

# Sahnoan Star

## 19th Annual 5K Bare Buns Run Schedule

Gates Open	8 AM
Breakfast	8:30 - 9:30 AM
Registration	9 - Noon
1K Race	10 AM
Lunch	11 - 12:30 PM
5K Race	1 PM
Awards Ceremony	After Race
Burgers at the Pool	3:00—5:30 PM (approximately)

The timing of the 5K will be done by our very own member, Chris A. We will need volunteers to help with parking, water stations, serving burgers, sandwiches or drinks, flaggers and who knows what else.

If you visit our website, [starranch.net](http://starranch.net), there is a link that will take you to [active.com](http://active.com) where runners can register as well as on our website.



**PLEASE**  
be sure to  
stop and  
sign in at the  
front desk.

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## April Showers

April showers bring May flowers,  
That is what they say.  
But if all the showers turned to  
flowers,  
We'd have quite a colourful day!

There'd be bluebells and cockleshells,  
Tulips red and green,  
Daffodils and Chinese squill,  
The brightest you've ever seen.

You'd see tiger lilies and water lilies,  
Carnations pink and blue,  
Forget-me-not and small sundrop  
Glistening with the dew.

We'd have fireweed and milkweed  
And many more different flowers.  
Mexican star and shooting star,  
Falling in the showers.

And if all the showers turned to flowers  
On that rainy April day,  
Would all the flowers turn to showers  
In the sunny month of May?



Please remember the burn pile is  
for trees/tree limbs/brush only.  
By law tires cannot be burned.  
Leals Tire in Elgin will take used  
tires for \$5.00.

Whoever lost this tire at the  
burn pile we are holding it at the  
office for you to pick up.

Rod Mc.



Howdy from The Pines!

We wanted to share with Star Ranch how happy we are to be members and have the opportunity to spend our weekends among friends. We started coming to Star Ranch late last summer and would come for the day on Saturdays. We met so many friendly people at the pool and just fell in love with the Ranch. We could not wait until the next chance we could find to escape to McDade! It wasn't long before we decided that we wanted to apply for membership and started looking at RV's. We loved The Pines from the first time we visited and we knew that is where we wanted to be. In November we became Gold members and during the process bought our first RV. We showed up one Friday night after work and were attempting to set up in the dark when Gary H. came out to assist, he and Pam have become good friends to us over the past few months. When our family got ill on Thanksgiving, we threw the smoked turkey in the RV bathtub and headed to the Ranch! When everyone decided to celebrate the holiday on Christmas eve, we headed to the Ranch on Christmas day. We knew that New Years Eve at the Ranch was not to be missed and came up for that too. The inclement weather didn't stop us from enjoying our weekend retreat!

Jerry and I both have things we are good at, he owns a lawn care/landscaping business and I am a real estate broker and trainer with an education in graphic design. As we looked around the Ranch, we saw things that needed to be done and decided that as members we should take pride in our second home and use our talents and gifts to make a difference. It has been heartwarming to hear the positive feedback and kind comments about the things we have done, but honestly, seeing you all smile when you see something that looks better or something new is all the thanks we need. Being members of Star Ranch has become a family to us, a second home and a place we love to be! Making new friends and socializing with everyone has been a huge blessing to us and we just wanted to say Thank You to everyone for making us feel so welcome. Our home away from home is W6 in The Pines, stop by and say howdy anytime!



Jerry & Jeani C.  
Diesel & Harley

April 30th is our 49th Annual Stockholders Meeting to be held at 10:00 AM in Tara Hall.

There are 2 Board of Directors positions to be elected, Place 2 & 4. If you would like to be considered please submit your bios to the office as soon as possible including answers to the following questions:

***What skills do you possess that would help you in the position of Board of Director of C.O.G., Inc.?***

***What would be your top three priorities for C.O.G., Inc. as a Board member?***

Please list in your "mini-bio" your past positions and skills.

The following is a list Board of Directors requirements:

- \* Member in good standing of the Sahnoans and holds and has held a gold level of membership for a period of one year immediately preceding election.
- \* Is not a member of the Council of the Sahnoans
- \* Is not an employee of the Corporation
- \* Is a resident of the State of Texas
- \* Has no contractual or financial interest in the Corporation and the Sahnoans which have not been disclosed to and approved by the Board of Directors
- \* Attends without excuse no less than three-fourths of the regular scheduled meetings of the Board of the Directors during each 12-month period of his or her term

No two or more directors may be immediate family members, i.e., spouses, children, siblings, partners or parents.

# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:30–11 Brunch Work Day
3 9:30–11 Brunch	4	5	6	7	8 Cartoons & a Movie	9 5K Schedule on Front Page
10 9:30–11 Brunch	11	12	13 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil & Friends	14	15 6 PM Birthday Dinner Check website for location	16 9–10 Brunch 10 Board Mtg Council Mtg to follow Board Mtg
17 9:30–11 Brunch	18	19	20	21	22	23 9:30–11 Brunch 7 PM Texas Hold 'em
24 9:30–11 Brunch	25	26	27	28	29 6 PM Snacks at outdoor pool	30 9–10 Brunch 10 AM Stockholders Mtg

# May 2016

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<p><b>1</b> 9:30-11 Brunch</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> Cinco De Mayo</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6 PM Snacks at outdoor pool</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:30-11 Brunch 1 PM Bam-Bam Ball  6 PM Pignic</p>
<p><b>8</b> Mothers Day  Mothers eat free 9:30-11 Brunch</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil &amp; Phriends</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 6 PM Snacks at outdoor pool  7 PM Cartoons &amp; a Movie</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:30-11 Brunch  Cash Bingo-time will be announced later</p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:30-11 Brunch</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 6 PM Snacks at outdoor pool &amp; birthday celebration</p>	<p><b>21</b> Armed Forces Day 10 AM Board Mtg Council Mtg to follow  9-10 Brunch</p>
<p><b>22</b> 9:30-11 Brunch</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 6 PM Snacks at outdoor pool  Memorial Weekend games</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:30-11 Brunch  Memorial Weekend games 7 PM Margarita Contest  8 PM Dance</p>
<p><b>29</b> 9:30-11 Brunch  Memorial Weekend games</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:30 AM Flag Raising 9:30-11 Brunch 10 AM Cash Petanaue</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>				



Thanks to our volunteers we have new strapping on the pool loungers along with new umbrellas!

A positive change was passed by the board this past meeting for non-residents who need to stay more nights than the 16 allowed per month. The old \$50.00 per night penalty has been reduced to \$15.00 per night. Future leases will have the nights limited to 12 nights per month for non-residents. Any questions please contact the office.

by Rod Mc

Just a reminder to bring a spare key to the office for your cabin or RV for emergency purposes.

April: National Poetry Month  
National Autism Awareness  
National Donate a Life  
Stress Awareness Month

April Birthstone: Diamond & Crystal

April Flower: Sweet Pea & Daisy

April Fruit & Veggies: Strawberries, Asian Pear & Tomatilos

April 1 April Fools Day

April 7 World Health Day

April 18 Tax Day

April 22 Earth Day

April 23 English Language Day

April 27 Secretary's Day

**Get Pumped!!**

Need your septic tank pumped? We are making a list of members who need their septic tanks pumped out. If yours is full, let the office know & we'll put you on the list. We can get a discount if we have enough folks who sign up.

**March 5th Work Day was a great success!**

We straightened & painted bridge railings  
Painted outdoor pool deck  
Finished front office remodeling  
Removed plexi-glass & cleaned hall windows  
Cleaned up around washer & petanque courts

Next Work Day is April 2nd to finish up jobs before the 5K.



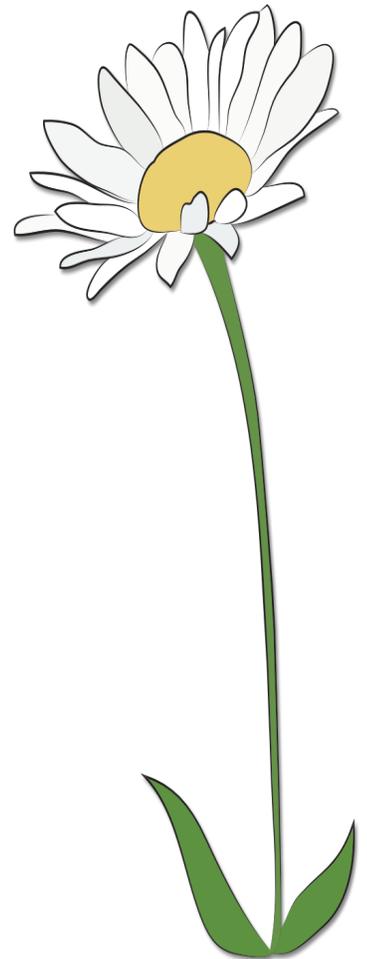
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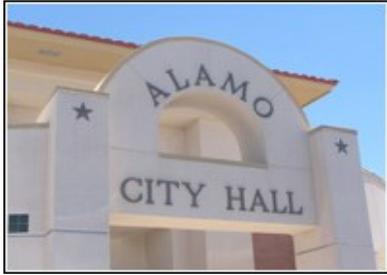
Douglas H-L	April 1
Alvin G.	April 3
Mark W.	April 4
Emily L.	April 4
Herb J.	April 4
Travis L.	April 8
Pixie Mc.	April 12
Fred H.	April 13
Nancy D.	April 14
Steve N.	April 19
Carla W.	April 20
Julius S.	April 28
David W.	April 28
Roy E.	April 29

Kelly E.	May 2
Robert B.	May 4
Jacob P.	May 4
Michelle G.	May 5
Mary L.	May 10
Ronald C.	May 11
Charles L.	May 18
Ivan Mc.	May 18
Jack R.	May 27
David M.	May 27
Cleva (Phil) P.	May 28
Linda Mitchell	May 30
Marty C.	May 31

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday



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Alamo, Texas is on US Highway 83, 9 miles southeast of McAllen in southern Hidalgo County. Between 1902 & 1909 Peter Blalock\* & George Hawkins accumulated 32,000 acres of land surrounding the townsite &

extending 15 miles north of the Rio Grande. In 1909 the land was sold to organizers of the Alamo Land & Sugar Company, which moved the town to higher, better drained ground. The town was reportedly first called Forum & later Swallow. It may have been named for the mission in San Antonio.

The town was nicknamed the "Land of Two Summers". It is located in an area of abundant vegetable farming & citrus groves & it is a noted winter resort/retirement town near the Mexico-U.S. Border. Alamo is the gateway to the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge.

Green, Green Green

by Larry S.

It may be the color of money, but it's also the color of Tara Hall after Jennifer and Melissa got through decorating. After all of our "Irish" Sahnoans finished chowing down on a potluck at the Nekkid Cafe that featured Irish stew, Irish potatoes, Irish salad, Irish cabbage and a plethora of other authentic Irish dishes (thank you to everyone who contributed and who shared in the good eats), we all adjourned to Tara Hall to dance the night away. Our professional DJ, Mikey O'Love, led the charge with an introductory set of songs featuring every genre you could imagine. After a beautiful Irish waltz, featuring Jerry Lee Lewis of all people, the dancers settled in and kept the dance floor bouncing to a variety of music. Led by Heather, Tyler and frequent guest Chandler, we all learned some new moves and enjoyed watching them dance song after song.

Almost everyone had on something green, but the costume of the night was Jerry's green leprechaun hat, red beard and green tie. He made us all wonder where the pot of gold was at the end of the rainbow. After lots of dancing, good conversation and loads of laughter, the festivities wound down with a few Irish revelers in the hot tub.

If you missed it this year, mark you calendars for next year!



Please check your Star Ranch mail box on a regular basis. Magazines take up a lot of space which makes it difficult to get all of your mail in the box.

Thank you!

Bastrop County Events

- April 1—2 Book & Plant Sale Fundraiser at Bastrop Library
- April 1—3 Sherwood Forest Faire
- April 3—4 Artful Afternoon Gala—Bastrop
- April 5 FREE Firearms Training Class in Bastrop
- April 7 Center Farm Street Opry-Bastrop Convention & Exhibit
- April 29—30 Bastrop Festival Weekend

Board Meetings and Council Meetings

by Larry S.

If you are a member of Star Ranch and want to know what's going on, there's no better place to learn than the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Sahnoan Council. These meetings are held in Tara Hall on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The Board meeting generally begins at 10:00 a.m., with the Council meeting immediately following. Attendance at these meetings will give you an opportunity not only to learn about the business side of the ranch and the activities that are planned, but also to express your opinions and make suggestions to both the Board and the Council. We encourage all members to participate in these meetings and we welcome your input.



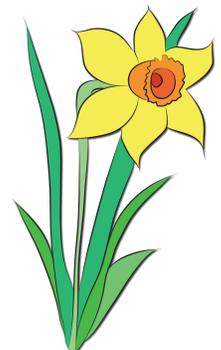
Thank you to everyone who came to the March monthly potluck to help Welcome Maurice Cook who is running for Bastrop County Sheriff. If you didn't make it you missed a delicious potluck!

April Invoices

Due to circumstances beyond my control (leaving town for brother-in-laws wedding) the electric invoices will not be mailed until April 7th. You will have your rent invoice by the 1st.

Thanks for understanding.

Pixie





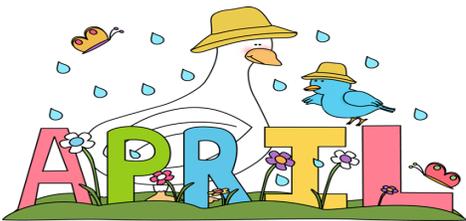
I have been a member of Star Ranch since 2006 and a gold member since 2007. I am a current Board member and have previously served on the Council. I am also an active volunteer. My past experience and skills include the ownership and management of a service industry business for more than 35 years which means I understand the challenge of taxes, bookkeeping, contracts, leases, marketing, and the importance of maintaining a positive cash flow. I also recognize the value of developing a positive business image and fostering good customer loyalty which is why one of my priorities is continuing to encourage new membership and strengthening the relationship with existing members. I think this can be achieved by my additional goals of working with the Board in their continuing efforts to improve the grounds, cabins, and website. These changes not only encourage new membership because it fosters a good first impression but it encourages pride in the Ranch by existing members and residents which increases their potential for more active participation. I hope you will consider me for re-election to the Board. Thanks, DA



Star Ranch is my HOME. I've been a member since 1964, and I've maintained residency here since 1978. My personal history and work experience include 15 years doing office work and nursing in a doctor's office; 15 years office work with Texas Industries for the Blind & Handicapped.

At Star Ranch, I was a BOD member and Secretary from 1996-2003 and 2014-2016. Besides being the "Broccoli Casserole Queen" I have spent countless hours helping in the kitchen, doing the Club shopping, and also cleaning toilets. My vision for the property itself includes seeing more trees removed and more of the grounds cleared. Personally, I would work to bring in more young people and to improve our great camaraderie. Since this is my home, I want Star Ranch to be the BEST looking club with the BEST people and the BEST atmosphere.

Sincerely yours, **Margie Hall**



**New Council Members**  
by Larry S.

Please join us in welcoming Tyler L. & Heather C. to the Sahnoan Council. Tyler & Heather were appointed by the council to serve until the next council election, which will be held in June. They both work in the high tech world. We hope their knowledge & experience in technology will enhance the council's ability to communicate effectively with our members. Not only do they bring youth to the council, they also bring their friends to visit our beloved ranch. If you see them, please congratulate them.

**Volunteers at it again!**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



Be sure to stop by the office to sign in and check out our newly remodeled reception/shop area.



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Deadlines are the 25th day of the month prior to each publication. Want Ads are also welcomed and will be posted in the Sahnoan Star for a maximum of 90 days. If you would like to place a Want Ad, please write it and submit it via mail, fax or email. Business Ads are accepted at the price of \$25.00 per month.

Cliff H.  
 David Phi.  
 David Phe.

**DIRECTIONS:**  
 To speed your recovery, place card next to you. Throughout the day, millions of tiny get-well wishes will rush into your system, spreading cheer and well-being.

**ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:**  
 Concern, friendship, goodwill, empathy, and tender, loving care.

**DOSAGE:**  
 Repeat every 24 hours as needed.



May 8th  
 Mothers Day,  
 breakfast is free  
 for all moms!

As you drive or walk Star Ranch grounds you will see new, freshened signs thanks to our members in the Pines, Jerry & Jeani C.

Thanks go out to Phil & Lorraine A. for keeping the marquee up to date on events.

Thanks to all of our volunteers for all of your hard work making Star Ranch the place to be!

Please **STOP**  
 at front office

Sign in when entering

Sign out when leaving

Thank you!!

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*So You Mean To Tell Me  
 a Stress Ball Isn't For  
 Throwing At People Who  
 Stress You Out?*



Did you hear the one about the dental practice that was rotten to its roots??