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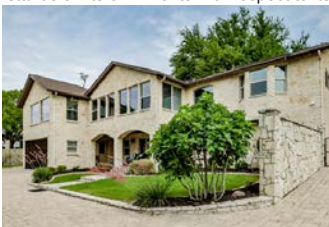


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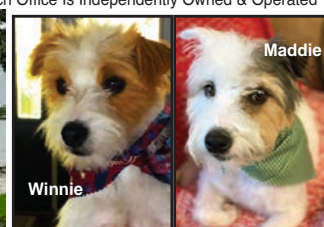
Average List Price (21 Listings)	\$394,100
Avg. Sq. Ft List Price	\$182.80
Homes Under Contract Not Closed	7
Average Sold/Closed Price (5 Sales)	\$387,780
Avg. Sq. Ft. Sold/Closed Price	\$202.60
Average Days on Market	49



Based on figures from the NTRIS Multiple Listing Service, June 3 to July 2 for DCBE. Information is believed to be accurate, but is not guaranteed. Remember, sale prices are set by buyers willing to buy. These statistics are averages which do not reflect particular important features of a home such as location, condition, updating, etc. Each property stands on its own merits with respect to its appeal to the individual buyer.



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CHEERS!

September is hot, but usually not as bad as August. Football season is starting and friends and family come together to celebrate and watch games. This issue is devoted to entertaining family and friends.

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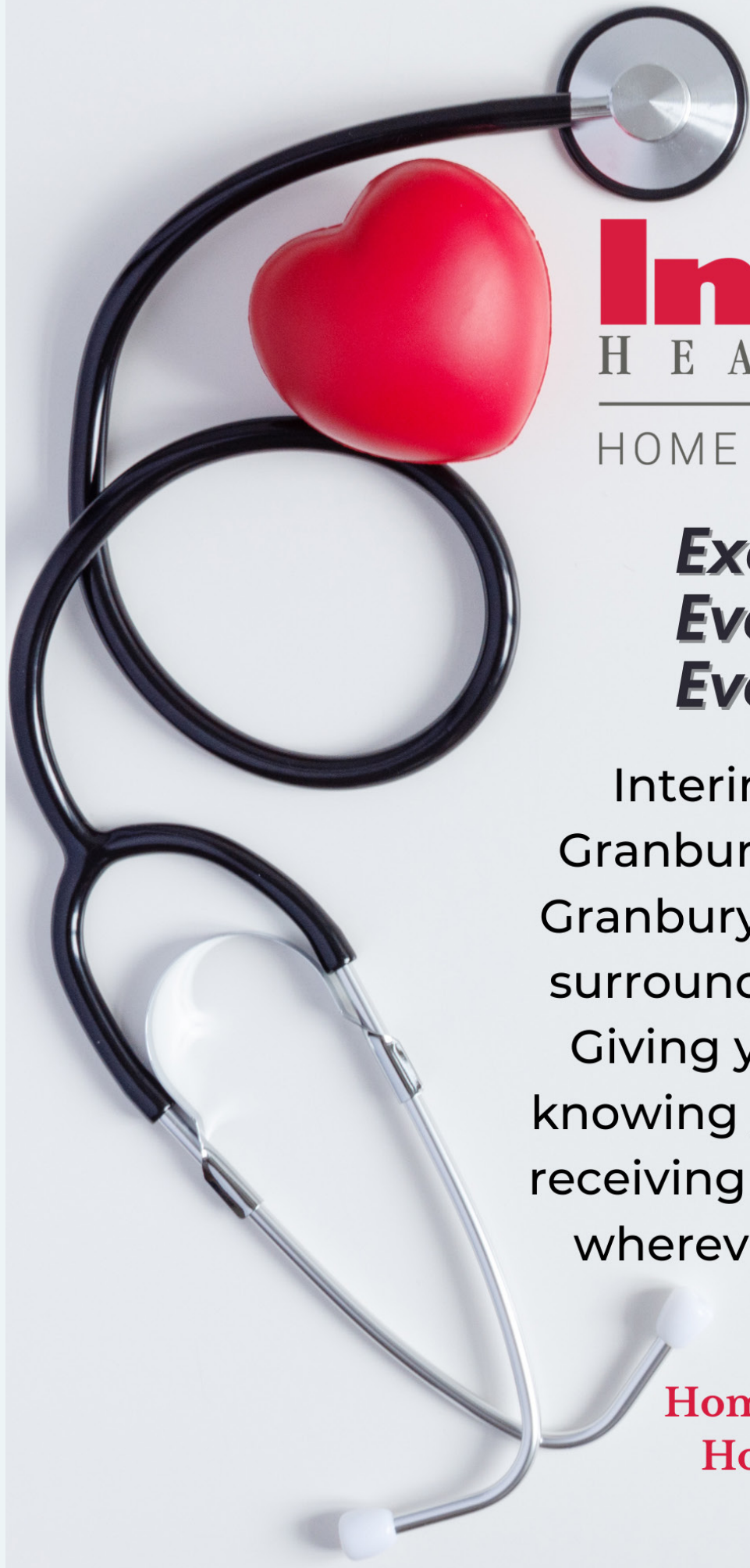
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When you think you have spotted the ball, send us an email with your answer. The deadline is 5 p.m. on August 10. No mulligans!

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.



LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION: Kathy Vanderzee, REMAX, Inside Front Cover.

LAST MONTH'S WINNER:
Lawson Zawadski

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Eden met Granbury 36 years ago and is grateful to have moved here in 2000. She and husband "Hug" raise/raised their two natives here. Eden loves her semi-bohemian lifestyle of hanging out with artists, writers and photographers both young and not as young. Her passions include coffee dates, succulents and making new friends.



Eden Duncan Gilbreath

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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.

Nancy Pricer has lived in Hood County since 1989. She writes an occasional recipe column for the Hood County News where she has worked for over 20 years. Her recipes are usually fast and easy to make as well as time tested with family and friends.



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GOLF CALENDAR



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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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
- 23 - DCBE/Acton VFD Benefit
- 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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September 2023

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
LGA FALL CREEK CUP Thursday, October 12th		DCBE/ACTION VFD BENEFIT Monday, October 23rd		1	2 No Gangsome on a holiday weekend Tour Championship	
3 NO Sunday Couples	4 Course Open Labor Day	5 Course Closed	6 Club Benders	7 Club Benders	8 Club Benders	9 Club Benders
10 Sunday Couples	11	12	13 MGA GUEST DAY	14 LGA Thursday Scramble	15	16 Saturday Gangsome
17 Sunday Couples	18	19	20 21 MGA CHAMPIONSHIP/HANDICAP TOURNAMENT Thursday Scramble		22	23 Saturday Gangsome
24 Sunday Couples	25	26	27 28 LGA CHAMPIONSHIP/HANDICAP TOURNAMENT Thursday Scramble		29	30 Saturday Gangsome
LGA HALLOWEEN TOURNAMENT Oct. 28th		Coming October 29th - MONSTER MASH - Don't wait till the last day to sign-up your team				

SASSY DIVAS DCBE BOOK CLUB

Please join us for lively book discussions as we resume our fall book club meetings.

The Sassy Divas DCBE Book Club will meet on Thursday, September 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Room of the United Co-Op, which is located at 320 Fall Creek Hwy. We will discuss *The Accidental Empress*, a compelling historical novel written by Allison Pataki

Pataki highlights the story of Sisi, the Austro-Hungarian empress and wife of Emperor Franz Joseph. As she focuses on the glittering Hapsburg Empire, she also reveals surprising details about its beloved Fairy Queen.

For more information, please contact Pat Stevens
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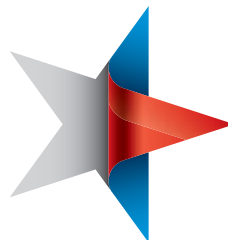


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September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Rib Night 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBE Karaoke • Family Buffet 5 p.m. • Lakeside Yoga 8 a.m.
3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Brunch 9 a.m. 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Day DCBE Pool Party 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opera Guild Luncheon • Golf Course Closed 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Benders 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Benders 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Benders 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Benders
10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Brunch 9 a.m. 		12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvation Army Luncheon • Taco Tuesday 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBE Bingo • Half-price wine night 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scramble • Live music in the Cove 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Rib Night 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakeside Yoga 8 a.m.
17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Brunch 9 a.m. 		19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBE Women's Luncheon • Taco Tuesday 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Club Texas Hold 'em • Half-price wine night 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scramble • Live music in the Cove 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBE Community Garage Sale • Prime Rib Night 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBE Community Garage Sale • Family Buffet Night
24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Brunch 9 a.m. 		26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taco Tuesday 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half-price wine night 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scramble • Live music in the Cove 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Rib Night 	30

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We are excited to welcome Tara Goodloe Fuentes, missionary to Guatemala, who will speak on her work to make a difference for generations of Guatemalan families through bilingual

education. Tara has an inspiring story which promises to enlighten us on the rewards and challenges of serving her community.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with the program starting at 11 a.m., followed by lunch. Sign up on ForeTees or call the club to register. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Membership forms are available in the pro shop. Dues are \$35 annually. Please come join us!

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| Sept. 7 | Club Benders No Play Day |
| Sept. 14 | Play Day Challenge - Scramble ABCD |
| Sept. 21 | Durant - Scramble - ABCD |
| Sept. 27-28 | Championship Tournament - gross/net |

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| Oct. 11-12 | Fall Creek Cup |
| Oct. 26 | Halloween Tournament |

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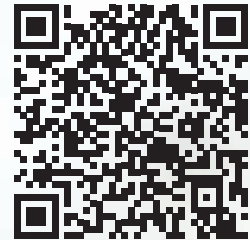
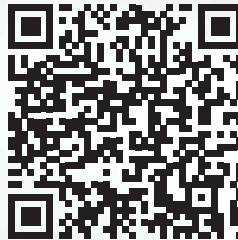
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GAME DAY

PARTY IDEAS

Football season is upon us. Whether it's a professional game, college match, or pre-game before heading to a local high school contest, game day experiences can be enhanced by sharing the festivities with friends or family.

Football parties can take enjoyment of the game to the next level and be enhanced with each game that occurs on the road to the playoffs. The following are some ways to score touchdowns when hosting game day gatherings.

CREATE A DIY FOOTBALL FIELD TABLE COVER

Head to the nearest party store and purchase green craft paper or a plastic tablecloth. Stretch it over the expanse of the table you need to cover and secure it underneath with tape or clips. Use white tape or ribbon to mark off the field yard markings and utilize white stick-on numerals to enhance the yard line measurements. Such a festive table can double as the perfect playing field for table-top football.

DECORATE A DRINK STATION

Dress up your cooler with team colors and logos. Make a goal post out of PVC piping to add a little extra whimsy to the design.

CREATE GAME-INSPIRED FOODS

Football-shaped foods, from mini meatloafs to calzones to cookies to doughnuts, will make the event even more fun. Invest in a football-shaped cookie cutter to cut just about everything, from sliced cheeses to sandwiches to pie crusts to that pigskin shape.

SET UP GAMES OF CHANCE

Buying "boxes" and gambling on the outcomes of the quarters is tradition for many people who participate in football parties. However, gambling isn't for everyone. Party hosts can come up with other clever ideas to give people chances to win prizes. Purchase a few inexpensive gift cards to local coffee shops, sporting goods retailers or to supermarkets. Give out raffle tickets to all in attendance. Each time the team scores, pick a raffle ticket out of a bag or bucket. The called number gets a prize.

CONSIDER A TAILGATE THEME

Evoke the feelings of a true stadium tailgate by hosting the party outdoors in the neighborhood. Each home can have its own station in the driveway, with party-goers walking from home to home to load up on snacks and talk about the game.

Game day is a great time to get together with fellow fans, friends and family.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY IDEAS FOR ADULTS

With just two months until the end of October, it's never too early to start planning your Halloween party. Halloween may seem like child's play, but many adults participate in Halloween hijinks. According to the National Retail Federation, \$1.7 billion was spent on adult Halloween costumes in 2022, while \$1.2 billion was spent on kids' costumes. Witches, vampires, ghosts, and pirates top the list of popular costume categories.

When all dressed up, adults will need some place to have fun, and parties with friends typically are events that fill not only Halloween itself but the days leading up to it. Those who will be planning Halloween parties for adults may be inspired by these frighteningly fun ideas.

HALLOWINE TIME

Make a Halloween party even more spirited with a wine-themed party. Guests will enjoy a wine tasting with various offerings. Party hosts can try to find wines with macabre-sounding names.

CLASSY GATHERING

While Halloween may be about ghastrly and ghostly decorations in many cases, some party hosts may want to have parties that offer subtle nods to Halloween instead. Black-and-white-striped plates on orange or purple chargers can set the tone for a fancy Halloween fête.

MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Murder can be the name of the game for a Halloween party when guests have to follow a script and figure out "Who done

it?" Some of the biggest challenges with this type of party is creating the characters and writing the storyline. Free printable scripts make it easier for event planning. Murder Mystery themes also can be included in office parties for team-building activities.

GHOULS NIGHT OUT

Girlfriends can get together and plan a coordinated costume theme and then have a girls night out by visiting various bars or restaurants around town.

SCARY SURGEON

Plan a party around a mad scientist or scary surgeon concept. Decorations and foods can be geared around the idea. Instead of Jello® shots, for example, there be syringe shooters with a similarly spiked. Replicate the look of body various foods, like hot dogs like cut fingers or toes.

Halloween party ideas for A little inspiration can ensure frighteningly festive



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ADDRESS INSECTS BEFORE ENTERTAINING

It's impossible to ensure a completely bug-free outdoor environment, but there are steps homeowners can take to reduce the amount of pests who want to join the party.

Pest control experts suggest first identifying which kind of insect infiltrations are most common where you live. House flies, fruit flies, mosquitoes, wasps, and bees tend to be abundant in spring and summer. Ants, termites and other bugs also can be prevalent. These insects, however pesky they may seem, often can be kept away without the use of pesticides and other chemicals.

LURE AWAY PESTS

Many insects will be happy to snack on a treat and leave you alone. Put out a dish of sugar water or slices of fruit for insects that feed on sweets and nectar, or a slice of sandwich meat for wasps and yellow jackets. Place these items a fair distance from your gathering.

INSTALL FANS

A patio ceiling fan can blow away mosquitoes and flies relatively easily. And you and your guests will likely enjoy a nice breeze on sultry days.

USE MULCH WISELY

Mulch will add to curb appeal, but having it too close to the house, according to the National Pest Management Association, can present an ideal environment for roaches and ants to nest and find their way into a home. As mulch decomposes, it generates heat and a cozy spot for pests, including mice. Keep mulch 12 inches away from the home's foundation and entertaining spaces, or use inorganic mulch.

KEEP PATIOS CLEAN

Sweep up and clean away any spilled foods and beverages promptly. Even a tiny nugget of food can attract ants and other insects.

USE NATURAL PEST DETERRENTS

Citronella oils can drive away some insects, as can garlic and rosemary. Lavender, eucalyptus, marigolds, and other pungent aromas will naturally keep mosquitoes and other flying insects at bay. Some people also have luck with mint-flavored mouthwash misted on patios and furniture.

ADDRESS STANDING WATER

Mosquitoes and some other insects lay their eggs in standing water. Routinely drain areas where water collects, including gutters and downspouts

USE LIGHT COLORS

According to HouseLogic, studies show that bugs see dark and bright colors more easily than light colors. Choose lighter shades of paint for outdoor areas and it may make these spaces less attractive to some bugs.

LEAVE THOSE SPIDER WEBS

Many people yell "eek" at the sight of spiders and spider webs. But those arachnids and their sticky webs can do a fine job of capturing many unwanted insects. Resist the temptation to tear down webs and shoo spiders away.

Addressing insects means employing various natural strategies to make outdoor entertaining more pleasant. *(MetroCreative)*

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PERFECTING THE PRE-GAME

By Eden Duncan Gilbreath





Tailgating has become a hallmark of football season. Photos of happy sports enthusiasts enjoying a snack and a cold beverage before the game has become synonymous with fun. Sort of an official warm-up for spectators before the game.

As with all things culinary it seems even tailgating has been elevated to high art. Articles abound on promising the perfect list of before game appetizers and the ideal libation to match. With each year the ante has been upped.

Food and beverage companies take advantage of this lucrative element of entertaining, as sales for the market now soar into the billions according to the Tailgating Industry Association. Restaurants now try to capitalize on tailgating-style food as well for patrons who want to enjoy the game from their establishments.

It seems often men, especially, appreciate a good tailgate party. Where women always had their Sunday dinners, family picnics and salad forks placed on the outside of a place setting - men had barbeque grills and tailgating. Insert rough growl here.

Even the burliest of men can proudly offer a chic accompaniment to their offerings if their main event is chicken wings. A tasty grilled wing or rib avails the tailgate chef the "street cred" needed to offer a sweet but spicy pineapple-jalapeno dipping sauce on the side.

Every good party needs a tasty morsel or ten. It's really the bedrock of entertaining but so is the pre-game entertainment. Washer toss, horseshoes, wiffle ball and the all-time classic cornhole! Especially cornhole emblazoned with your favorite team's logo.

PREGAME from page 27

Many pre-game, good-hearted scuffles have been narrowly averted as the spectators compete in these tests of skill, only to then walk into the game arm in arm.

And if you are truly a committed tailgater - companies are devising new ways to meet your needs and fill their pockets. Efficient grills that practically cook for you and all the bells to go with them. Coolers that keep drinks cold for days. Even tables that attach to your hitch or for the most discriminating of tastes an all-in-one tailgating apparatus that would be the envy of any fan. There are even small trailer food trucks that will bring the party to you.

If hosting a tailgating party, don't forget the canopy or large umbrella. And music! The "bops", the "tunes", the "jams", the "grooves", the "beats" are a key element. Like your recipes, this should be to personal taste, whatever your preferred genre. Whether country, rock or... well that about sums it up for tailgating music, music sets the mood for any entertaining endeavor. You don't want to be shamed without some great bass or a sweet Bluetooth set-up to tastefully share your playlist with others.

People make the party more than any other element, be sure to collect your best buddies for your memory-making tailgating soiree. Friends after all are the truly one-of-a-kind element. The truck next to yours in the parking lot may have a more swanky set up than you have, but what they don't have is your best buds.



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GOLF COMMITTEE

Chairman, Larry Cordell
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Larry Cordell reported on the committees meeting topics to include the enforcement of cart trail stickers, upcoming junior tournaments, mowing schedules and determined equipment needs. The Club Benders committee has donated with member support to build a golf scoring board at the course turn.

FOOD & BEVERAGE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary Cathy Permenter
(254) 718-8685
cathypermenter@gmail.com

The Food and Beverage committee is working to establish the needs of the dining areas to improve service and quality. Staff training has been scheduled and will be implemented in the coming weeks.

MEMBERSHIP & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman, Vice President Bennie Hudgins
817-917-7414
benhudgins@charter.net

Bennie Hudgins reported that membership director Stephanie Garner has been working hard to stress the importance to new residents of attendance at the new member orientation meetings. The orientation is a continued work in progress to maximize information about our community to our newest members.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary Kellen Zawadzki
717-275-3991
KellenZawadzki@gmail.com

The committee is scheduled to meet later in the month. Pickleball open play continues on Monday and Thursdays each week. Volleyball summer league play is being held weekly on Tuesday (junior players), Wednesday (men's) and Thursday (women's) divisions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Treasurer David Zunker
817-79-3559
Zunker10@yahoo.com

Financial statements and ageing reports were reviewed by the Board of Directors. David Zunker has divided members of his committee to attend various other committees to assist the finance committee with more accurate information as to what needs may be presented to them for future approvals.

The Board approved to move the remaining \$135,000 remaining from the construction loan into our capital account.

The Board approved beginning August 1st to move \$16.25 per assessment that had been allocated to operations be transferred back into capital funding.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- BOARD MEETING
8:30 a.m. Sept. 25
at the DCBE Clubhouse Board Room
- CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.
at the DCBE Clubhouse Tejas Room
- MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Clubhouse Ballroom Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Chairman, Sean Grizzell
817-219-1591
Griz1212@me.com

Sean Grizzell and his committee met with Maintenance Director Corey Shipp and Course Superintendent Ryan Reimer to tour all DCBE facilities. There are a number of repairs to our infrastructures that will need to be prioritized by the committee at their upcoming meetings. Cooperation with the City Council is in the works for additional speed tables to our roadways.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Chairman, Scott Mitchell
817-219-9198
Smitch1995@yahoo.com

One NORV was presented to the Board of Directors for review. A motion was made by David Zunker to dismiss the NORV as the contractor has had no prior infractions, seconded by Scott Mitchell; with all in favor the motion carried.

The Board of Directors would like the membership to be aware the Lieutenant Saporito is available in the security offices on Saturdays to assist their needs.

LEGAL BY-LAWS COUNCIL

Chairman, Cathy Permenter
254-718-8685
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The Board is awaiting updates on various counsel items requested from the association attorney.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chairman, Cody Garrison
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BOARD REPRESENTATIVE


Chairman, Rick Phillips
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Eight architectural permits were approved and one reviewed for drainage concerns. Various property compliance violations were discussed and requested for follow-up.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COUNCIL

Chairman, President Doug Jones
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DJones92AP@gmail.com

Doug Jones reported the committee has not yet met but will be discussing future long-term projects within the community.



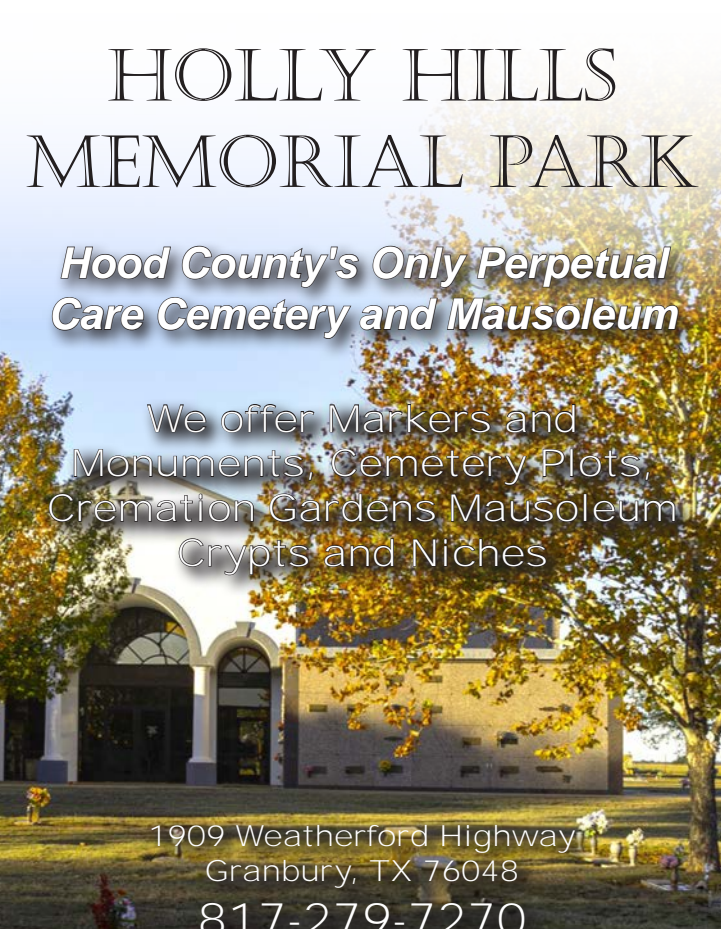
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Member appearances to discuss rules violation for behavior in the clubhouse, a requested trailer variance, and a request for a transfer fee waiver.

Doug Jones reported that the Tarrant Construction agreement was closed. A one-year warranty on various work done will be upheld by the contractors.

A motion was made by Cathy Permenter to approve Larry Barclay to the Architectural Control Committee, seconded by David Zunker; with all in favor the motion carried.

Member correspondence reviewed concerning lessee billing structure.

Doug Jones reported that he is working to establish a DCBE Care's Council initiative which will be made up of five past Board Presidents. The council will work to assist those with hardships, solicit member donations and determine if support can be offered to our membership when in need.

Bennie Hudgins is working with our City Council to determine and update our facility AED's.

Thank you!

- ☞ Shout out! Thank you to Ron Price for his donation to the Cove Restaurant of the beautiful mantle clock in memory of his wife Kay.
- ☞ Thank you to the DCBE Woman's Club for their lovely donation of four pots and magnolia trees at the entry of the clubhouse and various greenery throughout the club.
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Must-haves when hosting game night at home

Game night makes for a fun way to get together with friends. Competitive fire may not disappear on game night, but the atmosphere is generally more laid back. Indeed, a great game night is less about the games and more about the laughs and fun to be had.

Game night hosts can focus on fun as they prepare to welcome friends and family into their homes. The following are some must-haves for a fun and memorable game night.

FOOD

Game night participants are not expecting a meal. Game nights typically begin after dinnertime, so hosts need not feel responsible for preparing or catering a meal. However, snacks typically are made available during game night. Charcuterie boards, cheese, chips, pretzels, and even some healthy fare like vegetables and hummus can be offered so no one goes hungry during game night.

BEVERAGES

Simplicity also reigns supreme when picking which drinks to serve during game night. Formal dinner parties may call for specialty cocktails and a carefully curated wine list, but game night does not require that same level of planning. Non-alcoholic drinks like water, soda, lemonade, and iced tea should be readily available. Beer and wine can be offered to guests who want a drink, but hosts must be sure to avoid overserving guests. Hosts can request that some guests serve as designated drivers and hosts should be ready to perform that duty as well.

GAMES

Of course, hosts will need to pick games for the party as well. It's best to avoid complicated games so no time is wasted explaining the rules to novices. Many adults are familiar with the rules of poker, so keep some decks of cards and chips on hand in the event guests want to play a round. Additional games that do not require too great a familiarity with the rulebook include Scrabble and Monopoly. Hosts also can consider something a little more sinister like Cards Against Humanity if the crowd is willing to play.

MUSIC

Some music playing in the background can loosen things up and help to establish a relaxed atmosphere. Hosts should keep in mind that it's best to avoid turning the television on, as a game or movie playing in the background can distract guests from the games and lead to less mingling.

ATMOSPHERE

The atmosphere should be warm and inviting so everyone feels right at home upon arriving. Make sure there's ample lighting available in the game room but don't make things too bright. Slightly dimmed lights can set a welcoming tone and create a relaxed vibe. Comfortable seating also helps to create a pleasant atmosphere that can make guests feel right at home.

Some simple game night essentials can ensure hosts and guests have a fun and relaxing night with friends and family. *(MetroCreative)*



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HONEY-MUSTARD CHICKEN WITH ROASTED NEW POTATOES

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- ½ teaspoon salt, divided
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ cup Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 minced shallot (can substitute with 2-3 tablespoons onion)
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh thyme leaves or ½ teaspoon dried
- 1 pound small red potatoes, cut into halves
- Cooking spray

Preheat oven to 375. Sprinkle chicken with ¼ teaspoon salt and pepper. Place in a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Combine mustard, honey, shallot and thyme in a small bowl to form a paste. Spread over chicken, covering completely.

Add potatoes to the pan and spritz with cooking spray. Sprinkle potatoes with ¼ teaspoon salt and pepper.

Bake about 50 minutes, stirring potatoes once, until potatoes and chicken are tender.



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- 6 ounces 1/3-inch-diced slab bacon (or 6-8 slices of bacon, chopped)
- 12 ounces fresh Mexican chorizo, casings removed and meat crumbled
- 12 ounces skinless boneless chicken thighs (about 4 thighs), cut into strips
- 2 red bell peppers, cut into strips
- 1 large red onion, thinly sliced
- 8 ounces Oaxaca cheese or mozzarella cheese, shredded
- Flour tortillas (or corn)
- Avocado
- Fresh cilantro
- Salsa
- Lime wedges

Heat large skillet on high. Add oil if using. Add the bacon and chorizo and cook over high heat, stirring, until browned in spots, about 5 minutes.

Add the chicken and cook, stirring, until cooked through.

Add the peppers and onion and cook until softened.

Scatter the cheese on top and stir until it just starts to melt. Serve with tortillas, avocado, fresh cilantro, salsa and lime wedges.



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TOTAL REVENUE	679,378	637,866	41,512	2,613,969	2,482,127	131,842	7,333,402	
TOTAL COST OF SALES	96,379	73,449	(22,930)	357,638	263,234	(94,404)	732,468	
GROSS PROFIT	582,999	564,417	18,582	2,256,331	2,218,893	37,438	6,600,934	
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES	376,976	325,714	(51,262)	1,333,487	1,225,163	(108,324)	3,536,723	
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	188,441	185,010	(3,431)	856,031	767,513	(88,518)	1,929,784	
NET INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE DEPREC	17,582	53,693	(36,111)	66,813	226,217	(159,404)	1,134,427	
TRANSFER TO RENOVATION CIP	(26,095)	(27,040)	(945)	(104,329)	(108,160)	(3,831)	(324,480)	
TOTAL NET INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE DEPRECIATION	(8,513)	26,653	(37,056)	(37,516)	118,057	(163,235)	809,947	

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One last bash as summer winds down is a great way to send off a season that's synonymous with recreation and leisure. And end-of-summer soirée also provides an opportunity to get together with friends and family before a new school year begins and families' schedules fill up.

As the calendar flips to September, hosts can consider these tips as they plan a memorable sendoff to summer.

AVOID LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer in many places, but hosts may want to avoid choosing this popular three-day weekend for their end-of-summer soirée. A survey from the travel experts at The Vacationer found that roughly 137 million people had travel plans over Labor Day weekend in 2022. Travel is undeniably popular on Labor Day weekend, and hosts likely won't want to contend with guests' travel plans. The weekend before Labor Day may produce a greater turnout, which undoubtedly makes for a more enjoyable affair.

PICK A SUMMER THEME

An end-of-summer party should have a theme that evokes the season's special vibe. A beach theme with some sand in the backyard, some specialty cocktails served with mini beach umbrellas and, of course, some water play for adults and kids can help to establish a vibe that's synonymous with summer.

SERVE TRADITIONAL FARE

Though hosts who already hosted a handful of backyard barbecues this summer might have had their fill of

hamburgers and hot dogs, an end-of-summer party is the last time many people will eat such foods until next spring. So while it's alright to offer some alternatives, such as meat cooked on a smoker or grilled fish, be sure to offer the standard hamburgers and hot dogs as well.

INVITE THE NEIGHBORS

It's tempting to throw a season-ending bash that lasts into the wee hours, but that can be problematic for hosts whose neighbors are within arm's length. That potentially sticky situation can be remedied by inviting the neighbors to the party. Neighbors won't be upset by a little extra nighttime noise if they're living it up as well. If that's not an option, hosts can just remember to turn the volume down a notch once the sun sets.

CREATE A CONTINGENCY PLAN

August can be a bit on the rainy side in many areas, particularly those where hurricane season hits full swing as summer winds down. Though summer storms tend to come and go in the blink of an eye, it's best to have a contingency plan in place. If possible, ensure outdoor entertaining areas can provide some respite from the elements if need be. A well-placed pergola can keep guests and food safe from the rain and a retractable patio awning can provide an extra layer of protection. Hosts also can clear out part of their home interior and have some backup games at the ready to accommodate guests if the party has to move inside for a little while.

An end-of-summer soirée can be the perfect way to say so long to a beloved time of year.

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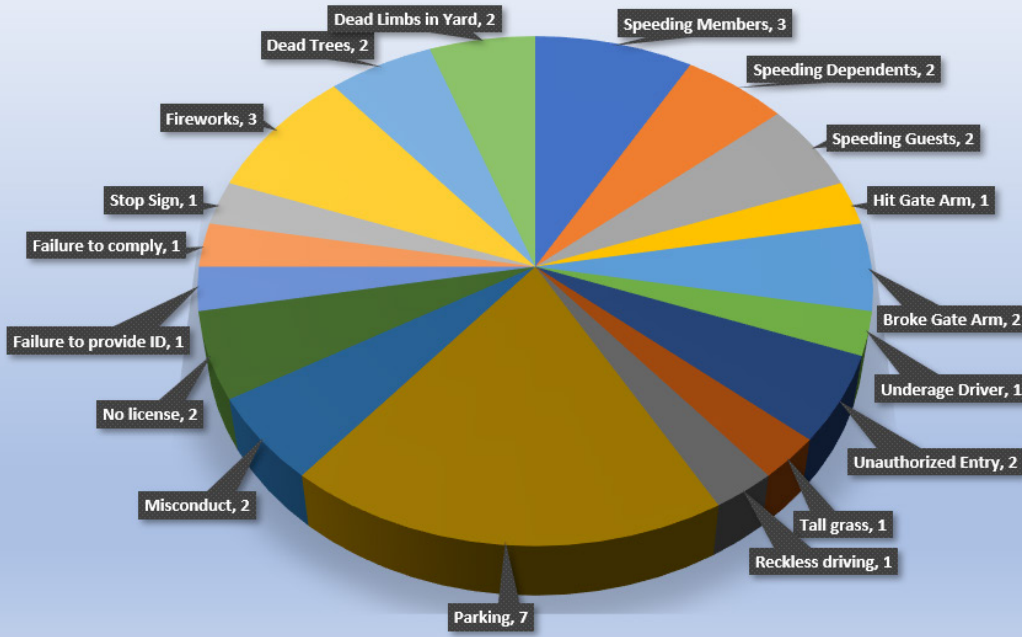
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ACROSS

1 Oldham County seat
 5 Fort Worth's "____ Carter Museum of Western Art"
 6 TXism: "never sign anything in the glow of a ____ light"
 7 TXism: "I'll ____ a monkey's uncle"
 8 Yuki was LBJ's favorite ____ dog
 9 the "B" of LBJ
 15 in McLennan County on highway 164
 16 Mexican general who lost at San Jacinto (2 wds.)
 19 "the man" south of the border
 21 group of Boy or Girl Scouts
 22 TXism: "____ any better, the sheriff wouldn't allow it"
 27 Slavic person
 28 "____ dust, ashes to ashes"
 29 TXism: "so green he could ____ a lettuce patch" (rookie)
 30 speaker to produce high-pitched sounds
 32 TX Tanya (init.)
 33 TXism: "parental plagues"
 36 actress Drake in "Son of Belle Starr"
 37 fed. mortgage ins.
 38 TXism: "numerous as ____ dead worm"

39 Gov. Ann wore a blue one to her inaugural gala (2 wds.)
 41 a John Wayne line (3 wds.)
 44 TXism: "____ chocked full of glee" (happy)
 45 TXism: "mad as a wet ____"
 46 Academy Award statue likely named for a Texan

DOWN

1 TX ____ Cliburn
 2 Tex-Mex prison mafia: "El ____"
 3 peanuts
 4 Dallas' first elected female mayor
 8 TXism: "sidekicks"
 9 TX Isaac Ellwood was known as this (3 wds.)
 10 TXism: "he's got the morals of ____ alley cat"

11 TXism: "hightail ____" (flee)
 12 Roy Bedichek wrote "Adventures With a Texas ____"
 13 TXism: "still wet behind the ____"
 14 TXism: "____ slinging drunk"
 15 TXism: "____ old range cow"
 16 TXism: "sticks out like a ____ thumb"
 17 "____ time" (won't fool me again)
 18 TXism: "later" (2 wds.)
 20 newspaper Abilene Reporter-____

22 Gov. Hogg's daughter (init.)
 23 TXism: "hissey ____"
 24 TXism: "neon light ____" (inspiration)
 25 Scarborough Faire recreates six ____ century England
 26 few TX lotto players ____ jackpot

28 this Lottie was a famous TX gambler
 31 short horn blast
 34 TXism: "ain't ____ a clue"
 35 a name before ExxonMobil
 37 toxic vapors, e.g.
 40 satisfy fully
 42 Fort Worth univer.
 43 Sam Houston's horse
 49 moving pictures taken with your smart phone
 50 TXism: "cash ____ the barrel head"

Puzzle solution for Crossword Puzzle on page 52.

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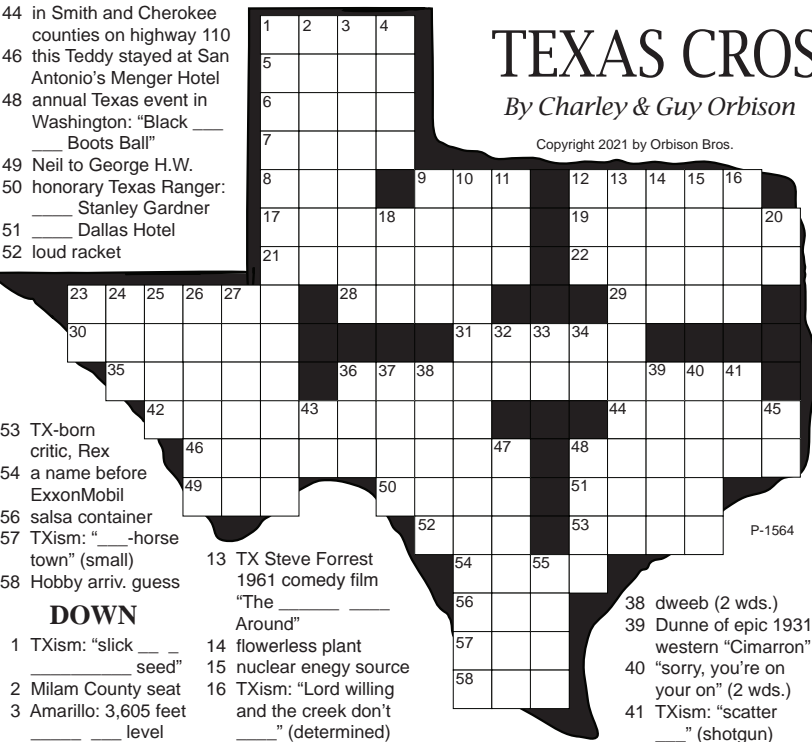
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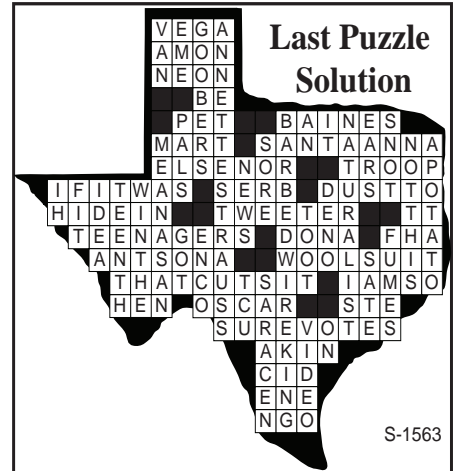
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ACROSS

- 1 Camry, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 5 San _____, TX
- 6 TX Vikki Carr Latin hit: "Cosas del _____"
- 7 Apollo 13 transmission: "Houston, _____ had a problem"
- 8 TXism: "the bigger they _____, the harder they fall"
- 9 when a prosecutor dismisses a case before trial: "_____ pros." (abbr.)
- 12 TXism: "_____ as an outhouse on a cold morning" (long distance)
- 17 a fried tortilla dish that properly ends with an "a"
- 19 TXism: "Sunday go to _____"
- 21 opposing soldiers
- 22 1966 film: "Texas _____ the River"
- 23 mascot of Lamar State College Orange (2 wds.)
- 28 TXism: "there's more than one way to skin _____"
- 29 TX Mac Davis hit: "Baby, Don't Get Hooked _____"
- 30 bomb used in the Vietnam War
- 31 pungent bulb
- 35 India currency
- 36 TXism: "fat _____ house cat"
- 42 groove-_____ is a south Texas bird
- 44 in Smith and Cherokee counties on highway 110
- 46 this Teddy stayed at San Antonio's Menger Hotel
- 48 annual Texas event in Washington: "Black _____ Boots Ball"
- 49 Neil to George H.W.
- 50 honorary Texas Ranger: _____ Stanley Gardner
- 51 _____ Dallas Hotel
- 52 loud racket
- 13 TX Steve Forrest 1961 comedy film "The _____ Around"
- 14 flowerless plant
- 15 nuclear energy source
- 16 TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't _____" (determined)
- 18 pay TV network
- 20 TX Nat who sang "Sweet Thang" (init.)
- 23 TXism: "bend _____ elbow" (drink)
- 24 a freshwater fish
- 25 England's version of a bar (2 wds.)
- 26 zoo animals similar to pigs



Puzzle solution for Crossword Puzzle on page 51.



DOWN

- 1 TXism: "slick _____ seed"
- 2 Milam County seat
- 3 Amarillo: 3,605 feet _____ level
- 4 TXism: "_____ as hen's teeth"
- 9 Texas Wesleyan athletics assn.
- 10 TX-born Robby Benson starred in a film made from this 1967 song (4 wds.)
- 11 _____ Fresnos, TX
- 12 doctors' org.

- 38 dweeb (2 wds.)
- 39 Dunne of epic 1931 western "Cimarron"
- 40 "sorry, you're on your on" (2 wds.)
- 41 TXism: "scatter _____" (shotgun)
- 43 RB star Emmitt (init.)
- 45 this TX Phyllis was on "Vegas" TV show
- 47 Victoria of film "All of Me" starring TX-born Steve Martin
- 48 "bull" in Mexico
- 55 Jody Mc_____ 1962 film: "Young Guns of Texas"

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