

Guest Speaker Last Meeting

Gary Adrian, ACE of TEXAS Registered Property Tax Consultant, told us how to cut our property taxes!

Gary said that with over 20+ years of experience with property taxes, they help property owners reduce their tax burden, as well as providing confidence that their property is fairly assessed. At ACE of TEXAS, they are dedicated to using their knowledge, experience and resources to provide expert property tax representation and assistance to the people of the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin.

Gary said that Ownwell is a company out of Austin. Clients that hire them will not get someone local who is familiar with the area. They also historically have never done any hearings in person and have never shown up to the Lubbock Appraisal district in person. The past two years they handled everything over the phone or email. A former LCAD appraiser who worked with them extensively strongly recommends not using them, as they will just take whatever LCAD will give them or any low hanging fruit. ACE of TEXAS however, always fights for lower than what LCAD offers and provides evidence to help support lower values.

Gary said their fee is a little higher but it is based on the amount of time and resources required to do the job correctly and they appear in person to deal with the LCAD appraisers as well as appearing in person at any needed Appraisal Review Board hearings. Their rates are some of the lowest in the state. In addition, tax consultants have a combined 15 years of actual LCAD appraisal experience and over 15 years as Property Tax Consultants right here in Lubbock. Nobody in the business can lay claim to even a fraction of that experience.

Their Agents are proud alumni of Texas Tech!

So go online to contact me:

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May 15, 2025

Trash Off Saturday, May 17, 8-10

Meet at Mil. Reserve Cntr, I-27 & Regis St.
Tom Andrews, Mike Bennett, Debby Conn, David Cook, James Dugger, Wayne Kohout, & Tim Upp have volunteered. We need more volunteers on Sign-up sheet!

Flag Workday Sat. May 10 was a Rousing Success!

'Kiwanis Kudos' to Tom Andrews, Mike Bennett, Paul Rostad, Mary Wallace, Debby Conn, David Cook, James Dugger, Mary Hernandez, Kaytie Hoggard, Wayne Kohout, Lequice Kohout, David Medrano & John Gast and their nephew!...and Joe Phea! Scores of flags were removed and replaced with new/ laundered ones. 4 pizzas were devoured!

Route Cpt.'s 'New Year' Routine!

PVC pipes must be inspected & cleaned!
Are they marked with red dots? **Need PVC pipes? Clean-out augers? Call Wayne.**

Our Routes for 2025

Route 1: CPT: **Cindy Ham-Trk.**, 2. **Tim Upp**; 3. **Mary Wallace**; Alternate: _____?

Route 2: CPT: **Tom Andrews**, 2. **Steve Jones-Trk.** 3. **David Cook**, 4. **___?___ Trk.**
Altr.: **Cheryl Jones.**

Route 3: CPT: **Wayne Kohout**, 2. **Roger Mahan-Trk.**; 3. **Lequice Kohout**; Altr. **Paige Kohout, Roger Bowers**

Route 4: CPT: **James Dugger**, 2. **David Medrano**; 3. **John Gast**, Altrs. **Volunteers from Vitalant?**

Route 5: CPT: **Debbie Conn**, 2. **Ashley Torrez & Dad-Trk.**; 3. **___?___** Alter.: _____

Route 6: CPT: **Mike Bennett**, Trk. 2. **Mary Hernandez**, 3. **Kaytie Hoggard**, Altr. _____

We need 2 more Route Volunteers.
Junior League and Volunteer Center of Lubbock volunteers will be available most

John Paul Batrice's



Bits & Pieces

Back by Popular Demand:

On one of their special occasions, Delores Upp asked Tim to take her to one of those restaurants where they prepare the food in front of you. So, Tim took her to a neighborhood Subway.

The reason I use an android is because Adam and Eve had an apple and they messed up everything.

A lady has sued a very reputable hospital, saying that after performing a surgery on her husband, he lost all interest in her. Hospital spokesman replied in court that: "Her husband was admitted for cataract surgery and all we did was improve his vision."

A friend of mine took going to jail very badly. He refused all offers of food and drink, swore at anyone who came near him and was unbearable. After that, we never played Monopoly with him again!

I asked my wife Mimi: "What's for dinner today?"
She said "Nothing."
I said: "We had that last night."
She said: "I know, I made enough for two nights."

Vodka and ice: bad for your kidneys.

Rum and ice: bad for your liver.
Whiskey and ice: bad for your heart.

Apparently, ice is bad for you!

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TODAY

Thur. May 15th – Tyler Schuster, Asst Dir. Of Development, Davis Col. Ag. Sci. & Nat. Res., Scholarship program

ALSO... COMING SOON!

Thur. May 22nd – Pam Lamb, Treasurer—South Plains Iris Society

Thur. May 29th – Cosmo Ojeda, Lubbock Regional Director, BBB/NCTX, Popular & Common Scams