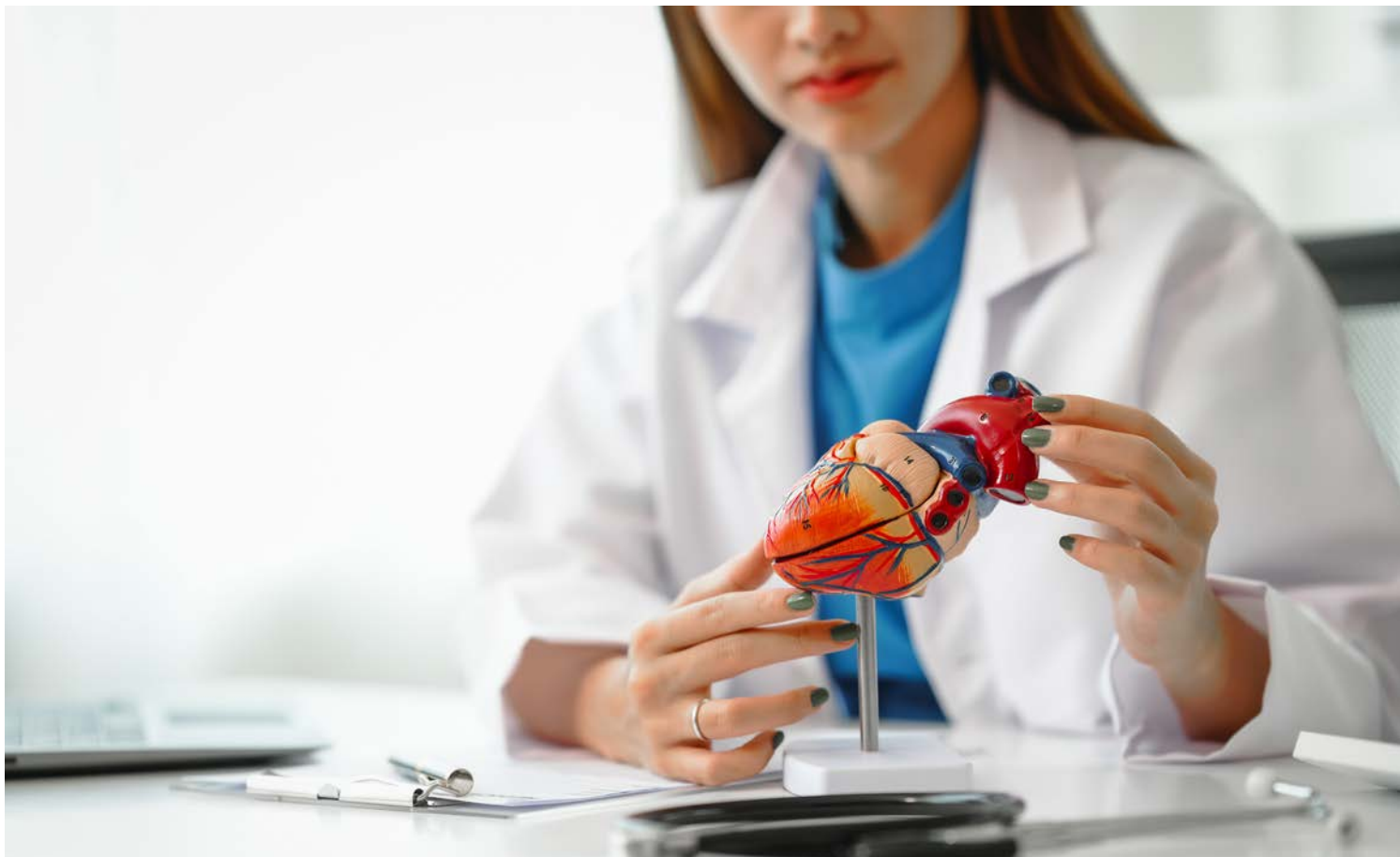
"Congestive heart failure is a complex condition requiring a comprehensive approach to treatment and management," Dr. Michael Ibe said, general and interventional cardiologist at Lakeside Physicians. "Early diagnosis and adherence to medical recommendations can help individuals live longer, healthier lives despite the challenges of CHF."

For more information about Congestive Heart Failure or to schedule an appointment with either Dr. Rice or Dr. Ibe, please call (817) 579-3970.

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PICKLEBALL NEWS

By Jana Reeves

Spring has arrived and winter has left us with lots of fun news to share.

Many Pecan Pickleball Association members have participated in local and area pickleball tournaments and brought home loads of medals.

John and Jeanie Tirsch won silver medals at the TX HP Club Tournament in the mixed doubles advanced division and won Pecan's 2nd Traveling Trophy tournament.

Matt Long and Jeanie Tirsch won Pecan's 3rd Traveling Trophy tournament and will be responsible for hosting the 4th Tournament.

The USSP Pickleball Tournament in Denton was held March 2. Jodi Davis won gold in the 3.0 Women's doubles division. Jan Burch and Sandra Hatley won silver in the 3.0 Women's doubles division. David Burch and Tracy Davis took home the bronze medal in the 3.5 Men's doubles division. David Burch and Sandra Hatley won a gold medal in the 3.0 Mixed Doubles division.



Sandra Hatley, Jan Burch, Jodi Davis, Tracy Davis, David Burch

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN MAY 22

OPEN PLAY

- Monday through Friday 9:30-11 a.m.

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- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 11-11:45 a.m.

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- Tuesdays 12:30-2:30 p.m.

OPEN EVENING PLAY (2 COURTS)

- Tuesday and Friday 6-7:45 p.m.

OPEN PLAY (2 COURTS)

- Sunday noon to 2 p.m.

Outdoor play is available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reservations are needed. Visit the PPOA website to reserve your time.

PICKLEBALL IS GEARING UP FOR SUMMER KIDS AND TEEN CAMPS.

Contact PAC to sign up for the camps.

KIDS PICKLEBALL CAMP (Ages 8-12)

June 16, 17, 19 and 20
1-3 p.m.

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

One hour of indoor Pickleball instruction and one hour of supervised swim to cool off. Bring towel, swimsuit, water and sunscreen. Wear tennis shoes. Paddles provided, if needed.

Limit of 16 kids.

Happy Summer Y'all and see you on the courts.



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EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Wade Blake



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The last several articles have been highlighting various boarders at the Pecan Plantation Stables.

Tammy is our longest tenured boarder, and has had one to two horses at the Pecan Stables since she and her husband, Jim, moved to Pecan in January of 2002.

When she first came to the stables there were nine horses being boarded. Over the next few years, that number grew to 16 horses, which was the maximum there was space for at that time. It was shortly after that a waitlist was necessary. With the waitlist starting to grow, we added four stalls to the existing barn, giving us a total of 20 stalls. This is the maximum space for stalls and pasture area our current facility has room for. Those spaces filled quickly as well, and the waitlist has consistently grown over the last 10-15 years.

Tammy has volunteered her time at the stables since shortly after her arrival back in 2002. In conjunction with management, she coordinates overnight guests, new boarders, stall and locker assignments, goat pens when requested, relays information from management and/or caretakers and miscellaneous things at management's request. She has also volunteered her time serving on the Horse Owner's Committee in various positions since the committee's inception. Her passion for horses, as well as her love for the Pecan Plantation community, is what has motivated all her volunteer hours over more than two decades.

It's been said that every horse person has a "heart" horse. Tammy's first horse and "heart" horse was her striking 16.2 hand big boy, Jabez. She and Jabez were together for 20 years before he passed in June of 2022. They learned everything together! Tammy had never owned a horse trailer, never hauled one, had no experience hauling a horse, and not much trail riding experience, which is her favorite thing to do now. After quite a learning curve, she and Jabez were rock solid. They hauled and rode approximately 10,000 miles over their 20 years together and experienced so many great things and memories. A picture of Tammy and Jabez is included.

Next came learning to ride and compete in Drill Team. Jabez did not like carrying a flag, so she ended up performing and competing on her mare, BB. BB was a beautiful buckskin that was so level headed, you could do anything on her. She was always the go-to horse for anyone that wanted to ride and she was very loved at the Pecan stables. We've included a picture of BB and Tammy performing at a rodeo in DeLeon, TX.

As Jabez's years were coming to an end, Tammy knew that she was going to have to get a younger horse. Jabez was around 26 years old when she had to quit riding him and BB wasn't too far behind in age, being around 20 years old. Some tough decisions had to be made in order to be able to continue trail riding with her friends. After extensive research, personal visits and interviews, she made the decision to donate BB to an equine therapy program for handicapped kids and veterans. The owner of Stars and Strides kept in frequent contact and informed her of all the wonderful things kids were accomplishing on BB and how she was their favorite horse.

Now with Jabez in retirement, a perfect home found for BB, the hunt for a younger horse geared up. After several months and a few different trials, she found her current horse, Gus. Gus, affectionately named after the little chubby mouse in Cinderella (also the lead horse carrying her to the ball) is a very handsome, 15.2 hand sorrel, quarter horse gelding. He is such a level-headed guy, loves trail riding, hauls like a champ, is an easy keeper, is affectionate and takes such good care of her on the trails. They have formed quite a bond, and Tammy hopes that she and Gus get to finish out their riding years together. What a duo they are!

We continue to remain at full capacity at the stables. If you're interested in getting on the wait list, 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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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee has brought our monthly Bingo night to the next level. We have averaged over 100 attendees every month and each winner has won great live prizes.

I hope you were able to enjoy another Pecan's Got Talent" this past month. Our community has many talented entertainers and we thank Monty Lewis and Jimmy DelaGarza, who gave us a wonderful night of super talent.

May 3 will be our 3rd annual Kentucky Derby Day. The attendees have a chance to pick the winning horse and get prizes for Win, Place, Show and the dead last horse. Another prize will be for the BEST hat for ladies and gentlemen's BEST Dressed.

Enjoy a fun filled Saturday afternoon of all the Kentucky Derby traditions. Join us Thursday, May, 8 for "It's Your Mama's Day" Bingo. Our buffet will start at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Check out your weekly eblast for all this information and upcoming events, including our Memorial Day Street Dance, May 26.

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LAKE GRANBURY FISHING REPORT

Good. Water temperatures are in the upper 50s to low 60s and rising.

- Striped bass fishing has been hit-and-miss, but when located fish to 10 pounds are possible. Best bait is live shad or trolled spider rigs fished near striper alley.
- Crappie limits are possible on small minnows or jigs fished near structures, creek entrances and in the back of the creeks.
- Blue catfish are active and can be caught on cut or live shad on main lake humps and on the upper ends near Hunter Park.
- Sand bass are still spawning on the upper ends near Tin Top, however many are returning to the main lake and can be caught in numbers on white and chartreuse slabs near humps and ridges.
- Largemouth bass are also moving into the shallows to their spawning beds. Look for fish staged at creek entrances and in the back of creeks. Largemouth bass anglers are reporting some good catches on soft plastics and spinner baits working sloughs and docks.

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BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

With the warmer Spring weather club members are actively chasing fish and getting to the shooting range. As we know fishing can be hit or miss.

There were some members that had a good outing to Comanche Creek Reservoir, now closed for the season, for a last chance to catch some catfish for the club fish fry. Others that went to Hamm Creek above Lake Whitney to chase sand bass found the fishing difficult, and reported boat problems which can make for a lousy trip.

Our shotgun shooting group have been shooting every other week. Here are some scores from 2 outings last month.

There were six shooters at this event and the weather was really good. The scores were as follows:

Shooter	Score
Mack G.	37
Jim B.	36
Rod B.	33
Milt S.	30
Ron C.	24
Ken W.	20

There were five shooters at this event. The weather was good but a bit windy. Scores were as follows:

Shooter	Score
Greg P.	41
Day Y.	37
Buzz T.	36
Milt S.	31
Ron C.	29

At a recent meeting we had a chili cookoff and had six pots of chili brought by members, Thanks to everyone that brought chili and other good things to eat. Pictured is Greg Pearson who won the prize for best Chili.

As of the end of April I will be handing off the Presidency of the Sportsman's Club to Joe Fritz, a longtime member who has volunteered to take my place. Thanks to Joe for volunteering.

Have a safe summer and safe travels for those summer trips. Hopefully I will be one of them getting the RV out for a long summer trip. If you would like any information about the club you can contact me at ccald67@gmail.com.

The fishing picture this month is from Tom Woodruff, one of our newer members with a couple of nice stripers caught on Lake Granbury. The club has an upcoming fishing trip this month to Lake Tawakoni and we have about 15 members signed up with guides to fish for hybrid striped bass. It should be a fun time.



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COMMUNITY GARDENS

By Steph Phalen

PPCG members showed up in force — 28 strong — during our March workday. We planted tomatoes along with beans, cucumbers, peppers, herbs and a variety of flowers. In April, members planted okra, squash and continued developing landscape beds. May will find us replanting seeds as needed and harvesting onions, garlic and potatoes.



GARDEN TIP

Compacting the soil.

Feeling a little heavy-handed in the garden? Compacting soil by stepping or pressing down too hard can squeeze out the vital air pockets that plants love. Compacted soil restricts root growth and water infiltration, causing plants to struggle.

New Member

New member, Jennifer Morgan, hails from New Mexico, where she and her husband grew up, worked and enjoyed beautiful scenery. However, they decided to retire in Granbury for its small-town quaintness and proximity to Ft. Worth.

They chose Pecan for its sense of community and safety along with how welcoming everyone was.

Jennifer said her past efforts to plant vegetables were not successful, but she did have luck with her pollinator garden for the butterflies and bees to enjoy. By joining the community gardens, she hopes to learn more about gardening as she joins like-minded individuals.

As recent retirees, Jennifer and her husband, spend as much time as possible outdoors, golfing, hunting, fishing and hiking.

They enjoy taking their dog to the river for frisbee and swim time. Jennifer said she has also been bitten by the pickleball “bug.”

Welcome, Jennifer.



WHY GRANDMA WAS RIGHT ABOUT VEGETABLES

(excerpted from People's Pharmacy)

Vegetables and fruits are good sources of flavanols, plant compounds that appear to have health benefits. Studies show that flavan-3-ols can lower blood pressure and maintain cardiovascular health. Researchers found that people who eat the most produce have the lowest risk of peripheral artery disease. According to the CDC, only about 9 percent of Americans get 2-3 cups of vegetables a day. Try to eat at least five servings a day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10 — Garden workday when we will plant herbs, eggplant and replant seeds as necessary

May 26 — Memorial Day fundraiser. Sign up for shifts to work at the carnival games.

At the community gardens, we welcome anyone interested in organic gardening. No experience is necessary. Pick up an application at the PAC or stop by the garden whenever you see members working.

AROUND THE STATION

Brook Hammond, Firefighter
Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS

Welcome back to the station. This past month has been extremely busy with grass fires and a sizeable brush fire just outside the front gate of Pecan. With early spring weather in the 80s and extremely low humidity, the grass fire potential will likely remain high into the summer. To see if we're under a county burn ban, check the fire marshal's website at https://hoodcounty.texas.gov/departments/fire_marshal/burn_ban.php

While it looks like Ken and Barbie are about to lose their new dream home, this was a deliberate case of arson. Your Pecan firefighters were playing with the dollhouse for entirely different reasons. This flow path house (pictured) is actually constructed to help train firefighters on proper ventilation techniques. When do we cut a hole in the roof for ventilation? When do we open upstairs windows? What happens if we have a fire upstairs and open windows downstairs? Learning about flow paths is absolutely critical and our seasoned Chief used this tool for teaching these critical skills. While some people may be accustomed to seeing a Firefighter with a chainsaw cutting a hole in the roof, most have no idea why. Additionally, ventilating a fire is a sensitive task. Done properly, you can extinguish the fire faster and save a great deal of the house structure and contents. If done incorrectly, the entire house can be lost in a flash.

Do you sleep with your bedroom door open at night? This can be a fatal mistake. Studies show that even cheap, hollow core doors can provide over 15 minutes of additional fire protection during a house fire. For example, if you're asleep in your bedroom and a fire breaks out in the garage, your house will likely begin to fill with smoke. Smoke detectors will sound. Keeping that smoke out of your bedroom can make the difference between surviving or not. It's worth restating: "Sleeping with your bedroom door closed will increase your chances for surviving a house fire". Additionally, having a smoke detector in every bedroom (on the ceiling) should be considered a must. Having a smoke detector in the garage is also a great idea. If you get frustrated with the idea of a smoke detector in the kitchen due to nuisance alarms, install one just outside the kitchen. The smoke detectors can easily alert you to the presence of smoke or carbon monoxide minutes faster than

you can discover on your own. Here's a fun fact... smoke detectors don't last forever. Most manufacturers recommend replacing your detectors (not just the battery) every 10 years. Changing your batteries every six months is a great start but if your smoke detectors are over 10 years old, remember to change those too.

If you have any questions about fire safety and prevention, stop on by and ask. We'll see you next month around the station.



By the Numbers for March 2025

EMS Calls: 117

EMS Transfers: 32

Fire Calls: 34



This month's featured firefighter is Chief Sam Greif. We gave you a brief introduction to Sam back in February and have a couple more items to mention. Sam is a long time Pecan resident (30+ years) and his full-time job is Lieutenant for Fort Worth Fire Department where he has served for over 20 years. Between his two firefighting jobs and raising two daughters, he enjoys scuba diving and riding motorcycles.



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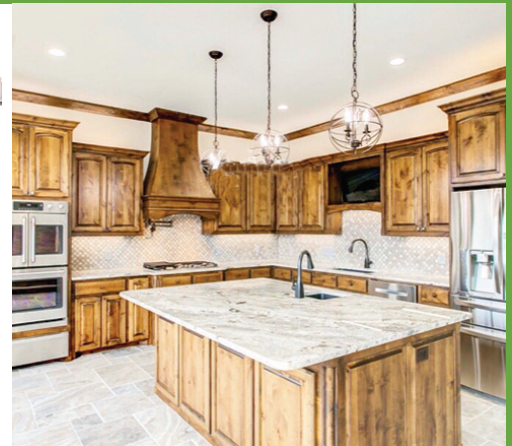
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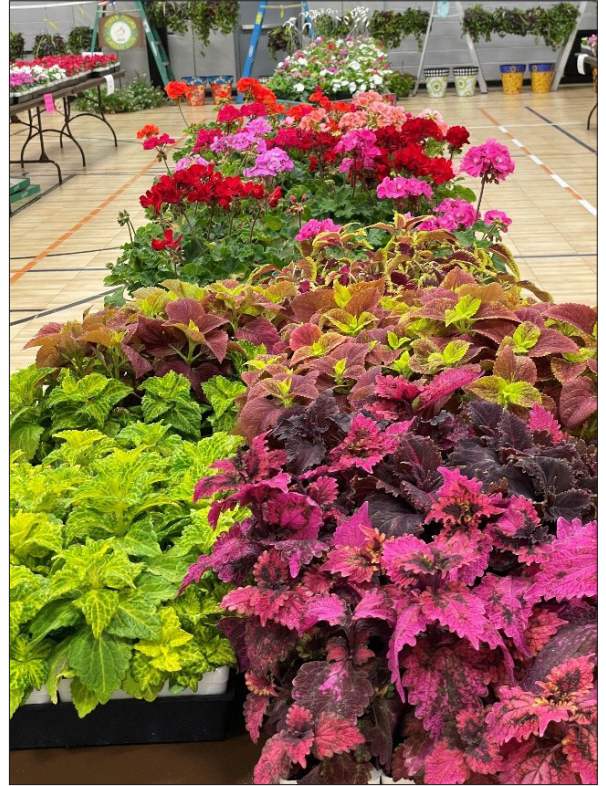
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Linda Kunzman, president

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ART MATTERS

By Cheryl Moore

We are a group of artists and art lovers who meet monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the EMS Meeting Room. Dues are \$35 per year. We invite you to join us.

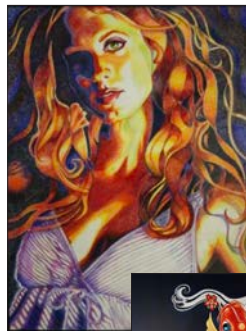
WE'RE BACK.

Join us at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the EMS building meeting room. After our membership meeting, Kathy Cuning will demonstrate her specialized watercolor techniques as described here. "I create representational watercolor paintings of vintage cars with an emphasis on the reflective nature of the chrome and in some cases, the rust. The patina of the metal plays an important role in the final painting. I call it 'Shine and Grime' painting. I take my own photographs focusing on unusual angles and the reflection of the environment in the metal. I am on a constant hunt for the next amazing vintage car find. I am currently finding the 'grime' in rusted door handles, hinges on weathered doors."

PROGRAM

KATHY CUNNING

Kathy discovered her love affair with art at an early age growing up on a farm in Kansas. Coloring was a big part of daily activities for her and her eight siblings. When the books were full, her mother would draw for them. Her JHS and HS art teachers helped and inspired her to pursue a career as an art educator. With degrees from Wichita State University and UT Arlington, she began teaching at Weatherford ISD and was named WHS Teacher of the year in 2005 and the TA State Secondary art educator in 2005. Since retiring, her art has won many awards such as the Texas State Fair Professional Watercolorist in 2020 in still life and Portrait and still life 2023. In 2024, she was awarded the DAR Woman in the Arts award by the Molly Corbin Chapter of the DAR. Kathleen is also a volunteer watercolor teacher at Parker County Senior Center in Weatherford. Kathleen is an active member of the Weatherford Art Association, Women of Worth, Texas Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society and the Society of Watercolor Artists.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

HEATHER MOORE

This month we feature the work of Heather Moore. Examples of her work will be shown on the wall leading to the ballroom at the Clubhouse. Heather from her earliest days showed a fascination with art and creativity, especially in the use of color. Her painting "Jacks and Stripes" won the Congressional District Art Contest in high school, and her piece of work hung in the Congressional Art Gallery for three months, after she received an award from Tom Cruise himself! Top quality prints of this playfully patriotic piece are available from the artist. She studied art at Midwestern State University and later architectural interior design at the University of North Texas. Her murals grace homes and businesses in the Houston and Dallas area. She loves doing portraits of people and pets, abstract and realistic subjects, using almost all media.

You may have seen Heather at The Pecan Plantation Marina restaurant, affectionately called "The Pit." She loves serving Pecanites Thursdays through Sundays. Here she shows coloring pages she created for the kiddies. Ask for them when you come in. Adults like to color too! Heather enjoyed working for years at one of Dallas' finest clubs, but she loves the informality and casual, friendly atmosphere, especially since she is very much an "outdoor" girl.



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WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

Deer Count, River Fish

By Bob Lusk

Late Sunday, March 30, my wife, Debbie, and I decided to make a spontaneous run around Pecan in the golf cart. She wanted, "To look at deer."

West on Ravenswood, right on Monticello, then into the air park. Sure enough, several small herds appeared and we counted, for fun. Three herds, 26 animals. Headed toward Nutcracker. 10 more. Into the Landings and saw the biggest herd I've personally witnessed. Eighty-six in that batch. Down some of the new roads, to see new construction. Three more sizable herds. We counted an astonishing 268 deer on that hour-long sunset drive.

Each summer, in July and August, wildlife committee members spread out across Pecan Plantation to do their annual deer count. Routes run simultaneously cover all sections of the area for one hour, once a week, for three weeks. The first two counts are from 7-8 a.m., the last one is an evening count, from 7-8 p.m. Bucks, does and fawns are counted and logged into datasheets. Numbers are tallied and numbers are submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists.

Biologists send a letter of recommendation to the Wildlife Committee chairman who presents it to the PPOA Board of Directors. Typically, biologists recommend selectively harvesting deer from the herd to keep the population in healthy numbers. They have a formula, based on statewide numbers and what is called, "carrying capacity" of the habitat. Our habitat is quite different than "typical" deer country, with as much land covered in pavement, homes and landscaping. The board decides whether to follow the recommendations or modify. Then, a plan is developed.

My wife lost a magnolia tree to a young buck last fall. The rutting animal decided to take all the bark off the young trees as it rubbed velvet off its antlers...killing her tree, in the middle of the night. She was somewhat less than thrilled. She considered it an expensive education in deer behavior.

During our monthly meeting in March, the committee discussed the likelihood of needing to manage the herd next fall via trapping, our only option. Sure, there will be opposition, there always seems to be. But if the herd is allowed to manage itself, life gets ugly for our trademark species. When that time comes, your wildlife committee will educate our masses as to the need.

May and June are when fawns drop. Be on the lookout. As a reminder, when you see a fawn and think it's orphaned, it isn't. Don't touch it, leave it alone. Mom is nearby. Please



Medium to large herds of deer have been spotted all across Pecan Plantation this spring.

avoid that temptation. Fawn lives depend on it.

The Pecan River Ecology Program is rolling along quite well. Basic water quality and chemistry is checked monthly. So far, the water seems quite healthy. There are no red flags, yet.

The Riparian plant cataloging part of the program is up and rolling, with volunteers using the iNaturalist app on our smartphones to take pictures and log them into our project. Want to know more? If you are on Facebook, find "Pecan River Ecology Program." It's a closed

group, but just ask permission to join. There, you will see updates as to ongoing activity, plus four short videos explaining how to use the iNaturalist app and how to upload photos to assist cataloging plants into this important project.

Want to volunteer for the PREP program? Want to know more? Email boblusk@outlook.com for details.

Did you know Channel catfish are native to our stretch of the river? Yep, they are. We've found evidence (baby catfish) in the river in the recent past. Contrary to popular belief, channel catfish are not scavengers. They are like teenage boys — head to the fridge and look for meat. If there's no meat, they'll settle for chips and some veggies. And, yes, these whiskered creatures make good table fare. Especially dipped in corn meal and deep fried at 350 degrees in peanut oil.

Oh, and they spawn at the end of this month, into June. Cavity spawners, those catfish. You might be able to go noodling this month, if you dare.

Bird migration is ongoing, so remember to turn off outside lights at night to minimize in-flight confusion of our feathered masterpieces. Earth needs birds.

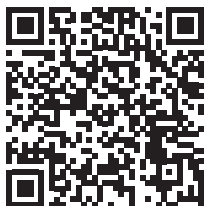


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PECAN PLANTATION VFD/EMS AUXILIARY

By Erin Mayeux

Happy May. It is that time of year where we see and even possibly witness new fawn births and blooming flowers.

April was a busy month, and we want to thank all those that supported the Auxiliary at the "Spring Has Sprung Fundraising Event," donated items for the spring Garage Sale, volunteered at the various fundraisers and bought items at the Auxiliary Garage Sale. We could not continue to help our PPVFD/EMS without all members coming together to show their support.

The Auxiliary will be collaborating with the Lions Club to host a Pancake Breakfast from 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, May 17 at the EAA Hangar and Planeview Park Pavilion located at 5400 Wedgefield Road. As always, the proceeds from the breakfast will benefit PPVFD/EMS.

It is also the time of year when we start looking forward to the annual Auxiliary Golf Tournament Fundraiser. This year's tournament will be held 8 a.m. Saturday, July 26, Shotgun Start at Pecan Plantation Country Club. We are seeking tournament sponsors and golf teams. Registration for sponsors, teams, and individuals is available at our website at ppvfdemsauxiliary.org. Feel free to contact the Auxiliary at ppvfdemsauxiliary@gmail.com with any questions regarding the tournament.

The May QR Code Campaign runs from May 1-31 to enter to win a Wi-Fi enabled projector, an Amazon Firestick and a 14-foot Inflatable Movie Screen. Like our post and comment "Making Memories in Pecan" on the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary Facebook page; no donation is necessary to win, but always welcome.

Pecan Plantation VFD-EMS Auxiliary

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WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS CLUB

By Caryl Mahaffey



Mary Gourley and her committee will have a food sign-up sheet at our April meeting. You may bring your favorite dish. *Please bring the serving piece for your dish.

Fun games will follow dinner to test your skills. Don't want to play a game, then cheer the others on to victory.

You may wish to bring your own folding chair and adult beverage. Come dressed cool and casual for a fun evening.

PICNIC COMMITTEE:

Mary Gourley, Susan Wesley, Dale Heid, Jim Krzyaniak and Caryl Mahaffey.

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RV CLUB NEWS

By Glenna Haskell, VP

Hello, fellow RVer's. Spring has Sprung. The wildflowers are in bloom, the birds are busy building nests and the weather is getting warmer.

I absolutely love this time of year. As I am writing this article, we have already been to the Spring Rally in Brenham and are now planning the Mini Rally for May. I expect to see a lot of you at the Spring Mini Rally here at our own Shady campground. We are so fortunate to have this amenity. If you haven't been out to the campground lately the roads have been resurfaced and a couple of sites were added.

The Kroon's and Schmersahl's cohosted the March meeting. It was held at the Shady Campground. The weather was a little breezy, but the food and fellowship more than made up for the weather. We had a fantastic turn out. Our current membership is around 73 members and I think I counted at least 35 at the meeting. The theme of the meeting was St. Patrick's Day and the hosts as well as several members, dressed the part. I just love this group of people. We all have so much fun together.

Reminder to the membership that we will not have meetings for the summer months of June, July and August. I know that some of you are planning fabulous trips this summer. Please send me an update and pictures to post for the summer columns. Even if you stay home, but your grands visit, send me those pics and brag a little.

I am including a picture of my grandson, Dylan Haskell, who is graduating from Legacy High School, in Midland, Texas, this month. We are so proud of this young man. He plans to continue his education at Midland's local junior college, which is free to all graduating seniors as long as they keep their grades up and do some community service.



In the group picture, are the Schmersahl's, Kroon's, friends Cindy and Gary Williams, and the Brown's, celebrating the Barefoot Mardi gras parade in Port Aransas, Texas.

I need to stress to the membership that we still need Hosts for our Fall Mini Rally. Please note: If you have never hosted a Rally, please know that we will get you a co-host that has experience. If we all work together everything is so much easier. Remember the old saying "sink or swim together."

- Fall Mini Rally — Santo, Texas, Sept. 14-16 — no host



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Spring Mini Rally — PPOA Campground May 18-20 (The Green's and Price's) The May meeting will be held Tuesday, May 20.
- Fall Rally — Belton, Texas Oct. 19-24 — Joe and Judy Henson and Shirley and Steve Jairett hosts

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 and see pictures from past events. You can reach out to the club at ppoarv@gmail.com.



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Ending Balance	\$ 2,112,321	\$ 1,213,503

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Fund Expenditures	\$ (33,740)	\$ (133,814)
Ending Balance	\$ 1,803,291	\$ 2,108,277

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Beginning Balance	\$ 2,642,645	\$ 2,642,645
Fund Deposits	\$ 642,731	\$ 1,946,871
Fund Expenditures	\$ (1,769,454)	\$ (2,876,929)
Ending Balance	\$ 1,515,922	\$ 1,712,587



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By Gerta Howell, president

May is our last formal meeting and program for Pecan Plantation Woman's Club, 2024-25.

It has been an exciting year with many changes and challenges. We updated, modernized and streamlined our operating Bylaws and for the upcoming year, changed the names of some of our committees to help facilitate membership renewals and welcoming new members to PPWC.

In March, we had a very successful fundraising event, our annual Boot Scootin' Fundraising Gala, enabling PPWC to provide more funds for various charities and scholarships. At the May meeting, we will be donating to designated Hood County charities voted on by the members. Also, we will award scholarships to deserving young women planning to attend two-year colleges or trade schools. This year we are so excited that for the first time, we have more than 20 scholarship applicants.

The April Fashion Show, titled Ponies and Pearls was a great success. It was fascinating to see all the various and creative "Kentucky Derby" style hats and the spring and summer fashions were fabulous, too.

The PPWC club year 2025-26 will begin June 1 with creative, wonderful and talented newly elected officers: Rhonda Humphreys, president; Sue Lewis, vice-president; Stacey Kline, secretary; Kim McIntire, treasurer; Dawn Peterson, assistant treasurer; and Gerta Howell, parliamentarian. These ladies will bring fresh ideas to make PPWC a significant part of Pecan Plantation and Hood County.

Our May meeting and luncheon is May 15, our program is "Name That Song." Our own Rebecca Faiola, Susie Strong, Lois Akers and Carolyn Troland have created a fun musical game for all to participate in. Please come join the fun and sing along.

From 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17, at the PAC (Pecan Activity Center), PPWC will be hosting a drive-thru food/pantry drive for Rancho Brazos. All Pecan residents encouraged to participate.

Although we do not have formal meetings in June, July and August, we do have our more casual summer Chit Chat luncheons the third Thursday of the month. They start at 10 a.m. in the ballroom and the committee always has delightful surprises planned. We hope you all will make a point to attend. We especially invite those of you who are off work during the summer. Check out our website, www.myppwc.com, for more information and to make a reservation.

As outgoing president of Pecan Plantation Woman's Club, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to my fantastic board and fellow officers, as well as all the members. Their hard work, time, talents and enthusiasm are what make PPWC so very special. It has been my honor to serve as your president. I know PPWC will continue to thrive and do much to support Pecan Plantation and our community.

Thank you and blessings to all,

Gerta Howell

PPWC President 2024-25





REBECCA FAIOLA, SUSIE STRONG, LOIS AKERS
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NAME THAT SONG!

Pecan Plantation Woman's Club

Luncheon, Meeting & Program

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Clubhouse Ballroom

Gathering 9:30am ~ Meeting 10:00am

Gerta Howell, President ~ 210-379-3053

Menu

Kabob Medley ~

Chicken, Pork & Beef over rice

Dessert:

Rum Cake

Luncheon: \$22.00

****Reservation and Cancellation Deadline****

Noon Thursday, May 8, 2025

~ Reservations ~

Email: ppwcres@gmail.com

or call Susan Martin 361-215-4599

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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.

The 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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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "___ _
hombre" (mean)
- 5 Houston Olympic
gym coach Karolyi
- 6 TXism: "tight as a
cinch on ___
horse"
- 7 early saying:
"___ to Texas"
- 8 TXism: "don't give
a hoot ___ holler"
- 9 ex-owner of the
Houston Oilers
- 17 TXism: "joined his
shadow in the dirt"
- 19 hard-to-get-rid-of
part of TX Pantex's
old warheads
- 21 TXism: "that'll ___
nicely"
- 22 "three," in Mexico
- 23 TX Dennis Quaid
1999 film: "___
Given Sunday"
- 24 this David starred in
TV film "Silhouette"
- 30 how TX cattle
are sold
- 34 ___ Pepper
- 35 TXism: "mad ___
-eyed cow"
- 36 TXism: "___ to"
(intend)
- 37 TXism: "it's root
hog ___"
- 39 what some call the
Cowboys (2 wds.)
- 43 TX Pride's "My
Eyes Can See Only
As ___ You"
- 44 TXism: "want it ___
___ could spit"

- 45 TXism: "sour enough
___ pucker a pig"
- 46 covered with gold
- 47 TX Clint Black's "We
___ Ourselves"
- 48 TX Jim Reeves'
"___ I Losing You?"
- 50 pickup motors
- 53 dir. to Cameron
from Dublin
- 54 TXism: "a shy dog don't
get ___ biscuits"

- 55 TX-born
Capshaw, et al.
- 56 TX band "___
The Wheel"
- 59 TXism: "___
pop" (soft drink)
- 60 money makers
for the Azle News
- 61 Tanya Tucker's
"Texas When I ___"
- 62 TXism: "take a
look ___"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "___
bones" (skinny)
- 2 TXism: "build a
fence ___ you
buy cattle" (plan)
- 3 he was "Hawkeye
Pierce" (2 wds.)
- 4 TX Ross met
Margot Perot on a
blind ___
- 9 TX Clyde's love,
TX Bonnie (init.)
- 10 utmost or best
- 11 Palo ___ Canyon
- 12 ___-gallon hat
- 13 TXism: "gave him a
___ his own
medicine"
- 14 TXism: "got ___ itchy
trigger finger"
- 15 TX Chuck Norris
film: "___ 2" (abbr.)
- 16 solar time pieces
- 18 neighboring state
- 20 "I have to get ___
___" (early to bed)
- 24 ex-Maverick coach
Aubato (init.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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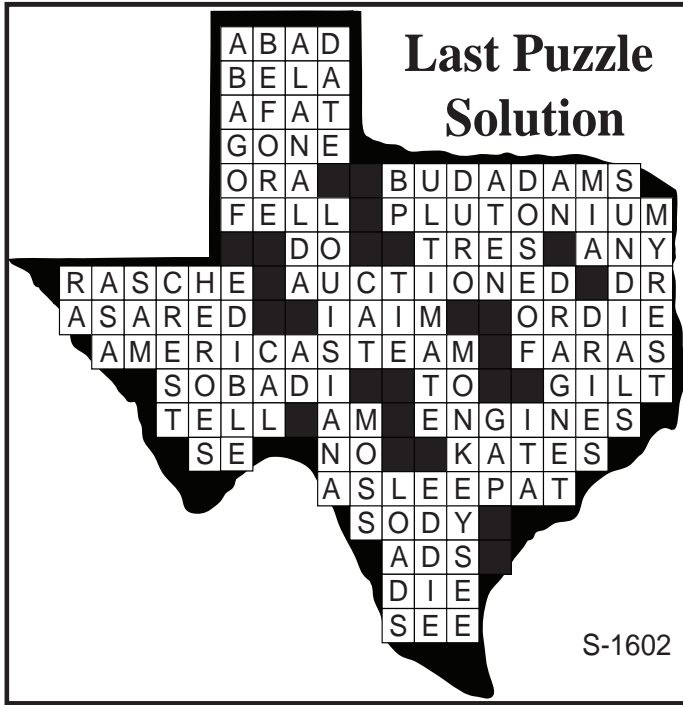
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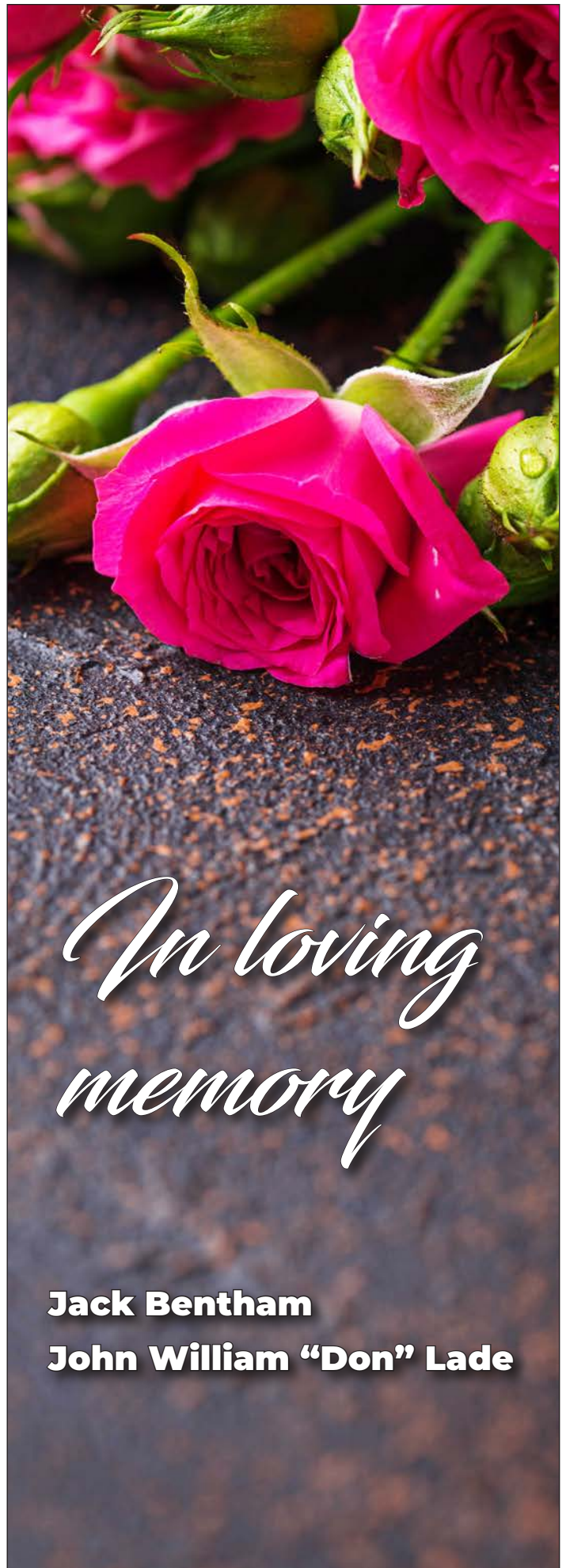
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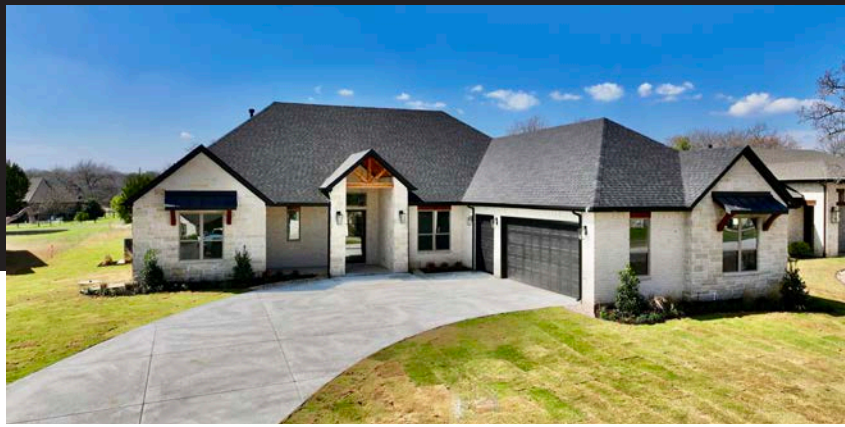
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