

# SAHNOAN STAR

*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*

Dear fellow Sahnoans,

As promised, here is the next excerpt from "The Beginning and History of the Sahnoans and Star Ranch" by Myrl and Ditto S. In the first installment they described the locating and purchase of the property and the beginnings of the structures and roads. This installment is about "Our Pool".

After getting acquainted with the property, a spot was agreed upon where the pool should be located; its design and how to build it as cheaply as possible. A retired couple, Charles and Maxine, moved a small travel trailer onto Star Ranch and became the first resident members. Both were hard workers and never stopped. Tom and Charlie would take a water jug (still no waste water on the property) to the new pool site and shovels to dig trenches for footing the walls. Concrete blocks were used for the walls. We used sand from the property and bags of cement in our gasoline driven concrete mixer which became the floor. We all pitched in, including the girls, and hand dug the pool. As the sand was removed from the pool, some was put in the mixer which became the floor. Tom and Charlie laid the concrete blocks to make the pool wall. Soupy concrete was poured in the concrete block holes to make the walls solid and waterproof. The bowl of the pool was to be the depth of the pool, but the ground became brick clay and had to be hand chiseled out. It got to the present depth, and Tom was advised if he wanted the rest of the pool any deeper, he would have to dig it himself. His response indicates today that the pool was never finished.

Now, we needed water to drink and for the pool. With no money left after paying for the pool, a posthole digger was used to dig a 60-foot well and hit water. A true-engineered pump system was devised. The property had no power so we used an electric motor and a bicycle turned on the handlebars, the foot pedals relocated, the rear tire removed and replaced with a long fan belt that went around the rear wheel, and a reciprocating pump put into the well. It worked perfectly. The only problem was, the well only produced 50 gallons a day. Some of the members pitched in enough to hire a foundation driller to drill another hole four feet in diameter. It sucked up water at 62 feet, which produced 250 gallons an hour. The new well water was excellent tasting, tested good and was enough to fill the pool. More money was donated to lay a couple of miles of hand-dug trenches for the water pipe, Many lines are still in the ground after 30 years.

I still remember that original pool. There was a deep end that was like a bowl that allowed a safe depth for a diving board. That deep end also kept the pool very cold! The old pool gave up the ghost in the fall of 2016. We used to drain the pool every fall to repaint it. That fall Mike W. was doing some repairs and accidentally put a screwdriver through the pool wall and sand started pouring out. That is when we knew the pool had to be replaced. The new pool was approved with major improvements and decorative features. We borrowed against our

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line of credit to get it done quickly and the new pool was filled in the Spring of 2017. I think we all can agree that the new pool is the jewel of the club and the hub of summer activities. Shortly afterwards the Naked Parrot was constructed and we have been enjoying having breakfasts al fresco and holiday meals there ever since. Money well spent, and I am glad I did not have to dig the hole!

Crystal



*Finally,  
Back for a return engagement,  
it's Mexican Bingo!!  
Judy M. will be making the calls.  
Join the fun.  
Saturday, November 26th at  
2:00PM.  
Be sure to bring quarters  
and pennies to play.*

37 EL MUNDO	26 EL NEGRITO	44 EL CANTARITO	46 EL SOL
41 LA ROSA	25 LA PALMERA	31 EL TAMBOR	31 LAS JARAS
20 EL PAJARO	38 LA PUEBLO	16 EL BANDERON	49 EL PINO
22 LA BOTA	45 EL VENADO	1 GALLO	50 EL PESCADO



## Boo!

by Mike W

What a great night to be at Star Ranch – Halloween 2022 – perfect weather, great food, wonderful nudists! The evening kicked off with a massive potluck dinner. What a lot of a large variety of food; wish we weren't on a diet.

At 8PM the dance kicked off, and the crowd continued to grow and grow. At one point it was standing room only, with people standing along the buffet counter at the back of the hall. Thank goodness the smokers opened the back door occasionally to let fresh air in!

KJ CM and Jody were reigning over the evening. Karaoke seemed to be the draw of the night with songbirds of every description. Most of the crowd turned out "in costume" – I saw Adam and Eve (with snake attached), a taco, a couple from the Age of Aquarius, a cat, so, then, of course, Big Bird, the artist Bob Ross, Detective John McClain, Peter Pan, a couple from Naked and Afraid, the Headless Horseman, Pippi Longstocking, etc. Heck, at one point I even saw Tinkerbell fly by!

The winners of the costume contest were:

Best Couple – Tracy and Glenn (indigenous princess and companion)

Best Male – Anthony (King Tut)

Best Female – Vicky (Hocus Pocus character)

Funniest – Patrick (A Samoan King (with a bra))

Scariest – Suzie and Gail (Skeletons)

It was good to see a lot of the usual members in attendance, but the delightful part was the large number of visitors who planned their visit around this event.

Looks like we need to start working on a larger venue for next year! Right Board?

# This & That

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### **FIRE SIREN/HORN TESTING**

At 12 noon, on the first Wednesday of each month, the fire warning siren and horns will be tested as part of normal maintenance. If you are on the Ranch, don't be alarmed. Notice will also go out on Telegram.

December 7, 2022	February 1, 2023
January 4, 2023	March 1, 2023

This is the Star Ranch "Risk Reduction Investment" status, as reported at the October COG Board meeting.

A new page has been added to the website to log and to be recognized for our time, expense and investment. Please go to [starranch.net/firewise](http://starranch.net/firewise) to find the link to the investment form. If a question, comment or feedback arises, your comments can be added on the form and will be noted when the form is submitted. As this is a new page and a new process, all feedback will be welcomed.

In the meantime, continue to prepare and rehearse your 10-minute bug-out plan. More on this coming."

### Star Ranch

<b>Site Status</b> McDade, TX ★ 2022 - In Good Standing Application Process Completed Last Updated: 10/14/2022 <a href="#">VIEW APPLICATION</a>	<b>Site Investment</b> ✔ Investment Met Total: <b>\$8,704.70</b> of <b>\$2,854</b> Per Dwelling Unit: <b>\$87.05</b> of <b>\$28.54</b>
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# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

**WHEN:** Friday, November 18, 2022  
**TIME:** 6:00pm  
**WHERE:** Cedar's Mediterranean Grill in Bastrop  
[\(click here for direction from Star Ranch\)](#)  
[\(click here for menu\)](#)



## November, December, & January Birthdays

November	
11/1	Russell S
11/2	Judy L
11/3	Kirby G
11/3	Mike K
11/4	Carolyn C
11/4	William "Bill" P
11/8	Thomas M
11/9	Mace T
11/12	Jennifer B
11/12	Lynn D
11/15	Kathryn M
11/17	Gopal A
11/18	Adam W
11/19	Mike A
11/21	Peter G
11/25	Ann S
11/26	Colton H
11/26	Jan A
11/27	Bill H
11/30	David P

December	
12/2	Courtney M
12/4	Richard "Stormy" H
12/5	Russell N
12/8	JT
12/12	Terry P
12/12	Bill B
12/13	Brian W
12/15	Jean M
12/16	Travis L
12/17	Bruce S
12/19	Scott F
12/19	Elizabeth D
12/20	Pete T
12/21	Richard G
12/21	Connie T
12/22	Regina B
12/22	Gwen W G
12/25	Cristian B
12/26	Mary Alyson P
12/26	Nancy R
12/28	Judy Mc

January	
1/1	Roslyn F
1/4	John (Randy) D
1/4	Diane S
1/5	Thomas C
1/6	Lorraine A
1/6	Theresa S
1/7	Phil A
1/9	Ashley T
1/9	Dennis L
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
1/19	Srabani "Sabrina" A
1/19	Mark D
1/19	Amelia B
1/20	Arman Z
1/21	Bennett T
1/22	Hal D
1/22	Richard F
1/23	Colleen Q
1/30	Lisa T
1/31	Jaqualine T

## COMING ATTRACTIONS/EVENTS

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

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

### Friday, November 11 VETERAN'S DAY

7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!



### Saturday, November 12

8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe  
12:00pm Salute to Veterans

### Sunday, November 13

8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe  
10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting



### Monday, November 14

OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, November 15

OFFICE CLOSED

### Friday, November 18

6:00pm Birthday Dinner @ Cedar's Mediterranean Grill in Bastrop  
7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!

### Saturday, November 19

8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe  
10:00am COG Board of Directors  
12:00pm Decorate Tara Hall  
2:00pm Blind Golf Cart Race



### Sunday, November 20

8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe

### Monday, November 21

OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, November 22

OFFICE CLOSED

### Thursday, November 24

### THANKSGIVING

1:00pm Thanksgiving Potluck

### Friday, November 25

7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!

### Saturday, November 26

8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe  
2:00pm Mexican Bingo  
6:00pm "Leftovers"  
8:00pm KARAOKE



### Sunday, November 27

8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe  
6:00pm Thanksgiving Leftovers Potluck & Movie

### Monday, November 28

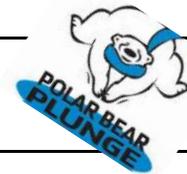
OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, November 29

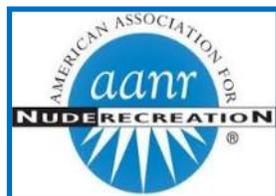
OFFICE CLOSED

<p align="center"><b>Friday, December 2</b> 7:00pm Wine &amp; Cheese &amp; more!</p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday, December 3</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am Decorate the Hall for Christmas 2:00pm Star Ranch Regatta @ the Pool</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sunday, December 4</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe</p>
<p align="center"><b>Monday, December 5</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p align="center"><b>Tuesday, December 6</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p align="center"><b>Wednesday, December 7</b> 12:00pm Fire Siren &amp; Horn Tests</p>
<p align="center"><b>Friday, December 9</b> 7:00pm Wine &amp; Cheese &amp; more!</p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday, December 10</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 2:00pm Christmas Cookie Contest 6:00pm Potluck @ Tara Hall 7:00pm White Elephant Gift Exchange 7:00pm Wreath Auction</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sunday, December 11</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting</p>
<p align="center"><b>Monday, December 12</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p align="center"><b>Tuesday, December 13</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p align="center"><b>Friday, December 16</b> 6:00pm Birthday Dinner 7:00pm Wine &amp; Cheese &amp; more!</p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday, December 17</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 9:00am Window/Door Judging 10:00am COG Board of Directors 2:00pm Shuffleboard Tournament</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sunday, December 18</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe</p>
<p align="center"><b>Monday, December 19</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p align="center"><b>Tuesday, December 20</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>

	<b>Friday, December 23</b> 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!
	<b>Saturday, December 24</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	<b>Sunday, December 25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	<b>Monday, December 26</b> OFFICE CLOSED
	<b>Tuesday, December 27</b> OFFICE CLOSED
	<b>Friday, December 30</b> 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!
	<b>Saturday, December 31</b> <b>NEW YEARS EVE</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 6:00pm Progressive Dinner
	<b>Sunday, January 1, 2023</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 12:00pm Polar Bear Plunge - Pavilion
	<b>Monday, January 2, 2023</b> OFFICE CLOSED
	<b>Tuesday, January 3, 2023</b> OFFICE CLOSED
	<b>Wednesday, January 4, 2023</b> 12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests
	<b>Friday, January 6, 2023</b> 7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!
	<b>Saturday, January 7, 2023</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	<b>Sunday, January 8, 2023</b> 8:30am Breakfast - Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting



**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for  
Saturday, November 19, @ 10am @ Tara Hall**





## The Joy of Shade

I frequently write about the uniqueness of Star Ranch. This article will continue that theme. It will differ in my lack of research. I have not asked the establishment how long the covered decks or the Parrot have been in existence or where they came from. As such, that will not be the focus of this piece. Instead, I am going to be selfish and write about what makes these areas winners in my eyes.

Shade is all the rage in today's world. Everyone wants their customer's comfortable and relaxed. It is a stretch to compare Star Ranch to professional sports but bear with me a minute. Ten years or so ago, the Texas Rangers baseball team were for sale. Mark Cuban, the owner of the Dallas Mavericks entered into a bidding war for the team. A war he lost. In the post bidding defeat, Cuban was honest about the 10-year-old stadium being a problem. We tax payers were shocked as we loved that park. Cuban's point was that the team would sell more tickets, if customers were not forced to sit in the Texas Blast Furnace. As I type, the Rangers, Cowboys, Texans and Astros all play indoors.

We at Star Ranch do not have enclosed facilities that are air conditioned. We do have plenty of covered area to keep you out of the sun, which is hugely unique and appreciated. It accomplishes the same goal as those billion-dollar buildings that professional athletes perform in. Other nudist clubs attempt to provide covered shade as we do, but they have exponentially less coverage.

Just imagine life without the Parrot? To give you some inside Star Ranch politics - I was freaking out the Thursday before Labor Day as the weather forecast was dismal. We had Smash Daddies (a local food truck) lined up but what if it rained? Would they cancel? Our team was expecting food, and I was sweating bullets about alternatives. I am hearing members in my head ask "you didn't prepare for this?". I did what any good POC (Point of Contact) does in moments like this, I screamed help. I talked to management and my peers; it was decided we could use the Parrot if needed. I know what you are thinking, such an obvious solution took way too much effort. Do not discount the concept of liability. It turned out to be a non-issue, but it was the possibility of using the Parrot that put my mind at ease.

In closing, I don't know how our covered areas came to be. I only know that each of us benefits from these features in a constant fashion. Thank you, Star Ranch, for being ahead of your time and understanding the value of shade even before your customers knew it.

Mark S

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE - 2020 Forest River Travel Trailer at Camp Site D1

**RV model:** Cherokee 274VFK

**Gross Vehicle Weight:** 7,047

**VIN:** 4X4TCKC22LX141512

**Sleeping Capacity:** 6

**Awnings:** 1

**Slide Outs:** 1

**Length:** 34

**Exterior Color:** Silver Grey/Blue

**Interior Color:** Grey/Brown

**Price:** \$27K

**Site D1** has a new, electrical pole set-up, an outdoor shower, a golf cart & car port with newly spread gravel, a metal shed, water & septic set-up, and a large yard.

Please contact Teresa Sterling at 512-565-6013 if interested.



274VFK



## GET YOUR PACKING SUPPLIES HERE



Gift Giving Season is here! Do you need to ship something? Need some packing material? We have plenty to share: Boxes — all sizes, air pillows galore, paper too! FREE for the Asking!

Call Lorraine or Phil at 512-273-5055.

*Do you like to cook, help friends and family get their day off to a great start?*

*Please consider volunteering...*

*If you enjoy breakfast on the weekends here at the Ranch, please consider giving a little of your time to make sure breakfasts can continue both days every weekend.*

*The Ranch is in need of one or several volunteers to cook on Saturdays of the second and fourth weekends.*

*This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Sahnoans.*

*If interested contact Nancy R. or the office.*

**C.O.G. Board of Directors**

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Mike W & Jennifer M  
John M

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General Manager Linda McC  
Front Office Melissa S  
Maintenance Mike M  
Patrick L  
Housekeeping

*Thoughts*

*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 Sunday, November 13, 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](mailto:jkm8765@gmail.com). Jennifer M.

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