

NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Senior Connections
A Gathering Place for Active Seniors

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Program Director's Desk



Dear Friends,

The month of April will hopefully bring us more spring flowers, if Mother Nature decides to gift us with more rain. Did you know that the word April means Open in Latin, just like the flowers in spring? It symbolizes new beginnings, and how poetic, as we keep our sights on a new beginning in our building. It will be a while, but our Capital Campaign is about to be launched, enabling us to raise the funds needed to remodel the old Galipp Grocery Store in Downtown Schulenburg. We can look forward to more bathrooms, a bigger gathering space, a dedicated art room, more parking, and so much more. Don't let the wait for this amazing new beginning get you down; it will be well worth it!

Warm regards,

The Senior Connections Team

Stephanie Shroyer

Program Director

May Trivia

The Month of May. May is named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants.

Zodiac signs: **Taurus & Gemini**

Birthstone: **Emerald**

Flower: **Lily of the Valley**

Member Testimony

"I used to spend all day in my bedroom, I'm on the move more than ever. I love how the center feels like a family."

Schulenburg Member



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**May
2026**


SUNDAY Closed	MONDAY 9am-2pm Schulenburg	TUESDAY 9am-2pm Weimar or Flatonia	WEDNESDAY 9am-2pm Schulenburg	THURS DAY Closed	FRIDAY 10am-1pm ARTS Bldg.	SATUR DAY Closed
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Come join our family!
 Enjoy a cup of coffee or glass of tea.
 Play games or just visit with others!

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 10am-12pm
 at ARTS
 Jaime Janda
 Pen & Ink
 &
 Steph Shroyer
 Eco Printing
 Lunch Served

3 OUTING Sealand Restaurant & Curious Savage Comedy Play La Grange 12-6 pm	11:30 am Lunch Tater Tot Casserole, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Mike Stroup and Annie Rost Live Music 1:00 pm Bingo w/ Brenda McMahan New Century Hospice	4 Cinco de Mayo 5 SC-Weimar 11:30 am Lunch Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Beans, and Fixings, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rusti Beckmann, Senior Connections Board Member 12:30 pm Bingo Alyssa, 1 st Texas Home Health	6 11:20 am Lunch Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Buttered Potatoes, Salad, Dessert 12:00 pm – Bingo w/ Kelly Sobotic, Crown Hospice.	7	8 9 10am-12pm at ARTS Jaime Janda Pen & Ink & Steph Shroyer Eco Printing Lunch Served
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May Birthdays

In May, we celebrate birthdays with:

Carolyn Kutac – 1st
Debbie Lain – 3rd
Kathryn Moore – 4th
Cindy Ferguson – 5th
Jim Hollon – 6th
Nancy Zatopek – 9th
Johnny Fajtik – 10th
Marian Chamrad – 11th

Eric Perkins – 12th
Ben Lafferty – 13th
Henrietta Cernosek – 13th
Deanie Chollett – 15th
Brittany Wagner – 16th
Arleen Billings – 17th
Jerlyn Coleman – 22nd
Wiley Boehnke – 22nd

Jannette Streit – 24th
Michelle Hollon – 24th
Annette Jasek – 25th
Jim Walker – 25th
Duckie Baetz – 30th
Bubba Peddy – 31st
Charles Martin – 31st



Please join us at the center, normally on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to celebrate.

May Trivia

Mother's Day became an official holiday in 1914, celebrating the love and dedication of mothers.

The first Cannes Film Festival was held in 1946 and continues to celebrate storytelling from around the world.

May's birth flower is the lily of the valley, often associated with sweetness and humility.

Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, was born on May 12, now celebrated as International Nurses Day.

Pisces (Apr 20 – May 20)

Taureans are dependable, logical, and overall peaceful beings

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)

Geminis love to learn and they never stop wondering about the unexplained

WOW!

The Lawn Mower

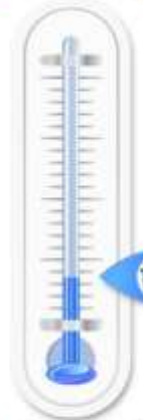
In May 1830, English inventor Edwin Beard Budding signed an agreement to manufacture the first lawn mower. This simple machine made it easier to maintain gardens and green spaces, transforming how people cared for their surroundings.

News to Know



\$2,000,000

GOAL



\$366,830

All contributions are greatly appreciated. You too can join our effort by scanning below.



Renovation Update – The Capital Campaign Phase

April was an exciting and encouraging month for our building project! Thanks to the generosity of a major foundation grant combined with the support of individual donors, we raised a total of **\$94,810** toward our building renovation fund.

This progress brings us one step closer to transforming our new space into a fully functional hub that can better serve our members. Every contribution, large and small, reflects a shared belief in our mission and the importance of investing in the well-being of our community.

We are deeply grateful for the momentum we're building and look forward to continuing to share updates as we secure funding for this meaningful project!



THE CAMPAIGN GOAL & GIVING LEVELS

Building Community. Inspiring Connection.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECT GOAL: \$2,000,000
2-YEAR PLEDGE LEVELS:



VISIONARY: \$100,000+

For those whose extraordinary generosity secures the future of Senior Connections

Recognition: Most Significant plaque on the Donor Wall

* *Priority eligibility for building or room naming opportunities with an additional gift.*



HEART OF THE TABLE: \$75,000

Supporters who understand that meals are more than just food.

Recognition: Large plaque on the Donor Wall + Special recognition near the Kitchen

* *Second-tier naming opportunity for the Kitchen with an additional gift.*



CREATIVE SPIRIT: \$50,000

Believers in the power of art, self-expression, and lifelong learning to enrich lives.

Recognition: Large plaque on the Donor Wall + Special recognition near the Art Gallery

* *Second-tier naming opportunity for the Art Gallery with an additional gift.*



TRUE BELIEVER: \$25,000

Donors who believe in the importance of engagement

Recognition: Medium plaque on the Donor Wall



GOOD NEIGHBOR: \$10,000

Local champions whose generosity brings daily companionship to others.

Recognition: Medium plaque on the Donor Wall



SUPPORTER: \$5,000

Community members whose kindness brings comfort and care to our seniors every day.

Recognition: Small plaque on the Donor Wall



FRIENDS OF THE CENTER \$2,500

These donors form the strong foundation of our shared mission.

Recognition: Name listed on a shared plaque



HELPING HANDS: \$100-\$999

Recognition: Name listed on a shared plaque

News to Know (continued)



Joe Jimenez dropped by our Weimar Campus with a nice donation from the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree.



We want to give a big shout-out to the City of Schulenburg, Mayor Connie Koopmann, and all the people who have come out to unclog our drains so often.

They took on a major project to replace the sewer main and obsolete pipes in the parking lot. With only one bathroom that regularly gets clogged and put out of order, this will be such a blessing for us!

I'm sure they will be glad not to have to come out frequently to get us back in business!

They take such good care of us! Thank you!!!

News to Know (continued)

Senior Connections volunteers are sponsoring a **raffle for the building fund** for the new building.

Martha Beckmann has created two beautiful pieces, one wreath and one cross, in patriotic flair as prizes for the raffle.

Won't you help us get into our new building?

Message us here to arrange for tickets, come by our program locations from 9:00 to 11:00 or 12:00 to 2:00

Or call us at 979-743-3227 to make purchase arrangements or reach out to your closest volunteer!

Senior Connections Volunteer Raffle



Tickets on sale now
until May 13th



Winners Announced
May 18th

Help us to raise funds for
our new building.

\$ 5.00 PER TICKET or 3/ FOR \$10.00

You can win one of these
Martha Beckmann Creations!

Call 979-743-3227



Upcoming Events



Don't miss our upcoming speakers for May at any of our 3 locations (S) Schulenburg, (W) Weimar, (F) Flatonia:

- May 4 – (S) Mike Stroup and Annie Rost – Live Music
- May 5 – (W) Rusti Beckmann, Senior Connections Board Member
- May 11 – (S) Joe Jimenez, Master Gardener – Texas Super Stars
- May 12 – (F) Kelly Homan – “Hay Poppy”
- May 18 – (S) “Get to Know Your Neighbor”
- May 19 – (W) Chief Jason Smalley, Weimar Police Chief
- May 25 – (S) CLOSED for Memorial Day
- May 26 – (F) Rusti Beckmann, Senior Connections Board Member



2026 Artful Friday

Classes held at Arts for Rural Texas, 1206 Lyons Ave., Schulenburg
 10:00 am -12:00 pm (light lunch served afterwards)
 Classes are open to anyone 55 and up. You must call 979-743-3227 to pre-register. Space is limited to 10 per class. There is a wait list for most classes.

Come join the experience!

East Classroom at Arts For Rural Texas

Month	Artist / Instructor	Medium Topic
May	Jaime Janda	Pen and Ink
June *	Sheryl Tumis	Crochet & Textile Open Studio
July *	Bonnie Karstedt	Needle Felting Wool Painting
Aug.	Jaime Janda	Painting
Sept.	Bonnie Karstedt	Rug Hooking & Textile Open Studio
Oct.	Sue Pape	Painting
Nov.	Jaime Janda	Art Journals
Dec.		Open Studio to complete all projects

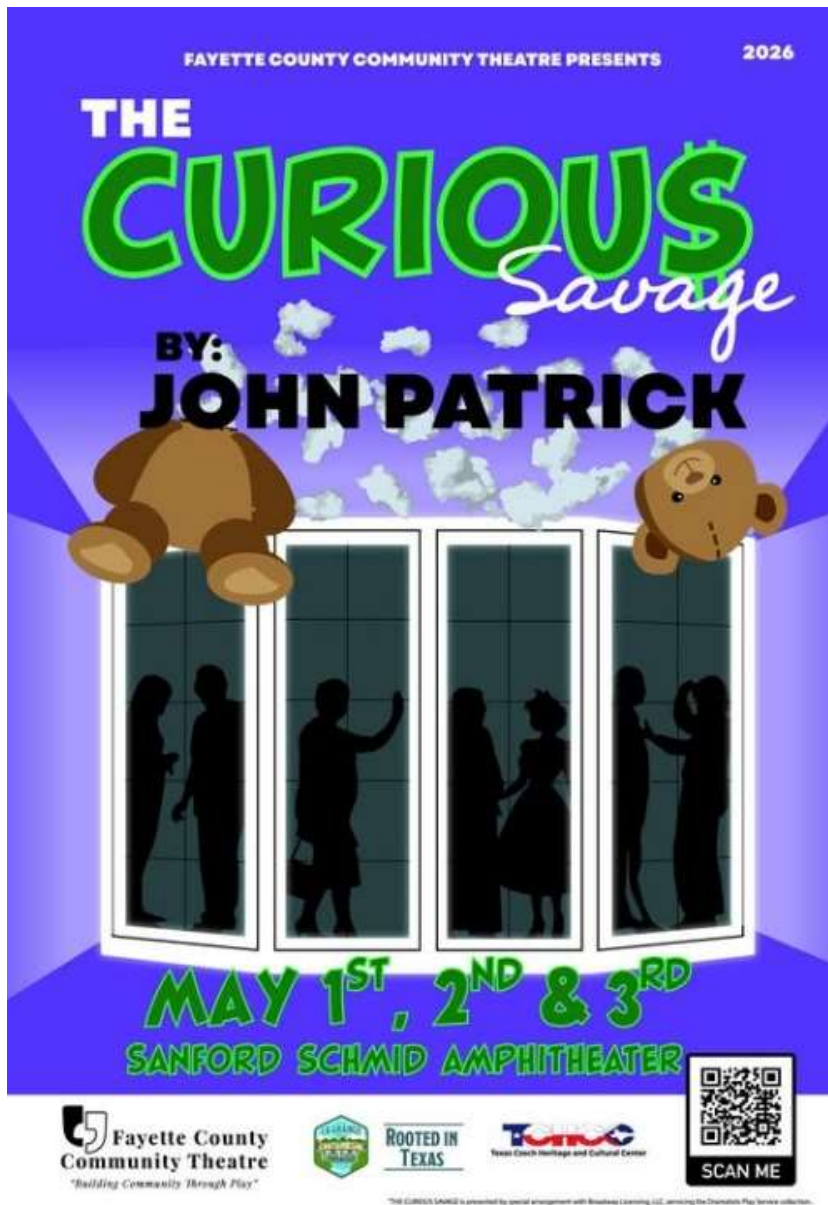
West Classroom at Arts For Rural Texas

Month	Artist / Instructor	Medium Topic
May	Steph Shroyer	Eco Printing (printing with leaves & flowers)
June *	Jaime Janda	Painting
July *	Claire Lewis	Watercolor Painting
Aug.	Steph Shroyer	Jewelry Making & Junk Jewelry Crafts
Sept.	Jaime Janda	Mixed Media
Oct.	Diana Chafin	Assemblage Art
Nov.	Claire Lewis	Seasonal Crafts
Dec.		Open Studio to complete all projects

* June and July classes will be held at Senior Connections due to Children's Art Camp being held at ARTS during the summer.

Upcoming Events (continued)

Curious Savage is the play we will see on May 3rd in LaGrange. If you missed the deadline to sign up, please call the center at 979-743-3227 to see if there are any available seats.



The Curious Savage is the story of an elderly widow named Mrs. Savage, whose husband has left her \$10 million dollars. She intends to give the entire fortune away to people who wish to pursue their "foolish dreams," but her stepchildren strongly object. To prevent her from doing away with their family's wealth and ruining their legacy, they have her committed to a sanatorium called The Cloisters, and it is among the gentle residents there that she finds her true family. The Curious Savage is a warm comedy that compares the kindness and loyalty of psychiatric patients with the greed and hostility of so-called "normal people."

Sign up for our June & July Adventures

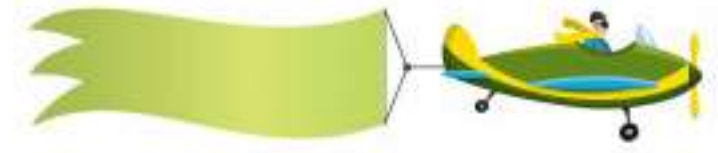
JUNE: Flatonia Adventure includes:

- Lunch at Darlin's Diner
- Movie "The Bucket List" at Lyric Theater

JULY: Fayetteville Adventure includes:

- Lunch at Joe's Place
- 2nd Sunday Polka Day Dance at Fayetteville Community Center

Noticeboard



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome 8 new members to our family:

Nancy Hillary
Carol Siegel
Julia Mrazik
Floyd Arndt
Linda Arndt
Patsy Schmitt
Kelly Ortiz
Richard Ortiz

THANK YOU

We want to give a huge shout out to Arts for Rural Texas for our amazing partnership in providing quality art classes to our members and non-members alike. We also thank all of our artist instructors for their time and dedication to bring these opportunities to our senior population (55 & up).

WHAT'S NEW?

We have recently added a serve yourself beverage bar for tea and water. We will continue to serve hot beverages first thing in the morning for our members, however because our attendance has grown so much, we are implementing the beverage bar so everyone can make sure they have their own cool beverage and are not overlooked.

LOOKING AHEAD

Artful Friday classes will be moving to Senior Connections for June and July while Children's Summer Art Camps are going on at the ARTS Building. More details will follow as the date gets closer.

Mark your calendar for our **Summer Ice Cream Social** scheduled for July 29th.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember and pray for our members and friends who are ill and need our healing prayers:

- **Lillian Vanicek**
- **Monica Dunsworth**
- **Troy & Diana Chafin**
- **John Knotts & Terry Ehler**
- **Betty Mulholland's family**
- **Frank Lafferty**
- **Annette Jasek**
- **Jo Nell Vasek**
- **Gary Pauler's Family**
- **Janis Kutac**
- **Roy Kaase**

MEMBER UPDATES

Frank Lafferty says his doctor told him he could start walking as the hip allows, but after a month in a wheelchair, it's like learning to walk again. Pray he regains his strength and ability to walk as his hip continues to heal.

Troy Chafin had his 2nd surgery recently to receive his brain stimulator. He is doing well with home health and PT. Troy goes in on May 13th to get all adjusted and turned on.

Spotlight – Pam Janda



My husband, Thomas, and I moved to Schulenburg full-time 2 years ago. We lived in Houston where I taught school. We have 1 daughter who lives in North Carolina. I enjoy reading, traveling and hiking. I am so happy to be able to volunteer with Senior Connections. I have met wonderful people and am grateful to be part of the Senior Connections family.

**THANK YOU to our volunteer,
Pam!!!**

Last Month in Review



Lunch & Learn – Monday, April 6 (Schulenburg)

Kelly Sobotik with **Crown Hospice** spoke about Hospice care and respite care so caregivers can have some healing time for themselves. We learned about what conditions qualify a patient for this and more.

Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, April 7 (Weimar)

Our speaker, **Brenda Anderson**, a **Colorado County Extension agent**, spoke about how to save money while still eating healthy at the grocery store. She gave great advice, like shop your kitchen first, create a menu, make a list, and even order online. She told us about the new food pyramid and suggested considering frozen fruits and vegetables as a wise choice.



Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, April 14 (Flatonia)



We were pleased to have our speaker, **Cyndi Johnson** from **The Market**. How lucky the community is to have this special place in our town. It makes us happy to walk through their doors and see the wide variety of items she carries on her shelves! The selection of groceries isn't available anywhere except in big cities. Cyndi hand-picks her products after hours of research. You know you're getting the best.

Last Month in Review (continued)

Lunch & Learn – Monday, April 20 (Schulenburg)

Heather from the Fayette County Community Theater spoke to the group about their exciting building project. The old Prause Meat Market will become their new theater home. It will take a while and some funds to refurbish the building, as we all know! She also talked about the recent and upcoming performances on their schedule. We will be seeing *The Curious Savage* on May 3rd.



Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, April 21 (Weimar)

Lloyd Jewel entertained us after the meal, and we all enjoyed his music! Bravo! We even had folks on the dance floor! His band is called **Monkey Business!**

Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, March 24 (Flatonia)

We had the pleasure of meeting **Lisa Deborde**, who owns the **Czech’rd Dog** antique shop in Flatonia. This business previously lived in Schulenburg, but she explains how she really enjoys her new location and meeting people and hearing stories about various pieces, which she has collected to sell to the public. Having grown up spending time with her grandparents in the area, she developed a love for Antiques and is blessed to make that her career now.



Last Month in Review (continued)

Weimar Campus

Amanda's lasagna, sauteed fresh vegetables, an extra-fruity salad, and garlic bread filled the building with a wonderful smell.



Darlene called the bingo game for us, with **Beverly** winning the Picture Frame and **Freda** winning the Blackout Prize!



The morning was quiet at **First United Methodist Church in Weimar**, with our serious dominoes players enjoying their games, but as we got closer to lunchtime, the room filled up with hungry members! Our home-cooked meal by **Amanda Kridel** featured beef biscuit casserole, sauteed carrots, and our house salad.



Kelli with Crown Hospice joined us for Bingo, and she will become a regular in Schulenburg!
Gloria Cook won the blackout prize!

Last Month in Review (continued)

Flatonia Campus



Senior Connections met in Flatonia in the beautiful **Newman Hall of Flatonia Methodist Church**.

The drizzle seemed to slow the members down a little bit first thing in the morning, but the delicious beef stroganoff by **Amanda** brought them in!



Haley with Crown Hospice concluded the afternoon with our bingo game. We had a runoff for the blackout between **Michelle and August**, with **Michelle** the champion!

On Tuesday, April 28, we gathered in **Newman Hall at the Flatonia Methodist Church** in Flatonia for our program. After a quiet morning of Domino's, more members filtered in to join us for a delicious meal of chicken and rice made by **Amanda Kridel**. Dilled carrots, our house salad, and garlic bread completed the meal. **Megan and Laverne** brought desserts. Our May dessert calendar sign-up is open to anyone who would like to share a dessert next month.

After lunch we enjoyed some bingo games. **August** was the lucky winner of the blackout prize.



Last Month in Review (continued)



Leona Lange was the big winner for bingo! She also got the big picture frame! She chose two pounds of frozen ground beef from Texas Beef Initiative! Good choice!

Desiree and Naiomi, with Partners Insurance, called bingo for us, with **Darlene** finishing the afternoon for a second blackout round. **Irene and Carolyn** were lucky winners today!



Chyla P., from Hallettsville and Stevens Nursing Centers, came to our bingo game. **Gerald** won the blackout prize that she brought, a pair of nice solar lights! **Darlene** finished the afternoon game, and **Bennie and Alice** went into a playoff for the blackout, both winning tickets to the **American Legion** Chicken Fried Steak drive-through dinner next month. **Bennie** won the runoff, and she chose 2 lbs. of frozen ground beef from the **Texas Beef Initiative!**

Irma and Charles got a special seating arrangement the volunteers call the "romantic table" to accommodate the many members who joined us!

The morning was filled with tarok, dominoes, and a few card games as the room began to fill for our home-cooked meal.

We knew that **Connie Koopmann's** chicken-fried steak would bring a crowd. It did! **Jeffrey** with **Columbus Oaks Healthcare Community** popped in to call bingo, and because we are starting earlier serving lunch, the members were ready!

Johnny won the blackout after a playoff with **Clarence**. This nice pillow will go nicely in his new Apartment.

Martha won the final blackout called by me, **Steph**. Choosing the detergent, I think she cleaned up!



Last Month in Review (continued)

Monday in Schulenburg was magnificent! The weather may have kept some people away, but not our die-hard members! **Connie Koopmann's** hamburger steak with grilled onions was a hit when paired with the buttered potatoes and salad made by the volunteers we can't live without! The members brought desserts, isn't that so great?

August dropped off cookies from **his wife, Mary**, for the Cookie Roundup, so we will have cookies to share with the speakers and bingo callers. **Carolyn Moore** brought some too!

Following the program, **Darlene** jumped in to call the bingo. **Betty** won the blackout prize of Ziplock bags in two sizes, and **Mr. Jim Walker** won the blackout, choosing some snacks for his prize.



Well, we had a packed house again in Schulenburg! Wednesdays keep growing! Was it the hot coffee and helpful volunteers? The great games? Or maybe it was the brisket and sausage from Oakridge Smoke House.

Deannie and Reagan from **Schulenburg Family Fitness** always bring a crowd, and then there are all the great prizes to win! Perhaps it's a combination of all of the above!



Helen won the blackout brought by our guest callers

Last Month in Review (continued)

In Schulenburg, we enjoyed a new bingo caller from **Amedisys Hospice**. **Nichole Owers** will be joining us on the 4th Monday of each month!



After Nichole finished calling bingo, **Steph** called the rest of the game with **Becky** being the lucky winner of the blackout prize!

We had a wild Wednesday in Schulenburg! **Oakridge Smoke House** Provided Chicken Tenders, mashed potatoes, and gravy for our meal, and the volunteers made a salad that is always a hit! Deserts from **Connie Koopmann** finished off the meal.



Our VIP Bingo caller, **Bill Wagner**, was in the house today, and **Darlene** finished out the afternoon game. **Ginni** and **Nancy** had a runoff for the blackout prize, with **Ginni** winning two tickets to a drive-through fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus featuring chicken-fried steak!



Last Month in Review (continued)

A large contingency of Senior Connections members from all campuses went on a great adventure on April 23rd. We started our morning at the **Black Bear Diner** in Katy for an enjoyable brunch to fuel us up for our next stop. **The Museum of Fine Arts** was the destination where we viewed the collection of art by the infamous Frida Kahlo and other artists influenced by her. We all enjoyed the service of Prime Charters for driving us safely on our journey. Along on the trip were; **Alice Fajkus, August Kalinek, Barbara Nugent, Bernie Gillings, Brenda Ray, Carolyn Hajek, Carolyn Moore, Cynthia Meyer, Darlene Williams, Deborah Jones, Fernanda Kirkwood, Irene Lozano, Jaime Janda, Janice Collins, Joseph Collins, Kitra Ruiz, Leona Lange, Lisa Patten, Manuela Ruelas, Maggie Lozano, Marilyn Mares, Mary Guenther, Misty Schindler, Mary Anne Jurica, Michelle Hollon, Shirley Machicek, and Stephanie Shroyer.**



Last Month in Review (continued)



We had a splendid day on our adventure. We were blessed to stay out of the way of the big storms all around us. First stop **St. Mary's Church in Ellinger**. What a treat to share this special place with the members.

Stephanie had the honor of helping to restore the altar and the statues in 2005.



Next stop, **Orsaks** in Fayetteville for lunch. They never disappoint!



Last stop on the other end of the block at the Fayetteville Community Center, the **Shiner Hobo Band** played for the Second Sunday Polka Day.

Two of our members play in the band....

It was a fun day, we made it home between storms to Schulenburg, a little beaten up by the weather.

Participants on the adventure were, **Jan Guerrero, Annette Jasek, Leona, Lange, Betty Hellcamp, Mary Guenther, Brenda Ray, John Soos, Mary Ann Jurica, Bernie Gillings, Barbara Nugent, Johnny Fajtik, Elaine Reeves, Carolyn Moore, Gary Pauler, Gary Carpenter, Kathy Carpenter, August Kalinec, Cynthia Meyer and Steph Shroyer.** Meeting us there was **Jan, Bobby and Janie.**



Last Month in Review (continued)



April Birthday
Celebration Day!



We celebrated birthdays in Schulenburg for April. In the photo are Helen Janda, Martha Beckmann, and Annie Mae Ripper.

If it's your birthday month, plan to come early to take pictures with all the birthday honorees. Pictures will be taken at 10:50 am prior to announcements and lunch.



Once a month we ask our members to participate in our Cookie Roundup, if possible. We love to give homemade cookies to our speakers, bingo callers, and community workers. Please share your goodies with us so we can distribute them as needed to these special people as a thank you from Senior Connections.



Thank you, **Brenda Anderson**, Colorado County Extension Agent for being our guest speaker in Weimar.



Thank you, **Cyndi Johnson** from **The Market** in Flatonia for being our guest speaker in Flatonia

Our next drop off day for baked goods is **May 18th**

Please help us roundup a variety of cookies.



Last Month in Review (continued)



We are so very grateful to Arts for Rural Texas for their partnership to make these opportunities possible! Tory Farley, the Program Director, is the best!

Artful Friday Senior Classes For anyone age 55 & up!

Are you looking for a new activity? Maybe you're an artist and don't realize it yet!

There are still openings in the following classes:

- **June:** Creative Painting Techniques with Jaime Janda
- **July:** Painting With Wool, Needle Felting with Bonnie Karsteadt
- **August:** Creative Painting Techniques with Jaime Janda
- **September:** Rag Rug Hooking with Bonnie Karstedt
- **October:** Assemblage/Mixed Media Sculptures with Diana Chafin
- **November:** Art Journal Class (for new and continuing projects) with Jaime Janda

Call or come by the center at 1111 Bohlmann Ave to get registered for upcoming classes. Many are already full, but we do have a wait list.

979-743-3227

Arts for Rural Texas is a great partner, bringing these wonderful classes to our seniors at no cost! We thank them from the bottom of our hearts, and the top too!



Last Month in Review (continued)



Sheryl Tumis taught a Floral Design workshop. Her students created these lovely wreaths just in time for Easter. **Mary Ann Jurica, Jody Driskell, Leona Lange, Delores Bittner, Janice Collins, Annette Jasek, Sheryl Tumis, and Kathy Carpenter.**
Thank you to Arts for this partnership!



In the group photo are **Mary Ann Jurica, Janice Collins, Pam Janda, Leona Lange, Linda Barrilleaux, Delores Bittner, Jody Driskell, Cindy Ferguson, Sharon Rodriguez, Kathy Carpenter, and artist instructor Sheryl Tumis.**



Linda Holman substituted for **Sheryl Tumis** and taught bow making in the Floral Arranging class. Thanks, Linda for pitching in.

Here are photos from **Sheryl Tumis's** last class for her month-long workshop on floral arranging. So many pretty arrangements!



Last Month in Review (continued)



In **Jaime Janda's** Artful Friday class, students were tasked with painting a still life. Whether they chose to focus on a small section or a large portion of the display, each created something very individual and unique. **Maxine Farley, Deborah Jones, Amparo Salinas, Nancy Hillary, Verna Lenth, Jaime Janda, Berni Gillings, Sharon Friedrich, and Kim Penland.**



Have you ever tried to paint with your non-dominant hand? Well, in **Jaime Janda's** class at Artful Friday, that is just what they did! What an exercise!

And they did great! (See finished paintings below)

Verna Lenth, Berni Gillings, Sharon Friedrich, Deborah Jones, Nancy Hillary, Maxine Farley, Amparo Salinas, Instructor artist Jaime Janda, and Kim Penland are in the group photo below; **Paul and Freda** are missing.



Fernanda Kirkwood substituted for Jaime Janda in the painting class, teaching some new techniques! Thanks for pitching in!



Last Month in Review (continued)



Do you need help at home with small tasks too difficult to tackle on your own?
If so, call 979-743-3227 and ask to be added to the Craig's Helping Heroes List.
Leave a message with your name, phone #, what task you need done.
One of our helping heroes will give you a call to assist you.

Many of our members have been extremely satisfied with their work and their love for our members.

Here is just one testimony from a recent task accomplished by our Helping Heroes.

MEMBER TESTIMONY

Craig, Francisco, and Juan are truly good-hearted men. My gratitude extends forever! My yard looked like a junkyard back there but not anymore!
They also fixed the net around the trampoline for my granddaughters. They are truly good men.
Thank you!

Please remember, these volunteers are not professionals and therefore, do not have the equipment necessary to handle big jobs meant for pros. However, they are generously donating their time and talent to help our members with yard work and small repairs around the house.

Poem to Share

Mother o' Mine

Rudyard Kipling

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
I know whose love would follow me still,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
I know whose tears would come down to me,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were damned of body and soul,
I know whose prayers would make me whole,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

Laughing Matters



Two Different Answers

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on."

The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now."

The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!"

His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

Counting Cats with Johnny

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

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