

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,

July is a month filled with celebration, laughter, and togetherness around the world. From the joyful spirit of Canada Day on July 1 to the festivities of Independence Day on July 4, this month highlights the importance of community, tradition, and shared memories.

As the month continues, International Day of Friendship reminds us of the value of companionship and kindness. Whether sharing stories with family or reconnecting with old friends, July is a wonderful time to celebrate the people who brighten our lives.

With warmest wishes,

The Senior Connections Team

Stephanie Shroyer

Program Director

July Trivia

July was named by the Roman Senate in honor of the Roman general, Julius Caesar, it being the month of his birth. Prior to that, it was called Quintilis.

Zodiac signs: **Cancer & Leo**
Birthstone: **Rubies**
Flower: **Water Lily**

Member Testimony

"I enjoy the social part of being around people. It's been wonderful to get to know more people from the Schulenburg community."

Schulenburg Member



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July 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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Koopmann
Oakridge
Sr. Conn.
AMK



Come join our family!
 Enjoy a cup of coffee or glass of tea.
 Play games or just visit with others!

11:20 am Lunch 1
Chicken Tenders, Gravy, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Dessert
12:00 pm – Bingo
 w/ Kelly Sobotic, Crown Hospice.

2

3
NO ARTS
 Closed for 4th
 of July
 Holiday

4
 Fourth of July



5
11:30 am Lunch
Enchilada Casserole, Rice, Beans, Dessert
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn
 "Get to Know Your Neighbor"
12:30 pm Bingo
 w/ Brenda McMahan
 New Century Hospice

6

7
SC-Weimar
11:30 am Lunch
BBQ Wings, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Dessert
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn
 w/ Mayor Carlton Tucker
12:30 pm Bingo
 w/ Alyssa, 1st Texas Home Health

8
11:20 am Lunch
Chicken Fried Pork, Gravy, Buttered Noodles, Salad, Dessert
12:00 pm – Bingo
 w/ Chyla, Wellsential

9

10
10am-12pm
at ARTS
 Bonnie Karstedt
 Needle Felting /
 Painting w/ Wool
 & Claire Lewis
 Watercolor
 Painting
Lunch Served

11

12
OUTING in Fayetteville:
 - Joe's Place
 - Tour ARTS
 - Polka Dance w/ Red Ravens
 10:30-4:00

13
11:30 am Lunch
Chili, Cornbread, Salad, Dessert
****Cookie Roundup****
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn
 w/ Gary & Carol Bucek,
 La Grange Polka Museum
12:30 pm Bingo
 w/ LaBrittany, TruCare Living

14
SC-Flatonia
****Blood Pressure Checks**
11:30 am Lunch
Tamale Pie, Rice, Beans, Dessert
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn
 w/ Wellsential Team – Chyla, Keeley, Kainer, & Melissa Kutac
 "Step into Wellness w/ Wellsential"
12:30 pm Bingo
 w/ Hayley, Crown Hospice

15
11:20 am Lunch
BBQ Brisket & Sausage, Broccoli Salad, Baked Beans, Bread, Dessert
*****Birthdays*****
12:00 pm – Bingo
 w/ Jeffrey, Columbus Oaks Healthcare Community

16

17
10am-12pm
at ARTS
 Bonnie Karstedt
 Needle Felting /
 Wool Painting
 & Claire Lewis
 Watercolor
 Painting
Lunch Served

18

19
11:30 am Lunch
Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Beans & Fixings, Dessert
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn
 w/ Tami Walker, City of Schulenburg
12:30 pm Bingo
 w/ Amanda, Anytime Fitness

20

21
SC-Weimar
11:30 am Lunch
Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn
 w/ Jimmy Hager, Edward Jones
12:30 pm Bingo
 w/ LaBrittany, TruCare Living

22
11:20 am Lunch
Chicken Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert
12:00 pm – Bingo
 w/ Schulenburg Family Fitness

23

24
10am-12pm
at ARTS
 Bonnie Karstedt
 Needle Felting /
 Wool Painting
 & Claire Lewis
 Watercolor
 Painting
Lunch Served

25

26
11:30 am Lunch
Beef Tips, Rice, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn
 Gary Carpenter – Painted Churches
12:30 pm Bingo
 w/ Nicole Owers, Amedisys Hospice Care

27

28
SC-Flatonia
11:30 am Lunch
Beef Biscuit Casserole, Veggies, Salad, Dessert
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn
 w/ Taylor Laney, Owner of Darlin's Diner
12:30 pm Bingo
 w/ Jennifer, Williamsburg House

29
Indoor Summer Picnic & Ice Cream Social @ KC Hall

30

31
10am-12pm
at ARTS
 Bonnie Karstedt
 Needle Felting /
 Wool Painting
 & Claire Lewis
 Watercolor
 Painting
Lunch Served

31
9-11 am - Games
11:15 am Lunch
Hamburgers, Chips, Potato Salad, Pea Salad, Fruit, Ice Cream Floats
12-2 pm Live Music by Victor Rodriguez

Rev. 6/25/26

July Birthdays

In July, we celebrate birthdays with:

James E. Jones Jr. – 1st
Kathy Seale – 1st
David Houston – 3rd
Alfreda Ellison – 8th
Marlaine St. Cyr – 8th
Martha Loveless – 8th
Dennis Baetz – 9th
Gus Torres – 10th
Margaret Winkler – 10th
Brian Ring – 11th
Elaine Reeves – 12th
Debbie Walker – 13th
Maggie Lozano – 13th

Marianela Tiedt – 13th
Nancy Jasek – 13th
Dineen Thayer – 14th
Jimmy Wooddell – 14th
Kay Peddy – 14th
Kurt Koch – 16th
Frank Lafferty – 17th
Linda Holman – 17th
Barbara Konvicka – 19th
Lisa Patten – 19th
Minnie Parker – 21st
Cynthia Anderson – 22nd

David Hykonen – 22nd
Elena Horndt – 23rd
Oralia Cedillo – 24th
Diana Petty-Stone – 25th
Shirley Baty – 25th
Gloria Ruether – 26th
Janie Morrow Colyar – 26th
Sophie Loessin – 27th
Brian Watson – 28th
Lemae Higgs – 29th
Cathy MWillhoite – 30th
Beverly Skow – 31st
Denise Rhoden – 31st



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

The Art of Chocolate Making

In honour of World Chocolate Day on July 7, this month we celebrate the long and delicious history of chocolate making. Chocolate begins with cocoa beans, which are carefully harvested, roasted, and blended to create the sweet treat enjoyed around the world today.

For centuries, chocolate has been shared during celebrations, given as thoughtful gifts, and enjoyed as a comforting indulgence. From rich chocolate cakes to simple chocolate bars, this beloved treat continues to bring joy to people of all ages and remains one of life's sweetest pleasures.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

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

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Leos are natural born leaders. They are able to achieve anything they commit to.

WOW!

Month Spotlight: The First Moon Landing

In July 1969, the world watched in amazement as humans first landed on the Moon during the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first people to walk on the lunar surface, marking one of history's greatest achievements.

News to Know



Senior Connections participated in 2 vendor booths in the month of June. The goal was to inform the public about what we do at Senior Connections and to gain support from our community. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people and we gained a few members.

Thank you to **Stephanie and Brenda** for manning the booth at the Flatonia Farmers Market. We plan to be back at the next Farmer's Market in July.

The 2nd booth was at the "Live Smart Expo" held in La Grange. Thank you to **Amanda and Denise** for manning and organizing that booth. Since we will be opening another campus soon in La Grange (Details to follow soon), this was a great way to make us known in the area. We even signed up our 1st member for the La Grange campus!!!

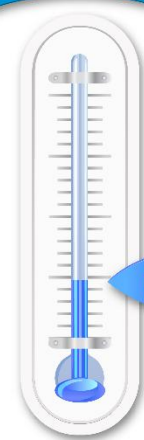


News to Know (continued)



\$2,000,000

GOAL



\$383,615

Renovation Update – The Capital Campaign Phase

We're thrilled to share that we met the Anderson Foundation's \$20,000 Challenge Grant!

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed and made this possible. Every donation helps us move one step closer to our final goal!

A very special thank you to Wendy and James Fietsam of Texas Propane for their incredibly generous gift that helped push us across the finish line! Thank you for your continued support and for recognizing the value of Senior Connections.

We are truly grateful for everyone's support.

Visit <https://givebutter.com/RRVEDr> to make a donation towards our capital campaign today.

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



Upcoming Events



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

- July 6 – (S) “Get to Know Your Neighbor”
- July 7 – (W) Mayor Carlton Tucker
- July 13 – (S) Gary & Carol Bucek, La Grange Polka Museum
- July 14 – (F) Welsential Team – “Step into Wellness with Welsential”
- July 20 – (S) Tami Walker, City of Schulenburg
- July 21 – (W) Jimmy Hager with Edward Jones
- July 27 – (S) Gary Carpenter – “Painted Churches”
- July 28 – (F) Taylor Laney, Owner of Darlin’s Diner



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
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
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.

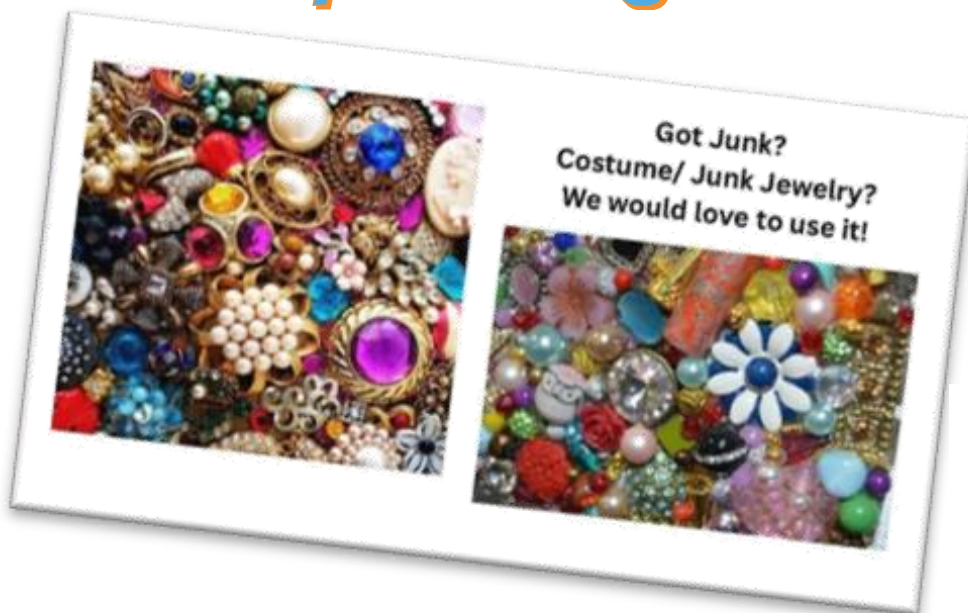
Upcoming Events (continued)

Ageless Artistry: A Showcase of Senior Connections Creativity

We are planning our next Ageless Artistry Art Show! It is scheduled to open with a reception on September 12th and run through the end of November at Jacks Gallery, 1203 Kessler Ave. in Schulenburg. Any of our members may enter artwork for this show. You do not have to be in our Artful Fridays classes. **We will accept artwork at Arts for Rural Texas, 1206 S. Lyons Ave. on Fridays 9 am-2 pm during the month of August. Please turn in your artwork between August 7-August 28th. All artwork MUST be framed and/or ready to hang or display.** For more information, or to make other arrangements, call Stephanie Shroyer at 979-702-1246.



And speaking of art...



Irene Janda continues working on junk jewelry projects.

Do you have any junk jewelry lying around that you want to donate for our upcoming class? Let us turn it into art during our upcoming Artful Friday Class. Call 97-743-3227 to arrange drop-off or pick-up.

Upcoming Events (continued)

Are you signed up for our next adventure on July 12th in Fayetteville?

Fayetteville Adventure includes:

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



Sign up for our Next Adventures:

August 20: La Grange

- Tour of Progressive Health Hospital
- Tour of Polka Museum (includes lunch)

September 17: Burton

- Tour of Burton Cotton Gin Museum
- Lunch at Burton Seafood and Steakhouse

October 15: Round Top / Carmine

- Tour at Festival Hill
- Lunch at Paw Paw's Firehouse Café

Upcoming Events (continued)



If you have not signed up to attend, please call 979-743-3227 to be added to the list.

Deadline to register is July 22nd.

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!

We welcome the following 6 new members:

- Joan Ulrich
- Kim Lauritzen
- Minnie Parker
- Braxton Roberts, Sr.
- Donna Roberts
- Betty Bosier

We also welcome back Betty Miksch!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the City of Schulenburg employees for removing some furniture that was taking up space in our gathering room at the Schulenburg Campus to make more room for our members.

We also thank them for continuing to work on the parking area after they had to replace a sewer line a few months ago.

WHAT'S NEW?

Be watching for our newest location!

Senior Connections will be expanding into La Grange in August! Help spread the word to your friends in La Grange that we will be in their area soon. Location and date will be announced later in July.

LOOKING AHEAD

Hometown Wellness will have a vaccine clinic available for our members at all 3 locations in September. Be looking for more details soon.

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
- Joyce Ohnheiser
- Stephanie Shroyer
- Annette Jasek
- Janis Kutac
- Cynthia Meyer
- Peggy Hiatt

MEMBER UPDATES

JoNell Vacek has returned to Senior Connections. It was so good to see her again at the Schulenburg Campus.

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

Spotlight – Brenda Ray



I graduated from La Grange High School with Stephanie Shroyer in 1977. After moving to Jacksonville Florida for a while as an adult, I moved back to Fayette County in 1998. I became the owner of Brunner's Dairy Hart in Flatonia. I later became the owner of Brenda's Café and Bar which I operated for 16 years.

I am blessed to have 2 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great grandkids.

I re-connected with Stephanie Shroyer after seeing a facebook post that she was the new Program Director for Senior Connections. I saw an opportunity to volunteer with an old classmate. Her artistic journey has inspired me and it seemed like a natural fit. I volunteer in Schulenburg and Flatonia and also at ARTS on Friday. I already know many of the members and I am so happy to have made many more friends here at Senior Connections.

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

Last Month in Review



Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, June 2 (Weimar)

Something a bit different today for our Lunch and Learn program in Weimar at First United Methodist Church. **David McCall** joined us to demonstrate a few self-defense techniques. Some of the things he demonstrated included sacking your assailant with your can on their leg, poking out their eyes, and spraying them with long-distance wasp spray! We are considering a 3-hour hands-on workshop so we can practice some of these and learn other valuable safety info for home and your car. Let us know if you would like to participate.

Lunch & Learn – Monday, June 8 (Schulenburg)

Elena and Jim Pate serenaded us as we ate!



Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, June 9 (Flatonia)

Music two days in a row! This time in Flatonia at Flatonia Methodist Church. **Jaime Steinhauser** and **Darrel O'Bryant** entertained us with toe-tapping music.

Last Month in Review (continued)

Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, June 16 (Weimar)

Brenda Anderson, with the **TAMU Extension Office in Columbus**, presented to us about healthy habits for brain health. After the program, the members completed a survey and won door prizes!



Lunch & Learn – Monday, June 22 (Schulenburg)

Today we had the opportunity to travel down memory lane with our speaker, **Gary McKee**, who joined us to talk about music history from Fayette County and beyond.

Everyone was engaged as they talked about the many dance halls, platforms, and the many bands from days gone past. Did you know that, along with polka, big band, jazz, and Tejano music, we even had Italian bands? Who knew?

Gary is working diligently to connect all the dots of this rich history that made Schulenburg famous. He will return, and we can help him expand his information on band members for all these talented groups.



Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, June 23 (Flatonia)

Many of our members love **Pam Slayton**, who is now with **Hometown Wellness**. She joined us today at Flatonia Methodist Church to talk about ways to exercise, improve our memory, and combat dementia. It was nice to learn about Hometown and how they aim to help prevent disease rather than treat it later.



Last Month in Review (continued)

Weimar Campus

We enjoyed tamale pie, beans, and rice for our meal.



Do you remember the self-defense techniques offered by **David McCall**?



Stephanie and Cindy called bingo, with **Leona** winning the blackout.



Thanks to Flatonia volunteers **Kitty and Brenda** for coming to help out, and **Cindy** for joining the Weimar team!



It was another terrific Tuesday in Weimar at the **First United Methodist Church**!

The die-hard dominoes players enjoyed the morning's games with a hot cup of coffee, while **Amanda** and the volunteers chuffed out in the kitchen, preparing taco soup.



LaBrittany from **True Care Living Centers in Columbus** joined us to call the bingo game, and **Donna King** was the lucky winner of the blackout prize!



Last Month in Review (continued)

Flatonia Campus

Before the performance by **Jamie Steinhauser** and **Darryl O'Bryant**, we enjoyed a morning of dominoes and puzzles, and a delicious meal of barbecue chicken by **Amanda and the crew**.



Hayley with Crown Hospice led the bingo game, and **Megan** was the lucky winner of the blackout game!



Bingo was fun, with a group from **Flatonia Health Care** joining us. Oh, and having **Amanda's** meatloaf for lunch was a huge plus too! Thank you to all who made this day a good memory, especially our hardworking volunteers!



Last Month in Review (continued)



Members had a pleasant surprise when they walked in the door in Schulenburg. As we continue to rearrange and improve our environment, **Denise Roberts** did a bang-up job opening up the corner and making the room feel more spacious.

Brenda McMahan called our bingo game today. She works for **New Century Hospice** and drives all the way from Port Lavaca! She could not stay for the blackout, so **Steph Shroyer** finished the game with **Carol** winning the blackout prize.



We love summertime at Senior Connections. Why? Kids, grandkids, great grandkids! So if you have family visiting this summer, don't let that keep you from attending; bring them along!



Baked chicken from **Koopmann Catering** fell off the bone and was delicious!



Kelly with Crown Hospice joined us for bingo. We had two blackout games. **Bennie and Albert** were the lucky winners.



Elena and Jim serenaded us as we ate! And **Betty** was the lucky blackout prize winner in the bingo game called by **LaBrittany from True Care Living in Columbus!**



Last Month in Review (continued)

When **Chyla** is in the house, you know the members are in for a fun bingo game!

Carol and Nancy brought the desserts, and they looked delectable.

Betty won a nice lantern for the blackout prize that **Chyla** brought, and **Jeanette** won a patriotic wall decor from me, **Steph Shroyer**, in the bingo games.



The rain did not scare everyone off today.

Our first members to arrive in Schulenburg were from Columbus, LaGrange, Flatonia, and Weimar!

Maybe the chicken fajitas from **Oakridge Smokehouse** drew them in.

Kathy Moore, won the blackout game, thanks to **Darlene** for calling the game!



Last Month in Review (continued)



Jeffery from Columbus Oaks Living Center called our bingo, with Jim winning the blackout prize. Stephanie finished the afternoon calling the game with Carelie winning a wind spinner for that blackout game. It was a great day!



Well, we had a very full house in Schulenburg. Everyone enjoyed the hamburger steak from **Koopman Catering**. Kelly was the lucky winner of the playoff for the blackout prize of 2 pounds of ground beef from Texas Beef Initiative and the game was called by **Amedisys**. Stephanie continued calling a couple more games of bingo and **Kitra Ruiz** was the lucky winner of the 2nd Blackout Game!



Wowzer, this Wednesday was wild! Like out of bounds! Yes, **Oakridge** supplied us with fried fish that packed for the house! Crazy! **Kim and Jennifer from Schulenburg Family Fitness** had everyone up and moving, and laughing, too! We love them! A new member, **Betty Bosier**, was the lucky winner of the awesome backpack filled with goodies for the blackout prize! Oh, and really big news! **Kelly** finished the puzzle that had been on the table for a while! Yay! Now on to the next one!



Last Month in Review (continued)

Twenty-seven members carpooled to Flatonia for our monthly adventure. First stop was Darlin's Diner for lunch. The service was fantastic, and the food too! Our next stop was the Lyric Theater. Armed with popcorn and drinks, we enjoyed the movie The Bucket List. To end the day, we had to go next door to the Ice Cream Parlor for a treat!

Along for the fun, Cynthia Meyer, Gary Pauler, Carolyn Moore, Deborah Jones, Kathy Carpenter, Mary Kalinec, Brenda Ray, Michelle and Jim Hollan, Julia Webster, Betty Mullholland, Laverne Dornak, Freda Ellison, Paul Williams, Kelly and Richard Ortiz, Betty Stolorski, Bernice Leinhardt, Isabel Martinez, Frank Lafferty, Debbie Price, Benjamin Hajdik, Sharon Fredrich, Lillian Vanicek, Nancy Jasek, Bernie Gillings and Mary Ann Jurica.



Last Month in Review (continued)



June Birthday Celebration Day!



It was Birthday Day at the center in Schulenburg. Members were treated to chicken fried steak from Oakridge for lunch. **Brenda Ray, Joseph Collins, and Clara Christ** are pictured here with the birthday cake!

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, Texas A&M Agrilife** for being our speaker in Weimar.

Our next drop off day for baked goods is **July 13th**
Please help us roundup a variety of cookies.



Last Month in Review (continued)



Artful Friday Senior Classes
For anyone age 55 & up!

During the months of June & July, we had to move art classes back to the Senior Connections center, where we had to have 2 different classes happening in one room. It worked!

Jaime Janda broke the students out of their comfort zone in her class, Painting Without Brushes. On the other side of the room, Sheryl Tumis's crochet class was also a big hit.



Last Month in Review (continued)

Two classes in one room. Yes, it can be done!

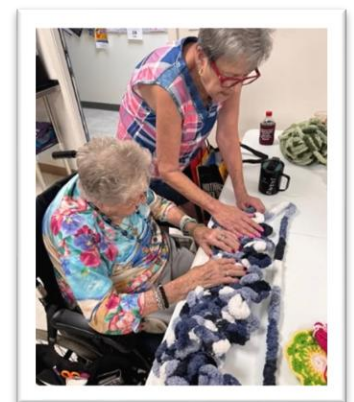


Sheryl Tumis's crochet class was in full swing, with students working on various projects as they learned or relearned the craft.

And in **Jaime Janda's** class, the contemporary art painting-without-brushes continued, with students making diptychs in which they applied paint to one canvas, placed another on top, and pressed them together. At just the right moment in the drying process, the two canvases were pulled apart, creating two mirroring pieces of artwork!

Brenda, our amazing Volunteer, prepared a wonderful lunch for us to enjoy, including baked ziti, taco soup, and cucumber salad!

A few students stayed late after lunch to continue working on artwork from other classes that they're completing for the Ageless Artistry Showcase in September.



Miss Irene decided to make a crocheted project using the giant yarn yesterday during artful Friday classes! She is one amazing woman!



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

A Time to Talk

By Robert Frost

When a friend calls to me from the road
And slows his horse to a meaning walk,
I don't stand still and look around
On all the hills I haven't hoed,
And shout from where I am, "What is it?"
No, not as there is a time to talk.

I thrust my hoe in the mellow ground,
Blade-end up and five feet tall,
And plod: I go up to the stone wall
For a friendly visit.

Laughing Matters



Trust Him

On the Sunday before Christmas the Rev Billy Graham was walking down Highland Street in North Carolina on his way to see a parishioner.

He wanted to post a parcel urgently, so he asked a young boy where he could find the Post Office. After the boy had directed him, Rev. Graham thanked him and said "If you come up to the Church this evening you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven."

The boy replied - "I think I'll give your sermon a miss. If you don't even know your way to the Post Office, how will you lead me to heaven?"

The Poacher

A Game Warden is walking along a beach one morning when he spots a man with a bucket of lobsters.

The Warden walks up to the man, flashes his badge and says, "You're in big trouble, buddy. Poaching lobsters is a serious offence."

The man answers, "You've got it all wrong, these lobsters are my pets! Every morning I take them out for some exercise. I let them swim around in the ocean for a few minutes and then whistle them back in."

The Warden looks at the man skeptically and says, "Okay then, prove it."

The man proceeds to throw the lobsters into the ocean and both he and the Warden stand there waiting. After a couple of minutes the Warden looks at the man and says, "That's long enough, now whistle your lobsters back in."

The man turns to the Warden and says "Lobsters? What lobsters?"

Short Jokes

What did the cat say when the mouse got away? *You've got to be kitten me!*

Who did the ghost invite to the party? *Any old friend he could dig up!*

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