



Once again, wedding bells rang at Star Ranch.

September 9, 2017, with a small gathering, Dee F. and Rod M. performed the wedding ceremony for David Mc and Kathryn S. After the exchange of vows the newly weds provided cake and champagne for all.

Don't forget to look both ways when crossing the railroad track in Mcdade.

Pickleball Anyone?

Mike W has made arrangements for the "pickleball guru" to come teach us how to play pickleball.

Saturday, October 14th, 10 AM at the tennis court.

Please contact Mike W if you are interested.



AND THE WINNER IS.....

Thomas G from Baton Rouge, LA who is a regular visitor and stays 1 to 2 weeks every visit. Thomas and his wife have been in contact with Bare Necessities and are ready to cruise!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Hello All,

Yes, it's fall and time to start thinking about things we need to remember for winter. One of the biggest to remember is your water systems. By shutting off your water you can stop major damage inside your cabin should a water line crack or break. If you are going to be gone for most of the winter then you should drain your water systems. Freezing of the lines can cause major damage.

Another reason to shut off your water is the cost should you have a leak or leave the toilet running.

Let me give you some statistics on a running toilet. Per Aqua Water a running toilet can use 1 to 2 gallons of water per minute. Using the minimum at 1 gallon per minute, it is 60 gallons per hour, 1,440 gallons a day, 10,000 gallons a week, and 43,200 gallons per month.

Our water bill for August was \$2,618.00 and September is \$2,535.00. Our YTD water cost is \$21,585.00. According to Aqua we should be only \$11,000 to \$12,000 YTD (we were in 2014 and 2015), a potential savings of approximately \$10,000.00

In closing I've found over the years trying to control our water costs will give you a major headache and cause you to get really old.

Thanks,
Rod Mc.



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We need volunteer cooks to help out our existing "cooking squad" on Saturdays to give them a break. Please let Mary M, Mike M or the office know if you are interested.



Deidra,



for taking time to help me out in the office & giving me a chance to get away for a day!
Pixie

HALLOWEEN SUPERSTITIONS

Halloween has always been a holiday filled with mystery, magic and superstition. It began as a Celtic end-of-summer festival during which people felt especially close to deceased relatives and friends. For these friendly spirits, they set places at the dinner table, left treats on doorsteps and along the side of the road and lit candles to help loved ones find their way back to the spirit world. Today's Halloween ghosts are often depicted as more fearsome and malevolent, and our customs and superstitions are scarier too. We avoid crossing paths with black cats, afraid that they might bring us bad luck. This idea has its roots in the [Middle Ages](#), when many people believed that witches avoided detection by turning themselves into cats. We try not to walk under ladders for the same reason. This superstition may have come from the ancient Egyptians, who believed that triangles were sacred; it also may have something to do with the fact that walking under a leaning ladder tends to be fairly unsafe. And around Halloween, especially, we try to avoid breaking mirrors, stepping on cracks in the road or spilling salt.

But what about the Halloween traditions and beliefs that today's trick-or-treaters have forgotten all about? Many of these obsolete rituals focused on the future instead of the past and the living instead of the dead. In particular, many had to do with helping young women identify their future husbands and reassuring them that they would someday—with luck, by next Halloween—be married. In 18th-century Ireland, a matchmaking cook might bury a ring in her mashed potatoes on Halloween night, hoping to bring true love to the diner who found it. In Scotland, fortune-tellers recommended that an eligible young woman name a hazelnut for each of her suitors and then toss the nuts into the fireplace. The nut that burned to ashes rather than popping or exploding, the story went, represented the girl's future husband. (In some versions of this legend, confusingly, the opposite was true: The nut that burned away symbolized a love that would not last.) Another tale had it that if a young woman ate a sugary concoction made out of walnuts, hazelnuts and nutmeg before bed on Halloween night she would dream about her future husband. Young women tossed apple-peels over their shoulders, hoping that the peels would fall on the floor in the shape of their future husbands' initials; tried to learn about their futures by peering at egg yolks floating in a bowl of water; and stood in front of mirrors in darkened rooms, holding candles and looking over their shoulders for their husbands' faces. Other rituals were more competitive. At some Halloween parties, the first guest to find a burr on a chestnut-hunt would be the first to marry; at others, the first successful apple-lobber would be the first down the aisle.

Of course, whether we're asking for romantic advice or trying to avoid seven years of bad luck, each one of these Halloween superstitions relies on the good will of the very same "spirits" whose presence the early Celts felt so keenly.



- Don & Carrie J (joined in August)
- Mike A
- William & Jennifer H
- Pexie & Lecy D

New Faces!!

Please Welcome Abegail P to the Star Ranch front office. She will be helping renters checking in and out, assisting new visitors and answering the phone. You may also see Dee F., Linda M or Heather C.



Be patient while they learn!. Thanks to all of the great women wanting a challenge!!

OCTOBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	2	3	4	5	6	7 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 4 PM Beer Tasting & Brats
8 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	9	10	11 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil & Phriends	12	13	14 WORK DAY 8—9 AM Breakfast 10 AM Pickleball Training 12—1 PM Lunch 6 PM Poker Lesson 7 PM Poker
15 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	16	17	18	19	20 6 pm Birthday Dinner TBA	21 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Board Meeting 11 AM Scavenger Hunt
22 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	23	24	25	26	27	28 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 9 AM Council Meeting 6 PM Potluck with Free Hot Dogs 8 PM Halloween Party
29 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	30	31				

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 8:30—10 AM Breakfast
5 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	6	7	8 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil & Phriends	9	10	11 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 7 PM Bingo
12 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	13	14	15	16	17	18 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Board Mtg
19 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	20	21	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED 1 PM Thanksgiving Potluck	24	25 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 6 PM Left Overs Potluck
26 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	27	28	29	30		

December 2017

Sun

Mon

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Wed

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Fri

Sat

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8:30—10 AM

Breakfast

11 Am Decorate Tara Hall

2 PM Cookie Contest

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8:30—10 AM Breakfast

8:30—10 AM Breakfast

10 AM Board Meeting

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8:30—10 AM Breakfast

8:30—10 AM

Breakfast

6 PM Potluck

Music with Phil & Friends

5:30 PM Site Judging

6 PM Potluck

6:30 PM Gift

Exchange

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8:30—10 AM Breakfast

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Breakfast

24 8:30—10 AM

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Breakfast

Office closed at NOON

**OFFICE
CLOSED**

8:30—10 AM Breakfast

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8:30—10 AM

Breakfast

5:30 PM Progressive
Dinner

Chain saws, loaders, hammers, oh my!

The Ranch has some very energetic, productive members. We have new members who have purchased cabins & are making them habitable. We have long time members who are adding on or renovating their cabins. All in all, the outcome is good for the ranch. It is a pleasant sound to hear!

October Birthdays

Luke T	10/2
Jeanie O	10/6
Cody H	10/7
Bill G	10/8
Tyler L	10/9
Lottie H	10/14
Greg S	10/17
Ethel M	10/19
Heather K	10/19
Charlotte M	10/29



Halloween Costume Party And Dance October 28, 2017

Star Ranch will provide hot dogs for the 6 PM potluck. Please bring sides to share. The costume dance will start at 8 PM in Tara Hall with costumer judging at 9 PM. Watch out for zombies, witches, vampires and ghosts, they could be anywhere!

Costume categories are:

- Best Couple
- Best Male
- Best Female
- Best Scariest
- Best Funniest
- Kids Under 12 -
 - Best Boy
 - Best Girl

Cabin 4 Sale

If you have been looking for a cabin that has no water damage, very clean inside with 2 ceiling fans, inside toilet, outside shower, air conditioning, small refrigerator, microwave and with a screen porch then give Rod or Pixie a call. Our cabin at P1 is for sale and ready for you to move in (cabin sq ft 255, porch sq ft 145) Asking \$3,750.

TURN OFF YOUR WATER

Just a reminder that when residents leave their home for an extended period of time or when non-residents leave their cabin/rv & go home to PLEASE shut off your water.

Thank You!

November Birthdays

Diane H	11/1
Russell S	11/1
Judy L	11/2
Carolyn F	11/10
Lynn D	11/12
Paul P	11/12
Caleb L	11/13
Kat S	11/15
Allen N	11/18
Pam W	11/19
Mike An	11/19
James R	11/22
Nan B	11/23
Carlos G	11/23
Ann D	11/25
Bill H	11/27
David Phi	11/30

December Birthdays

Russell N	12/5
Benny B	12/6
JT T	12/8
Terry P	12/12
Heather N	12/12
Jean M	12/15
Libia C	12/16
Travis L	12/16
Steve G	12/17
Roy F	12/18
Pete T	12/20
Richard G	12/21
Terry C	12/22
Tommie N	12/27
Judy M	12/28
Robbie M	12/28

COG Staff

Rod M	General Manager
Paul O	Maintenance
Dina P	Housekeeping
Pixie M	Office Supervisor
Abby P	Front Office

Sahnoan Council

Ivan & Judy M
Jerry & Jeani C
Tyler & Heather C
Dina P
Michelle G

Volunteers will no longer be listed.

Seem to miss a name now & then & don't want to upset the forgotten ones.

Pixie

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