

# SAHNOAN STAR

*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*



Saturday, January 27, 2024

It's time for the Star Ranch Annual Chili Cook-off and  
Pie Contest & Auction.

Chili and Pies just make sense when it's cold outside!

[Click here to sign-up!](#)

Cook-Off  
Pie Contest  
Pie Auction  
Potluck

## Schedule for day of Cook-Off

9 am Chili Cook-Off begins

2 pm Chili judging

3 pm Cutoff time for Pie Contest entries

5:00pm Pie judging and Pie Auction

6:00pm Chili/Pie potluck.



[Click here for Chili Cook-off Rules](#)

[Click here for Pie Baking Contest Rules](#)

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# *Sweetheart Dinner*

## *Saturday, February 10, 2024*

### *6:00PM*

All dinners come with entree, rolls, appetizer—sautéed portobello mushrooms topped with crumbled blue cheese, salad—field greens with oil and vinegar and fresh cracked peppercorns, dessert—strawberries, tres leches. Entrée one—bone in prime rib (\$40/person), Entrée two—homemade vegetarian lasagna (\$25/person). Both entrees are served with wild rice and glazed carrots.

**Dinner tickets to attend are by reservation only.** This is a formal dining evening with meal preparation provided by The Ranch. Contact the office to make reservations.

The King and Queen of Hearts will be announced at the Dance.

**Deadline to reserve your table is February 3.**

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.

## President's Message

I hope Santa was good to everyone and that the spirit of the Season is still with you! I am looking forward to the close of 2023 and the start of a new year. I am hoping it brings good news and good times. We are already starting to plan for the Spring and Summer seasons. The race will be early this year, scheduled for March 23rd, so put it in your calendar to run or to volunteer!

We moved it up due to some scheduling issues with the race timer and to dedicate the second weekend in April to making the most of the solar eclipse that will happen on 4/8/24. We hope to have lots of visitors to view the event. I drove to Alliance, Nebraska for the last total solar eclipse and it was impressive. If you have never seen a total solar eclipse, I would encourage you to come early and stay late to avoid the traffic jam that precedes and follows the event. We have purchased solar glasses to be ready. They will be on sale at the office if you want a pair.

I appreciate everyone's patience as we get the situation with the roof in the hall sorted out. Work has begun and we should know more soon now that the steel beams are supporting the roof. More on that as it becomes available.

It is not too early to start thinking about Board elections coming up in April. If you are interested in serving, please seek out current or past board members to get some insight on what is required. My fellow board members are doing a great job helping to keep the train on the tracks and moving forward. We plan to do some strategic planning again after the first of the year when the books are closed out for 2023 and we can plan for 2024. There are many ideas for major capital improvements that will have to be evaluated and researched as to how they can be funded. That is always the fun part!

So, stay warm, enjoy your friends and family, and all the season has to offer and a toast to 2024!

Crystal

Here are a couple of links for more info/details of the eclipse:

<https://eclipse2024.org/path-north-america.html>

<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>

# THE JOY OF THE SEASON

By Mike W. with assistance from ChatGPT

Amidst the gently rolling hills of McDade, Texas, nestled the enchanting Star Ranch Nudist Resort, a tranquil haven adorned with shimmering lights and festive decorations as the holiday season embraced the countryside.

As winter's chill draped the landscape, the rustic cabins at Star Ranch glowed warmly, inviting guests from all corners to experience the magic of the holidays. Families and friends gathered at Tara Hall, first decorating it, then sipping hot cocoa, painting rocks, enjoying adult beverages, joining in a holiday sing-a-long and all sharing stories of the past year.

The Hall bustled with merriment, as we celebrated the Holiday Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange. auctioned off the beautiful wreaths, judged the beautifully adorned windows, while enjoying the festive decorations. From the cookie contest to the Christmas Karaoke to the Sahnoan Downs to Tara's holiday music, laughter echoed throughout the halls, spreading joy like wildfire.

At nightfall, the Ranch transformed into a spectacle of twinkling lights, illuminating the starry Texan night. The air was filled with melodies that danced among the trees, creating an atmosphere that felt straight out of a holiday fairy tale.

The crowning jewel of Star Ranch's holiday season was the grand Christmas Day feast. Guests indulged in a sumptuous banquet of Texas delicacies, swapping tales and forming lasting bonds while embracing the spirit of togetherness and gratitude.

After a very filling Progressive Dinner on New Year's Eve, we headed back to the Hall for the Big Dance with DJ Travis. As the clock struck midnight (after Auld Lang Syne was played), a hush fell upon the Ranch, and

a sense of peace enveloped the air. Under the vast canopy of stars, amidst the beauty of nature, guests reveled in the magic of the season, making memories to cherish long after their holiday at Star Ranch came to an end.

Thanks to all who made this season such a success! Have a Great 2024!!!

### **And the Holiday Winners Are:**

**Cookie Contest** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Paulo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nancy R., 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jean M. The \$750 proceeds were donated to the McDade ISD FFA Club for new animal pens.

**White Elephant Gift Exchange** – Mark W. with this bag of candy

**Sahnoan Downs** – No Trifecta winner – new total for the next race - \$786

**Window Decorating Contest** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ronnie & JoLynn B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nancy R., 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Gail P.

**Bare Necessities 2024 Cruise Cabins** – Phil C. and Stanley & Madeline M.

**Silver Membership drawing** (Work Day attendees) – Sandi S.

**Wreath Auction winners** – Gail P., Jack W., Jennifer M. and Barbara S. \$192 raised



## JANUARY BIRTHDAY DINNER

**WHEN:** Friday, January 19, 2024  
**TIME:** 6:00pm  
**WHERE:** El Nuevo Mexico, 201 Childers Dr., Bastrop  
[\(click here for menu\)](#)  
[\(click here for directions from Star Ranch\)](#)



# January, February, & March Birthdays

January	
1/1	Roslyn F
1/4	John (Randy) D
1/4	Diane S
1/5	Thomas C
1/6	Lorraine A
1/7	Phil A
1/9	Dennis L
1/9	Ashley T
1/10	Kathy M
1/10	Rebecca S
1/10	Bryan D
1/12	Kathy C
1/13	Daniel B
1/14	Bill B
1/18	Walt R
1/18	DA G
1/19	Mark D
1/19	Amelia B
1/19	Srabani "Sabrina" A
1/20	Arman Z
1/21	Rebecca S
1/21	Ben T
1/23	Colleen Q
1/25	Isaiah R
1/30	Lisa T
1/31	Jaqualine T

February	
2/1	Debra C
2/1	Bill C
2/2	Michael I
2/6	Gary C
2/8	Paul S
2/8	Irenen I
2/8	Ronnie B
2/9	Ben T
2/13	Brian K
2/18	Jason S
2/18	Bonnie M
2/19	Paulo G
2/23	Elbert S
2/23	Jennifer R
2/23	Matthew D
2/24	Chris H
2/24	Timothy Q
2/26	Tracy G

March	
3/3	Brittney H
3/6	Sadelina D
3/8	Amy F
3/8	Ellen M
3/9	Paul "Richard" M
3/9	Angela S
3/9	Larry C
3/9	Pat L
3/10	Fred B
3/11	Greg C
3/11	Craig Mc
3/11	Becky K
3/13	Sarah J
3/13	Jackie H
3/13	Katie T
3/13	William B
3/15	Kate M
3/15	Eric G
3/16	Lori M
3/16	Jack W
3/17	Robert F
3/17	Larry S
3/20	Paula L
3/20	Ray M
3/21	Lara L
3/22	Jesus T
3/29	Jolynn B
3/30	James S
3/31	Bruce R

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*\*\*ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\* - [Click Here For Online Calendars](#)**

### **Friday, January 5**

7:00pm Meet & Greet

### **Saturday, January 6**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

8:00pm Music in Tara Hall

### **Sunday, January 7**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

2:00pm Marketing Committee

### **Monday, January 8**

OFFICE CLOSED

5:30pm College Football Playoffs National Championship Game

### **Tuesday, January 9**

OFFICE CLOSED

### **Friday, January 12**

7:00pm Meet & Greet

### **Saturday, January 13**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting
3:00pm Jam Session / Tara Hall	7:00pm The 15th Running at Sahnoan Downs
8:00pm KARAOKE! in Tara Hall	

### **Sunday, January 14**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

### **Monday, January 15 & Tuesday, January 16**

OFFICE CLOSED

### **Friday, January 19**

6:00pm Birthdays Dinner

7:00pm Meet & Greet

### **Saturday, January 20**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	10:00am COG Board of Directors
2:00pm Painting class / Tara Hall	8:00pm Music in Tara Hall

### **Sunday, January 21**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

### **Monday, January 22 & Tuesday, January 23**

OFFICE CLOSED

### **Friday, January 26**

7:00pm Meet & Greet

### **Saturday, January 27**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall	9:00am CHILI cookoff begins
3:00pm PIE Contest begins	5:00pm PIE Auction
6:00pm Pot Luck	8:00pm Music in Tara Hall

### **Sunday, January 28**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

### **Monday, January 29 & Tuesday, January 30**

OFFICE CLOSED



**Friday, February 2**

7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet

**Saturday, February 3**

MARDI GRAS @ Star

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

10:00am Decorate Tara Hall

2:00pm Mardi Gras Parade

8:00pm Mardi Gras Dance in Tara Hall

**Sunday, February 4**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

**Monday, February 5 & Tuesday, February 6**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Wednesday, February 7**

12:00pm Fire Siren &amp; Horn Tests

**Friday, February 9**

7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet

**Saturday, February 10**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting

12:00pm Decorate Tara Hall

6:00pm Valentine's Dinner - Tara Hall

8:00pm Valentine's Dance

**Sunday, February 11**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

5:00pm Super Bowl LVIII watch party

**Monday, February 12 & Tuesday, February 13**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Friday, February 16**

6:00pm Birthdays Dinner

7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet

**Saturday, February 17**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

10:00am COG Board of Directors Meeting @ Tara Hall

**Sunday, February 18**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

**Monday, February 19 & Tuesday, February 20**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Friday, February 23**

7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet

**Saturday, February 24**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

**Sunday, February 25**

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

**Monday, February 26 & Tuesday, February 27**

OFFICE CLOSED





Please join the Marketing Committee this Sunday in Tara Hall at 2PM, as we look at ways to improve our marketing of this place we all love.

All are welcome. All ideas are welcome. And, no, we don't have the money for interstate billboards...

See you soon.

Mike W.



### *Calling All Roadies*

The Ranch needs to find people interested in setting up and taking down the sound systems, both in the Hall, and later this year at the Outdoor Pool.

If you have an interest, please come to the Hall Saturday, January 6th at 10AM. We'll be demonstrating the setup of both sound systems and discussing a few things like mic/speaker connections, unity gain, equalization and basic sound mixing.

See you soon!

Mike W.

# This & That

## 2024 Painting Class

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 2:00PM in Tara Hall Cost is \$30

In order for the class to take place, there must be at least 20 folks signed up no later than Wednesday, January 10th.

We will be painting a seascape of a lighthouse. View a sample by clicking the registration link below.

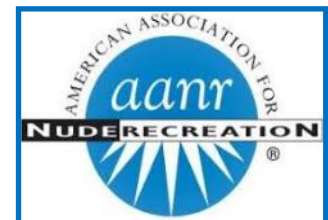
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## 2024 Polar Bears



**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, @ 10am @ Tara Hall**



### C.O.G. Board of Directors

President      Crystal W  
 Vice President      Ronnie B  
 Directors:      Jamie M  
                          Jean M  
                          Bart W  
  
 Treasurer

### Sahnoan Council

Deborah V  
 CM J  
 Mike W & Jennifer M  
 John M  
 Bob R  
 Mike & Linda G  
 David Mc & Pete T

### Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Linda McC
Front Office	Melissa S
 Maintenance	 Mike M
	Bruce R
 Housekeeping	 Paula T

*Thoughts*

**Bill B**

**Eric G**

**Joe W**

*And*

*Prayers*

### **Classified Ads**

The Board recently approved the reinstatement of ads in the Sahnoan Star, our monthly newsletter.

Please send your finished ad as a .jpeg file to Jennifer at [jkm8765@gmail.com](mailto:jkm8765@gmail.com)

Ad rates are as follows:

Full page ad—\$80

1/2 page ad—\$60

1/4 page ad—\$40

Business card ad—\$25

The Sahnoans at Star Ranch is a family-oriented nudist community/club that has been in operation since 1957. Dedicated to maintaining a wholesome and safe environment for the enjoyment of nudist activities, the Club is a member in good standing of the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and AANR-Southwest. You have received this Newsletter because you are either a member of the club or you have opted-in on our website. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive future editions.

**The next Council meeting  
 is scheduled for  
 Saturday, January 13,  
 at 10:00am @ Tara Hall**

**STAR RANCH**



McDade, Texas

### **Note from the Editor**

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. If you have an idea or submission for the newsletter, please email me at [jkm8765@gmail.com](mailto:jkm8765@gmail.com). Jennifer M.

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