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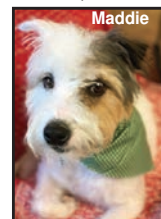


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Average List Price (13 Listings)	\$437,450
Avg. Sq. Ft List Price	\$200.45
Homes Under Contract Not Closed	8
Average Sold/Closed Price (4 Sales)	\$237,625
Avg. Sq. Ft. Sold/Closed Price	\$156.40
Average Days on Market	61

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What should I do if my lines are clogged? First, turn off your system to keep it from creating more condensation. Second, you can attempt to unclog the lines yourself. There are a few DIY solutions to unclog your drain you can find online. Finally, depending on your DIY confidence level and whether you're able to safely access your drain lines you may want to call in a professional. Daffan technicians ensure your drain lines are running clear at each maintenance checkup. All systems installed by Daffan Cooling & Heating include a water safety device to safeguard your home.

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FIND THE GOLF BALL

Let's have some fun! Somewhere in this issue of Fairway, there is a hidden golf ball for readers to find. Hint: It's on one of the advertisements. This ball doesn't play fair so you may have to search high and low.

When you think you have spotted the ball, send us an email with your answer. The deadline is 5 p.m. on July 10. No mulligans!

Email your guess and contact info to fairway@hcnews.com. Those with the correct answer will be entered into a random drawing for a \$100 gift certificate and four movie passes. Happy hunting!

Winners will receive a call from the DCBE office to notify them when the prize is ready for pick-up.



We failed to hide the golfball last month. Our apologies to those who were searching for something that wasn't there.

The golf ball is hidden in this issue. Good luck!

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Jay is a lifelong writer, educator and editor who wakes up early to drink coffee and do the crossword, plays word games for fun, always wins at Jeopardy! (when she is home alone), reads at the dinner table, and loves to talk about writing. Her six-word memoir is "I wish we had more time." What's yours?



Darren Clark

A DCBE resident, Darren Clark can be found on the golf course, on the stage at the Granbury Opera House, or in his cubicle manipulating pixels into many of the Hyde Media Group's publications. Darren is a designer, photographer and occasional writer.



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A Message from Mayor Dave Hanson Issue 3, July 2023

Your city council is working with the owners association on the safety issues we are encountering on our streets. We are appropriating funds for speed-calming measures in certain areas.

As we have more traffic such as walkers, bikers and young skateboarders sharing access to our roads, especially in the summer, it is important to follow our posted speed limit at the maximum of 25 mph.

The long-range planning committee did a member survey in August of 2022 on what our members would like to see us work on for the future projects of our community. The two most important issues the survey suggested were the repair of the roads and having walking/biking paths. Most of our roads were built over 50 years ago with many layers of asphalt applied over that period, leaving high drop off areas. On top of that there are large brick mailboxes as close to the edge of the road as possible. Now, fast forward to the present where a lot of our vehicles take up over half of the road leaving no escape

route even for golf carts.

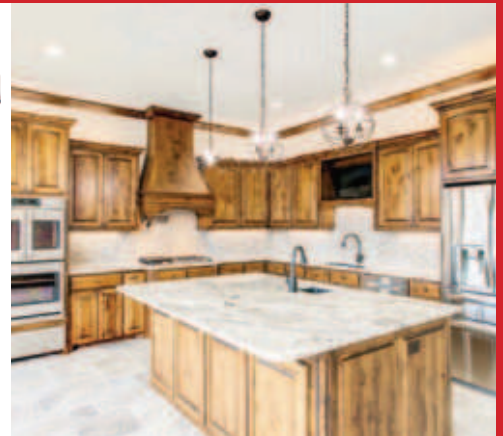
We have, in a few neighborhoods, centralized mailboxes. Doing this would allow us to widen some of our main roads like Cimarron and Fairway. These two are the most traveled as they tie our community together. If we could widen those two roads it would allow room for bikers and walkers along with vehicles to have a safer path to travel.

I know that there will be mixed opinions about this consideration, yet I think we can all agree the safety of our friends and family is of the utmost importance. My concern is that it is just a matter of time before we have a tragedy that no one wants to see or hear about. With more and more families with children and grandchildren moving into and visiting our great community, it is our responsibility to make sure they can enjoy their time outdoors here safely.

Please reach out to your board of directors and city council members to give your support to this important issue. We have to start somewhere.



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MGA — Every Wednesday @ 8 a.m.
 LGA — Every Thursday @ 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday Gangsome @ 12 noon
 Sunday Couples @ 9 a.m.
 Thursday Scrambles @ 5:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST

19-20 - DCBE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

SEPTEMBER

4 - LABOR DAY (course open)
 6-9 - DCBE MEMBER-GUEST (CLUB BENDERS)
 13 - MGA Guest Day
 20-21 - MGA CHAMPIONSHIP/HANDICAP TOURNAMENT
 27-28 - LGA CHAMPIONSHIP/HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER

4 - MGA Brazos Cup w/ Nutcracker
 12 - LGA Fall Creek Cup w/ Nutcracker
 26 - LGA Halloween Tournament
 29 - MONSTER MASH

NOVEMBER

2 - LGA Guest Day
 8 - MGA Ryder Cup
 22 - MGA Family/Guest Day
 23 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

DECEMBER

2 - Toys-For-Tots 4-person Scramble
 8 - Pro Shop Christmas Sale
 20 - MGA Family / Guest Day
 27 - MGA Family / Guest Day



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CLUB BENDERS September 6 - 9						1 Saturday Gangsome
2 Sunday Couples	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Course Open	5 MGA GUEST DAY Jr. League	6 LGA Thursday Scramble	7	8 Saturday Gangsome
9 Sunday Couples Jr. League	Stec Wet-Jet Application on 18 - hole Course Greens with Rolling Closures			12 MGA Jr. League	13 LGA Thursday Scramble	14 15 Saturday Gangsome
16 Sunday Couples Jr. League	17 Verticut	18	19 Jr. League MGA - LGA Charity Benefit SCRAMBLE	20 Thursday Scramble MGA - LGA Charity Benefit SCRAMBLE	21	22 Saturday Gangsome
23 Sunday Couples Jr. League	24	25	26 MGA Jr. League	27 LGA Thursday Scramble	28	29 2-Person SHAMBLE Net & Gross Winners
30 2-Person SHAMBLE Net & Gross Winners	31 Aerify 18-hole Course	THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP OF DCBE - August 19th - 20th				

50th ANNUAL CLUB BENDERS

MEN'S MEMBER/GUEST GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 6 - 9

Entry Form MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL or entry will not be accepted

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(It is the MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to present all required information)

(One (1) Check Only - Cash will not be accepted)

Entry Fee \$1,100 Per Team

The first 96 Entries will be accepted starting June 1, 2023 - 7 a.m.; Starting with Priority 1's

Deadline for Entries June 15th - 5 p.m. (for Priority 1 - 4)

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Please Print all information

Member Name _____ **Spouse/Significant Other Attending?** Yes No

Spouse/Significant Other's Name _____ **GHIN Hdcp Index #** _____

Account # _____ **Home #** _____ **Cell #** _____

email _____ **Member's shirt size is requested** _____

Guest Name _____ **Spouse/Significant Other Attending?** Yes No

Spouse/Significant Other's Name _____ **Guest Player's shirt size is requested** _____

Home # _____ **Cell #** _____ **e-mail** _____

Home Club _____ **Club's Phone #** _____

GHIN Hdcp Index # _____ **OR** (Handicap Association or Company) **Valid Member # & Password** _____

Guest's Golf Professional's Name (if applicable) _____

PAR 3 TOURNAMENT: (included in entry) **Playing:** Yes ___ No ___ **Circle time of choice:** 8:30am 11:30am 2:30pm

Members Must Play With Guest - Round Not Handicapped - Competing Within Your Flight

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From left: Spencer Burnfield and Will Lillagore wearing their Men's Doubles Pickleball medals to graduation. The pair recently won the pickleball tournament held in May and were proud to show off their accomplishment at the 2023 Granbury High School Graduation Ceremony.

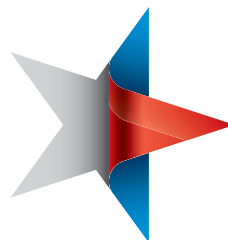


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ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS

If you have a DFW NTTA toll tag, let membership know upon setting up your account/membership as this will be used to gain access into the automatic gates.

Two gate access stickers will be provided to members upon moving into the community if you do not have a toll tag. Any additional stickers needed are available for \$37.50 through the Security office.

Certain vehicles require a license plate reader, based on the tint of the windows. These readers are available for \$50 through the Security office.

TOLL TAG OR DCBE STICKER?

If you have both a DCBE Transcore sticker and a NTTA toll tag, the gate cannot read both and is slow to open. You may need to put your hand behind the NTTA tag for the gate to read your DCBE-provided sticker.

Save time, energy and money by linking your NTTA tag. To set this up, take a picture of your toll tag and email it to security@dcbeweb.com. Security will be able to connect your toll tag.

NTTA Zip passes are not compatible with the gates.

GATE RULES

Members who are coming through the gate should use the right lane.

Guests use the left lane and stop at the guard shack.

For those members who have a guest arriving, call either gate (Front Gate: 817-326-4640; Back Gate: 817-326-5277) to notify Security you are expecting a guest.

If you are using the ForeTees app, follow the security link to enter guest information to submit to the gates.

GATE TIPS FOR THE WIN

Enter the gate at 5 mph for safety reasons.

Leave one car length in between you and the car in front of you.

If you tailgate behind another member, the gate could come down prematurely and cause damage to your car.

REMINDER

The Front Gate is open 24 hours a day. The Back Gate is unstaffed from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. but entry is available to members via their sticker or linked NTTA tag.

SELLING A CAR?

Each year in January, a \$10.00 gate maintenance fee per vehicle is charged. If you sell a vehicle, inform security to remove the vehicle from your account to avoid being charged this fee.

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SIMPLY *Creative* BIRTHDAY PARTIES

By Jay Ann Cox

Happy Birthday!

Forget Pinterest hype. Resist peer pressure to hire a clown or a bouncy house or an event planner. It's time to get creative and throw a scaled-back birthday party that will be more fun and less stress for everyone involved, especially the host. Sometimes, less is definitely more.

FLEXIBLE THEME

When asked, a six- or seven-year-old is going to want some elaborate theme, which will sound more like a fairy tale, a favorite movie or a cut scene from a video game. But don't get too hung up on that. Throw in a liberal dose of "pretend." Extract just the essence to make it something manageable. A "ghost ship" party might become an island pirate adventure with ghosts—no ship needed. A "Spiderman" party may include other superheroes and make it possible for fans of Superman to have fun too.

The Harry Potter books were popular with parents when my son was six, but the books were over their heads. The begged-for Harry Potter theme soon became simply "the Scary Magic Party" which gave us latitude to create activities related to wizards, fairies, dragons, and as it turns out, caves. The kids wanted to build caves, tunnels and mazes in the dining and living room, and took turns hiding and jump-scaring each other.

On the other hand, a single focus can make things much easier. One intrepid mother of a completely bat-focused child put together an all-bat party, complete with bat-shaped cake, a cuddly stuffed bat, bat wing outfit and bat hair decorations for the birthday girl – and a surprise visit from a local wildlife biologist and bat expert.

BE OUR GUEST

Who to invite can be a political minefield, even in the second grade. Check with your child's teacher to see if there are any issues with handing out invitations at school. Some policies require the whole class to be invited if the invitations are brought to school.

But that might be too many kids (and parents, if they elect to stay). Maybe just family and friends? Or just friends? One rule of thumb suggests that you invite as many friends as the child is in years. Make it clear to the grown-ups if they are expected to stay, or better, recruit a couple of them to stay and let the other parents get a couple of hours of "me time."

LET'S PLAY

Good old-fashioned party games work: beanbag toss, musical chairs, scavenger and treasure hunts. But kick it up a notch and adapt them to fit your theme.

For the Alien Autopsy party, we borrowed heavily from "Men in Black." We had a checklist from "The Chief" posted on the wall: make ID badges, suit up and check equipment (we supplied them with cheapo sunglasses and flashlights), study the "alien anatomy charts" (we played Pin the Tentacles on the Alien).

Then the hunt began. For this, we drew up simple maps which led to the treat-filled alien piñata, hidden about an hour before the party down the street (with neighbor permission). Those treats inside the alien? Glow in the dark bouncy eyeballs, tiny alien figures, and bright green Jolly Ranchers.

Make a plan, even post it on the wall. and have all of the necessary materials ready to jump to the next activity. Let the kids to goof around a bit, but then rope 'em back in to keep it fun, not frenetic. If you don't do all the activities, no one is going to cry.

THE CAKE

You can get a cake from the store. You totally can. If you are doing all the other activities, no one will mind if the cake is a traditional store-bought cake. Following the theme all the way to the cake is optional. However, it was a tradition in our house for me to make a cake with my son the day before. So, for the Alien Autopsy cake, we made it egg-shaped with green gummy worms inside (after baking). The boys absolutely loved it.

In the end, it's just a cake that you'll stick a candle in, sing over and then cut up for the kids to enjoy. Don't sweat it!

GOODIE BAGS

If you search for party favors, you will see an elaborate range of very cheap stuff for a take-home baggie for guests. It's fun and can be pricey, but it's also completely optional to do this.

For the Karate party, we bought Chinese food to-go boxes and put fortune cookies, origami paper and some Japanese candy inside. For the Alien Autopsy party, the cheap sunglasses and flashlights were the take-home goodies since there had been plenty of candy and treats all afternoon.

In the end, it's the memory of a fun-filled day that is the real gift to your guests.

TIME TO GO?

Don't forget to put those little hands to work at the end! Have your guests play the "clean-up game" and get a jumpstart on party aftermath. When the trash is out in the bin, the dishwasher is running and all is again (relatively) quiet, sit back and enjoy a cold butterbeer. With luck, it's only 364 days until the next one!





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PREPARE PETS FOR FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

Many people are eager for Independence Day celebrations in early summer. There is much to be excited about, as festivities often begin in the afternoon with barbecues and pool parties, and commence late at night after fireworks shows that light up the night sky. Still, not everyone enjoys the extra noise and busy nature of July 4th parties, particularly furry members of the family.

Animal control services often report an increase in lost animals between July 4th and July 6th. That's because the excitement of the holiday puts pets out of their comfort zones.

While pet owners need not cancel their July 4th plans, they should take heed of the many ways to keep their pets safe during the festivities.

UPDATE IDENTIFICATION

Be sure prior to any July 4th events that pets are wearing collars with current identification information. If an address or phone number has changed since the last time you updated microchip records, be sure to check the account is current.

BE CAREFUL WITH ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Party hosts typically serve beer, wine and cocktails. Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets, says the ASPCA. Animals can become very intoxicated, severely depressed or go into comas if they drink alcohol. Keep spirited drinks well out of reach.

CHECK WITH THE VET

Many pets are prone to anxiety from loud noises, such as thunderstorms and fireworks, and lots of commotion — something that occurs in spades come July 4th. Some veterinarians recommend a small course of anti-anxiety medication or a sedative to help pets cope with the stimuli.

CREATE A QUIET SPACE

Allow pets to ride out the day in their comfortable, quiet and cozy retreats. If necessary, create a space in an interior room. Cover the pet crate with a blanket and offer favorite toys or bedding to create a soothing environment.

PLACE NOTES ON DOORS AND GATES

While it's best to keep pets in a locked room away from the fray, some pets like to socialize with guests and are not bothered by noises. However, alert guests with notes posted on doors and fence gates to check to make sure pets are not trying to escape behind them. All doors should be closed firmly when entering or exiting.

PICK UP DEBRIS

Firework debris can rain down on properties even if you were not shooting off the fireworks. Curious pets may pick it up or eat it, which runs the risk of an upset stomach or even an intestinal blockage. Check your yard before letting pets out to play.

KEEP AN EYE ON THE GRILL

Pets can be opportunists, and those burgers and chicken drumsticks smell delicious to pets. Pets that get too close to the grill can become injured. And if pets eat leftovers, they may end up with digestive distress or even be poisoned by foods that are toxic to cats and dogs.

Pets need to be protected during summertime parties like Independence Day celebrations.

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TOM LIMROTH
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MICHAEL PHILIPPUS
HOLLY RITCHEY
LINDA WILLIAMS

July 4
TERESA KIRBY
LARRY PRICE
STEVEN WAGOR
JOHN WILLIAMS

July 5
TREY ADAMS
DAVID ESTEP
KIRK CARLTON
BETTY JO ESTES
STEPHANIE HYDE
CAROLYN LOYD

July 6
JACKIE CARSON
PAMELA DAWSON
SANDRA DILLARD
BARBARA EATON
DOUGLAS HAMMONDS

KELLY HUGHEY
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July 7
LES BARTON
KIMBERLY BRIDGE
DENISE CASEY
VANESSA GREEN
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MARSTON MOORE-TOMPKINS

July 8
LOU DAWSON
LARRY GUNN
TERRY HANSEN
KIRK MARTINEZ
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July 9
PETE BLESSING
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July 11
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July 12
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July 14
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July 16
RANDY CHILES
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MARGARET CRAWFORD
DANIEL FLETCHER
BILLY HAMILTON
STACIE KELLEY
LESLIE LEE
LAAZA PLASH
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July 17
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ELLEN BROOKS
SUSAN CANTER
RICKY FINE

GARY FRANKLIN
KATHY MARIOTTI
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RANDY TIGGES

July 18
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TERESA CRISP
DARREN DOYEL
JOHNNIE ESTES
GRETCHEN HUNT
BELINDA JOHNSON
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July 19
DUSTIN BLOCKER
SHARON CLARK
TOM CROSSETT
DEANNE DERRICK
TAMARA HUDSON
CATHY HOVANAS
PATRICIA JONES
LYNN KIDWELL
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July 20
EDWARD BAILEY
DOUGLAS CURRINGTON
KELLY DIAS
TAMMY KIMBREL
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WILLIAM BIENDUGA
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July 21
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July 22
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July 24
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July 25
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July 28
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LISA HOPKINS
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MARK JOHNSON
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KRIS DODSON
KENT PENDERGRASS
TRAVIS PLASH
TRUDY REX
KALI KINSER

July 29
REBECCA BENGE
BARRY CLARK
ROD DAVIS
WILLIAM DOMBROWSKI
RITA HEEP
REBECCA MANN
STEVEN RHODES
ANTHONY SPYROPOULOS
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SYLVIA HICKEY
KATY DEATON
JEANNE THOMAS
JUDY LINDSEY
VICKY MATHews
JANICE NEAL
CAROLE OWENSBY-SOKOL
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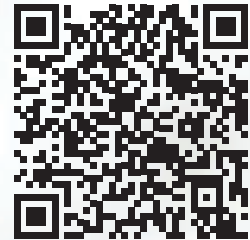
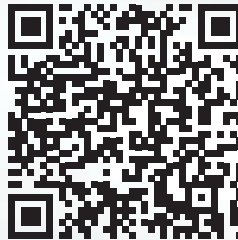
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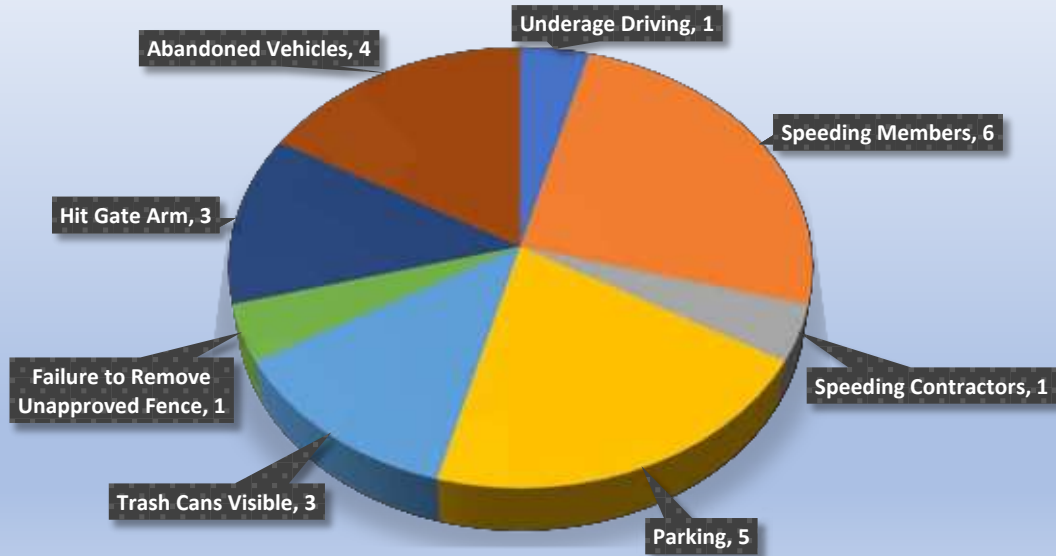
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Type Offense	Jan-22		Feb-22		Mar-22		Apr-22		May-22	
	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S
Traffic										
Speeding		4	1	10	3	6	3	7		7
Misc. Traffic/Accident	1				6		3		1	
Hit/Broke Gate Arm	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	3
Parking/Temp. Parking			2		4		6	6		6
No Driver's License/INS.	2	1	1	1		1		3		
Underage Driving		1		1		1			1	1
Failure to Stop										
Suspicious Vehicle					3					
Reckless Driving			1		1		1	2		
Animals										
Barking Dog	3		3	1	5		1			
Leash Law					2					
Aggressive Animal	1	1	2				1	1		
Incidents										
Curfew Violation			1							
Misconduct/Disorderly	1	5	2	2	1	1	4	4	1	
Failure to Provide ID										
Dmstic. Disturbance										
Disturbances	1									
W Being Chks	1		1		3		3			
Member Assists	27		8		15		24		42	
Theft							1			
Burglary										
Medical Assists	11		15		9		21		29	
Misc. Rules Violations	2		3	2	3		1	7	1	6
Vandalism										
Noise Complaint	1				3					
False Alarm	1		2		2		3			
Failur to Comply	1	1								1
Assault										
Unauthorized Entry	5	2			3	1	4	4	6	
Mis. Complaints	8		3		6		7		5	
Fireworks/Firearms	2									
Mischief	2				1		1			
Fire	1		2							
Burning on Property	1	1								
Suspicious Person	1		1		3		1			
Lost Child										
Totals:	75	19	50	20	75	11	87	35	87	24

NORV - Notice of Rules Violation

Note: Print deadlines occur early in the month so June's data was not available

Notice of Rules Violations May 2023



Security Report May 2023

During the month of May 2023 security responded to 87 calls for service and issued 24 Notice of Rules Violations (NORV)

You must have a valid driver's license to operate a motorized vehicle on the streets of DCBE even golf carts, I have seen a lot of bad accidents over the 18 years of working here that involved golf carts driven by children and adults. We recently responded to a golf cart accident with a 14- and 8-year-old where it was reported that the 8-year-old was driving while the 14-year-old was on her phone and the cart turned over due to a sharp turn at Laramie and Fairway Drive.

Independence Day is just around the corner and Security receives numerous complaints each year for fireworks and loud parties so I'm reminding everyone that fireworks are prohibited inside DCBE, security will not give warnings to violators of this rule and the fee is \$50.00 for a first offence.

For those that may not know; the north gate closes at 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. each night, guests must use the front gate off Fall Creek Highway. Members who have stickers that open the gates may enter both gates anytime, the north gate exit lane will always open for vehicle wanting to leave even if they do not have a sticker.

FROM THE CHIEF

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July



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- July 6 Scramble
- July 13 Pink Ball Format (Membership Meeting after play)
- July 19-20 MGA/LGA Charity Tournament
- July 27 Three Blind Mice Format

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Every woman in our community will receive a link to a questionnaire that will help us plan for next year with your preferences and needs in mind. We invite everyone to please complete it. What you share will be used to help us plan for the next year.

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2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volleyball Tournament 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volleyball Tournament 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 4th Holiday 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGA Guest Day 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scramble 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime Rib Night 	8
9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile Library 	11	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bingo 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scramble 	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCBE Big Band Dance and Dinner
16	17	18	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGA/LGA Charity Tournament 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGA/LGA Charity Tournament Kid Movie Night 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime Rib Night 	22
23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile Library 	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Buffet Night 	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime Rib Night 	29
30	31					

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Independence Day History

Few summertime holidays elicit as much excitement as the Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day in the United States. Each year, family, friends and revelers anticipate the arrival of the holiday so they can host barbecues, enjoy the sun, listen to their favorite summertime tunes, and commemorate the freedoms afforded by the monumental events that led to the holiday's establishment.

Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1941, but July 4th has stood as the birth of American independence for much longer. July 4th marks a pivotal moment in the American Revolution. According to PBS, the colonies were forced to pay taxes to England's King George III despite having no representation in the British Parliament. "Taxation without representation" became a battle cry and was one of several grievances colonists had with Great Britain.


Conflict between the colonies had been going on for at least a year before the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in June of 1776, says Military.com. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence from England. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence is an historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was considered the strongest and most eloquent writer of the declaration writing committee charged with putting the colonies' sentiments into words. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia was one of the first people to present a resolution for American independence, and his commentary was the impetus for the formal Declaration of Independence. A total of 86 changes were made to Jefferson's original draft until the final version was adopted. The signing of the document helped to solidify independence, and eventually lead to the formation of the United States of America.

A total of 56 delegates signed the document. Although John Hancock's signature is the largest, it did not hold more weight than the other signatures. Rather, rumor has it, Hancock signed it so large so that the "fat, old King could read it without his spectacles." However, the National Archives says it was also customary that, since Hancock was the president of the Continental Congress, he be the first person to sign the document centered below the text.

The Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence on July 6, 1776. The first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square on July 8, 1776.

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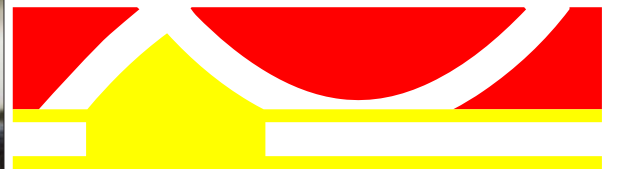
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De Cordova Bend Estates							
Income Statement - Consolidated - April, 2023							
	Current	Current Mo.		Year	YTD		Total Yr
	Month	Budget	Variance	To Date	Budget	Variance	Budget
TOTAL REVENUE	653,334	608,292	45,042	1,285,222	1,210,832	74,390	7,333,402
TOTAL COST OF SALES	97,608	61,692	(35,916)	173,525	118,125	(55,400)	732,468
GROSS PROFIT	555,726	546,600	9,126	1,111,697	1,092,707	18,990	6,600,934
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES	312,914	299,745	(13,169)	614,695	578,972	(35,723)	3,536,723
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	200,795	195,417	(5,378)	406,940	371,316	(35,624)	1,929,784
NET INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE DEPREC	42,017	51,438	(9,421)	90,062	142,419	(52,357)	1,134,427
TRANSFER TO RENOVATION CIP	(26,078)	(27,040)	(962)	(52,156)	(54,080)	(1,924)	(324,480)
TOTAL NET INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE DEPRECIATION	15,939	24,398	(10,383)	37,906	88,339	(54,281)	809,947

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FIREWORKS FACTS

Cities and towns across the country commemorate special days with various festivities, particularly when warm weather beckons people outdoors. Fireworks long have been a popular way to cap off parades, concerts, sporting events, and national days of celebration. Entire communities come together to watch spectacular shows in which blazing pops of color light up the night sky.

Smithsonian magazine reports that pyrotechnics displays have been astounding audiences all over the world for centuries. As early as 200 B.C. fireworks were developed in China to first scare off mountain men and later evil spirits. However, soon the Chinese incorporated “fire drug,” essentially saltpeter, sulfur and charcoal (a recipe for gunpowder), into their cultural celebrations. Early Chinese fireworks consisted of the gunpowder mixture stuffed in bamboo tubes.

Fireworks have evolved since then, but by and large they're still comprised of the same main parts: an oxidizer, fuel and chemical mixture to produce desired colors. Fireworks are a wonder to behold when they are part of professional displays, and their history can be interesting as well.

- ✦ While the Chinese invented fireworks, Italians helped fine-tune them. Italians are credited with designing aerial shells and figuring out that certain metallic powders could create specific colors.
- ✦ The largest consistent fireworks show in the United States is the Macy's show in New York over the Hudson River on July 4th. More than three million people view the show, which includes more than 40,000 shells.
- ✦ The Walt Disney Company is the largest consumer of fireworks in the world, according to Business Insider. It also is the second largest purchaser of explosive devices, behind only the U.S. Department of Defense.
- ✦ High-energy metal compounds like copper chloride emit colors like violet and blue in fireworks. Low-energy compounds like strontium chloride produce orange and red.
- ✦ The pattern fireworks will produce in the sky is determined by how stars are arranged inside of the shell. Stars are the cubes or spheres that contain the chemicals needed for the firework reaction.
- ✦ Mental Floss notes that “daytime fireworks” are made up of colored smoke and can be seen during the day.
- ✦ Individuals who are employed in the manufacture of fireworks must wear cotton clothing, including undergarments, as synthetic clothing can create sparks capable of detonating fireworks, according to Alamo Fireworks.
- ✦ Various fireworks shapes have their own names. They may be called willows, palms, crossettes, horsetails, rings, cakes, and more.
- ✦ New Castle, PA is known as the “Fireworks Capital of America” because Zambelli Fireworks Internationale and Pyrotecnico both got their start there in the mid-nineteenth century.
- ✦ Scientists are currently working to create more eco-friendly fireworks.

Fireworks will soon be booming in towns and cities all over, and their history is as interesting as their displays are awe-inspiring.
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VENISON BURGERS

Serves 8

- 2 pounds venison meat
- 1/2 pound pork shoulder
- 1/2 pound slab bacon
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Optional toppings

Bacon, Cheddar cheese, Guacamole

Clean the venison well and remove any fat or connective tissue. Cut the venison, pork shoulder and bacon into large chunks. Combine all ingredients together in a large mixing bowl and let marinate for 1 hour in the refrigerator. Grind everything together using the small plate on your grinder. Form into burger patties by hand, and grill or pan-sear. Cook to medium (135 F internal temperature), then remove from the grill and top with your favorite cheese or burger toppings.



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GOLF COMMITTEE

Chairman, President Doug Jones

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The Spring Member/Guest Tournament hosted 88 teams and great comments were received commending Don Oliver, Shaun Alsouissi and their staff for the weekend. Guests heavily complemented the conditions of our course. The number one green will be addressed as weather permits and the driving range pole replacement has been completed.

HOUSE & ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman, Vice President Bennie Hudgins

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The committee did not meet for May but are working on greenery and décor for the clubhouse. The Artisan Bazaar is being planned and will begin promotions.

MEMBERSHIP & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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The committee held their first in-person orientation with new residents of the community. This meeting is to be held monthly in the Tejas Room at 3:30 p.m. All residents are welcome to come for the presentation.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary Dustin Blocker

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Dustin Blocker reported on all upcoming recreational activities. Youth clinics are scheduled for pickleball and volleyball. Memorial Day will host a weekend volleyball tournament. Youth tennis is beginning to grow and look forward to announcing more information very soon. The clubhouse will host it's annual Memorial Day Pool Party on Monday, May 29 from 2-6 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- BOARD MEETING
8:30 a.m. July 20
at the DCBE Clubhouse Board Room
- CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
at the DCBE Clubhouse Tejas Room
- MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Clubhouse Ballroom November 18
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Treasurer Cyndi McArtor
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The Finance Committee and board reviewed the new consolidated statement format. All departments and line items have been broken out versus net. The board of directors are continuing to present a more aggressive position to accounts receivable and past due assessments. It's been requested that the recent finance variance report from Don Ciota be included in the monthly board packets.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Chairman, Tom Jung
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Annual street paving plans are being developed with future zone assignments for the new committee once formed. Sample paving was done near the marina. The club is currently working on a schedule to repair the potholes and asphalt at the marina area.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Chairman, David Zunker
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One NORV was presented to the board of directors for review of a contractor giving a day pass to an unlicensed driver. After discussion the citation was upheld. Process has begun for the purchase of a security patrol vehicle that can

access the golf course. Bids will be presented to the Finance Committee and board of directors for approval. New vehicle sticker policies are under review for 2024.

LEGAL BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Chairman, Joe Lasiter
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The committee did not meet for the month of May and are awaiting Association Legal Counsel by-law amendments for updating and compliance with Texas Property Codes.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

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BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

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Twelve architectural permits were approved, three tabled for more information and one denied by the committee. Various property compliance violations were discussed and requested for follow-up.

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The committee is currently accepting input from all committees for projects to prioritize within the community.

**ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A letter of resignation was acknowledged by the board of directors from board member Joe Lasiter. A moment of silence was led by president, Doug Jones in thoughts of Joe Lasiter and his family. Doug expressed everyone's appreciation for Joe's dedication and love for the DeCordova community.

A motion was made by Cathy Permenter to accept the resignation letter from Joe, seconded by David Zunker; with all in favor the motion carried.

A motion was made by David Zunker to fulfill the board member vacancy with the June 4, 2022 election alternate Sean Grizzell. The motion was seconded by Cathy Permenter; with all in favor the motion carried.

The board of directors discussed the annual membership meeting.



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The relaxing nature of summer can make it easy to overlook safety, particularly when grilling. However, the right safety measures when cooking over an open flame can prevent home fires and other accidents that can cause injury and even death. In recognition of the many things that can go wrong when grilling, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fire Administration offer these simple fire safety tips that every grillmaster can keep in mind as summer grilling season hits full swing.

- ▲ Only use a grill outside. Grills should never be used indoors, and that includes in garages with the doors open. Before lighting a flame, make sure the grill is at least three feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.
- ▲ Establish a safe zone around the grill. A three-foot safe zone around the grill can decrease the likelihood that pets will run into and potentially tip over the grill. Kids can be taught to respect this zone as well so they avoid being burned.
- ▲ Open a gas grill before lighting it. Charcoal grills, hybrid grills and smokers cannot be lit unless the lid is lifted. That isn't the case with gas grills, but gas grills should never be lit with the lid closed. If a gas grill is lit with its lid closed, gas can build up inside and that could cause an explosion. Even if there's some summer rain falling, open the lid on a gas grill before turning the ignition switch.
- ▲ Keep an eye on the grill at all times. It's tempting to walk away from a grill while food is cooking, but someone should always be tasked with staying close to the grill. If cooks must walk away, ask another adult to stay close to the grill until you return. All it takes is a few seconds for a fire to start.
- ▲ Clean the grill regularly. Regular cleaning of the grill is both healthy and safe. Cleaning helps to ensure the cooking surface is clean and unlikely to cause food poisoning. But a grease-free grill also poses less of a fire hazard than one that hasn't been cleaned.
- ▲ Let coals cool before discarding them. Coals from the grill should be given ample time to cool before they're removed from the grill and discarded.
- ▲ Remember to turn the gas valve to the off position after cooking. When cooking with gas grills, cooks must remember to turn the valve to the off position once all the food has been cooked.

Simple safety measures can ensure summer grilling season goes off without a hitch.

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Summer is a season to enjoy some fun in the sun, but it's imperative that people remember to take steps to reduce their risk for heat illness. Those measures should include efforts to hydrate and remain hydrated throughout the day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that water will almost always help people remain hydrated even when they're working in the heat. But food also plays a vital role in preventing heat illness, as the CDC notes eating regular meals can help to replace the salt lost through sweat. It's also important that individuals avoid energy drinks and alcohol when spending time in the hot summer sun. Many energy drinks contain more caffeine than standard servings of coffee, tea and soft drinks, and excessive caffeine consumption can contribute to dehydration. The same can be said for alcohol, and the CDC reports that consuming alcohol within 24 hours of working in the heat can increase the risk of heat illness.



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July 2, 1962

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July 5, 1937

Baseball great Joe DiMaggio hit his first grand slam.

July 6, 1933

In the very first MLB All-Star game, the American League won 5-2.

July 6, 2016

Pokémon Go was released, an augmented reality game for mobile devices.

July 7, 1928

The Chillicothe Baking Company (Missouri) created and marketed sliced bread -- the best thing ever!

July 7, 1981

Sandra Day O'Connor was the first woman nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court.

July 9, 1956

Dick Clark hosts American Bandstand for the very first time.



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July 10, 1040

Lady Godiva took her infamous ride, naked on a horse, in an effort to force her husband, Leofric, to lower taxes in Coventry, England.

July 10, 1985

After switching to "New Coke" unsuccessfully, Coca-Cola brought back its original formula as "Coke Classic."

July 11, 1798

An Act of Congress created the U.S. Marine Corps.

July 12, 1933

Congress passed the first minimum wage law, which is set at 33 cents per hour.

July 12, 1960

Etch-a-Sketch went on sale.

July 16, 2004

Martha Stewart was sentenced to five months in prison plus five months of home confinement, after being convicted of lying to federal investigators.

July 19, 1814

Samuel Colt invented the revolver.

July 20, 1976

Hank Aaron hit his 755th and last home run.

July 20, 1969

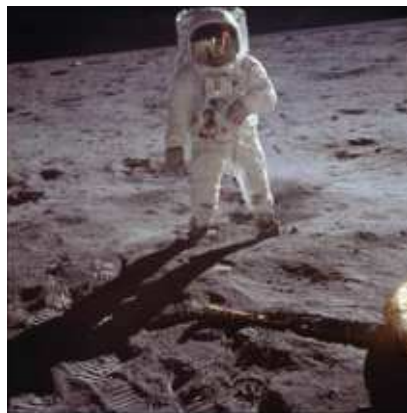
Astronaut Neil Armstrong becomes the first person to walk on the moon. Buzz Aldrin takes the first photograph on the moon.

July 24, 1965

Bob Dylan released his hit song "Like a Rolling Stone."

July 27, 1940

Bugs Bunny debuts in Warner Brothers' animated cartoon "A Wild Hare".



Neil Armstrong as photographed by Buzz Aldrin

July 31, 2012

American swimmer Michael Phelps became the greatest medal winner in Olympic history. After the Rio Olympics in 2016, his medal count stood at 28 total medals, including 23 gold.



U.S. Olympian Michael Phelps



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JULY 4

JULY 4, 1776

The U.S. Congress declares independence from Britain, issuing the Declaration of Independence.

JULY 4, 1796

The first Independence Day celebration is held.

JULY 4, 1803

President Thomas Jefferson announces the Louisiana Purchase. The price tag: \$15M, about 4 cents per acre.

JULY 4, 1884

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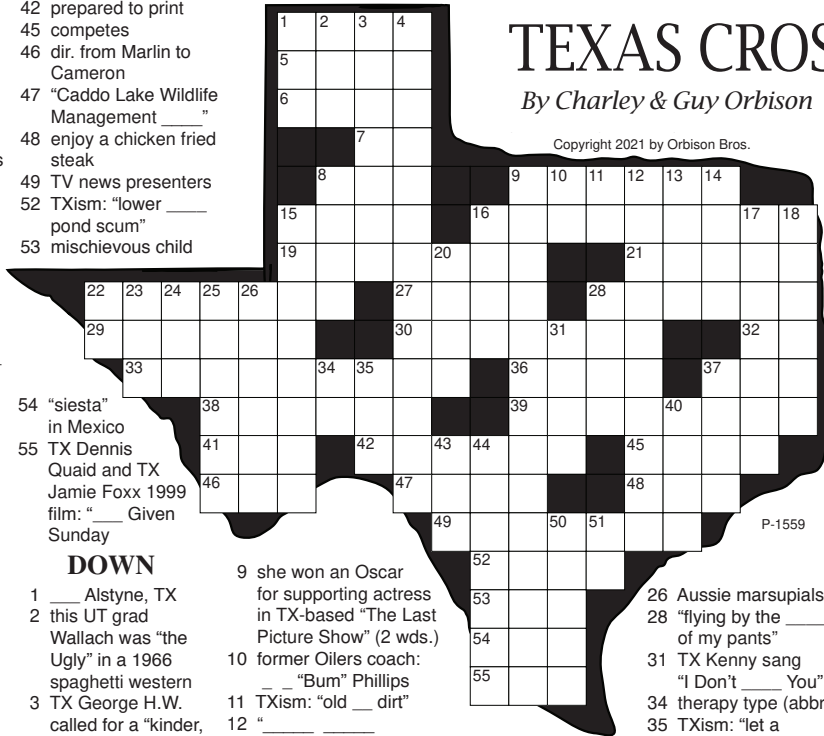
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ACROSS

- 1 this town is Spanish word for "meadow"
- 5 TXism: "ain't got ___ to stand on"
- 6 Pacific climate pattern: "El ___"
- 7 first Dallas Cowboys head coach (init.)
- 8 TXism: "___ as sin"
- 9 Dolly song: "___ Many Colors"
- 15 TXism: "a real ___ winder" (exciting)
- 16 not a native tree in East Texas (2 wds.)
- 19 Thanksgiving trek: ___ grandma's
- 21 city in France
- 22 TXism: "___ your guns" (retain your belief)
- 27 TXism: "within hollerin' distance"
- 28 slender surgical probe
- 29 in Lubbock County on U.S. 62 & 82
- 30 car motors
- 32 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)
- 33 political campaign to discredit an opponent? (2 wds.)
- 36 this Elliott's #32 has been retired by the San Antonio Spurs
- 37 keyboard key
- 38 Sammy Sosa is ___ American ex-Ranger outfielder
- 39 TXism: "never ___ '___ you sweat"
- 41 "tit for ___"

- 42 prepared to print
- 45 competes
- 46 dir. from Marlin to Cameron
- 47 "Caddo Lake Wildlife Management ___"
- 48 enjoy a chicken fried steak
- 49 TV news presenters
- 52 TXism: "lower ___ pond scum"
- 53 mischievous child

- 54 "siesta" in Mexico
- 55 TX Dennis Quaid and TX Jamie Foxx 1999 film: "___ Given Sunday

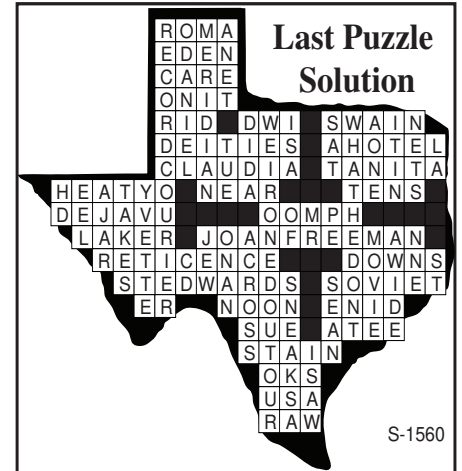
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- 1 ___ Alstyn, TX
- 2 this UT grad Wallach was "the Ugly" in a 1966 spaghetti western
- 3 TX George H.W. called for a "kinder, ___ nation"
- 4 Hilton about his first TX hotel: "a cross between ___ flophouse"
- 8 this Preminger directed TX Kathy Grant in "Anatomy of a Murder"

- 9 she won an Oscar for supporting actress in TX-based "The Last Picture Show" (2 wds.)
- 10 former Oilers coach: ___ "Bum" Phillips
- 11 TXism: "old ___ dirt"
- 12 "___ gonna happen"
- 13 Grand Ole ___
- 14 "___ up the car"
- 15 permeate
- 16 male deer
- 17 what some East Texas pine trees leave on the ground
- 18 TX Howard Hughes' was \$2.5 billion

- 26 Aussie marsupials
- 28 "flying by the ___ of my pants"
- 31 TX Kenny sang "I Don't ___ You"
- 34 therapy type (abbr.)
- 35 TXism: "let a sleeping dog ___"
- 37 ___ of dominoes
- 40 missing soldiers in a war (abbr.)
- 43 retire. acct.
- 44 TXism: "hard as putting up a ___ ___ windstorm"
- 50 delighted
- 51 TXism: "dab it ___"

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ACROSS

- 1 on the border in Starr County
- 5 in Concho County on U.S. 83 and 87
- 6 "couldn't ___ less"
- 7 TXism: "let me chew ___ awhile"
- 8 "get ___ of" (trash)
- 9 intoxication offense in Texas (abbr.)
- 12 this Bernie was the first Texas Southern player to win a NBA ring
- 17 Greek gods, e.g.
- 19 TXism: "busier than ___ in a boomtown"
- 21 first name of "Lady Bird" Johnson
- 22 TX Tanya daughter Presley ___
- 23 once the opening of Lufkin hushpuppy event: "Gentlemen, ___ grease"
- 28 TXism: "it's ___ bout" (close)
- 29 "Hamiltons"
- 30 TX Jaclyn Smith 1985 film (2 wds.)
- 31 TX Ann Sheridan was the "___ Girl"
- 35 TX Alex Caruso was an L.A. ___
- 36 she was "Sue" in TX Roy Orbison's "The Fastest Guitar Alive" (2 wds.)
- 42 shyness
- 44 "ups and ___"
- 46 Austin university (2 wds.)

- 48 "___ Union dissolved in 1991
- 49 ambulance destina. 12 p.m.
- 54 Oklahoma city
- 52 TX Buddy Holly hit: "Peggy ___"
- 53 what TX Jordan Spieth uses to hold the ball before a drive (2 wds.)
- 54 discolor
- 56 approves

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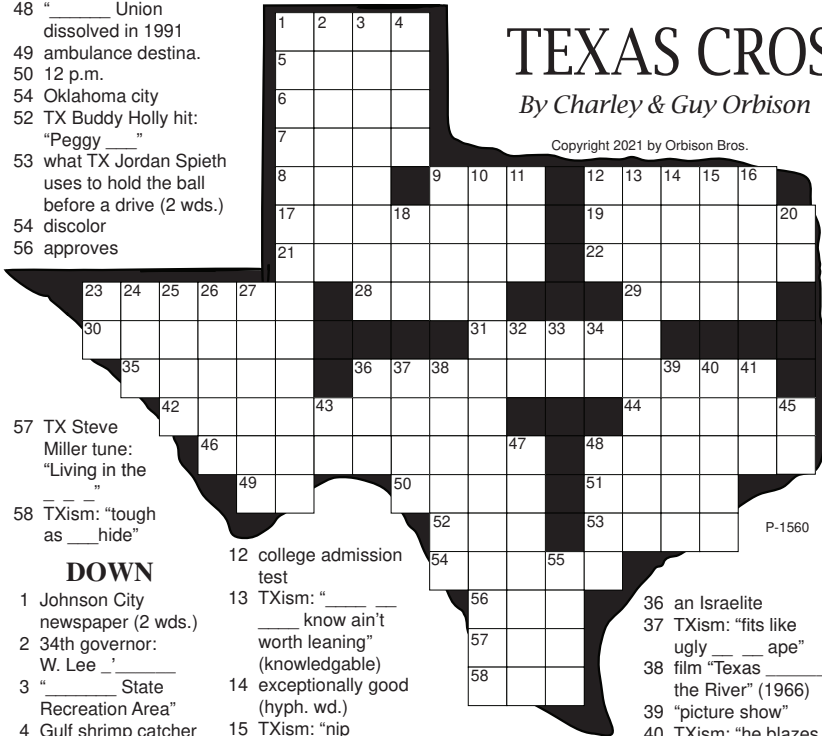
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- 1 Johnson City newspaper (2 wds.)
- 2 34th governor: W. Lee ___
- 3 "___ State Recreation Area"
- 4 Gulf shrimp catcher (2 wds.)
- 9 TXism: "___ little horse trading"
- 10 TXism: "___ differences" (reached agreement)
- 11 TX-born Sly Stone's "Everybody ___ Star" (1969)

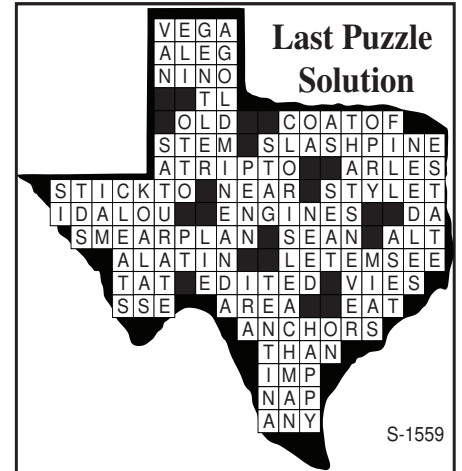
- 12 college admission test
- 13 TXism: "___ know ain't worth leaning" (knowledgable)
- 14 exceptionally good (hyph. wd.)
- 15 TXism: "nip ___ the bud"
- 16 TX Jarrett Allen was drafted by this Brooklyn NBA team votin' day (abbr.)
- 18 TX Trini sang "___ Bamba"
- 23 sharp TV resolution
- 24 skinny Gulf fish
- 25 slightly open door

- 26 TXism: "___ after" (resembles)
- 27 this Mimieux was in "Jackson County Jail" with TX Tommy Lee Jones
- 32 "out ___ kilter"
- 33 "___ Ed." a talking horse
- 34 exer. class in sch.

- 36 an Israelite
- 37 TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"
- 38 film "Texas the River" (1966)
- 39 "picture show"
- 40 TXism: "he blazes ___ trail" (big)
- 41 dir. to Edna from Port Lavaca
- 43 this pays more than a savings acct.
- 45 ___ Jo, TX
- 47 "___ peek"
- 48 ex-Spurs star, Elliott
- 55 hymn: "___ the Light"



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