

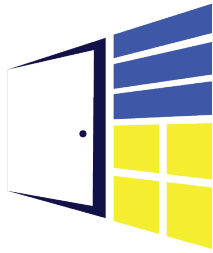
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Eden Duncan Gilbreath



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ON THE COVER



ON THE COVER

The June cover features two turtles basking in the sun. Turtles bask in the sun primarily to regulate their body temperature and absorb essential UV rays. As ectothermic (cold-blooded) animals, turtles rely on external heat sources to stay warm and maintain proper bodily functions, such as digestion and metabolism.

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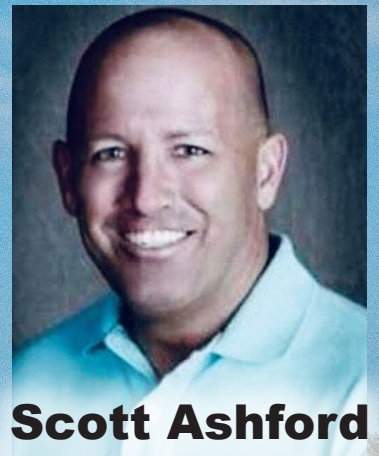
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LETTER FROM BOARD PRESIDENT ROBERT TABER

The start of June represents the halfway point of the year, and many new things are on the horizon for the association and the Board. It pleases me to discuss that General Manager Rick Lantgen and our directors have begun discussions with the developers about making a new golf course a reality.

Though there's still a great deal of work ahead for this project, we believe it is possible to construct an executive 18-hole, par-62 golf course across from the current driving range on Monticello without increasing assessments. Through strategic timing and careful use of Association funds, we believe this can be achieved responsibly, and if all goes according to plan, construction could begin this fall, with turf in the ground by 2026 and opening for play in spring 2027.

In addition to easing capacity issues on our existing course, the new design might also help address drainage challenges in the South Longwood Drive area.

Timing for this project is critical. The developers are scheduled to finalize their plan for the land by September 2025. To secure this opportunity, we will need membership approval for both the agreement and the funding by that time. If the vote does not pass, the developers will revert to their original plan and the golf course opportunity will be lost. This is truly a rare and exciting opportunity for our community, as we can potentially add a major amenity for all our members with no dues increase.

Another priority we have undertaken is the review and

modernization of our Association's governing documents — including our Policies and Procedures, Rules and Regulations, and, when approved by the membership, updates to our Bylaws.

I bring this up because we've recently uncovered a need to revisit another key set of governing documents that may not be top of mind for many members. Pecan Plantation operates under two nonprofit corporations: the Pecan Plantation Owners Association (PPOA), which most of you are familiar with, and Pecan Plantation Country Club, Inc. (PPCC). Each of these entities maintains its own set of Bylaws.

The Bylaws governing the Country Club have not been updated since 1981, and a review is long overdue. While the two sets of Bylaws share some similarities, there are differences — and those differences deserve careful review and clarification. For example, the PPCC Bylaws state that the PPOA Board of Directors also serves as the Board for the country club. The current language suggests that the country club operates as a wholly owned subsidiary of PPOA, but that language could benefit from more legal clarity. A proposed update by our legal counsel is now in the hands of the By Laws Committee for review and comment, eventually leading to Membership review and a Membership vote announced in the future.

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6/4-7 BRAZOS RIVER CUP

6/12 FLORIDA SCRAMBLE (PSST)

6/19 LOW GROSS/LOW NET (PICK OWN FOURSOME)

6/26 TEXAS SCRAMBLE (PSST)



Hello everyone!

Hope your kickoff to Summer is going great. We had guys and dolls tournament last month and the turnout was great. Pecan our 2025 is going great so far. 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. We have member-guest this month and member-member next month, so if you haven't signed up and come on out and enjoy a good time. Have fun if you're vacationing or just traveling to

visit family this time of year and as always 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.

As always, be safe and see you on the course. "Hit 'em straight!! "

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WOW – It's been a busy spring for the LGA. It's been amazing to see all the ladies coming out to play on Tuesdays. We're averaging around 70 ladies a play day and had a record 93 one day!!!! Our spring LGA tournaments have had full fields and great competition. Hope to keep seeing all of you throughout the summer heat.

The next big LGA tournament is the Sassy Sisters (member/member) tournament on June 30 and July 1. Thanks to Debbie Conaway and Dana Murphy for their hard work on this event. Don't miss out on this fun two-day tournament. Choose another Sassy Sister, get your registration form, check into the Pro Shop and be ready for fun!!!

The 2025 Suburban season began in March, and the Pecan ladies have had some great results. Special congratulations to Paula Marker, who had the overall low net score at Southern Oaks in April. The ladies will be at Shady Valley in June. Keep up the good play!!!

Due to a conflict with the Dino Classic, we have moved our date for the President's Choice tournament to Oct. 27 and 28. Please update your golf calendars and don't miss out. It's a fun tournament between the current LGA President and past LGA President.

Don't forget that our biggest LGA tournament of the year, the member/guest, is in September. We can always use more helping hands, so if you can volunteer in any way, please contact Deonna Galbraith or Paula Marker.

Hope everyone has a great summer!!!! If you have vacation plans– safe travels and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Tonya McLeod
LGA President



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- Thanks to all who helped serve the world-famous PPTA snow cones at the May Street Dance. We all had fun and helped raise money for the Association!
- Congratulations to our USTA men's and ladies' league teams on another spring season of matches! And best of luck to our USTA Mixed Doubles Team in the Summer League!
- What a fun time! The ladies from Sun City in Georgetown came to visit us last month, and we had a grand time! We enjoyed lots of tennis, along with some pickleball and some golf. (And they loved staying at the clubhouse!)

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Please bring your cans bagged to our tennis club, we love to recycle.

And, most importantly, CONGRATULATIONS to our new PPTA Wall of Fame members, Bill Lanus and Ron Croft! These two gentlemen have contributed greatly to our Tennis Association, and we are pleased to honour them in this way. Well Done!

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Dee Wilcox
Madam President



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Open: Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat, & Sun
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Session 1: (June 2 - June 13)
Session 2: (June 16 - June 27)
Session 3: (July 7 - July 18)
(8) 30-Minute Classes
Lessons held Mon-Tue-Thurs-Fri
Mom & Tot (Ages 6 mo. to 4)
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Beginners (Ages 3 to 5)
10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Older (Ages 6 to 9)
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$80/members & \$100/guests
Instructor: Certified Swim Instructor

DEEP WATER AEROBICS AT CLUB POOL

Starts Tuesday, June 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!

Sat, July 12 (9 p.m.) Movie TBD
Bring your Golf Cart or a chair and enjoy!
Free popcorn. PAC will remain open for bathrooms
as well as candy, snack, and drink sales.

FREE KIDS CRAFTS

Crafts start at 2 p.m.
Fathers Day Craft: Sunday, June 8
Children under 6 will need adult assistance.
Limited to 10 children. Must pre-register at the PAC.

KIDS SOCCER CAMPS

June 3, 4, 5, 6
Ages 4 to 6: 9 a.m. 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.
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4 categories:

Boys 9 & under, Girls 9 & under

Boys 10 & above, Girls 10 & above

Bring your fishing pole.

Worms and minnows will be provided.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

Medals awarded to the winners of each category.

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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.)

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Auditions are: Mon, July 21 (10 a.m. - noon)

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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!

Tickets for the performance are \$5/adults and \$1/kids 10 and under. Tickets go on sale July 14th.

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.

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!

FIREWORKS SAFETY:

CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY WITHOUT A TRIP TO THE ER

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Nothing says summer like fireworks lighting up the night sky. But every year, thousands of people across the United States end up in emergency rooms due to fireworks-related injuries. Hands, eyes and faces are the most commonly injured parts of the body, and sadly, children account for a significant portion of these accidents.

"Fireworks are beautiful, but they are also explosives," says Martha Alcantar, FNP, pediatric nurse practitioner at Lakeside Physicians. "Treat them with the same caution and respect you would any other dangerous device."

TOP FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS:

- Leave it to the pros: Attend public fireworks displays conducted by trained professionals.
- Buy legal, consumer-grade fireworks: Avoid illegal or home-made devices.
- Supervise children closely: Never allow young children to handle fireworks, including sparklers, which can burn at 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Light one at a time: Back away quickly after lighting.
- Keep water nearby: Always have a bucket of water or a hose ready in case of fire or malfunction.
- Don't relight duds: If a firework doesn't go off, don't approach it. Soak it in water and dispose of it.
- Protect your eyes: Safety glasses can prevent serious injuries.

MOST COMMON FIREWORKS INJURIES:

- Burns
- Eye trauma
- Lacerations
- Hearing damage

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, fireworks cause around 15,000 injuries treated in emergency rooms annually, with many more likely going unreported. Most injuries occur in the weeks surrounding the Fourth of July.

IF YOU'RE INJURED:

- Seek immediate medical attention, especially for burns, eye injuries, or wounds.
- Don't attempt to treat serious injuries at home.

Bottom line: Fireworks can be a thrilling part of your 4th of July celebration, but safety must come first. A few simple precautions can mean the difference between lifelong memories and a life-changing injury.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC); National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

For more information about or to schedule an appointment with Martha Alcantar, FNP, please call (817) 579-3996 or visit <https://lakegranburymedical.com/AlcantarSchedule>.





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PICKLEBALL NEWS

By Julie Connor

What a great time for pickleball here in Pecan Plantation!

Our big news is the addition of a state-of-the-art ball machine, Simon X. We look forward to practicing shots and drills, which will serve to improve our level of play.

PPPA has been well represented across the metroplex with lots of winning teams in challenging pickleball tournaments. John and Jeanie Tirch won silver medals in the 3.5 division at the PCPA March Madness Tournament in Weatherford. Gary Bullard and Cindy Vaughn brought home gold medals in the 3.0 division at the GameOn Tournament in Fort Worth. Congratulations!

The PPPA also sponsored a taco booth during the spring garage sale. We shared loads of fun, fellowship, food and a bit of fundraising off the court.

The continued growth of the sport, fun and friendships fostered both on and off the court help make our community great!

We encourage everyone to come and join the fun!



Garage Sale 2025



Picklers with Simon X ball machine



PPPA Taco Stand



Gary Bullard and Cindy Vaughn – Gold medalists



John and Jeanie Tirch – silver medalists



Summer hours, which begin on May 22, are as follows:

- **Social/Competitive**
9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
- **Advanced Play (Half Court)**
11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday Only (Half Court) LADIES PLAY**
12:30 pm — 2:30 p.m.
- **Open evening Play (2 courts)**
Tuesday and Friday 6:00 p.m. — 7:45 p.m.
- **Open Play (2 courts)**
Sunday noon — 2:00 p.m.

Outdoor play is available from 7 a.m. — 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 & 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.

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AROUND THE STATION

Brook Hammond, Firefighter
Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS

Welcome back to the station. We started this month with a big thank-you to Hood County Commissioner Jack Wilson. Jack, in conjunction with Kroger, donated 70 cases of water to our station just in time for the warm weather. Staying hydrated can be a real challenge, and we're always grateful for any donations.

Forest fires and brush fires seem to be front and center on social media platforms. The Anthony Group is continuing to clear land for future development, and those large piles of trees and limbs appear menacing at first sight. Orchard Development doesn't actually perform its own controlled burns. They contract with a regional company that does nothing but large burns like the one we conducted on April 21. These guys are truly professional and control these burns like an orchestra. Waiting until after a hard rain and making sure the winds were calm, they cleared the burn line around the site with their bulldozer and carefully controlled how fast the piles burned. State and county regulations specify that a controlled burn can start no earlier than sunrise and must be completely extinguished by sunset. The company also coordinated closely with the fire station to make sure we had volunteers available if needed. We'll have more burns in the future as land is cleared. Rest easy knowing that we're here and keeping a watchful eye on these burns.

You'll soon be seeing construction beginning on the Station 80 renovation. Pecan's firehouse is getting a much-needed expansion and general overhaul in the coming months. The VFD/EMS board approved the funds for both projects and a contractor has been selected. We'll make sure to post photos and project updates here. If you have a free minute, stop by and we'll show you how it's going.

As always, we're here for you, so we'll see you next month around the station.




By the Numbers for April 2025

EMS Calls: 117
Fire Calls: 34



This month's featured responder is Brook Hammond Jr., also known as "Squatch" due to his physical stature and furry features. He moved to Pecan in 1996 and now serves as a full-time EMT and volunteer firefighter. Brook is working on his paramedic certification and stays busy pulling extra shifts at the station, studying, taking care of his wife and children and heading up security at his church. "Squatch" enjoys leatherworking and competitive shooting.






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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

It's hard to believe it's June and summer is here. May was a fun-filled month, and what a way to start with our new committee members. We look forward to planning our new year with new and fun ideas.

April's Pecan's Got Talent was the best ever. We have the best talent here in Pecan, and I hope you were able to come and enjoy a great show. Thank you, Monty Lewis, Eric and Jimmy de La Garza, for a great job organizing the show.

Our 3rd Kentucky Derby Day was a fun afternoon. Everyone tried to pick the winning horse, and we watched the 151st Kentucky Derby live. Great prizes were given to all the winners.

We are planning another great Fourth of July, so check your weekly eBlast, Nextdoor, PP Members Only, and PP Breaking News for all the information, and remember to make your reservations beforehand.

The Entertainment Committee works hard to give everyone a fun time every month, and we appreciate your support.

Thank you,
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WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS CLUB

By Caryl Mahaffey

June kicks off our easy-going summer meetings. We will begin June with GAMES!

Be ready on June 19 to be the best of the best table with the right knowledge as we play group trivia. Your table will work together to get the right answers to our trivia questions. Of course, there will be a prize for the table having the most trivia questions correct. Take your brain medication & search your brain power before the meeting as you rewind a tour through the decades that shaped our lives and left a mark on our memory (hopefully). You might just come up with the correct answers.

MENU A:

Served Buffet Style: Salad Bar AND Make your own Burger – All the condiments – French Fries – Bakers Choice Dessert -- \$21++

MENU B:

Served Individual: Strawberry Pecan Spring Salad with Chicken – Spring Mix, Feta Cheese with Balsamic Glaze – Bakers Choice Dessert -- \$15++

Please remember to give your menu choice, Menu A or Menu B, at the time you make your reservation. All widows and widowers living in Pecan are welcome.



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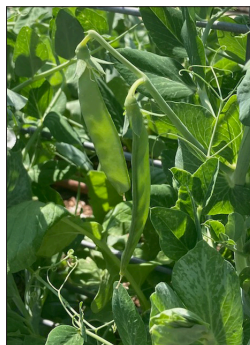
COMMUNITY GARDENS

By Steph Phalen

The community gardens would like to honor and thank all its worker bees and the organic vegetables they have produced.

March, April and May workdays brought a record number of members to plant squash, eggplant, cucumbers, beans, okra, peppers and tomatoes. This spring, we harvested radishes, lettuce, bok choy, snow peas, kale, turnips and beets.

In June, garlic will be ready to pull along with onions, tomatoes, peppers and potatoes.



STIR-FRIED BOK CHOY WITH GINGER AND GARLIC

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled and minced
- 8 cups chopped fresh bok choy
- 2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
- salt and ground black pepper

Directions:

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and ginger and cook 1 minute. Add bok choy and soy sauce; cook 3-5 minutes until greens are wilted and stalks are crisp-tender. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Gardening tip #1

A common recipe for homemade bug spray is to mix 1 tablespoon of Dawn soap with one quart of water. Spray directly onto plants to kill insects. Evening is the best time to spray.

Gardening tip #2

Fresh herbs are easy to dry for future use. Clean them and put them on a paper plate to air dry. The best herbs to dry are sage, rosemary and oregano, all available in the garden.



The garden club is proud to offer organic vegetables. We welcome anyone with an interest in gardening, no experience necessary. Annual family membership is \$25, and applications are available at the PAC.

SAVE THE DATES

Workday — cage tomatoes, harvest onions and garlic
Membership meeting and party — Bring a friend or two
Street dance and fundraiser

June 8
June 18
July 6

EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Cindy Rowe



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THE TIMELESS BOND: EXPLORING THE LOVE OF HORSES

There's something profoundly stirring about the presence of a horse. With their strong yet graceful bodies, intelligent eyes and quiet nobility, horses have captivated the human spirit for centuries. From ancient battlefields to peaceful pastures, the love between humans and horses is a bond woven into the fabric of history, art and personal experience.

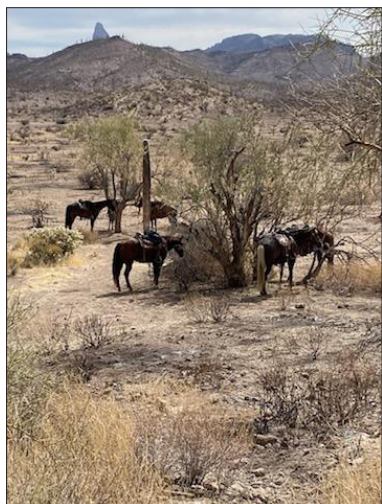
For many, the love of horses begins in childhood—with books, movies, or that first ride that sparks a lifelong passion. But it goes deeper than admiration; it's a connection built on trust, empathy, and shared rhythm. Horses respond not just to commands, but to emotion, intention and energy. To ride a horse well is not to control it, but to communicate with it.

There's a serenity that comes with spending time around horses. The simple act of brushing a mane or walking through a quiet field with a trusted companion can feel like therapy for the soul. In a world that moves fast, horses invite us to slow down and be present. They reflect our moods and teach us patience, humility and confidence.

Equestrianism isn't just a sport or a pastime—it's a relationship. Whether it's the thrill of galloping across an open meadow, the pride in a well-executed dressage movement or the quiet companionship of a horse resting its head on your shoulder, the love of horses is as varied and deep as the people who feel it.

In loving horses, we reconnect with a more instinctive, grounded part of ourselves. They are not just animals; they are partners, teachers and often healers. The love of horses is timeless because it speaks to something universal—the longing for connection, understanding, and a touch of the wild.

This article was written with assistance from ChatGPT



Be sure to check out the Pecan Plantation Stables Facebook page for general posts and pictures that aren't included in the Columns magazine. The stables remain at full capacity. If you're interested in getting on the wait list, call the PPOA business office at 817-573-2641. For general questions regarding the stables, you may call Tammy Dressman at 817-614-9744 or Cindy Rowe at 512-694-7065.



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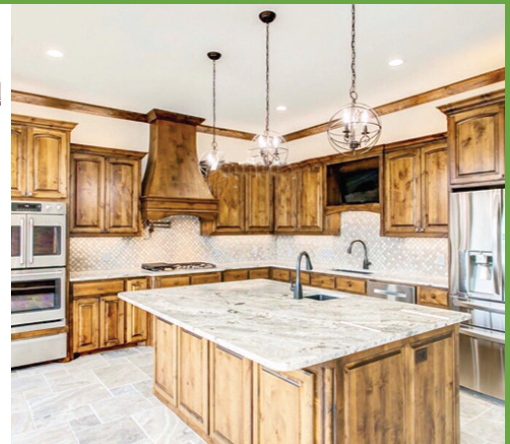
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PECAN PLANTATION VFD/EMS AUXILIARY

By Erin Mayeux

Happy summer! Thanks to all those who came out to support PPVFD/EMS at the May Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Lions Club and Auxiliary. We had a fun time enjoying breakfast, socializing and raising much-needed funds for Pecan's first responders. We couldn't continue to help our VFD/EMS without all the generous members and volunteers.

Now, it's that time of year when we begin registration for our annual golf tournament that will be held Saturday, July 26 at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at Pecan Plantation Country Club. New this year is online registration for individual golfers, teams and sponsorships. We are trying to make registration and payment processing as easy as possible this year because we understand we all lead extremely busy lives. Individual golfers, teams, and sponsors can register online at our website ppvfdemsauxiliary.org. Golfers and teams can still register by dropping off their payment and registration



PP VFD/EMS WISHLIST



We'd Love to check every item on this list off! To donate directly to one of the items on this wishlist, please scan the code

☐ Clothes Dryer



☐ 2 x Stair Chairs

According to EMS Chief Sonya Byrd, "-these are a huge help when it comes to responding to patients up/down steps and reduces some risk for the first responder."



☐ National EMS Week

May 18 - 24, 2025

This year's theme is,
"We Care. For Everyone."



EMS Chief Sonya Byrd explained that a lot of her team has never had a proper EMS Week. She'd like to do something special for them every day this week. Let's help her out because, "We Care Too!"

☐ Drink Drive

PP VFD/EMS needs to stay cool and hydrated!

They'd like drinks such as water, Gatorade, Body Armour, Liquid IV, & Juice Boxes.

If you'd like to drop off, we will be collecting at 8216 Ravenswood Rd during the garage sale. Or drop off on porch anytime before!



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at the Pecan Pro Shop as well. All tournament information can be found on our website, but feel free to contact the auxiliary with any questions at ppvfdemsauxiliary@gmail.com.

The June QR Code Campaign runs from June 1 through June 30 to enter to win a Cuisinart soft serve ice cream maker and two fruity pool floats. Like our post and comment, "PPVFD/EMS is Cool" on the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary Facebook page; no donation is necessary to win, but always welcome.

The PPVFD/EMS has put together a wish list of much-needed items to which members can choose to donate via QR codes. The needed items are a clothes dryer, two stair chairs used to transport patients up/down steps, items for National EMS Week, and cases of Gatorade, Liquid IV, Body Armour, and juice boxes. Drinks can also be dropped off at the PPVFD/EMS Station at 9518 Monticello Dr.

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GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

Linda Kunzman, president

I am so proud to have been president of Green Thumb Garden Club for 14 years.

What I have been blessed with is years of teamwork and friendships with a common goal to keep beautifying Pecan Plantation traffic circles. It was challenging, but we did a good job, and we are very proud. It could only happen with the help of donations, many fundraisers, support from PPOA and volunteers putting in numerous hours.

Although I will still be involved, as president, it was time to "pass the torch" on to a younger, more energetic person who also has a passionate love of gardening and a desire to keep the club together. She will no doubt have new ideas and encourage our next generation of gardeners to be more involved.

It is my pleasure to introduce Kari Lewis as the new president of Green Thumb Garden Club. We are all very excited and look forward to reorganization and getting some fresh new ideas to make the club even better.

As always, your donations are the lifeline of our club. Many long-time members are aging out, and we welcome anyone interested in joining. Please consider joining if you are a "dig in the dirt" kind of person and want to help keep our circles beautiful for years to come.

If you just want to be a part of our success, no work is required. Please feel free to donate to us through our QR code below. It's easy and quick.

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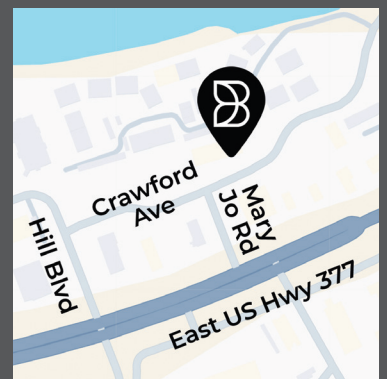


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BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Joe Fritz

Hello, my name is Joe Fritz. Cecil Caldwell passed the president's torch to me for the Brazos River Sportsman's Club (BRSC). Thank you, Cecil, for overseeing the BRSC for these last two and a half years.

My wife, Kim, and I moved to Pecan in 2008. We love Pecan! I am a recently retired physical therapist/athletic trainer. We love the outdoors. As I am writing this in late April, we have had a steady rain all day and cooling temperatures at 67 degrees. Time for a fire.

Summer is approaching, and with it comes increased wildlife activity. The does will have started delivering fawns in abundance. They will stash them in our yards, landscaping and roadways. Be watchful with your driving, and if you find a fawn, let it be. Its mother knows where it is.

Turkey season will have ended, and the hen's breed. You may start seeing turkey poults.

Snakes will have become more active, so be careful in the yard or out in the field.

Past activities for the club were our spring fish fry in April at the RV Pavilion. Wives joined the BRSC members. Bob Price and David Kroon cooked the fish, and Mack Gilbreath cooked the hushpuppies. All were reported to be good!! Thank you, guys, for cooking, and ladies, for attending.

The shotgun group continues to meet at Defenders Outdoors in Aledo every couple of weeks, weather permitting. Recent scores for the small group were:

Name	Score
Mack G.	36/50
Rod B.	36/50
Jim B.	32/50

Club members are talking about doing some pistol shooting at Uncle George's.

In the RV park, along the walking trail, the club had installed a bench years ago in honor of Bert Brogdon (a prior BRSC president 2014-2020). Recently, Ron Croft restored the bench after Jerry Sprayberry transported it. The bench sits in a nice spot overlooking the Brazos River. Thank you, gentleman.

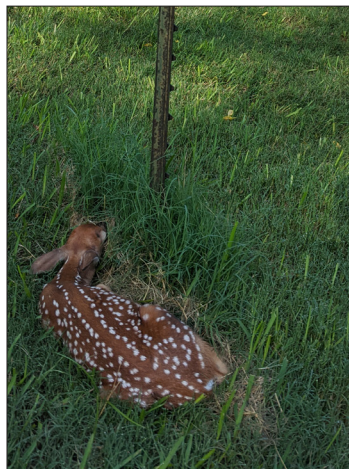
Many members fished above Lake Whitney for spawning white bass with varying success. The cold fronts shut the fishing down at times.

Activities to come will be multiple trips to Lake Tawakoni for hybrids/stripers, sand bass and catfish in early May. I expect there will be fishing trips to Lake Granbury and Lake Whitney.

We will try to set up a club trip to the new Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington. I toured this recently with family, and it is a moving experience.

We meet once a month, on the second Thursday of the month. The location changes, depending on the weather. This month, June 12, we plan to be at the RV pavilion at 6 pm.

If you would like more information on the Sportsman's Club, you can contact me at jcfritz56@gmail.com.



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LAKE GRANBURY FISHING REPORT

How do you catch a striper on Lake Granbury

- Topwater fishing is an excellent way to catch stripers, but you need to know when the right time to use this method is. Stripers typically hit the topwater around sunrise so, ideally, you would want to arrive at your fishing spot at least an hour before sunrise, especially in the summer.

June average air temperatures

- Avg High 92 F
- Avg Low 71 F

BEST FISHING DAYS IN JUNE 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1ST
2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH
9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH	13TH	14TH	15TH
16TH	17TH	18TH	19TH	20TH	21ST	22ND
23RD	24TH	25TH	26TH	27TH	28TH	29TH
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ART MATTERS

By Cheryl Moore

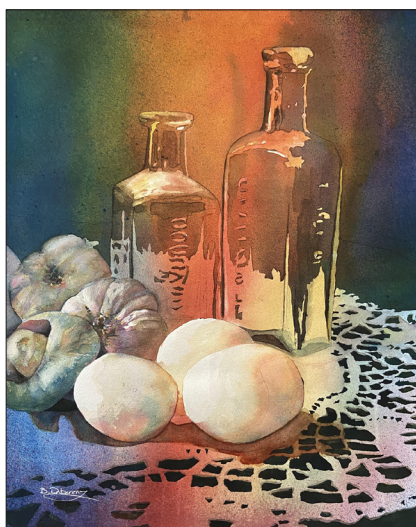
We are a group of artists and art lovers who meet monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the EMS Meeting Room. Dues are \$35 per year. We invite you to join us.

"What in the world is gouache?" you may ask. Melinda Morrison, our demonstrating artist at the Tuesday, June 10 meeting, will have all the answers. Join us at 10:30 a.m. at the EMS meeting room to see Melinda demonstrate the beauty of gouache (pronounced WASH).



Melinda Morrison

Melinda is a highly awarded master of artwork in many media. Gouache is one of her favorites. Peruse her website at www.melindamorrison.com to be amazed and charmed by her beautiful work. Melinda veered from her fine art training into



the world of business as an advertising executive, graphic designer and art director of her own company, and later corporate and executive recruiter. She finally realized that her heart was really in art. Since moving to Fort Worth over 20 years ago, she has enjoyed a career as a very successful artist, selling her work to collectors nationally and internationally and teaching others her skills. She will present a workshop on Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. after our Pecan Art Guild meeting.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH



When using watercolor or encaustic paints, Barbara enjoys allowing the paint to do its work before she does hers. Letting the paint travel and mix translates into a final piece that reflects movement and rhythm. She gravitates toward the challenge of representational abstract art.

Barbara holds a bachelor's degree in fine art from the University of North Texas. She has held positions as a freelance architectural illustrator and draftsman. She also achieved a master's degree in special education and worked in that field for several years. Retirement 11 years ago has given her the opportunity to devote more time to create and grow as an artist. She is a signature member of the Society of Watercolor Artists and has placed in several local and regional shows and has been juried into international ones.

PPAG members made a showing at the awards reception for the Lake Granbury Art Association's Spring Membership Show. The judge was Jim Hastings, well-known Dallas artist. Van Johnson took Second Place for his oil painting "Afternoon Gathering." Cheryl Moore won an Award of Achievement with her watercolor "Kissin' a Chicken." Beth Eschbach won the Juror's Award for her oil landscape "Remote." Not only did PPAG members Doris Bernier and Sue Bagwell play important roles in putting together a beautiful membership show, but also Leslie Annen did a miraculous job of getting it all done, including creating a sumptuous array of hors d'oeuvres for the reception. Displayed here is one of her remarkably beautiful hooked pieces, gracing the table under plates of cookies.

Left: Cheryl Moore won an Award of Achievement with her watercolor "Kissin' a Chicken."









Middle: Beth Eschbach won the Juror's Award for her oil landscape "Remote."

Right: Van Johnson took Second Place for his oil painting "Afternoon Gathering."



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RV CLUB NEWS

By Glenna Haskell, VP

Hello, fellow RVers! Remember, as long as you live in Pecan and own an RV, you can join the PPOA RV Club. Membership is only \$20 a couple or \$10 for a single. We would love to have you in our club.

The April Spring Rally in Brenham, Texas, was a big success. We had 20 rigs and 39 members join us at The Hill Top Luxury Resort. The resort was beautiful, and the Hey Barn (Rally room) was great for all our activities. As a first-time host for the large rally, I think it really turned out to be a fun time with great friends. All of you offered to help, and it was appreciated. I have pictures of some of our fun activities. A very large group of us ate at Mariachi's Mexican restaurant. The food and setup were fantastic. We had an awesome hostess. I think the entire group went to Blue Bell Creameries. We watched ice cream being made from their observation deck, bought goodies from their store and ate Blue Bell ice cream by the scoop for \$1 each. It was a free tour and so much fun. We also toured Brenham Kitchens, a small company that makes spreads, jams, salsa, nuts, etc. We got to taste many and were gifted with samples. I think a lot of us ended up buying something. We ate lunch at a local café called Must be Heaven. It was very busy, but so good. Some of the group toured Giddings Stone Mansion, a historical Mansion in Brenham and some of us went to explore Antique Rose Garden. This place was beautiful. We saw two of the biggest cypress trees I have ever seen, roses, roses, roses, and great greenery. Twelve of the men played golf while the women shopped or toured. We had an arts and craft day where Angie and helper Judy Henson taught the group how to make bluebonnet flowers. One night, we had a Guess the Baby Picture Game, and everyone had trouble identifying the babies. I think out of 23 pictures only six were identified. It was so much fun. A group, led by host Sharon Green, went to La Grange and went on a painted churches. Others went to Washington-on-the-Brazos. We had lots of great food to eat and plenty of time to socialize. I would like to thank my co-hosts Steve Haskell and Angie and Jay Brown. Without their help, this would have been a disaster. I also give a big shout out to Tom Schmersahl for organizing the golf tournament, Chuck Tines for the fun, fun, fun games and Sharon Green for hosting the painted churches tour.

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 who 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 through Sept 16 – NO HOST

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fall Rally – Belton, Texas, Oct. 19 through Oct. 24 – Joe and Judy Henson and Helen and Bob Price

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.

Reminder – we do not have meetings in June, July or August, but please send me information and pictures of all your summer adventures for the Columns.

Glenna Haskell, President





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WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

Free to good home—feral hogs.

By Bob Lusk

What, no takers?

So far, Operations Manager Daniel Van Patten and his team have trapped 40ish pigs this year.

Feral hogs have been making themselves at home, rooting up yards around Pecan this spring, like they seem to do each year. Ravenswood has been hardest hit, at least until the river came up for several weeks in April and May. Seems those hogs aren't so interested in swimming the river when 15,000 cubic feet per second are flowing downstream.

Speaking of the Brazos River, the Wildlife Committee-sponsored Pecan River Ecology Program (PREP) is continuing to monitor river quality monthly. So far, so good. We are gathering good data to present when the time is right. Go to the Pecan River Ecology Program Facebook page, ask to join, and see what we're up to. You can participate at your own level, especially cataloging plants along the river and in the river bed. That's valuable information, plus it's a lot of fun. There are tutorials about how to take photos and upload them to our PREP iNaturalist page

As we wander into June, fawns are still dropping. Leave them be, please. Mom is near.

Late July, into August, the Wildlife Committee will do our annual deer count. Bucks, does and fawns will be counted all over the community, in one-hour increments, three times. There will be two morning counts and one evening trip. Numbers will be submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologists, who will make a written report with recommendations on how to manage the herd via harvest.

With so much new construction, roads and homes, trees going away, deer behavior has made an obvious change. Deer habitat is changing, and their movements are shifting as well.

When recommendations come back from TPWD, the letter will be presented to the PPOA Board of Directors, who will decide what action, if any, will take place.

Folks, at some point, deer will need to be selectively harvested to keep their numbers in check and to maintain the overall health of the herd. Heavy on the word "selectively". That means judging each animal caught, based on body condition, age, gender and ratios of bucks to does. There is a

method to it.

We have one choice — trapping. That's it. No bullets, no arrows, no lassoing them on horseback. Trapping, using nets.

Look for more news on our deer population, right here, as it becomes available.

How often do you hear that loud, honking noise just in time to look up and see a low-flying "V" near your house? Canada geese. No, not "Canadian" geese — they're Canada geese.

These big, beautiful birds are noisy, but it's good to know a little bit about them. There are seven different subspecies of Canada geese. Not so long ago, most flocks migrated. They were totally wild. In today's world, there are those who migrate, and those who reproduce and establish a resident population. We have both. They love golf courses (imagine that, here), ponds (imagine that, here), and places to land and graze.

Natural predators, especially raccoons, love to eat eggs or grab the goslings. Foxes and coyotes will feast on the babies. There have been reports of goslings swimming in ponds, and big snapping turtles helping themselves. Big geese — not likely to be eaten by a predator, unless a slow one deserves it.

You can tell when Canada geese have been to your house by what they leave behind, literally. Messy little critters.

Egyptian geese — invasive things, as pretty as they are. If you see a nest, send an email to hogs@ppoaweb.com. Daniel wants to know.

Bird migration is ongoing, as we speak. Migration usually ends around the end of this month, maybe into July. Want to be amazed? Google "BirdCast" and give it a look. U.S. Weather radar tracks bird migration, which happens at night. It's stunning to see how many birds are on the move each night.

Because of that, please turn off your outside lights by 10 p.m. each night so artificial lighting doesn't distract them from going where nature wants, not into the side of your house.

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



Fawns are still dropping. Leave them alone, please. Mom is nearby.
Credit: Karen Gomez.



Canada geese with goslings.



Egyptian geese — invasive species. Credit: Julianne Crane.

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PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

Rhonda Humphreys, president

Spring is quickly fading, and the excitement of summer is just around the corner. Kids will be out of school, and vacation will soon begin! Wherever you are, I hope each of you will have a special plan to create happy memories.

In the meantime, back at Pecan Plantation, the Woman's Club is having its annual membership drive. If you would like to become a new member of Pecan Plantation Woman's Club, we would love to have you join us. If you are currently a member and would like to renew your membership, or if you have been away from PPWC for a while, we invite you to come back and experience all the exciting things we have planned for the 2025-2026 year. What better way to spend time with old friends and meet new friends along the way?

Please join us by going to myppwc.com. Click at the top on join or renew and follow the prompts from there. Our theme this year is 'Soaring to New Heights'. I have chosen a butterfly to represent our beautiful organization.

June, July and August are a fun time to be part of PPWC-Chit Chat Luncheons. Our program chairs, Sandy Hayenga, Barb Briscoe and Kim Wallen, have a very relaxed summer planned. Please join us for the Chit Chats on the third Thursday of each month. The June theme will be "Letters from Home." Please bring any stationary you may have handy. We will be writing letters to our men and women serving in the military. Email your reservation to ppwcres@gmail.com. We meet in the Clubhouse ballroom from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30. Please come and bring a friend with you!

On Tuesday, July 8 PPWC will host an evening social from 6 to 8 p.m. – create a Special Seashell Art Project with Pamala Vannoy. More details are available on our website. Make your reservations

now. Seating is limited: ppwcvening-social@gmail.com. Small charge for the class and a light meal.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at rhonda.ppwc@gmail.com or call 817-458-1248. Please join us!



"You do not just wake up and become a butterfly. Growth is a process." ~ **Rupi Kaur**

Pecan Plantation Woman's Club
Summer Fun Chit-Chat Luncheon
Thursday, June 19, 2025 ~ Clubhouse Ballroom

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June's Theme:
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CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT

	Actual YTD	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 4,623,513	\$ 4,602,126	\$ 21,387
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>\$ (642,777)</u>	<u>\$ (683,275)</u>	<u>\$ 40,498</u>
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 3,980,736	\$ 3,918,851	\$ 61,885
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (2,426,486)	\$ (2,547,539)	\$ 121,053
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (1,313,526)	\$ (1,392,122)	\$ 78,596
Net Operating Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation	<u>\$ 240,724</u>	<u>\$ (20,810)</u>	<u>\$ 261,534</u>

RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND

	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,969,952	\$ 1,969,952
Fund Deposits	\$ 471,235	\$ 1,163,306
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (344,312)</u>	<u>\$ (1,909,448)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 2,096,875</u>	<u>\$ 1,223,810</u>

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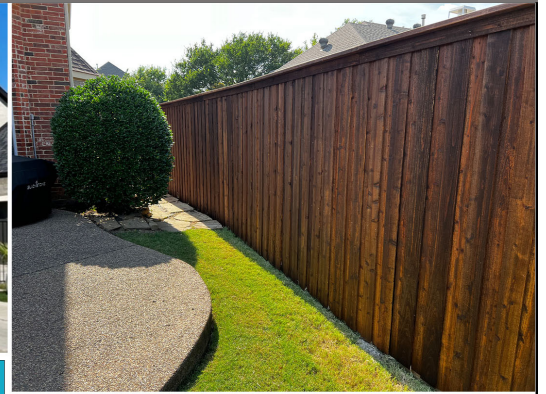
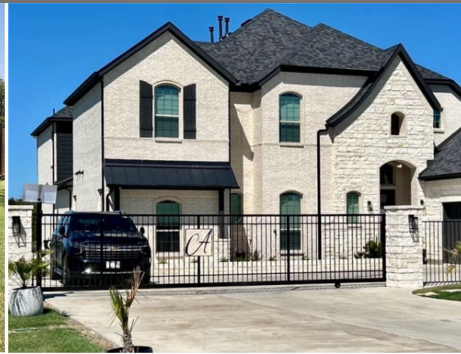
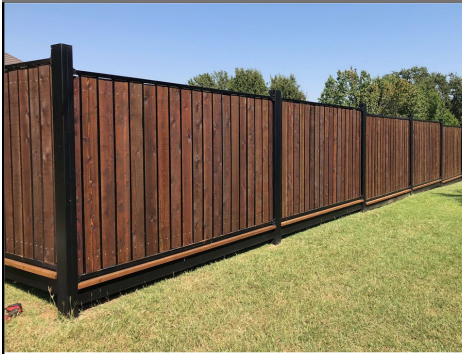
	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,619,715	\$ 1,619,715
Fund Deposits	\$ 228,700	\$ 589,340
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (42,085)</u>	<u>\$ (133,814)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 1,806,330</u>	<u>\$ 2,075,241</u>

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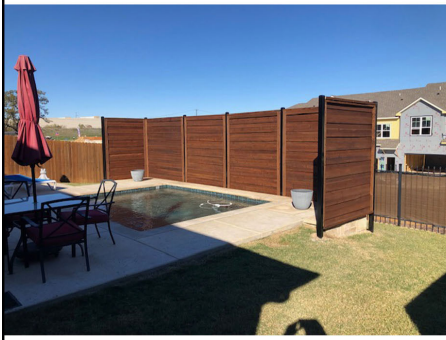
	Actual YTD	Year End Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,642,645	\$ 2,642,645
Fund Deposits	\$ 804,957	\$ 1,948,880
Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ (1,769,454)</u>	<u>\$ (2,876,929)</u>
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Newspaper, catalogs, magazine, junk mail, shredded paper	Clean, dry newspaper & 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.
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 15 Odessa AM
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 19 in Grand Prairie: "Ripley's Believe ____"
 21 very small town in Taylor County
 22 TX O. Henry short story: "A Houston ____"

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 38 what Jack took up the hill? (2 wds.)
 39 produce electricity
- 1 former Texas airline "Braniff, ____"
 2 Fort Worth university (abbr.)
 3 Dimmit County's ____ Springs
 4 TV movie series: "____ Fame"
 8 TXism for "carry"
 9 TX Buck Owens' "I've ____ Tail"
 10 TX Sissy played this Loretta in "Coal Miner's Daughter" (init.)
 11 TX Janis died of this (abbr.)
- 12 TXism: "coming apart ____"
 13 Hawaiian poi can be made from this tuber
 14 TXism: "a whole ____" (a lot)
 15 a Texas Indian tribe
 16 Texas clothing designer, Oldham
 17 Astro extra innings game on the West Coast? (2 wds.)
 18 hinder progress
 20 TXism: "____ 'bout"
 22 this Duvall starred in "Breakout" with TX Quaid (init.)
- 23 TXism: "don't give a hoot ____ holler"
 24 homemade liquor "sour ____"
 25 "____ walk"
 26 Sam Houston's home in Indian territory: "The Wigwam ____"
- 28 U.S. still has ____ on Cuban cigars
 31 has a debt
 34 TXism: "____ as the bottom of a well"
 35 cowboy bolo
 37 Shreveport LPTV
 40 "One ____ one Ranger"
 42 TX George Strait hit: "____ Come to Expect It From You"
 43 TXism: "his recall ____ overhaul"
 49 type of Apache
 50 Ranger announcer, Nadel (init.)

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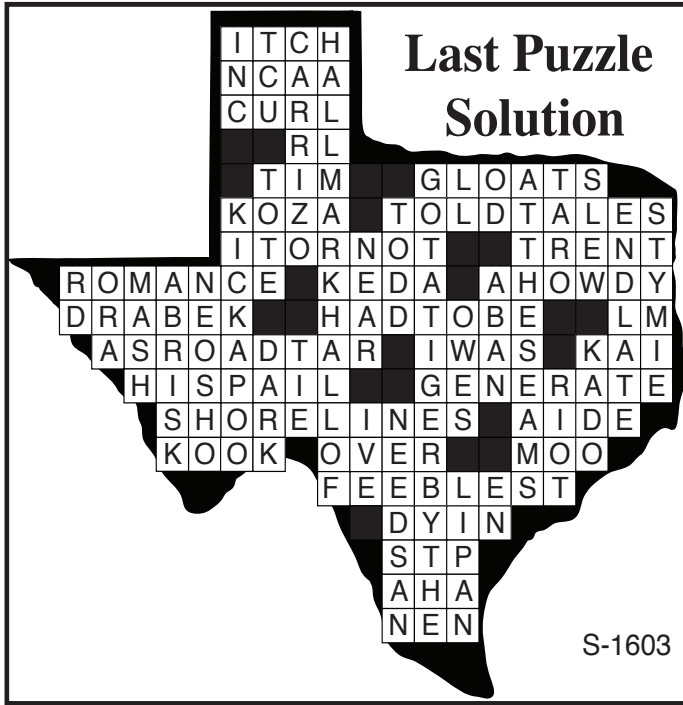
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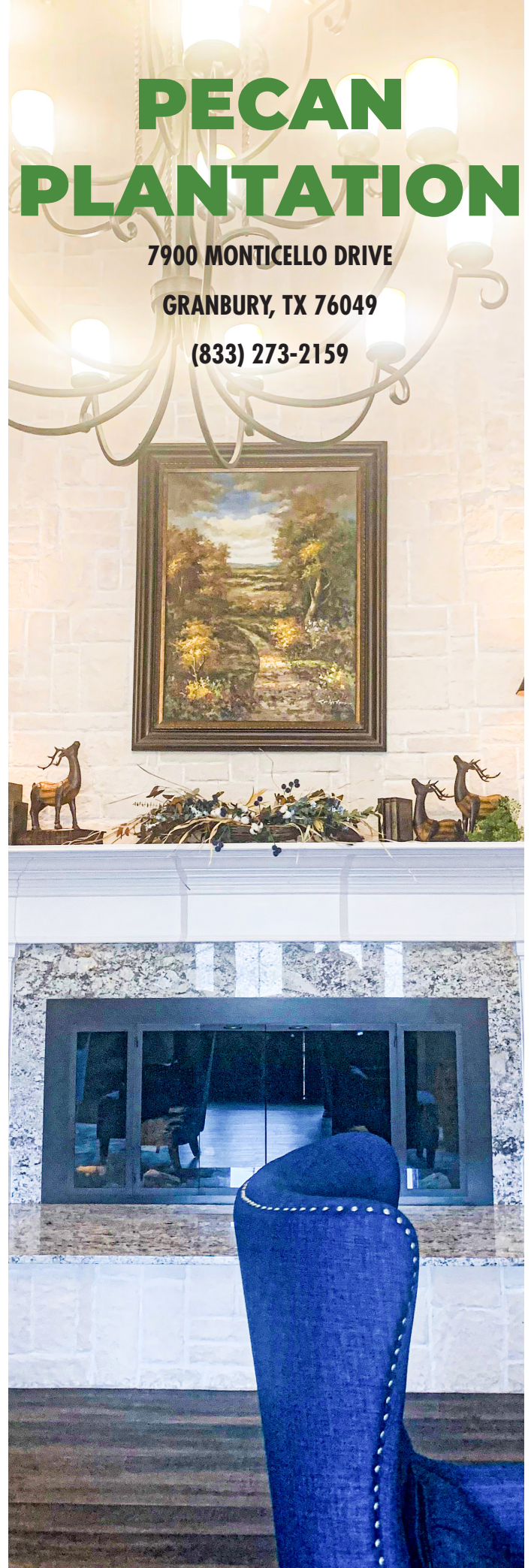


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