

# SAHNOAN STAR

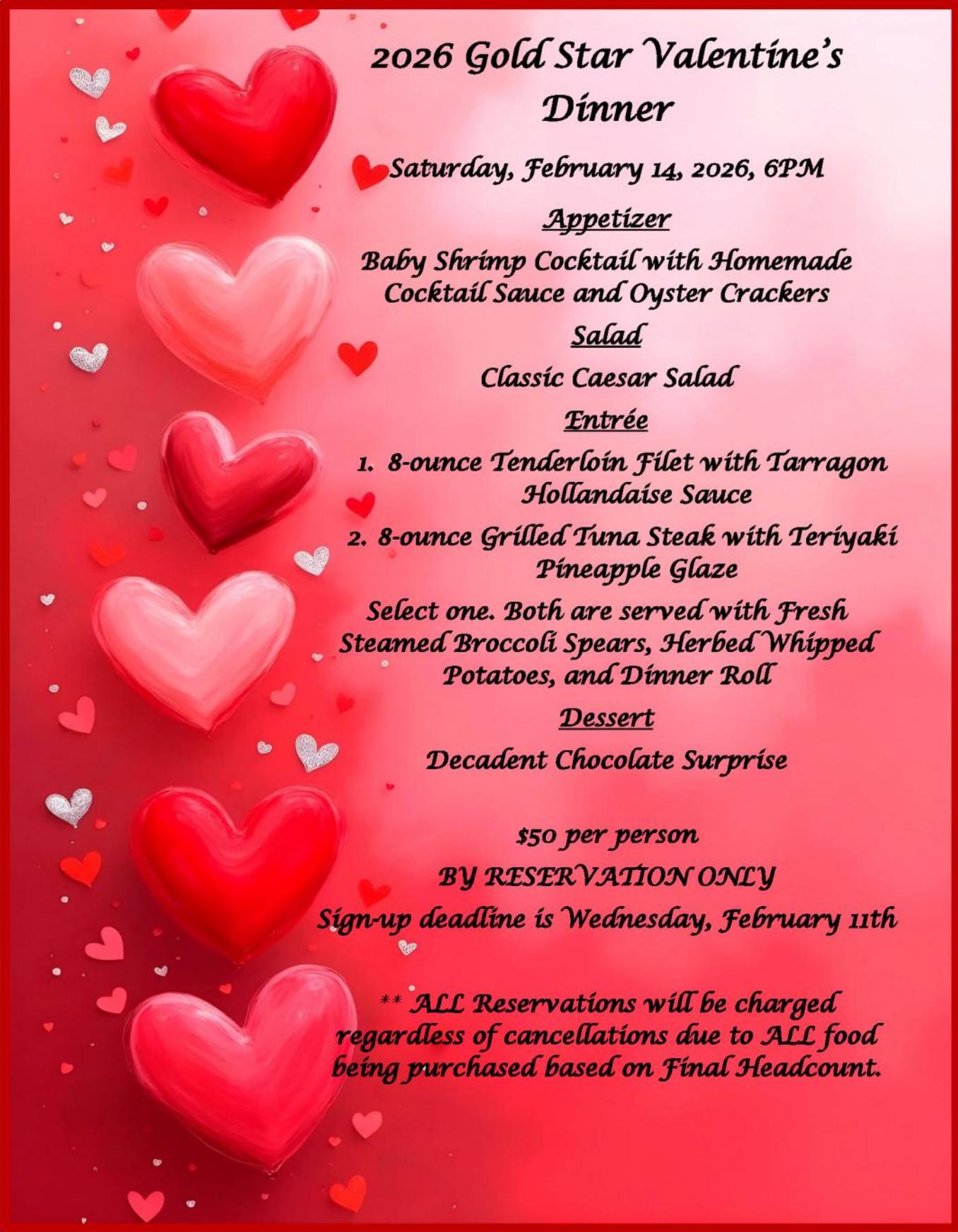
*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*



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## *2026 Gold Star Valentine's Dinner*

*♥ Saturday, February 14, 2026, 6PM*

### *Appetizer*

*Baby Shrimp Cocktail with Homemade  
Cocktail Sauce and Oyster Crackers*

### *Salad*

*Classic Caesar Salad*

### *Entrée*

- 1. 8-ounce Tenderloin Filet with Tarragon  
Hollandaise Sauce*
- 2. 8-ounce Grilled Tuna Steak with Teriyaki  
Pineapple Glaze*

*Select one. Both are served with Fresh  
Steamed Broccoli Spears, Herbed Whipped  
Potatoes, and Dinner Roll*

### *Dessert*

*Decadent Chocolate Surprise*

*\$50 per person*

*BY RESERVATION ONLY*

*Sign-up deadline is Wednesday, February 11th*

*\*\* ALL Reservations will be charged  
regardless of cancellations due to ALL food  
being purchased based on Final Headcount.*

## President's Message

### Change

As we close the page on 2025, it is time to pause and reflect. As my boss is famous for saying, if we knew then what we know now we may not have made the decisions we made. However, all we can do is the best we can do. That is the logic we attempt to use on the board. I am very proud of the work this group has done and am very excited about the future.

We managed to pay off what was called the consolidation loan. This loan represented long term debt which was the result of a legal matter. To say we were giddy about finishing the job which was so carefully paid down year over year and month over month by those that came before us is an understatement.

After evaluating our financial picture and specifically our revenue streams and expenses a rate increase was authorized for 2026 and 2027. While this was unpopular, to the say least, we must have adequate financial resources to effectively manage the business.

The biggest challenge of the year was the residential fire on property. Thankfully no one was hurt, although the residence was a total loss. Once the fire was put out, we turned our attention to clean up. While some might argue clean-up was not a priority. The board was very concerned about containment and professional clean-up. The health risks associated with a non-professional clean-up were deemed extreme. Likewise, the concept of slow walking the clean-up was also deemed extreme. The possibility of the waste escaping this one lot and creating a bigger problem was a huge concern. The resident had limited means to perform the clean-up so the board decided to extend the resident a loan. The best news is the clean-up has taken place. The other big opportunity was the indoor pool/hot tub catastrophic failure. In the last year Star Ranch spent several thousand dollars to band aid this situation. At the time, I was not on the board but supported the decision and plan of action 100%. It was hoped we would get X amount of time out of the room realizing the action was meant to be a temporary fix. Sadly, we got about a year or so out of the situation. The plumbing feeding the hot tub ruptured due to the continued movement of the floor downward. The board discussed the issue in open session and decided that it was time to decommission the room to include the pool and hot tub. We also authorized the demolition of the pool, hot tub and building. This structure is scheduled to be removed the first week of January. Where we go from here will be a big-ticket item for 2026. It is my hope we can rebuild our indoor facilities and even improve them with a standard heated pool.

Additionally, we have developed an Emergency Action Plan as a result of the structure fire. We were fortunate to have a retired Fire Chief on the team who helped immensely with that. We will be rolling that out in Q1 of 2026. That will include an expansion of our alarm system to more adequately cover the property. We also have completed our redesigned web site and will be rolling that out in the next few days. The web site would not have been possible without Randy and David. Lastly, we worked extensively with long term members who had lots that had fallen into disrepair. One member, working through Tommy, donated her lot to the ranch. The other member executed a sale to a current member who plans to redevelop the lot in question.

Lastly, we have over 23 members who have completed the predator awareness training class. I am going to encourage the rest of you to please do so. We need to protect our kids, our women and our men from those that would prey upon them in any manner.

I am proud to be your board president and am very excited about the future. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Mark S

Do you have what it takes?

Water temperature at the time of the plunge was approximately 55 degrees.

Hat's off to those who had what it takes:

*Mike A	Silvia	Kat W
*Elisa M	Nancy R	Len H
Brenda B	Brad F	*Dennis K
Adam W	Mike Ke	Gary
*Dan H	Becky K	and 4 visitors
Tara V	Randy B	
Rick	**Deborah V	

\*denotes those who remained in the water for 3 minutes or longer

\*\*Deborah V took the plunge at least 3 times, on her second jump, she was performing somersaults under water





## **White Elephant Gift Exchange 2025**

Too warm for a ride in a one-horse open sleigh or even the fireplace in Tara Hall, so the White Elephant Gift Exchange was carried out with less heat and fewer clothes!

Thanks to Pete T for being the Master of Ceremonies and to Jennifer M for keeping tab of all gifts opened and stolen.

Our #1, Steve C. kicked off the evening in quiet fashion by unwrapping an LED pool lounge. Yawn! The rest of the evening turned into a pick-on-Mo night, as she had countless gifts stolen, including a Jim Beam Gift Set, then egg nog and tumbler, mini liquor set and finally a bottle of Tequila Rose. She left the Hall with a kettle.

Steve C. ended the night by grabbing the Jim Bean Gift Set (obviously from someone who didn't know the \$20 limit).

# JANUARY BIRTHDAY DINNER

**WHEN:** Friday, January 16, 2026  
**TIME:** 6:00pm  
**WHERE:** Santa Fe Steakhouse, Giddings



## January, February & March Birthdays

January	
1/1	Roslyn F
1/3	Andrea P
1/4	Sherry W
1/4	Randy D
1/4	Diane S
1/5	Thomas C
1/7	John S
1/7	Phil A
1/8	John S
1/10	Daniel J
1/10	Karen K
1/10	Rebecca S
1/10	Kathy M
1/10	Bryan D
1/13	Daniel B
1/16	Lori M
1/18	Walt R
1/18	DA G
1/19	Amelia B
1/19	Srabani A
1/19	Mark D
1/20	Arman Z
1/21	Rebecca S
1/21	Ben T
1/22	Julie B
1/23	Colleen Q
1/25	Isaiah R
1/26	Richard W
1/28	Elisa M
1/29	Clifton P
1/29	Peggy H
1/30	Lisa T
1/31	Jaqualine T

February	
2/2	Michael I
2/3	Amber A
2/8	Kimberly S
2/8	Paul S
2/8	Ronnie B
2/9	Ben T
2/11	Dennis M
2/12	Sue C
2/13	Susan C
2/13	Brian K
2/14	Curtis C
2/16	Gregory C
2/19	Paulo G
2/23	Elbert S
2/23	Matthew D
2/24	Lynn B
2/24	Timothy Q
2/25	Russell G
2/26	Tracy G

March	
3/3	Guy F
3/5	Carol C
3/6	Dennis S
3/8	William R C
3/8	Ellen M
3/9	Lee F
3/9	Richard M
3/9	Angela S
3/9	Larry C
3/9	Pat L
3/10	Fred B
3/11	Craig McC
3/11	Becky K
3/13	Timothy P
3/13	Jackie H
3/13	Katie T
3/14	Linda S
3/15	Kate M
3/16	Lori M
3/16	Sarah J
3/17	Rob F
3/17	Larry S
3/18	Christina H
3/19	Kathy G
3/20	Paula L
3/20	Ray M
3/21	Lara L
3/22	Jesus T
3/29	Vikie D
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](#)



**Office hours: 9AM to 4PM, closed Mondays and Tuesdays.**

[\*\*Click here to register for the March 28 "Bare Buns 5k Fun Run"\*\*](#)

## **Friday January 9**

7 pm – Meet & Greet – Everyone is welcome to join us in Tara Hall!

## **Saturday January 10**

8 – 930 am – Breakfast – Margie's Nekkid Cafe

10 am – The January 2026 meeting of the Sahnoan Council in Tara Hall

Everyone is welcome!

3 pm – Molkky

7 pm – The 38th Running at Sahnoan Downs

8 pm – KARAOKE! w/KJs CM & Jody

## **Sunday January 11**

8 – 930 am – Breakfast – Margie's Nekkid Café

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## **Friday January 16**

6 pm – Birthdays Dinner This month at the Santa Fe Steakhouse in Giddings TX.

## **Saturday January 17**

8 – 930 am – Breakfast – Margie's Nekkid Cafe

10 am – The January 2026 meeting of the C.O.G. Board of Directors in Tara Hall.

1 pm – Line Dancing

8 pm – Music and Games in Tara Hall

8 pm – Billiards Tournament

## **Sunday January 18**

8 – 930 am – Breakfast – Margie's Nekkid Café

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## **Friday January 23**

7 pm – Meet & Greet – Everyone is welcome to join us in Tara Hall!

## **Saturday January 24**

8 – 930 am – Breakfast – Margie's Nekkid Cafe

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

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



[Click here to enter your Chili](#)

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

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

**9 am – Chili Cook-Off begins**

2 pm – Chili judging – winners announced at the potluck dinner

**3 pm – Cutoff time for Pie Contest entries**

3 pm – Pie judging – winners announced at the potluck dinner

5 pm – Pie Auction

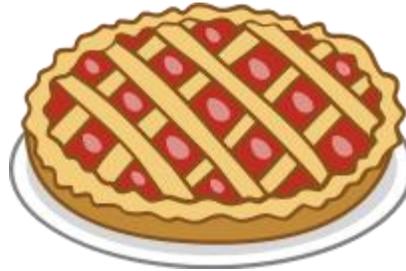
6 pm – Chili Cookoff and Pie Contest potluck.

Come by Tara Hall and experience all the savory flavors of the 2026 Chili Cookoff!

[Click here](#) to let us know what you'd like to share.

8 pm – Darts Tournament

8 pm – Music and Games in Tara Hall



**Sunday January 25**

8 – 930 am – Breakfast – Margie's Nekkid Café

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**Friday January 30**

7 pm – Meet & Greet – everyone is welcome to join us in Tara Hall!

**Saturday January 31**

8 – 930 am – Breakfast – Margie's Nekkid Cafe

6 pm – Brad's Mardi Gras Celebration



Click the image below for February Events/Calendar



Click the image below for March Events/Calendar



# Firewise Update

## Certificate of Recognition

This is your certificate proving that your community has successfully completed the Firewise USA® program's annual requirements for 2025, and is a participating site in good standing throughout the 2026 calendar year.

## Site Investment

✓ Investment Met

Total: **\$12,381.90** of Required: **\$3,349**

Per Dwelling Unit: **\$123.82** of Required: **\$33.49**



# Classifieds



## Sovereign Wellness MASSAGE THERAPY

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[lynn@sovereignwellness.net](mailto:lynn@sovereignwellness.net)

**Text 512-718-8693**

*Thoughts*

Please keep the families of Lorraine A and  
Chris D in your thought and prayers as they  
navigate these difficult times through the  
holidays.

*Prayers*

**WELCOME**  
*new members*

**Jenny & Curtis C**

Contact Bob R.  
at 512-423-8394,  
if interested.



**\$95,000  
OBO**

## 2018 Winnebago Sightseer

Model # 2018 WFD36Z  
Purchased new in January 2019  
One Owner  
10,518 miles  
Stored under carport  
Ford F53 Chassis V10 SEFI Gas Engine  
1.5 Bathrooms  
King Size Bed  
5500-Watt Gas Generator

Corian Solid Surface Countertops  
Washer/Dryer  
SiriusXM  
Dish TV  
All Owners Manuals  
Fuel 80 Gal  
Holding Tank Black 80 Gal  
Holding Tank Gray 85 Gal  
LPG Tank 18 Gal

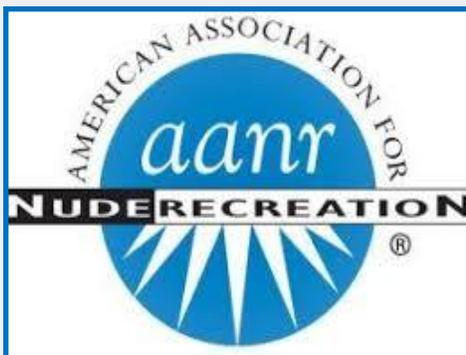


# This & That

**Star Ranch After Hours Emergency  
Phone Number  
512-269-1433**

**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for  
Saturday, January 17, 2026 @ 10am @ Tara Hall**

Listen to "StarCast", the Official Podcast of the Star Ranch Nudist Club on these podcast platforms



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

President Mark S  
 Vice President Mark B  
 Directors: Jamie M  
 Jean M  
 Bart W  
 Treasurer Mary L

**Sahnoan Council**

Mike W & Jennifer M  
 Pete T  
 Rhum C  
 Sherry L & Richard W  
 Lori & Dennis M  
 CM J  
 Dan H

**Star Ranch Staff**

General Manager Tim V  
 Front Office Sandi S  
 Rob D  
 Maintenance Mike M  
 Bruce R  
 Housekeeping Moe V

*Thoughts*  
**Mike W Ray M Craig Mc**  
*And*  
*Prayers*

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 if you do not wish to receive future editions.

**The next Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2026 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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