



ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

Want to have some fun? Try singing a few verses of a Johnny Mercer hit from the 1940's. Here's a prompt:

*"You've got to ac-cent-tchu-ate the positive
E-lim-i-nate the negative
Latch on to the affirmative
Don't mess with Mr. In-Between*

*You've got to spread joy up to the maximum
Bring gloom down to the minimum
Have faith, or pandemonium's
Liable to walk upon the scene*

To illustrate my last remark....."

A noted church pastor recently sent out a letter telling of his experience when his father had terminal cancer. He asked the doctor, "How long do you think my dad has?" The doctor replied, "It's impossible to know. It could be weeks, months or even a year. But attitude is everything."

Well now, I don't have to preach to the choir about attitude. Good attitude is a mark of the residents of PVN. I really can't think of anyone here with a "bad" attitude. I just want to remind all of us how important attitude is to our lives.

America's first First Lady, Martha Washington, left this for us: "I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions and not upon our circumstances."

Here's an acrostic reminder for accentuating the positive in our village home.

Always remember the best qualities of each friend
Take time to be thankful for your friends
Try to make someone's moment better
Invoke someone to your table
Turn the page on a grievance
Use the incomparable power of a smile
Drop a note to a friend
Enjoy the day

Those are only a few of countless phrases one could conjure up about "attitude." All lead to "HAVE A HAPPY DAY!"

**Here's to
many happy days!**

David Lodwick

COUNCIL CORNER

In his recent Kaffee Klatch presentation, **Lucky Luckadoo** told us he has resided here at PVN for 18 of the 44 years PVN has been in existence. As we proceed with preparations for our May celebration of PVN's 45th year, led by **Judy Morris** and **Cyndy Hudgins**, Lucky's statement brings to mind the image **David Lodwick** shared in his January Bugle article, that of "a crew of a racing shell looking behind the boat while propelling the boat forward as smoothly and directly as possible." Lucky and each of us are in the boat rowing together in our journeys forward.

As your Council President, I look back on recent cockswains in our PVN shell: Lucky, David, Judy, **Noel Pittman**, **David Jordan**, **Mary Ann Till** and **Gilbert Brown** (my predecessors as Council President). Collectively they have guided PVN residents through a tornado, a severe freeze and blackout, construction and a worldwide pandemic. And here we are in the shell, rowing together in our service to one another in new and exciting ways, each with a unique and interesting life to share. Together we form a village known as PVN.

David Driscoll, Village Council President

WHICH COUNTRY PRODUCES THE MOST OF THESE

1. Olives
2. Cotton
3. Silver
4. Silk
5. Corn
6. Coffee beans
7. Beef
8. Oil
9. Coal
10. Cocoa

Answers on page 11

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Hint:
Today a man
of many caps



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Spring Ahead

Don't forget to turn
your clocks forward
March 9th

“WORKFORCE HOUSING” COMING TO FOREST & STULTS

The former site of the now-demolished church at Forest Ln. and Stults Rd. will be the location of 30 new houses for public sector workers such as teachers, nurses and first responders. Dallas County has bought the land, and our District 2 County Commissioner Andy Sommerman has put together the plan to build the houses and sell them at below-market prices to moderate-wage earners working for local government agencies and school districts. The homes will be sold with deed restrictions to prevent renting or quick re-sale of the homes at market prices.

The plan aims to address a lack of affordable housing in Dallas, a

lack which prevents many public sector workers from buying a home in the city. The plan was explained to PVN residents by Commissioner Sommerman at an early morning “Kaffee Klatch” in the Auditorium on January 16. Sommerman plans to first promote the homes to teachers in the Richardson Independent School District (RISD), which operates the Stults Road School and many others in the northwest part of Dallas County.

Homes will range in size from about 1200 to about 2200 square feet. The development - to be called “Cottonwood Forest”- will include a walking path along the creek that borders the back of

the property. Homes will be built above the flood plain. Approval of zoning changes is expected to take up to six months, after which construction will begin

Commissioner Sommerman began his presentation by explaining how the responsibilities of Dallas County differ from those of the City of Dallas. The county manages the County Courts, the Health Department, the Elections Department, the County Clerk, the County Jail and the collection of property taxes by the Tax Assessor/Collector. Dallas city has responsibility for police and many other services.

Bill Maina



PVN FOUNDATION: DIANE REYNOLDS

Diane Reynolds has been President and Chief Operating Officer of the PVN Foundation since 2020. Born and raised in Valparaiso, Indiana, she lived there until college (Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas) where she majored in accounting. Diane worked in the insurance industry before moving to nonprofit employers in 1998. When she was closing down her company of 23 years in July 2020, the lead attorney asked what she was going to do next. Diane said, “I don’t know, but I need to work full time.” The attorney also happened to be PVNF’s attorney, and the connection became her opportunity. Diane began working at PVNF the same year she completed her master’s in biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary.

Diane met Kevin Reynolds in college, and they married in 1981, just before graduation. They have two grown children and ten grandchildren, with another baby girl on the way. Diane’s mother Bea is 95 and lives independently in her home close to Diane. Outside PVN, Diane enjoys reading, teaching Bible classes, cooking and gardening.

Next month will focus on **Karen Gooding**.

Pam Altizer, PVNF Board Member

AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE MADE FOR AMERICANS!

If you're like me, you probably have never heard of an EREV, but it may be the answer to selling electric vehicles in mass quantities profitably in the United States as well as across the world. EREV stands for "extended range electric vehicle." It offers the simplicity of electric propulsion with the range afforded by a gasoline motor, not to drive the car but only to recharge the vehicle's electric battery when it is running out of power.

People want the simplicity, reliability and rapid acceleration of a vehicle driven by an electric motor. What they don't want is a limitation on how far they can drive their electric car without worrying about running out of power and whether they can find a charger (that works and is not taken by another car) especially in very cold weather, which reduces battery range and use of the car heater!

To date, we Americans have had essentially two choices of electric vehicle; pure electric like Tesla or "hybrid" like a Toyota Prius, which switches from being battery-driven to gasoline driven when the battery is discharged. But in China there is a third, EREV option in the form of an SUV made by Li Auto and sold for \$34,000. Next year Stellantis, the heir to Chrysler, will introduce a Ram pick-up using EREV technology to the US, where buyers strongly favor SUV's and pick-ups.

Experts expect an EREV with a plug-in battery range of about 60 miles, which will cover 95% of the usage of the vehicle. But the owners will know they have an additional range of 600+ miles by using the on-board gasoline engine to recharge the battery! And if that isn't enough, they can always stop at a gas station and refill the gas tank.

Gone are the issues of "range anxiety", sluggish performance in cold weather and restrictions on the use of infotainment and climate control. EREV's look like "an idea whose time has come," at least while we await a breakthrough in battery technology.

John Drake



DIRECT FROM DUSTIN

Hello, PVN residents! March is here to bring us the first day of spring, daylight savings time, college basketball March Madness, St. Patrick's Day and my birthday (35 never felt so young!) Here at PVN, March also brings some exciting additions to the campus. Our new Personal Assistance Program called "Empowered Living Services" will be available to PVN residents this month. It will be officed near the entrance of the auditorium. We have also selected a new provider to run operations at our medical clinic. We will schedule information sessions with residents as we approach the date it reopens. The trial period to use flex dollars on alternative services is going very well so far with our 75 residents who signed up. The plan is to expand the number of participants after the first trial expires on March 15th. More information to come on that. And finally, our new Director of Assisted Living, Yvette Wiggins, is a welcome addition to our team of Directors. We shall introduce her to our residents at the next Village Council meeting. We are off to a great start in 2025—Cheers!

Dustin Allen
Executive Director, PVN



PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE NORTH'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Mark Your Calendars
for 3 Days
of Celebrating
PVN's
45th Anniversary

May 30 - June 1, 2025

Stay Tuned for Further Details.

A LIFE IN CAPS

Many people have collections. A friend of mine had shelves filled with German beer steins. We have a collection of cups from traveling the globe. I recently talked with a PVN resident about his collection of caps. Meet **Smith Sims** of the Hawthorne. When we sat down to talk, Smith was wearing a very well-worn Baylor U baseball cap, and he brought along a shopping bag full of caps accumulated over the years.

He started his collection at Baylor where he played baseball and found out that he could not hit a curve ball. So he became team manager and helped take care of the mascot Baylor bear. One day the caretaker for the bear told Smith that the bear would not let him approach, only growled at him. Smith, who is a very jovial spirit, approached the unhappy bear and helped it deliver a cub. Now when Smith wears the cap he remembers the good times at Baylor and how he helped raise future bears.



Smith says the caps mean a lot to him. His Cowboy Star cap reminds him of Tom Landry and the respect he had for him. He wears it when he watches a game. The Duck Dynasty cap reminds him of his love for duck hunting with his beloved wife, Anna. He showed me his cap from the Bodacious Cafe a restaurant near his hometown of Hawkins in East Texas that sells the biggest, juiciest burger in the world.

In his 40's, Smith followed in his father's footsteps with male pattern baldness. A cap will always cover the shiny top of his head and keep it warm. He is especially proud of the cap that was made for the Sims' family reunions. His cap stories continued through the afternoon. If you meet Smith on campus, ask him about his cap and he will regale you with his stories of a life well lived. What collections have you acquired in life?

Joseph C. Kobos

Tom Panzer, Photo Editor, *The Village Bugle*

We'd like to recognize Tom Panzer, who has been our resident Photo Editor for the *Bugle* for the three years he has lived at PVN. His work has earned coveted awards, such as these two first place winners in the annual City of Richardson Photographic Competition and two first place winners in the Dallas Camera Club awards, plus many others.

Thank you, Tom, for always making us look good and for your dedication to capturing the essence of PVN.



Photographer at the Rail



Before the Digital Age - circa 1944



Reflections on the Water



World War II Trainer at Sunset

Valentine's Day Happy Hour and PUPS Performance



Fun and Festive Decorations
by an Amazing and Caring Staff



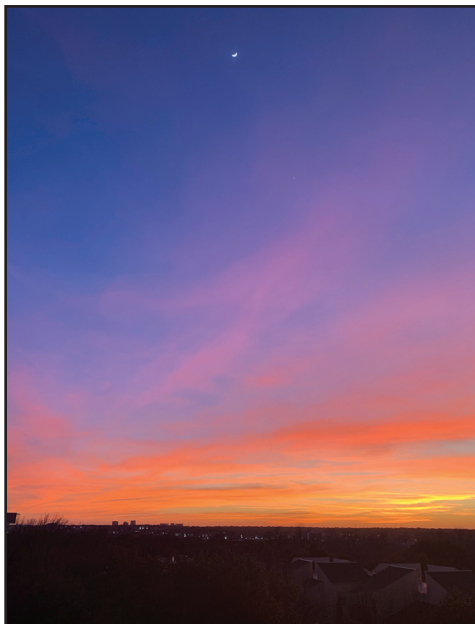
Irais Making a Mean
Raspberry Martini



BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS FROM HAWTHORNE



We feel blessed to experience
God's artistry on a nightly basis
from our balcony.



Photos by Celine Hubler

COMPETITIVE EATING

The very popular 1967 movie *Cool Hand Luke* starred Paul Newman as the incorrigible Lucas Jackson. The best scene is the hard-boiled egg eating contest in which Luke painfully won his bet against the other prison inmates that he could eat 50 eggs in an hour. The earliest recorded predecessor of Luke was Englishman Nicholas Wood of Kent who on separate occasions in the 1630's ate a whole raw sheep, seven dozen rabbits and 400 pigeons. One time he failed in a well-publicized eating display, fell into an eight-hour overeating food coma and awoke in the stocks as punishment for his failure.

1997, but competitive eating didn't really take off until super eater Joey Chestnut appeared and reeled off 15 wins at the premier eating contest in the world, Nathan's Famous 4th of July Hot Dog Eating Contest. Chestnut holds 50 world records in fifty different "disciplines," including 76 hot dogs with buns in ten minutes. Along the way he smashed the fictional *Cool Hand Luke*'s record by consuming 141 eggs in eight minutes. Joey has done 118 Jalapeno peppers in 10 minutes, 121 Twinkies in six minutes and 12 pounds of deep-fried asparagus in 10 minutes.

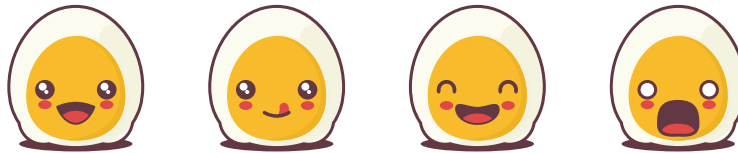
with the same vigor as the men. Sonya Thomas holds many records including 44 Maine Lobsters (11.3 pounds) in 12 minutes. The oddest contest was won by Takeru Kobayashi who downed 17.7 pounds of cow brains in 15 minutes.

Please let me know if this article sparks your interest in beginning training to compete for an age group world record. Also, add which food might be your specialty. I would be happy to be your trainer like George Kennedy was for Paul Newman.

Corbet Bryant

The American organization Major League Eating was founded in

Leave us not forget the competitive ladies. They attack the consumables



CHAUTAUQUA PRESENTS VOCAL MAJORITY

The Chautauqua 2025 musical series sponsored by the PVN Foundation continues on March 21 (note: this is a Friday evening, not the usual Thursday) with Vocal Majority, the award-winning men's acapella chorus. You may have been lucky enough to have heard their wonderful harmonies in premier venues around the Metroplex, including the Eisemann Center and the Meyerson Symphony Hall. PVN will join that illustrious list. Because of the smaller scale of our auditorium, it will be a Vocal "Minority" rather than the full chorus. Their sound remains powerful, and you're sure to enjoy their varied program of choral music. Be sure to get your tickets early for this performance by Vocal Majority, which will be at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, March 21.



Happy Birthday

INDEPENDENT LIVING



Harry Crumpacker	3/1	Margaret Ouzts	3/10	Michael Green	3/15	Gene Fisher	3/26
Bob Steves	3/4	Bob Hudgins	3/10	John Luckadoo	3/16	John Drake	3/27
Eileen O'Connor	3/4	Pat Kashouty	3/12	Judith Yaksick	3/17	Judy Morris	3/28
Donnie Ludwig	3/6	Sharon Hohman	3/12	Judy Clapp	3/21	Barbara Coleman	3/29
Beverly Barnes	3/7	Allan Kvasnicka	3/12	Regina Landry	3/22	Ernestine Haas	3/29
Kate Albright	3/8	Jim Cress	3/12	Bob Timberlake	3/23	James Roten	3/30
Lou Rayer	3/9	Sharon Bennett	3/12	Jo Blackburn	3/23	Sharon Wooldridge	3/30
Carolyn Boll	3/9	John Behl	3/12	Charles Woods	3/23	Chuck Lee	3/30
Emily Erdmann	3/10	Oma Nemmer	3/14	Lloyd McChesney	3/25	Richard Hohman	3/31
						Coy West	3/31

ASSISTED LIVING

Edward Long	3/1	Gene Thompson	3/7	Ronald Higgins	3/21	Sandy Mueller	3/21
Elizabeth Ploger	3/2	Stephen Lang	3/13	Gail Kaihani	3/21	Martha Baker	3/24
Patsy Adair	3/3					Cora Hawkins	3/25

Joyce Forney's
101st birthday



Congratulations!

IS IT CHILI IN HERE, OR IS IT ME?

Every year around this time (check with Barbara as to time of year), my dad locks himself in the kitchen for a few days and whips up a batch of his famous deer meat chili. He cooks several different pots of the stuff, with varying levels of spice. The mildest version, the one that Dad calls “tomato soup”, is gentle on the sensitive stomach. The other end of the gastric continuum offers a blistering blend of peppers and spices that will melt the fillings in your teeth.

When my dad gets going on the chili, accidents are frequent and spectacular. Our most talked about chili catastrophe is definitely the time when Daddy dropped an extra-large vat of his extra spicy recipe across the kitchen floor, setting a household record for world’s longest chili trail. The lumpy burnt sienna chili made a path down the front of Dad’s trousers, whooshed across the linoleum and streaked up the opposite wall.

My dad’s anguished cry of a single expletive echoed across our cul-de-sac, rattling car windows and nerves for miles. My sister and I coasted on about a year’s worth of “but Daddy said it.”

When I tell my friends about Dad’s venison chili, and how he gathers the main ingredients on his big macho hunting trips, they usually open their eyes in wide amazement. But that’s nothing compared to their reactions to the story of my Dad and his brother each shooting off digits on said deer hunting trips. However, that’s a whole ‘nother story.

Barbara Sellers **9**

FROM THE EDITOR

As we nudge nearer our 45th celebration, we look this month at our panel's choices for the outstanding movie and athletic achievement for the years 2010-2014 – seems to be getting close to home, does it not?

The *Bugle's* best movie choice for this five-year period is 2010's Best Picture Oscar Winner, *The King's Speech*, starring Colin Firth who plays the future King George VI. Firth picked up the Best Actor's Oscar, and he was ably assisted by a former Academy Award winner, Geoffrey Rush. The film won four Oscars and was a huge financial success with worldwide distribution.

Our premier athletic achievement goes to an individual, Odell Beckham, Jr. On November 23, 2014, this New York Giants wide receiver made, arguably, the best and most athletic football play ever. He was fouled on a long pass from Eli Manning, but bending backwards, caught the ball past his head with two fingers and a thumb, fell and stayed inbounds. It is stunning no matter how many times you watch the replay.

Mike Amis, Managing Editor



FRONT PORCH CULTURE

In reading the New York Times, I happened upon a piece that intrigued me because I grew up sitting on front porches in neighborhoods and had a home as an adult in a neighborhood where people walked in the evenings and sat on their porches as social activities.

Not so much now in many neighborhoods, as Americans have become more private people locally, as we have become, as Marshall McLuhan predicted back in the sixties, a “global community.”

As we talk to each other less, I think we become less aware of our neighbors beliefs, hopes, and fears. In our time we have seen an

unbridgeable gap grow between political ideologies. Now I named the elephant in our nearly idyllic room here at PVN.



I would like to put forth what I think is a way for us to be closer together in spite of differing viewpoints. In the world of front porches we knew our neighbors, so we didn't demonize them or their political leaders. Right now

it is difficult to neither demonize nor make fun of those who don't hold our own outlook.

We have a unique community here where our “front porches” are in many public spaces.

Let's get to know who our neighbors are and what their hopes and dreams are. Let's not assume that their outlook is the same as ours or what the media has broadcast. Let's let go of gloom and doom, as we come to accept one another's differences like the people who accepted their neighbors as they sat on or walked by front porches in other places and earlier times.

Judy Morris

In Memoriam

John Evans	1/21
William "Bill" Dillon	2/4
Joan Hemer	2/8

ANSWERS

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Spain | 6. Brazil |
| 2. India | 7. United States |
| 3. Mexico | 8. United States |
| 4. China | 9. China |
| 5. United States | 10. Ivory Coast |

Corbet Bryant

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

It's weird being the same age as old people.

Chuckle



🐾 LUCKY LOGAN 🐾

Have you ever noticed how much talk at PVN relates to food? I'm a dog, and that's about all we think about, but even the humans seem obsessed with food. When they aren't assessing the Reflections menu or commenting about the Blue Plate Special, they are talking about grilling or grumbling about the price of groceries. And when all else fails they talk about what the canine community eats.

Being a Terrier mix, I like to chew. I can tear apart a toy faster than Dustin Bartolomeo can walk. The stuffing is fun to eat but that freaks out my mom. What's the big deal? It passes right through. But it upsets her a lot.

Living at PVN is canine nirvana, especially in the treat department. Many of the residents, mostly male I've noticed, carry treats. Dried beef lung is a huge favorite, but any treat is welcome. There are yummys in the dog park too. In addition to the treat box that contains MilkBones, Mother Nature provides a veritable smorgasbord for us. We enjoy bugs and grass and sticks. The mud is especially tasty but our very favorite is the rabbit droppings. Hey! Don't knock it if you haven't tried it! Additionally, as if they hadn't a lick of sense, some dogs go after frogs in the summer. Last year one of the young pups got so much frog foam in her mouth that she literally developed warts on her gums. Boy, was her mom mad when she got the bill for that treatment! Yet another dog never had problems. Go figure. And me? I just leave the frogs alone and stick with the rabbit poop.

Lucky Logan

I WASN'T BORN HERE...

“...but I got here as quickly as I could.” As a native Texan, people have been saying that to me as long as I can remember, especially folks from Oklahoma (I’m just teasing). Being a native, it’s very difficult to be objective about Texas. I still watch old reruns of “Gunsmoke,” and if you remember, when all the cattle herds arrived in Dodge City, the Texas cowboys arrived in town shooting 45’s in the air and then spent the evening drinking and fighting in the Long Branch Saloon. They caused Marshal Dillon a lot of grief.

To get an objective view of the things Texans are known for, I

asked artificial intelligence (AI) for an answer. It seems we are known for: our hospitality, our pride, independence, generosity, resilience, our work ethic, our loyalty and best of all— no state income tax! Well, I thought, no wonder so many are coming to Texas. I just wish I had all those traits all the time. Some of those are in my rear-view mirror. Then I made a mistake. I next asked AI what are some negative characteristics that Texans are known for. Here they are: arrogance, overly opinionated, closed-mindedness, aggressiveness, and over-the-top

patriotism.

I'm sorry I asked that second question. I think both perspectives have their merits. I think many of those traits, both good and bad, go all the way back to the Texas Revolution. They are what is expected of us. And I think it has been the land itself that has shaped us: the distances, the weather, the oil, the timber and the rich soil for growing cotton. All these factors required heavy manual labor. Those were the kind of people who came to Texas.

Ken Rogers

COLOR ME MUSICAL

Color is one of our most pleasing sensory attributes, and yet it is the most difficult to explain.

A blind man asks, "What is the color blue?" I think about this. Finally, I say, "Blue is like listening to light jazz." "Oh," he says, and thanks me. Later, after a surgeon has restored his sight, I find him in a garden filled with colorful spring flowers. I say to him, "Well, my friend, now you know what the color blue is." He smiles. "Yes, indeed," he tells me. "I heard a bit of it just this morning."

What our senses furnish us is always filtered through a mind that reaches into memory to understand it. “When the eye is unobstructed,” Anthony de Mello tells us in *Awareness*, “the result

is sight." But if we are blind, our brain compensates as well as it can using the other senses. "When the ear is unobstructed, the result is hearing," he says. But if we are deaf, the mind finds an alternative in touch or sight.



Then de Mellow asks, “What if the mind is unobstructed?” He tells us the result is wisdom. “Wisdom,” he states, “occurs when you drop barriers.” He may be right, but it is the obstructed mind that describes aroma and sound and texture in other terms to begin with. Left unobstructed, the mind

has little to feed on. It needs connections.

An intelligent chimpanzee sees an apple as something to eat, nothing more. With our minds obstructed with imagery, it becomes a laptop or a symbol of original sin, things the brightest ape could never see. Our memories interfere with pure thought. Wisdom occurs in selecting the appropriate memories. (Ironically, it requires some wisdom to identify which ones!)

Describing our sensory world invokes many adjectives, rich in sound, hearty in flavor, full of nourishment. Colors can be listened to, caressed, and tasted. Many are fragrant. A few are pleasant companions.

Ron Wetherington