

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

SNOWPOCALYPSE!!!

Last month started out pretty calm. We had mild, almost spring type weather for the first few weeks. The Valentine's dinner went well with about a dozen people enjoying the great food and fellowship. That turned out to be our last "normal" night for a while.

Then on the morning of the 15th BAMM!! We woke up around 2:30AM to no electricity and freezing temperatures, mixed with snow, sleet or freezing rain – the first night of five below the freezing mark. Luckily, the Ranch regained power at mid-day on Monday and never really lost it again. Those in the surrounding communities were not as lucky. Rolling blackouts seemed to be the norm for the next four days. The days brought a little warmth, then the night lows refroze what moisture remained. We lost pool equipment, lots of pipes at houses, cabins and RVs. We even lost the palm trees at the pool!



The Ranch ran out of firewood in the Hall, but we were able to supply water to those who lost it, due to freezing pipes. We then lost water as the pump at the base of the water tower in McDade lost power. When it finally came back on, we had to boil it for the next two days.

By Saturday most of the frozen precip was gone. People were up and about. Runs were made to M&Js, HEB, Walmart, even Bastrop. Stores were low on food and plumbing supplies. But a week later we still managed to hold the Chili Cook-off and Pie Contest. Life goes on...

Mike Weems

Next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 20th @ 10am. Zoom invitation will be sent Friday the 19th.

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RESULTS ARE IN FOR OUR ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND PIE CONTEST AND AUCTION



This year's Chili Cook-off brought a number of different styles, tastes and textures. The judges had hard decisions to make. But the winners are:

- 1st - Eric G.
- 2nd - Mark D.
- 3rd - Paula L.

Mike W

The total raised at the annual pie auction was \$2,935. Those who were not present and wish to contribute may contact the office to purchase a slice of virtual pie. Rumor has it that the virtual pie is delicious and has the miraculous ability to be the flavor of choice for the buyer. Of the 11 pie entries, the winners were:

- 1st - Nancy R. — Dutch Apple
- 2nd - Deborah V. — Chocolate Strawberry Dream
- 3rd - Jennifer M. — Fantasy Chocolate

Rob

Greetings from the new guy!

As most of you know by now, Ken has tendered his resignation and I have been hired by the board to be the new GM. It's a job I have been quoted as saying I never wanted because I have seen all the tremendous work Ken has done as GM, to build on the great work Rod did as GM, and I never wanted to even try to fill those shoes... So, I have decided to bring my own shoes. Ken is going to need his where he is going anyway, it's cold up there in Oklahoma!

Speaking of cold, we had some of that this month. Mike M did a heroic amount of work before, during, and after the arctic blast to minimize the damage to Star Ranch facilities and get us back in operation afterward. Likewise, Jean M had the hall and all the cabins ready for the historic blast from the north. Unfortunately, we lost power over one long, very cold night, and that resulted in unavoidable loss to some, but not all the pool pumping and chlorination systems. We are working with a local repair company to make sure the pool is ready for the 5k in early April.

And speaking of the 5K, the Bare Buns Run is back! Thanks to each and every one of you that responded to our request for help, ensuring this event not only happens but shows our best face to our guests on this important weekend. The Bare Buns Run usually marks the 'opening' of our summer season. We will be ready, and we will be looking great thanks to the contributions all our volunteers make.

And while we are on the subject of contributions, we did the chili cook off and pie thing again this year! It was a fun day of remembering what things were like before Covid... well, sort of. Masks and attendance limits were still present, but there was a joy and comradery present that was reminiscent of the giddy, carefree days of 2019! And the pie auction raised almost \$3000 toward a future capital project.

Meanwhile, I've been hunkered down in the office, fully immersed in the wonderful world of Quick-Books, Contact Management, and Campground Scheduling. Who knew there were so many pieces of software necessary to run this operation? Training is going well, and I have come to really appreciate all the behind the scenes work Ken has done to streamline processes and make the office run more efficiently.

That said, this isn't going to be an easy job, but I do hope it will be a fun job. I enjoy it when things work, people are happy, and there is a hope for a bigger, better, brighter future. Here's to Star Ranch, and the incredible future we are going to have together, regardless of who sits in this office. Because it's you guys and gals that make it happen! Thank you!

Mark B

AND A WONDERFUL TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

by Lisa T.

Our Valentine's Day Dinner was a beautiful success on Saturday, February 13th.

It squeaked itself in just before the Winter Storm hit us the next day causing historical disaster around the entire state of Texas lasting the whole week.

Before things got ugly, they were amazing as CM and her team created a lovely dinner and dessert meal with dressed up tables and candlelight to set the mood.

About (?? 16) were in attendance and celebrated the announcement of our 2021 King and Queen of Hearts Mike and Jennifer.

Thank you to each person who made this evening of Love one to remember!

Board of Directors Candidate Bios



Crystal M.

I have been a member at Star Ranch for over 20 years. I have had the great pleasure of seeing how the Ranch has grown and changed over the course of time and have been honored to serve on the Board for the past several months. I have started to learn the history of the organization and how we have had to change and adapt in the evolving world. The main thing I have observed is how much hard work it takes from everyone to keep things running smoothly and to solve the daily problems that arise. I think we will forever be a work in progress, and I hope that I have been a positive influence on the collaborative process that is essential to the organization's health. I would be honored to renew my commitment as a board member and would look forward to your input and support in the coming term.

For those of you who do not know me well, here is a little bit about me. Mark and I have been married for 40 years this June. He started us in the naturist life when we will still teenagers, visiting places like the "Well" in Canyon City, and Valley View in Durango, and Mountain Air Ranch near Denver, Colorado. We have made lifelong friends on the many Bare Necessities cruises we have taken to beautiful places around the globe over the past 30 years. I have been a nurse for 40 years and recently retired from my academic position. I love dogs and recently rescued our little Shih Tzu mix puppy Zoey. She loves to greet everyone at the Ranch and is always excited to ride in the golf cart. We are seriously considering making the Ranch our full-time home in the very near future so we have a vested interest its continued success! Mark and I will be able to be even more involved in the coming year.

Jamie M

Hi, I'm Jamie M and I'm submitting my name for a board position. I have been filling the board secretary position since last September and was just recently appointed by the board as a temporary fill for Mark B's position in January. I wish to continue to serve our community as an elected member of the board.

I am a husband and a father of two that enjoys the ranch's family-friendly values. I've been a member for a relatively short time but we've invested sweat and financial equity into what we believe is a wonderful community. Now, I feel I can offer some intellectual equity as a member of the board to ensure the ranch continues to be a strong, successful club.

I am an over 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force where I held a variety of positions ranging from independent work, to managing small teams and large teams. I was responsible for operations and financial program management of systems with variable budgets ranging into the millions of dollars. Since my retirement from the Air Force, I've started a second career as a lead for a team providing consulting services. I provide technical consulting to our client as well as managing personnel and financial aspects of multiple teams.

In closing, I feel as a board member, I can contribute to future successes of the ranch while making sure we maintain the core values on which the ranch has stood all these years.



Gary Harris

My name is Gary Harris. I would like to hold a position on the Star Ranch Board of Directors and contribute to the guidance of Star Ranch growth. My wife, Pamela and I had been visiting Star on a regular basis since 2014. We became gold members in 2015 and moved here as permanent residents the beginning of 2016.

I'm a USAF Veteran. After Air Force service, I created and ran my own software consulting business. The Texas Department of Transportation was a main client. After 10 years, I was recruited to join the headquarters team in Austin, where I served for twenty years.

I have had the privilege to serve as the Treasurer for Star Ranch for the past two years, but I believe that it is time for someone else to have that opportunity. During my tenure I have tried my best to make sure there could be no appearance of or impropriety: no business credit card, not requiring a individual Board member to acquire any personal loans for the Ranch, and two signatures on Ranch checks. We have also been able to get a lower interest rate on the loan for the new office.

As a representative for Star Ranch, I attended and participated in the August 12 – 16, 2019 American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) National Convention in Worley, Idaho, where I had the opportunity of getting to know several Board members and hear their discussions about AANR goals.

My vision for the future of Star Ranch Nudist Resort is for Star Ranch to grow into the premier nudist community in America. I want to work to bring a younger, more diverse group of people to the Ranch, while still maintaining the friendliness of Star Ranch. I believe this can be done by an extended outreach to a broader demographic. I would like to see the Sahnosans at Star Ranch become the satellite host of the AANR with an American Nudist Resource Library database of nudist magazines and literature.

Having said all of that, I humbly request your vote for my position on the Board. If you have any questions for me, my email is garyharris@hotmail.com.



Jana & Scott F

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

MARCH BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN:

Monthly birthday dinners are suspended until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



March, April, & May Birthdays

March	
3/3	Brittney H
3/8	Ellen M
3/8	Danielle B
3/11	Gregg C
3/11	Craig Mc
3/11	Becky K
3/12	Curtis T
3/13	William B
3/15	Eric G
3/15	Kate M
3/16	Lori M
3/17	Larry S
3/17	Howard M
3/19	Pamela H
3/20	Ray M
3/20	Paula T
3/23	Wanda H
3/29	Jolynn B
3/29	Victoria D
3/30	James S
3/31	Bruce R

April	
4/1	Randy S
4/3	Alvin J. G
4/4	Ron H
4/4	Mark W
4/6	Owen T
4/12	Pixie Mc
4/12	Lucienne N
4/13	Fred H
4/14	Nancy D
4/14	Marta M
4/15	Syrus S
4/19	Steve N
4/20	Carla W
4/28	Melissa S
4/28	David W
4/29	Roy E
4/30	Katharina W

May	
5/1	Jeannette T
5/2	Kelly E
5/3	Mike K
5/4	Robert B
5/6	Sandy T
5/9	Michelle G
5/9	Nestor S
5/10	Mary L
5/10	Bart W
5/11	Ronald C
5/13	Secily S
5/17	Linda B
5/18	Ivan Mc
5/21	Melanie S
5/24	Ruben J
5/27	Dave M
5/27	Jack R
5/30	Linda Mc



COMING ATTRACTIONS/EVENTS

(As always, check the online calendar for the most current schedule of events and activities)

*****ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Saturday, March 6

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

9:00am WORK DAY

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, March 7

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

Saturday, March 13

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

10:00am Decorate The Hall for St. Patrick's Day

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

6:00pm Savory & Sweet Pies Potluck

Sunday, March 14

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

Saturday, March 20

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

10:00am **BOD Meeting/Straw Poll for 3 open positions**

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, March 21

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

Saturday, March 27

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

10:00am **Council Meeting**

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, March 28

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

Saturday, April 3

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

9:00am **WORK DAY**

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, April 4

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

1:00pm Easter potluck

Saturday, April 10

Bare Buns 5k Run

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, April 11

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

Saturday, April 17

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

10:00am **BOD Meeting**

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Sunday, April 18

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

Saturday, April 24

8:30am ****CANCELLED****Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe'

10:00am **Council Meeting/ Shareholders Meeting/BOD election**

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall 6pm-11pm

Yard of the Month Contest Returns

By David P

Irrespective of two unprecedented snow storms, Spring planting season is about a month away.

A rule of green thumb is that when mesquite trees start greening up, frost days have passed.

As the number of residents and cabin owners increases, 2021 can see more garden spots around Star Ranch. Last year's winners ARE eligible. Remember that our growing season extends into September, so if you want to stake the beautiful "Yard of the Month" sign at YOUR site, start planning NOW.



Our country is in historic and stressful times. Uncertainty and fear dominate the rhetoric and what the result will be remains to be seen. There are several different political feelings about this election. We need to appreciate the opinions of our neighbors, whether we agree or not. We are in a unique and special situation here at Star Ranch. Very few neighborhoods in this country know their neighbors, much less interact with them. We are a family here, despite our differences, and we need to help and support each other in upcoming difficult times.

We are fortunate to live in a quiet rural area, but we should not become complacent. Supply chains and infrastructure are, and will be, increasingly stressed in an ever-expanding manner. There will be angry and desperate people, especially in the cities, that you want to avoid. Situational awareness and precaution are necessary for safety. FEMA advises that you stock up on food, water, personal supplies and meds for at least three months, in order to be able to stay safe at home. This snowpocalypse week demonstrated the wisdom in that.

In order to answer questions and concerns about upcoming events and necessities for our future, and plan for contingencies, I feel regular meetings/discussions are important. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about what you need to do.

Lynn D

Text me at 512-718-8693 or email me at lynn@indigocenter.com

Just for Laughs

Submitted by David P

Speaking from The White House basement, President Joe Biden announced today a 100% organic, 100% effective, no needles Covid Vaccine:

Take fresh horse manure and rub on your hands. It has the following effect:

1. It prevents you from touching your nose, eyes, mouth.
2. People will keep at least six feet away from you.
3. No one will want to shake your hand.
4. You will thoroughly wash your hands well before meals.

Thank you, Mr. President

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

Ad rates are as follows:

Full page ad—\$80

1/2 page ad—\$60

1/4 page ad—\$40

Business card ad—\$25



**The 5K is coming!
Details on the web-
site!!!**

WORK DAY

After the Snowpocalypse we obviously have lots to do here at the Ranch. The 5K is also coming soon, so we need lots of assistance.

See you here?!?!

THIS SATURDAY, 8:30AM for Breakfast, Work begins at 9AM



Now open in McDade at the corner of Waco Street and Highway 290

After a run to Bastrop, we dropped in to take a look at the newly opened Dollar General. Hardly any customers. Where is everybody?

The Manager greeted us warmly and told us she is just about fully stocked, except for the entire right side of the store – one big long refrigerated food locker.

She says the pizzas and other frozen foods are on the way. Beer is a couple of weeks out. This is going to be a great resource for members and visitors alike.

Welcome to the neighborhood!

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Move-in Ready Furnished 4-room bungalow

Exterior –

Metal siding
Metal roof
Covered porch with tree growing in the middle (lights around it on timer)
No grass or weeds, landscaped with yuccas and Pride of Barbados
Storm door over 6-panel door with Kwikset Smartkey lockset
Sliding glass double patio door
Rear entrance to storage room
Storage shed for cart storage
Yard tool rack
Carport with new red cover
Teardrop nightlights / TV tower with Yagi antenna
Outdoor shower with bamboo enclosure and deck
250-gallon propane tank
Ranch electric meter
Chargrill gas grill (needs a few parts)

Living Room –

AC window unit
TV hung on wall
Sofa bed
Stuffed chair
Ottoman
Table with lamp
Ceiling fan with light kit
In-wall curio shelves
Water cooler (with 2 bottles)
Tile floor

Asking \$22,500 OBO



Kitchen –

Free-standing electric heater
In-wall pantry
Full-size Refrigerator with icemaker
Full-size Range (propane)
Built-in cabinets
Sink cabinet
High-rise table with 4 chairs
Coffee-service table
Ceiling fan with light kit
Tile Floor

476 sq.ft.

Bedroom –

Queen size mattress/box springs/frame
2 lamps
Clock radio
Tile Floor

Storage/Laundry Room –

Microwave oven with cart
Free-standing Closet
Washer (cold water only)
Dryer (propane)
Tankless water heater (propane)
4x8 pegboard panel
Work light

Bath –

Tile Shower with handheld shower head
Sink
Toilet

**Contact Mike or Jennifer
at 512-423-0659
Being sold as is.**

C.O.G. Board of Directors

President	Mike W
Vice President	Wanda H
Secretary	Jamie M
	Ivan Mc
	Crystal M
Treasurer	Gary H

Sahnoan Council

Pete & Lisa T
 Craig & Linda Mc
 Deborah V
 Tim S
 Rob & Marietta D
 Bob & Nancy R

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Ken W
Interim GM	Mark B
Treasurer	Gary H
Front Office	Linda M
	Melissa S
	Marietta D
Maintenance	Mike M
Housekeeping	Jean M

Thoughts
And
Prayers
 For Pam H

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 your are either a member of the club or you have opted -in on our website. Please let us know of you do not wish to receive future editions.

**The next Council meeting
 is scheduled for
 Saturday, March 27, 2021
 at 10:00am.**

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. Jennifer M.

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