

NEWSLETTER

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Senior Connections
A Gathering Place for Active Seniors

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Program Director's Desk



Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the June edition of the Senior Connections! As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, we enter a season filled with opportunities for adventure, relaxation, and—most importantly—cherished moments with family. Summertime is a wonderful time to travel, explore new destinations, and create lasting memories with your kids, grandkids, and even great-grandkids.

Whether you're planning a road trip, hosting a backyard barbecue, or simply enjoying quiet moments in the garden, we hope this month brings you joy and connection. Our center is here to support your active lifestyle with a variety of programs, activities, and resources designed just for you. Be sure to check out our special summer events.

Here's to a summer filled with laughter, adventure, and the warmth of loved ones. We look forward to seeing you at the center and hearing about your summertime journeys.

With warmest wishes,

The Senior Connections Team

Stephanie Shroyer

Program Director

June Trivia

June is named for Juno, Roman queen of the gods

Zodiac signs: **Gemini & Cancer**

Birthstone: **Moonstone or Pearl**

Flower: **Rose or Honeysuckle**

Member Testimony

"I've met so many wonderful people here. The volunteers and staff are always welcoming, and the programs give me a chance to stay active. My doctor wants me sitting up and moving for at least six hours a day instead of lying in bed watching TV, and this program really helps me do that."

Anonymous Member



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June 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
Koopmann Oakridge Sr. Conn. AMK		11:30 am Lunch 1 Sausage & Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Tami Walker, City of Schulenburg Administrator 12:30 pm Bingo w/ Brenda McMahan New Century Hospice	SC-Weimar 2 11:30 am Lunch Tamale Pie, Rice, Beans, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ David MaCall Personal Safety 12:30 pm Bingo TBD	11:20 am Lunch 3 Chicken Spaghetti, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Dessert 12:00 pm – Bingo w/ Kelly Sobotic, Crown Hospice.	OUTING in 4 Flatonia: Darlin’s Diner & Lyric Theater “The Bucket List” Ice Cream 10:30-4:00	5 10am-12pm at ARTS Jaime Janda Painting & Sheryl Tumis Crochet & Textile Open Studio Lunch Served	6
7	11:30 am Lunch 8 Baked Chicken, Squash Casserole, Salad, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Jim & Elana Pate Music from Alaska! 12:45 pm Bingo w/ TruCare Living	SC-Flatonia 9 11:30 am Lunch BBQ Wings, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Jamie Steinhauer & Darryl O’Bryant, Music 12:45 pm Bingo w/ Hayley, Crown Hospice	11:20 am Lunch 10 Tater Tot Casserole, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert 12:00 pm – Bingo w/ Chyla, Wellsential	11 Board Mtg.	12 10am-12pm at ARTS Jaime Janda Painting & Sheryl Tumis Crochet & Textile Open Studio Lunch Served	13 Senior Connections Booths at 1. Flatonia Farmers Market 2. “Live Smart” Health Expo at FUMC in La Grange	
14	11:30 am Lunch 15 Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Beans, and Fixings, Dessert **Cookie Roundup** 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Tiffany Reid, new Ex. Director Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter 12:30 pm Bingo w/ TBD	SC-Weimar 16 **Blood Pressure Checks 11:30 am Lunch Taco Soup, Fritos, Salad, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Brenda Anderson, Colorado County Agrilife - “Building Healthy Brain Habits” 12:30 pm Bingo w/ TruCare Living	11:20 am Lunch 17 Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Buttered Potatoes, Salad, Dessert ***Birthdays*** 12:00 pm – Bingo w/ Jeffrey, Columbus Oaks Healthcare Community	18	19 10am-12pm at ARTS Jaime Janda Painting & Sheryl Tumis Crochet & Textile Open Studio Lunch Served	20 Summer	
21 Father's Day 	11:30 am Lunch 22 Hamburger Steak, Gravy with Onions, Buttered Noodles, Garlic Bread, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Gary McKee, Schulenburg Musicians in History (bring pics of musicians & music halls) 12:30 pm Bingo w/ Amedisys Hospice Care	SC-Flatonia 23 11:30 am Lunch Meatloaf, Buttered Noodles, Salad, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn w/ Pam, Hometown Wellness, Good & Bad Sugar Substitutes and Dementia Prevention 12:30 pm Bingo w/ Flatonia Health Ctr	11:20 am Lunch 24 Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Dessert 12:00 pm – Bingo w/ Deannie Crim, Schulenburg Family Fitness	25	26 10am-12pm at ARTS Jaime Janda Painting & Sheryl Tumis Crochet & Textile Open Studio Lunch Served	27	
28	11:30 am Lunch 29 Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Greater Fayette Community Foundation 12:30 pm Bingo w/ TBD	30	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 20px;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Come join our family! Enjoy a cup of coffee or glass of tea. Play games or just visit with others!</p>				

June Birthdays

In June, we celebrate birthdays with:

Linda Barrilleaux – 1st
Junette Rodecap – 2nd
Michelle Wright – 2nd
Pam Janda – 2nd
Margie Baty – 5th
Shari Brady-Mossner – 5th
Marge Shofner – 7th
Clara Christ – 8th
Dennis Helms – 9th
Lillian Vanicek – 9th

Mary Kalinec – 10th
Clinton Ellebracht – 11th
Aileen Kasper – 12th
Joseph Collins – 13th
Gary Carpenter – 14th
Manuela Ruelas – 14th
Kathleen Watson - 16th
Clarence Beckley – 17th
Georgia Olsovsky – 17th
Bobbye Locke – 18th

Mac Schramek – 18th
Sandy Hoelscher – 19th
Louanna Desmarais – 22nd
Mildred Ulrig – 22nd
Mona Pickens – 22nd
Bill Bucek – 23rd
Brenda Ray – 23rd
Maureen McFarlin – 26th
Milton Christ – 28th
Teobaldo Mendez – 30th



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

Music Trivia

- World Music Day began in France in 1982.
- The piano has over 12,000 parts inside it.
- Singing in a group can improve mood and reduce stress.
- The world's oldest known musical instrument is over 40,000 years old.
- Many people can remember song lyrics more easily than shopping lists!

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)

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

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Cancer personalities are very emotional and sensitive, and care deeply about matters of the family and their home.

WOW!

The Invention of the Phonograph

In June, we celebrate how music reached homes everywhere with the phonograph, invented by Thomas Edison in 1877. It was the first machine to record and replay sound, leading to records, radios, CDs, and today's music streaming. For many, hearing a favorite record spin remains a treasured memory.

News to Know

Please welcome our newest staff member



Denise Roberts
Communications Coordinator

Denise Roberts became a resident of Lavaca County in 2024 and now calls Schulenburg home. Though new to the area, she is already highly active in the community. She was recently re-elected as Hallettsville Elementary School PTA President and serves as Program and Events Chair for the Hallettsville ISD Education Foundation.

Her passion lies in volunteering and serving others, with PTA work holding a special place in her heart. Since 2018, Denise has served on 12 PTA boards. She values PTA's mission of supporting every child—regardless of membership—which aligns closely with her commitment to the Education Foundation.

With a background in hospitality and nonprofit work dating back to the early 2000s, Denise later expanded her experience by helping operate her family's business, gaining over 20 years of experience in the pawn industry. She and her husband, Bryan, have been married 21 years and attend Hallettsville Methodist Church with their two sons, Jaxson and Caiden. In her free time, Denise enjoys event planning, crafting, organizing, and listening to audiobooks



News to Know (continued)



Renovation Update – The Capital Campaign Phase

It's starting to feel real! We recently finalized the interior renderings for our future home in downtown Schulenburg, giving us our first glimpse of what the renovated space will become. The plans include a welcoming gathering space, an art gallery/flex space, and a dedicated instructional room for classes and activities. These renderings offer a glimpse of what's to come, and we're excited to keep you updated as the project moves forward!

\$2,000,000

GOAL



\$366,830

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



RENOVATION PLAN

PROJECT GOAL: \$2,000,000

THIS NEW SPACE WILL PROVIDE:

- Large gathering area where members can safely and comfortably come together
- Flexible space and art gallery to showcase the creativity of our Artful Seniors
- Dedicated classroom for art classes, wellness programs, and trainings
- Health-Inspected Commercial kitchen to prepare healthy meals for all program locations
- Dedicated office space for staff

- Capacity to expand programs locally and reach older adults in neighboring communities
- The space will be available for other community use after 3 pm and weekends



Take a look at the close up of the interior renderings for the 3 major spaces in our new bulding:





Help Us Reach Our Goal





DOUBLE **YOUR** IMPACT! HELP US MEET OUR **\$20,000 MATCH!**



**CARL C. ANDERSON SR.
& MARIE JO ANDERSON**

Charitable Foundation

For the 3rd year in a row, the Anderson Foundation is doubling the impact of every gift through a generous \$20,000 matching grant supporting our capital renovation project. Every donation made during this campaign will go towards helping us build the future home of Senior Connections!

**DONATE NOW
BY SCANNING:**



Or by mailing your check to **PO BOX 33, Schulenburg, TX 78956**
Subject line: Anderson Match

News to Know (continued)

Amanda Brown with Anytime Fitness presented **Stephanie Shroyer**, Program Director with Senior Connections, a \$400 donation collected during April. New gym registrations were assigned to us! How grand! Thank you so much! Amanda is one of our dedicated bingo callers each month in Schulenburg.



We are so grateful that **Jeffrey from Columbus Oaks Healthcare Community** hosted this event in our honor! Jeffrey has been a great supporter and monthly bingo caller at the Schulenburg campus.

- ♥ 100% of proceeds from the sale of these raffle tickets went directly to **Senior Connections** to help support local seniors in our community.

By next month, we should have the money from this raffle, so we can update you on the amount received.

A promotional poster for a raffle. At the top left, it says "COLUMBUS OAKS Healthcare Community" with a tree logo. To the right is the "SENIOR CONNECTIONS" logo. The main text reads "Raffle FOR A CAUSE!" in a mix of fonts. Below that, it says "SUPPORTING SENIORS. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY." and "GRAND PRIZE FLAT SCREEN TV! 50\"/>

COLUMBUS OAKS
Healthcare Community

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Raffle
FOR A CAUSE!

SUPPORTING SENIORS.
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY.

GRAND PRIZE
FLAT SCREEN TV!
50"

JOIN US AT
Magnolia Days

FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 15TH
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
BOOTH #26
SELLING TICKETS

RAFFLE TICKETS

\$5
FOR 1 TICKET

\$10
FOR 3 TICKETS

100% OF PROCEEDS GO TO SENIOR CONNECTIONS

CASH ONLY FOR TICKET PURCHASES

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 PM FILMED & POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED THAT NIGHT AS WELL!

THE WINNER WILL CONTACT ZANE OUR ADMINISTRATOR TO ARRANGE PICK UP ANY DAY FROM MONDAY-FRIDAY NEXT WEEK AT 979-732-2347.

Every Ticket Makes a Difference.
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL SENIORS!

News to Know (continued)

Our Volunteer Raffle came to an end this week, with **Frank Lafferty** being the lucky winner of the cross, and **Katina Thomas** won the wreath. **Martha Beckmann** made these patriotic decorations, just in time for Memorial Day.

The amazing volunteers raised \$1,835.00!
All proceeds go towards our building fund!



Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser!

Upcoming Events



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

- June 1 – (S) Tami Walker, City of Schulenburg Administrator
- June 2 – (W) David MaCall, Personnel Safety
- June 8 – (S) Jim & Elena Pate, Music from Alaska!
- June 9 – (F) Jamie Steinhauser & Darryl O'Bryant, Music
- June 15 – (S) Tiffany Reid, new Ex. Director Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter
- June 16 – (W) Brenda Anderson, Colorado Co. Agrilife – “Building Healthy Brain Habits”
- June 22 – (S) Gary McKee, Schulenburg Musicians in History
- June 23 – (F) Pam, Hometown Wellness – Good & Bad Sugar Substitutes and Denentia Prevention
- June 29 – (S) Greater Fayette Community Foundation



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
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
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

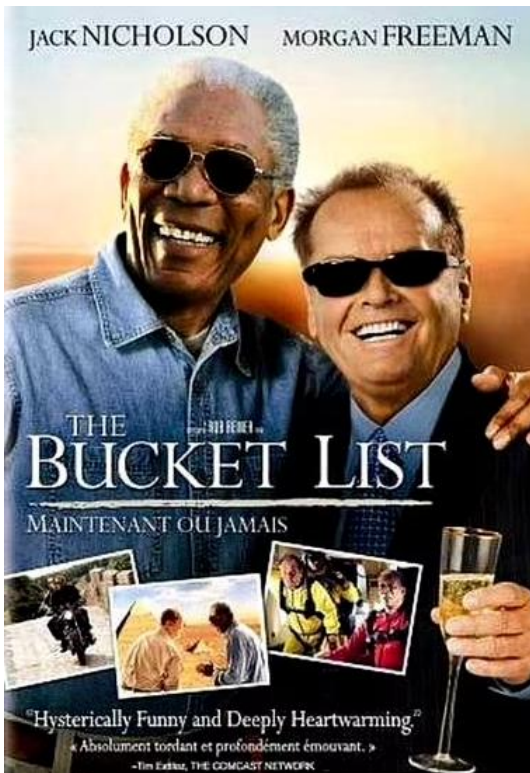
* June and July classes will be held at Senior Connections due to Children's Art Camp being held at ARTS during the summer.

Upcoming Events (continued)

Our next adventure is June 4th in Flatonia. We are calling it Dinner and a Movie!

Lunch at Darlin's
Diner at 11:00 am.

Movie at Lyric
Theater at 1:00 pm.



The Bucket List follows two terminally ill men from vastly different backgrounds who bond in a hospital and set out to tick off life goals before they die. Their globe-trotting journey blends humor, heartfelt moments, and reflections on friendship and meaning. Featuring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.



For an extra treat, we will stop by the Lyric Ice Cream Parlor!

Sign up for our Next Adventures

JULY 12: Fayetteville Adventure includes:

- Lunch at Joe's Place
- Tour ARTS (Arts for Rural Texas)
- 2nd Sunday Polka Day Dance with the Red Ravens at Fayetteville Community Center

July 29: Indoor Summer Picnic

- Games, Food, Ice Cream Floats at KC Hall
- Live Music with Victor Rodriguez

Upcoming Events (continued)

Senior Connections will have vendor booths at 2 upcoming events in Fayette County to inform the public about what we do and to gain awareness and support.

FREE

LIVE SMART EXPO

hosted by:

FAYETTE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME
NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH
FRIENDS 'N FELLOWSHIP

**SATURDAY,
 JUNE 13, 2026
 11 AM - 2 PM**

New Life Methodist Church
 1215 N. Von Minden
 La Grange, Texas 78945

For more information or to become a vendor
 979-968-9595 / 979-968-8323

- HEB La Grange
- Bastrop Law Group
- Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter
- Spill the Tea
- The Ground Breath, Doady Rogers
- Senior Connections
- Hospice Brazos Valley
- Lost Pines IV Medics
- Mayer Law Firm PLLC
- HT Fitness
- Kim Nickel, Financial Planner
- La Grange Counseling Center
- Sleep Solutions of Central Texas LLC
- Texas C-STEP
- LG Road Runners Square Dance Club
- Fayette County Retired Teachers
- Taylored Ink Co.
- AND MANY MORE!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - PET ADOPTION
 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Come see us at this valuable event!

Senior Connections will also have a booth at the Flatonia Farmers Market on the same day, Saturday, June 13th from 9 am - 2 pm



Flatonia Farmers Market

Saturday, June 13
9 am - 2 pm

INDOOR & OUTDOOR VENDORS LOCATED AT THE FLATONIA CIVIC CENTER!

208 E NORTH MAIN ST, FLATONIA

*Shop Small!
 Support Local!*



Upcoming Events (continued)



INDOOR PICNIC & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday July 29th | 9 am - 2 pm
Schulenburg KC Hall



JOIN US FOR GAMES

9:00 – 11:00

**BURGERS &
ICE CREAM FLOATS**

11:15 – 12:00

MUSIC BY VIC RODRIGUEZ

12:00 – 2:00

DOOR PRIZES!

Noticeboard



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Do you know someone age 55+ that would enjoy some time away from home and have fun socializing with other seniors?

Maybe they love to play games or just sit and have coffee and conversation.

Please invite them to come check us out at Senior Connections. Hopefully they will decide to join us at one of our 3 locations.

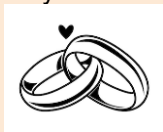
THANK YOU

Thank you to our newest staff member, Denise Roberts. She will be helping Amanda with duties related to the Capital Campaign.

She also helped with organizing the back area (behind the curtain) in Schulenburg to make better use of our space. Thank you Denise!!!

WHAT'S NEW?

Congratulations are in order. Two of our members, Frank Lafferty and Debbie Price have tied the knot. They got married in Flatonia on May 2nd.



Senior Connections is making connections in more ways than one!

LOOKING AHEAD

Mark your calendar for our **Summer Ice Cream Social** scheduled for **July 29th**. Call to get added to the list.

If you have been wondering about the hospital in La Grange, they are getting close to opening. Our outing in August will be a tour of the **Progressive Health Hospital** on Thursday, **August 20th**. If you are interested in joining the tour, please contact Stephanie Shroyer. We will also be touring the Polka Museum on the same day.

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
- Joyce Ohnheiser
- Stephanie Shroyer
- Annette Jasek
- Jo Nell Vasek
- Gary Pauler's Family
- Janis Kutac
- Roy Kaase
- Ken German
- Tom Strickland

MEMBER UPDATES

Troy Chafin's brain stimulator has been activated and is now undergoing "fine tuning" to get it adjusted to help with his Parkinson's.

Stephanie Shroyer is still trying to get rid of a rash that has been plaguing her since January.

Spotlight – Linda Heller



I was born and raised in Weimar Texas and have lived here all my life. I worked at Stanzel's for seven years and then at McCoys for thirty five years. Since I have retired I enjoy volunteering at Senior Connections for about two years. I enjoy all the people I have met and I love helping serve the lunch. I am so happy my dear friend Marilyn Hinze introduced me to Seniors!

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

Last Month in Review



Lunch & Learn – Monday, May 4 (Schulenburg)

Mike Stroup and Annie Rost were spectacular! Feeling a little out of their normal element for gigs, they overcame the change of pace with finesse! Amazingly, their vast list of songs enables them to please the crowd, even those they have never performed. That is talent! And Annie is uncanny, how she smiles as she sings!

Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, May 5 (Weimar)

Because we love our members and value their safety, we held a fire drill in Weimar today instead of having a program. Thanks to our beloved board member **Rusti Beckmann**, an experienced fire safety worker in the oil industry, we were able to leave the First United Methodist Church in good time and safely!



Lunch & Learn – Monday, May 11 (Schulenburg)

Our lunch-and-learn program featured **Joe Jimenez, a Master Gardener**, who shared information about perennials that are good choices for your flowerbeds. Many of whom were natives.

Last Month in Review (continued)

Lunch & Learn – Monday, May 12 (Flatonia)

For our Lunch and Learn program, **Kelly Homan with Hey Poppy** popped in to tell us about finding balance between business and family in a growing career as a floral designer for events at many local event centers. She demonstrated how to put together a lovely arrangement!



Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, May 19 (Weimar)

Weimar's new Police Chief, Jason Smalley, brought two new members to the team to introduce themselves and share some stories and background. The three worked together in Bellville. **Lt Rosales, Marcos Lepeda**, and the chief all showed their caring spirit for the city and its citizens. Welcome!



Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, May 26 (Flatonia)

Rusti Beckmann, a loyal board member for Senior Connections, joined us following the meal. And yes, we had a fire drill! The members responded well, calmly exiting the building promptly!



Last Month in Review (continued)

Weimar Campus



In honor of Cinco De Mayo, we had chicken fajitas with all the trimmings for lunch, and were happy to have **Allysa with First Texas Home Health** return to call our bingo game. **Leona** had the blackout game in the bag!

Fire Drill



Fun AND FELLOWSHIP



In Weimar, members had a busy morning playing dominoes! **Amanda** prepared lasagna and our house salad, with garlic toast filling the air with a mouth-watering scent!

Peggy Hiatt was the lucky blackout winner for the game that **Labrittany from True Care Living Center in Columbus** called Bingo for us.

Last Month in Review (continued)

Flatonia Campus

What a terrific Tuesday we had in Flatonia at the **Flatonia Methodist Church**! The meal for the day was catered by **Josesito's** restaurant in Flatonia and was sponsored by **CYNDI STRYK**. **Vivian and Mary** provided desserts! We also had three **Bettys** in the room, all lined up for lunch!

Haley with Crown Hospice joined us for bingo, with **August** winning her blackout prize and **Roberta** winning the final blackout game after a playoff for the win!



Meet Betty, Betty, & Betty!!!



Flatonia Health Centers' **Kaylee Yancey** provided great bingo prizes and called a great game. **August Kalinec** is on a roll; he won the blackout prize again!



Bingo



Mexican Train



Jigsaw Puzzles



Dominoes, and more!

Last Month in Review (continued)

Thank you **Mike Stroup** and **Annie Rost** for entertaining us. Live music is one of our most enjoyed activities. It was a fun sing-a-long! We are so glad that **Gary** was able to be with us to enjoy the fun!



Thank you **Brenda McMahan** from **New Century Hospice** for calling Bingo.



We welcomed **Jessica** and **Vanessa** from **Crown Hospice** to Senior Connections for our wacky Wednesday bingo game! We haven't seen Jessica in a while, and it's nice to see her smiling face!

Kitra won the blackout game called by Crown Hospice, and she chose crocheted tulips made by one of our members, **Linda**! And **Peggy** won the blackout prize in the game called by **Steph Shroyer**.



We jumped into a game of bingo with a new Bingo caller from **True Care Living Center in Columbus**. We welcomed **LaBrittany** into our family today, and she did a wonderful job! Thank you.

Last Month in Review (continued)

Connie Koopmann provided us with another amazing meal: chicken-fried chicken and gravy, served with butter noodles, glazed carrots, and our famous salad. **Labrittany with True Care Living Center in Columbus** joined us today for Bingo. She brought a \$15 Whataburger gift card, which **Carol** won during the blackout



On Monday in Schulenburg, **Carolyn Moore** was the blackout prize winner! Thank you to **Amanda with Anytime Fitness** for calling the game. Members enjoyed a delicious enchilada casserole from **Koopmann Catering**! The volunteers prepared all the sides... Just another great day at Senior Connections!



Wow! What a Wednesday it was! Schulenburg was hopping with members, many of whom came early to play their favorite games, and many who came for the food and fun of Bingo. **Jeffery and the Columbus Oaks Healthcare Community** called bingo. **Martha Beckmann** won the blackout after a playoff battle with **Peggy Hiatt!** **Annette Jasek** finished out the afternoon game. And **Johnny Fajtic** won the blackout.



Last Month in Review (continued)

Well, it was another full, wonderful, wacky Wednesday in Schulenburg! We had a variety of games out on the tables today, including, of course, dominoes, sequence, Scrabble, and card games.



COME JOIN THE
FUN...!



When **Deannie and Reagan** are in the house from **Schulenburg Family Fitness**, you know we're gonna have a great time! After a morning filled with Tarok, Domino's coffee, and camaraderie, we enjoyed a delicious pork roast from **Koopmann Catering**. What a treat! We don't usually get pork in this was absolutely the best! It was paired with buttered potatoes and our famous house salad.

Mary won the blackout game called by our guest callers, and **Gibbs** won the final blackout of the day!



Last Month in Review (continued)

We had a splendid day in LaGrange for our adventure! Starting at the Sea Land restaurant, everyone enjoyed their meal and had time to visit with friends.



We then attended the play Curious Savage, put on by the Fayette County Community Theater, in the Pavilion, formerly known as the Round Up Hall at the fairgrounds.



Last Month in Review (continued)



May Birthday
Celebration Day!



We celebrated May birthdays, with Kathy Moore, Johnny Fajtic, and Annette Jasek present for the photo, along with the special cake baked by a special lady.

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, **Joe Jimenez, Master Gardener** for being our guest speaker in Schulenburg.

Our next drop off day for baked goods is
June 15th
Please help us roundup a variety of cookies.



Last Month in Review (continued)



Artful Friday Senior Classes For anyone age 55 & up!

We started a new month of Artful Friday art classes at Arts for Rural Texas. **Jaime Janda** taught **pen-and-ink drawing**. The students spent the first class getting familiar with their tools and supplies. They tested the nibs for their pens to see the differences between them and the lines they would make. They also played with how the Conte' works with water and ink. Conte is a drawing medium composed of compressed graphite mixed with clay. It is so fun to expose our students to new art forms and supplies!



You can see that in **Jaime Janda's** pen-and-ink class, the students have really come a long way in just a few sessions! Such precision and detail!



Irene Janda working on her vintage jewelry art project.



Cindy Ferguson helping **Cynthia Meyer** with Card Making project.

Huge shout-out to **Arts For Rural Texas** for their partnership in making these classes possible for members and non-members alike. Our only requirement is that you are 55 and up and pre-registered for the classes. Most of which are full for the rest of the year, but you can get on the waitlist by calling Senior Connections at 979-743-3227.

Last Month in Review (continued)

Have you ever heard of **eco printing**? Another name for the art is Mother Nature's watercolors! Students arrange leaves and flowers on prepared watercolor paper, which is then bundled and boiled in a dirty pot! The results are stunning! Next in **Stephanie's** eco-printing class, students made rayon scarves, printing with leaves and flowers, then using a dye or an iron blanket to enhance the print.

Once bundled and steamed, the real excitement is unbundling and seeing the results.



Thanks to **Cindy Meridith** for coming to help.

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.

Remember, these are small occasional "Honey Do" tasks that would normally take one person minutes or even up to an hour or two when our members are unable to do them on their own.

Here are some examples of the type of tasks they can do:

- Many tasks that don't require a ladder over 6' tall (cleaning out gutter, light tree trimming)
- Adjusting doors that stick or don't latch
- Replace door hardware
- Change shower heads
- Move and assemble patio furniture
- Install curtain rods
- Install blinds
- Repairing or installing ceiling fans
- Light carpentry like replacing a deck board, ramp board, hand rail, fence boards
- Clean first floor windows and screens
- Clean out bird houses (from ground level, not a Martin house at the top of a 15' pole)
- Install a mailbox
- Install a shelf
- Hang a TV
- Occasional weed eating, mowing, trim hedges (not on a regular basis)
- Change Light bulbs, smoke alarm batteries, etc., as well as other easy household tasks
- Move light items short distances
- Install grab bars
- Replace light switches

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

The Sunlight on the Garden

Louis MacNeice

The sunlight on the garden
Hardens and grows cold,
We cannot cage the minute
Within its nets of gold;
When all is told
We cannot beg for pardon.

But where the road runs onwards
And sings into the trees
There will the tramp of living,
The tune of passing bees,
And no one sees
The long wind's griefless laughter.

Yet we can still rejoice there,
Though every day be brief,
For beauty still surrounds us,
Beyond our care and grief,
And leaf with leaf
Makes music in the branches.

Laughing Matters



The Blind Pilots

Two men dressed in pilots' uniforms walk up the aisle of the aircraft. Both are wearing dark glasses, one is using a guide dog, and the other is tapping his way along the aisle with a cane.

Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin, but the men enter the cockpit the door closes, and the engines start up. The passengers begin glancing nervously around, searching for some kind of a sign that this is just a little practical joke. None is forthcoming.

The plane moves faster and faster down the runway, and the people sitting in the window seats realize they're headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport property. Just as it begins to look as though the plane will plow straight into the water, panicked screams fill the cabin.

At that moment, the plane lifts smoothly into the air. The passengers relax and laugh a little sheepishly, and soon all retreat into their magazines and books, secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands.

Meanwhile, in the cockpit, one of the blind pilots turns to the other and says, 'You know, Bob, one of these days, they're gonna scream too late and we're all gonna die' !!

Pub Entry Plan

Two guys were out walking their dogs on a hot day, when they pass by a pub. The first guy says "Let's go in there for a pint." Second guy, says, "They won't let us in with our dogs." First guy: "Sure they will, just follow my lead."

He goes up to the pub, and sure enough the doorman says, "I can't let you in here with that dog." He replies, "Oh, I'm blind and this is my seeing-eye dog." The doorman says, "Ok then, come on in."

The second guy sees this and does the same thing. He goes up to the pub, and the doorman says, "You can't come in here with a dog." He replies, "I'm blind and this is my seeing-eye dog." The doorman responds, "You have a chihuahua for a seeing-eye dog?" The second guy stops for a second, and exclaims, "They gave me a chihuahua?"

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