

NEWSLETTER

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Senior Connections
A Gathering Place for Active Seniors

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Program Director's Desk

Hello All,

Welcome to the beautiful month of May!

This month is packed with fascinating celebrations, fun activities, and moments of appreciation. National Train Day reminds us of the power of travel and connection and honors the incredible history of railroads. We are lucky to have the Train Museum in Flatonia, and we hope you all take a trip there to take it all in!

Mother's Day allows us to express gratitude for the love and wisdom of mothers and mother figures, and for mothers to reflect on their lives and what joy being a mother has brought them.

Senior Connection's May schedule is filled with activities and adventure! We hope you will join us.

Enjoy the journey, cherish loved ones, and keep exploring!

Warm wishes

Stephanie Shroyer



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**

Quote of the Day

*You are never too old
to set another goal
or to dream a new
dream.*

– C.S. Lewis

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SUNDAY Closed	MONDAY 9am-2pm Schulenburg	TUESDAY 9am-2pm Weimar or Flatonia	WEDNESDAY 9am-2pm Schulenburg	THURSDAY Closed	FRIDAY 10am-1pm ARTS Bldg.	SATURDAY Closed		
Koopmann Oakridge City Market Sr. Conn. AMK Schobel's			Come join our family! Enjoy a cup of coffee or glass of tea. Play games or just visit with others! 			1	2	3
					10am -12 pm at ARTS w/ Jaime Janda Lunch Served			
4	Cinco de Mayo 11:30 am Lunch Chicken Tamales, Rice, Beans, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Member Spotlight w/ Kerry Van De Steeg 12:30 pm Bingo w/ Elizabeth Fox, Freyburg Hall	5	SC-Weimar 11:30 am Lunch Meatloaf with Brown Gravy, Buttered Potatoes, Salad, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Tiffany, Weimar Chamber of Commerce 12:30 pm Bingo w/ Anne Frye, Texas Home Health	6	11:30 am Lunch Beef Tips, Rice, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert 12:00 pm – Bingo w/ Fayette Savings Bank	7	8	9
							10am -12 pm at ARTS w/ Jaime Janda Lunch Served	10 National Train Day
11 Mother's Day 	11:30 am Lunch Teriyaki Stir-Fry, Lo Mein Noodles, Sugar Snap Peas, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Dr. Abby, Duchicela Clinic (Jeopardy Game) 12:30 pm Bingo w/ Sandy Anderson, TruCare	12	SC-Flatonia 9:45 Exercise (NEW) 11:30 am Lunch Lasagna, Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Salad, Ice Cream Floats 12:00 pm MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL 12:30 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Betsy Wagner, Author 1:00 pm Bingo w/ Joshua Lovejoy, Crown Hospice	13	11:30 am Lunch Brisket, Sausage, Potato Salad, Beans, Dessert 12:00 pm – Bingo w/ Chyla, Wellsential Nursing and Rehab	14	15	16
							10am -12 pm at ARTS w/ Jaime Janda Lunch Served	17
18	11:30 am Lunch Enchilada Casserole, Pinto Beans, Rice, Dessert **Cookie Roundup** 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Craig Moreau, Round Top Family Library - Generationalism 12:30 pm Bingo w/ Victoria Bothe, Shady Oaks, Moulton	19	SC-Weimar 11:30 am Lunch Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Dr. Van Houton 12:30 pm Bingo w/ Takeshia Hodge, Columbus Oaks NH	20	11:30 am Lunch Fried Chicken, Buttered Potatoes, Salad, Dessert ***Birthdays*** 12:00 pm – Bingo w/ Heather Nicole Dove, PAM (Post Acute Medical Specialties), Luling	21	22	23
						OUTING: Gonzales Historic Tour 11:30-3:30 + pick up and drop off time	10am -12 pm at ARTS w/ Jaime Janda Lunch Served	24
25	 	26	SC-Flatonia 9:45 Exercise (NEW) 11:30 am Lunch Shepherd's Pie, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rafael's Refuge 12:30 pm Bingo w/ Heather Nicole Dove, PAM (Post Acute Medical Specialties), Luling	27	World Book Day 11:30 am Lunch Smothered Steak, Twice-Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert 12:00 pm – Bingo w/ Deannie Crimm	28	29	30
							10am -12 pm at ARTS w/ Jaime Janda Lunch Served	31

May Birthdays

In May we celebrate birthdays with:

- Debbie Lain – 3rd
- Cindy Ferguson – 5th
- Jim Hollon – 6th
- Nancy Zatopek – 9th
- Johnny Fajtik – 10th
- Marian Chamrad – 11th
- Henrietta Cernosek – 13th
- Deanie Chollett – 15th
- Arleen Billings – 17th
- Jerlyn Coleman – 22nd
- Wiley Boehnke – 22nd
- Jannette Streit – 24th
- Michelle Hollon – 24th
- Annette Jasek – 25th
- Jim Walker – 25th
- Duckie Baetz – 30th
- Charles Martin – 31st



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

🧐 May Trivia

📌 The Eiffel Tower officially opened to the public on May 6, 1889. It was intended to be temporary but has become one of the most iconic landmarks in the world!

📌 The first-ever postage stamp, the “Penny Black,” was issued in May 1840 in Great Britain.

📌 The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, opened on May 27, 1937. At the time, it was the longest suspension bridge in the world!

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

The Invention of the Telegraph

On May 24, 1844, Samuel Morse sent the first telegraph message, “What hath God wrought?”, revolutionizing communication. This invention paved the way for instant messaging, proving that big ideas can change the world!

WOW!

News to Know



As a token of our appreciation to the **City of Schulenburg**, we gifted this garden pole to **Mayor Connie Koopmann** and City Council member **Clarence Ahlschlager**. Both of these fine characters happen to be on our board at Senior Connections. Lucky us!



As a "thank you" to the **Flatonia Chamber**, Stephanie Shroyer presented this One-of-a-Kind Garden Pole to Jill Beck. We appreciate all the Chamber does to share information with our community about the many events happening around town, including our Senior Connections Calendar each month.



We are so excited and flattered to be included in this year's Schulenburg Magazine! Thank you, Kara Kleimann.



OUTING: Gonzales History Tour

Thursday, May 22

Seating is limited for this tour. You may contact Stephanie Shroyer at 979-702-1246 to see if space is still available or to be added to the waiting list.

Upcoming Events



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

May 5 – (S) Member Spotlight w/ Kerry Van De Steeg
May 6 – (W) Tiffany w/ Weimar Chamber of Commerce
May 12 – (S) Dr. Abby, Duchicela Clinic (Jeopardy Game)
May 13 – (F) Betsy Wagner, Author
May 19 – (S) Craig Moreau, Round Top Family Library
May 20 – (W) Dr. Van Houton
May 26 – (S) CLOSED in observance of Memorial Days
May 27 – (F) Rafael's Refuge



ARTFUL SENIORS - EVERY FRIDAY 10 AM – 12 PM
(Lunch provided after class)

Come join us at
ARTS FOR RURAL TEXAS
1206 S. LYONS AVE, SCHULENBURG



Artist **Jaime Janda** (Irene Janda's granddaughter) will join us each Friday in the month of May to teach the art of Junk Journals! In the second classroom at Arts, **Tory Knox** and **Stephanie Shroyer** will be "tag teaming" a class on GELLI printing. This is a fun way to create prints and papers that can be used as art or added to collage.

This class is unlike other art classes in that participants can join in at any time. It doesn't matter if you've missed the first or second class. Because each class is a lesson in its own.

What is a junk journal?

A book which is often made through found and recycled materials to be used as a way to collect and record memories, thoughts, ideas, and inspiration.

Jaime will provide the book, so all you need is the inspiration and memorable items and pictures for your book.

This book will be a memory of your life. Each lesson during the month of May will focus on different techniques to use to fill the pages. Jaime will have a sample journal and give lots of help in creating your personalized project. You will have time after the 1st class to gather pictures and other memorable items for your journal and bring them back to the remaining classes.

PLEASE NOTE: These classes are open to anyone 55+. You do not need to be a member of Senior Connections

Upcoming Events (continued)



**SENIOR
CONNECTIONS**



Flatonia MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Don't miss
the Special
Give-a-ways!

JOIN US MAY 13TH | 9 AM TO 2 PM

9am to 11:30: Table Games and Puzzles

9:30 am: Chair Exercises

11:30 am: Lunch

Noon: Ice Cream Social

12:30 pm: Lunch&Learn Speaker Author Betsy Wagner "Spirit of Gonzales"

1 pm: BINGO!!

Flatonia Methodist Church | 403 E North Main Street

Here's the Scoop!

We'll be Raffling off TWO Gift Baskets donated by

Fayette Savings Bank!

① For a New Guest

② For a Current Member

CURRENT MEMBERS: interested in more chances to win?
Recieve an EXTRA Raffle Ticket for Each Friend You Bring!

Dairy Queen
Gift Cards &
other prizes to
WIN!!!

Last Month in Review

Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, April 1 (Weimar)

Dr. Rachel with Oak Grove Veterinarian Clinic joined us to share how to protect our pets over the hot summer ahead. She also covered protocol in case our pets suffer a bite from various pests.



Lunch & Learn – Monday, April 7 (Schulenburg)



After a morning of dominoes and a delicious lunch of chicken pot pie, Cynthia Meyer shared her story for Senior Spotlight! She truly is our star! She had us all laughing with stories of her per monkey and her passion for anything Elvis!

Then, Diana Mikesky, president of the [Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce](#) [Schulenburg Chamber](#), brought us a load of bingo prizes and shared a presentation about the chamber, its activities, [Schulenburg Painted Churches](#) and Schulenburg's history.

Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, April 8 (Flatonia)

After a superb home-cooked meal of Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and dessert brought by Isabel, we heard about a very interesting program from **Craig Moreau** with the **Round Top Family Library**. After some information about the Library, he spoke about Generationalism and how each generation has specific characteristics. Some are good, and some may not, partly due to life events.



Lunch & Learn – Monday, April 14 (Schulenburg)



Carol Allen and Margie Farr shared their facility, **Williamsburg House Assisted Living** with us for Lunch and Learn. This establishment sounds quite different than what we know. It truly sounds like home. And it was Carol's, the owner. It was once her home, and she and her husband decided to transform it into a place for people needing special care.

Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, April 15 (Weimar)

Misty Strode with Weimar Public Library had us all moving and a grooving to get the blood flowing! She has so many fun programs at the library for young and old! It is a treasure for the community.



Last Month in Review (continued)



Lunch & Learn – Monday, April 21 (Schulenburg)

Frank Smith with the **Texas Ramp Project** spoke to our members and revealed how simple it is to apply for an ADA-compliant ramp for your home. You need a referral by either a Social services agency representative, Community service representative, Licensed healthcare professional (e.g., doctor, PA, RN, LPN) or EMS, Fire Rescue, or Police. Frank recommends talking with your doctor. They know your mobility needs. Visit the Texas Ramp Project website:

<https://texasramps.org/request-a-ramp/>. Your doctor can fill out the application for or with you.

He says all our local doctor's offices know the routine, which takes less than 5 minutes to complete. Once it is submitted to the organization, he will send the information to a surveyor, who will set an appointment with you to look at the site. They will then begin to engineer the project, preassembling many components to speed up construction. They build most ramps in one morning!

He revealed that the TRP has built over 29,000 ramps in 40 years and over 120 miles of ramps!

All wood used is treated materials, made to last, and assembled with screws, not nails. This makes disassembly easier if the need arises to remove the ramp. They apply paint only to the plywood surface, adding sand-like material to the paint to make it slip-resistant.

Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, April 22 (Flatonia)

Safety was the hot topic for our program at Flatonia Methodist Church. Officer and Investigator **Geneva T. of the Flatonia Police Department** reinforced the need to question offers that are too good to be true.

Scams come in many shapes and sizes and from many directions, and she encouraged members to do some investigating before falling for a scheme.

Technology has improved so well that it is difficult to know the truth from a scam...

Examples include:

- The fake phone call from a loved one who claims to be in jail and needs money wired to a questionable bank account.
- A new romantic relationship that requests a loan for large amounts of money.
- Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes warns you not to tell anyone of your winnings and demand large amounts of money to claim your prize, even to the extent of having the funds picked up at your home.

If you ever find yourself in a situation similar to this, contact the police department for assistance.

She also warns people to be aware of their surroundings when going to ATM machines or even into their banks to withdraw cash. She has heard of many instances of people being followed and robbed. She warns us not to leave money in our cars; thieves can break in and steal it or even follow and rob us. Be aware, and if you feel you are being followed, head to the closest police department or find someone to protect you and call the police.



Lunch & Learn – Monday, April 29 (Schulenburg)

Dr. Larry Hatfield and his two lovely assistants, **Glenda and Donna**, shared some insightful news and information about their enterprise, Sleep Solutions, in La Grange, Texas. They talked about the differences in apparatus for helping people who suffer from sleep apnea can choose from aside from the uncomfortable masks so many people wear every night.

Many of you know Doctor Hatfield as a local dentist in LaGrange. His excitement about this additional way to help people's quality of life is refreshing. If you missed out on this presentation for Lunch and Learn, we have brochures available in Schulenburg for you to review.

Last Month in Review (continued)

Weimar Campus



Anne Frye with Texas Home Health called our bingo and Kerry Van De Steeg won the blackout prize, donating the prize back into the collection. How kind!



One of our members favorite home cooked meals was on the menu yesterday in Weimar. Meatloaf, mac-n-cheese and our house salad was served by our wonderful volunteers **Janeice, Linda, and Cynthia** served it with smiling faces.



Darlene Williams stepped up and called Bingo! We had a run off for the blackout prize, with **Betty Hellcamp** the winner of two pounds of ground beef from The Texas Beef Initiative!

Last Month in Review (continued)

Flatonia Campus



Joshua Lovejoy with **Crown Hospice** brought co-worker Haley to call our bingo game! Many great prizes were won, and the blackout prize went to Julia! Whoop Whoop!



Heather Nichole Dove, from **PAM in Luling**, called out the bingo game. The members taught her our style of the rules as it was her first time joining us!

We appreciate all the prizes she brought with her. After all the "Shiners" and "Moultons" games, there were only a few prizes left after all the winners picked their favorites!

Thanks to everyone who joined us and made the day special.

Last Month in Review (continued)



Fayette Savings Bank, Mike, aka Bubba, was in the house and brought some useful bingo prizes! He is pictured here with Janice Kutak and Carolyn Moore.

Martha Beckmann created a beautiful spring wreath, which was awarded to Kathy Carpenter in the Blackout game and was called by Rusty Beckmann.



Thank you Diana Mikesky for the Bingo Prizes!



Elizabeth Fox with Freyburg Hall, has joined the team of bingo callers. She did a great job, and Jimmy Woodell won our blackout prize of prime ground beef from the Texas Beef Initiative.



The beautiful Chyla was in the house from Wellsential Nursing and Rehabilitation in Hallettsville. She brought co-worker JoAnn Shimek with her to bring the bingo game to life! Their Blackout prize was a sweet solar light/garden gnome, which Helen Janda won.



Clara Christ won the blackout prize for the game Rusty Beckmann called, finishing the afternoon. The equally lovely Martha Beckmann made this lovely seasonal wreath.



Senior Connections appreciates all the bingo callers and their organizations that come in from all over our area to make our bingo games exciting! We are so grateful for their support of not only their time, but also for the prizes they bring to make our seniors SMILE!

Last Month in Review (continued)



Troy McFaddin with Schulenburg PD came and called bingo! His mom, Donace, is a member in Weimar. He did a great job for his first time calling!

Kerry won the blackout, two tickets to the Chicken fried steak dinner tomorrow from the American Legion. He gifted them to another member! Peggy Hiatt presented Officer McFaddin with a jar of cookies as a thank you for making an effort to be with us at Senior Connections.



We welcomed a new bingo caller to the family. Victoria Bothe brought us a lovely selection of bingo prizes! She works for Creative Solutions who owns 159 properties in Texas. Victoria works directly with [Parkview Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation](#) in Weimar, [Shiner Nursing & Rehabilitation Center](#), and [Shady Oak Nursing and Rehabilitation](#) in Moulton.

Vickie had a fun time learning about some of the games we play, such as Shiner and Moulton!

A lovely set of solar lights and two plant pots were the blackout prizes she brought.

Annette Jasek completed calling the day's bingo game, and Peggy Hiatt won the big prize!



Stephanie with PAM called our bingo, and Sheryl won the blackout!

Later, Betty Mulholland won the blackout prize made by Martha Beckmann in a game called by Sharon Rodriguez.



Last Month in Review (continued)



Terri Drossel and Reagan from [Schulenburg Family Fitness & Rehab](#) joined us for our Wednesday bingo game! There were many rounds of Shiners and Moultons played along with members' choice. **Janice Kutac** won the blackout prize, and she chose the beef from Texas Beef Initiative—a popular choice!



Darlene Williams is not only a great hostess, she also inputs the attendance info for all 3 locations.



Thank you **Sharon Rodriguez** and **Brenda Ray** for preparing our meal.



Last Month in Review (continued)



Thank you to our volunteers in Schulenburg: **Judy Janik, Sharon Rodriguez, and Pam Janda** were busy in the kitchen serving our home-cooked meal of Beef Tips by **Koopmann Catering**, served with house salad and garlic bread

Darlene Williams served everyone with their favorite beverages.

Margarette Lozano and Helen Janda signed up for desserts!



Alice Fajkus is one of our faithful members who signed up to bring dessert for our meal today. This one she decorated with stars in honor of the recent meteor shower! Thank you, Alice, and to all members who bring delicious desserts to share!



Irene Janda (left) was in the house! We have missed her here at the center.

Sheryl Tumis (right), relative of volunteer **Sharon Rodriguez**, created and shared sweet little Easter Bunny Crochet pins with everyone!



Last Month in Review (continued)



We celebrated birthdays with **Annie Mae Ripper, Martha Beckmann, and Helen Janda**, who were in the house for the picture!

Thank you, **Debbie Schindler** for bringing the birthday cake! Happy Birthday to all of our members, present or not, who had a birthday in April.



Our next drop off
day for baked
goods is
May 19th

Please help us roundup
a variety of cookies.

Please continue to bring cookies each month so we can offer these homemade “goodies” as a thank you to the many supporters in our community who care about our members at Senior Connections.

Last Month in Review (continued)

Preparing for the ART SHOW!

Our little team of amazing creatives worked diligently to hang the art pieces for the show. It was marvelous to see members getting to know each other as they worked to create this amazing display.



We want to thank **Stephanie Shroyer** for believing in us at Senior Connections and putting forth all her hard work to allow us to display our artwork at a special show just for us! We are not “artists” by trade, but we have learned a lot through these classes. Special thanks to ARTS for allowing the facility and many of the supplies, and for the fantastic instructors willing to share their time and talent, and of course thanks to everyone who helped prepare and set up for the art show and to all the “artists” who participated.



Troy Chafin & Kim Penland



Getting it all done thanks to the artists / volunteers



Martha Beckmann & Deborah Jones



Claire Lewis & Berni Gillings



Cynthia Meyer

“I’m so grateful to Stephanie for encouraging me to participate in the show. I’ve never shown my work anywhere in all my days of painting. She gave me the courage to do this.”
- Linda Barrilleaux



Last Month in Review (continued)

On Saturday, April 12, the Schulenburg community came together to celebrate the remarkable talents of our senior artists at the Ageless Artistry reception. Over 100 attendees filled the gallery space, creating an atmosphere brimming with celebration and camaraderie. Guests enjoyed an impressive display of 180 pieces of artwork, showcasing the skills and passion of our 28 talented artists. The event was a feast for the eyes and the palate, with abundant food and beverages shared among all who entered.

The highlight of the afternoon was the generous donation by Claire Lewis for the People's Choice Awards.

- **First Place** went to Linda Barrilleaux for "Textured Dagger" Painting
- **Second Place** to Diana Chaffin for "Boat Women" Metal Art
- **Third Place** to Annette Jasek for "Let the Beast Loose"

The other highlight was having **Ms. Irene Janda** in the house!

Items will remain on display in Jack's gallery until **May 9**, so please stop by Jack's Gallery in the Turtle Wing Building, 1203 Kessler Ave, Schulenburg (south of the KC



Pictured here are some of the 28 artists who participated in the Art Show.

- Top left, Cathy Besetzny, Betty Mulholland, Kim Penland, Claire Lewis, Deborah Jones, Cynthia Meyer, Dianna Chafin.
- Bottom left-Jan Willette, Verna Lenth, Annette Jasek, Stephanie Shroyer, and Marta Beckmann.
- Not pictured include Troy Chafin, Kathy and Gary Carpenter, Sue Pape, Helen McIntyre, Linda Barrilleaux, Jaime Janda, Irene Janda, Susan Grooms, John Knotts, Terry Ehler, Kitra Ruiz, Sandy True, Bernie Gillings, Boots Jewel, Chery Wilson, D'Lisa Gurrerro.



Last Month in Review (continued)



Watercolor by Cynthia Meyer



Watercolor by Kim Penland



Acrylic Art by
Annette Jasek



Mosaic Art by
Helen McIntyre



Acrylic Paintings by
Betty Mullholland



Vintage Jewelry Tree by
Deborah Jones



Tory Knox and her
daughter



Metal art by Troy Chafin



Annette Jasek, Sue Pape, Deborah Jones,
& Kim Penland having fun at the art show.



Slow Stitching by Claire Lewis



Last Month in Review (continued)

Here are just a few examples of the over 180 pieces of art displayed at the Ageless Artistry Art Show. These items will still be on display at the Jack Galley of Arts For Rural Texas until May 9th. Please come visit and experience these items in person at 1203 Kessler Ave in Schulenburg.

1 week left to view the ART SHOW!



Watercolor by Verna Lenth



Vintage Jewelry Art by Kathy Carpenter



Slow Stitching by Kitra Ruiz



Painting by Linda Barrilleux



Art by John Knox



Painting by Sue Pape



Magnolia Acrylic Art by Deborah Jones



Art by Chery Wilson



Acrylic Skin Painting by Annette Jasek – 3rd place People's Choice Award



Photo Art by Gary Carpenter

Last Month in Review (continued)



We enjoyed a meditative morning of calligraphy at Artful Fridays thanks to [Claire Lewis](#). Each student received a workbook, along with a set of pens with different tips. I wonder if it reminded them of school days and getting new school supplies? Remember those days?

We were happy to have a new student/ member join us. **D'Lisa** came with **Annette Jasek**. **Jan Willette** brought Boston crème donuts! She was joined by Maxine Farley. Other members of class included Verna Lenth, Kim Penland, Deborah Jones, Cynthia Meyer, Bernie Gillings, Kitra Ruiz



How is your handwriting? This is an example of the calligraphy projects being done by one of our fine students, **Kim Penland**. →

Come see all the finished projects at our Ageless Artistry Art Show. The show and receptions was on April 12th, but items will still be on display till May 9th.

Thank you **Kim Penland** and [Claire Lewis](#) for staying after Artful Friday class to help complete the framing for our upcoming art show!



Last Month in Review (continued)

Compare the pictures from left to right.

Notice the 17 days of growth on our grow tower! Herbs galore for our meals!



Don't forget, our "Helping Heroes" team is available to assist our members in activities that are difficult as we get older.

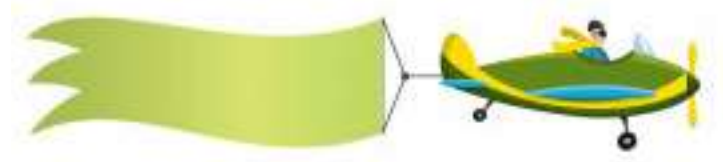


If you are a member of Senior Connections and need help with small tasks around your home, call 979-743-3227 to get on our "Craig's List."

Also, for light housekeeping and errands, contact **Tanya Edwards** 361-246-0101 to negotiate a fee and schedule a date.

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.

Noticeboard



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome 13 new members to our family:

- **Barbara Veselka**
- **Debbie Price**
- **Rita Royle**
- **Terry Rich**
- **Bill Bucek**
- **La Nelle Carriero**
- **Sandy Kainer**
- **Harlan Kubos**
- **Rebecca Kubos**
- **Brian Watson**
- **Charlie Novosad**
- **Nathan Eaton**
- **Oralia Cedillo**

THANK YOU

April Pierson's dad made 3 really nice birdhouses for Senior Connections. One will be given away at each of our 3 locations during the month of May.



OTHER NEWS

We will be distributing our one-of-a-kind garden poles to community supporters. Be watching for them around town. Maybe even take a picture with the pole at the location and send it to Stephanie Shroyer so she can post it on Facebook.



WHAT'S NEW



Join us in Flatonia on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Flatonia United Methodist Church
403 E. North Main
for Senior Chair Exercises
at 9:45 am. Let's get moving!!!
Games and lunch afterwards.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- **John & Terry Knotts**
- **Monica Dunsworth**
- **Angeline Boehnke**
- **Stephanie Shroyer**
- **Cathy Besetzny**
- **Wanda (Carolyn Moore's sister)**
- **Angela (Chery Wilson's daughter)**
- **Felicia Kainer**
- **Betty Stolarski**
- **Irene Janda**
- **Greg Robb**
- **Troy Chafin**
- **Baby Aubrey**

MEMBER UPDATES

Jo Nell Vacek – has returned to Senior Connections. We were so glad to see her!

Misty Schindler – welcome back!

Spotlight – Clarence Ahlschlager



I grew up in Columbus, Texas and graduated high school there in 1975. I went to Wharton Junior College for two years majoring in electrical engineering. I joined the National Guard in Columbus and went to Fort Jackson for basic and AIT training and then to Fort Benning for jump school. I served for six years in the guard. I met Carelie Janecek at Swiss Alp Dance Hall and we were married in May of 1978.

I was a carpenter for 10 years and worked at Schulenburg ISD for a year and a half. I then worked at the city of Schulenburg in the water department for 28 years and once I retired, I ran and won a seat on the city council a year later. I continue to serve on this council and I am mayor Pro Tem. The city needed a volunteer to serve on the board of Senior Connections, and I volunteered shortly after being elected. I am now on the building committee for Senior Connections. Other organizations I belong to include the friends of the library, the American Legion, and the EDC board. I used to collect old cars, but I retired from that, but I still love to hunt and fish. I enjoy coming to Senior Connections to play bingo, to eat the good food, and visit with my friends.

THANK YOU, Clarence!!!

Poem to Share

The Road Ahead

Anon

Life is a journey, a winding road,
With stories untold and dreams to hold.
Each step we take, both small and grand,
Shapes our path, like waves on sand.

No road is straight, nor always bright,
But hope will shine like morning light.
With kindness shared and love so true,
The road ahead brings joys anew.

So walk with faith, embrace the day,
Let laughter guide you on your way.

Laughing Matters



Dinner at Grandma's

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating straight away.

"Johnny, wait until we've said our prayer," his mother reminded him. "I don't have to." – the little boy replied.

"Of course you do." – his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Johnny explained, "but this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

Lost & Found

A teenager lost his contact lens in the garden and after a fruitless search, he told his mother it was nowhere to be found. His mother went outside and within a few minutes found it.

"I really looked hard mum" said the youth, "How did you manage to find it?"

"We weren't looking for the same thing" said his mother, "You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$350 dollars!"

Father & Son

Will was trying to teach his son about the evils of alcohol.

He put a worm in a glass of water & another in a glass of whiskey. The worm in the water lived while the one in the whiskey curled up & died.

"All right, son," Said Will, "what does that show you?"

"Well dad, it shows that if you drink alcohol you will not have worms."

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