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Average List Price (24 Listings)	\$425,146
Avg. Sq. Ft List Price	\$186.93
Homes Under Contract Not Closed	7
Average Sold/Closed Price (10 Sales)	\$409,900
Avg. Sq. Ft. Sold/Closed Price	\$186.17
Average Days on Market	42



Based on figures from the NTRIS Multiple Listing Service, July 3 to September 5 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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HALLOWEEN

October brings every candy-crazed kid's favorite holiday, Halloween. Some kids scamper for the best costume while others just look forward to a bag full of candy. This month's issue is full of info about the spookiest of holidays.

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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 October 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: Dolce Vita - Lakeside Granbury, Page 33

LAST MONTH'S WINNER:
Ton Potappel

CONTRIBUTORS

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



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.



Want to Contribute to Your Neighborhood Magazine?

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Contact us at fairway@hcnews.com.

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

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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October 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Couples	2	3	4 MGA CHAMPIONSHIP/HANDICAP TOURNAMENT	5	6	7 Saturday Gangsome
8 Sunday Couples	9	10	11 MGA	12 LGA FALL CREEK CUP With Nutcracker FINAL Thursday Scramble	13	14 Saturday Gangsome
15 Sunday Couples	16	17	18 MGA	19 LGA	20	21 Saturday Gangsome
22 Sunday Couples	23 ACTON/DCBE V.F.D. Benefit	24	25 MGA	26 LGA Kdaxz hbg#### Wrxougdq hgwf	27	28 Saturday Gangsome <small>5K Run - Morning</small>
29 Monster Mash <small>MARATHON</small>	30	31 Halloween	MGA RYDER CUP - November 8 - 9 MGA FAMILY GUEST DAY - November 22nd			
LGA GUEST DAY November 2nd			Dec. 2nd 10:30am	TOYS FOR TOTS		4-Person Scramble cost: \$20 and a toy

HOW TO SHOP SEASONAL HALLOWEEN STORES

As Halloween draws near, homeowners decorate their porches with jack-o'-lanterns and make sure their scariest costumes are ready for the big day. In the weeks leading up to Halloween, there's a good chance one or more seasonal Halloween retailers will pop up in the neighborhood. These stores typically carry many of the items people desire, from makeup to costumes to decorations. To shop them successfully, consider these tips.

ACT QUICKLY

Pop-up Halloween stores may not be open for business for very long. They may get shipments of stock once or twice during their residency, but as items sell out they might not be replenished. If you have your eye on a costume or another item, it's wise to grab it while you see it, as it might not be there in a few days.

READ THE RETURN POLICY

Retailers who carry Halloween costumes often have strict policies regarding returns. The goal is to prevent people from wearing the costumes for Halloween and then returning them for a refund. Make sure you try on the costume or make return decisions promptly with the return policy in mind; otherwise, you may not be able to bring your items back.

SHOP AROUND

Comparison shop to see if you are getting a good deal with the pop-up vendor. Convenience may come with a premium. If you find the same costume elsewhere, ask the store to price match. Keep in mind that some pop-up vendors will distribute merchandise under their own brand names, so it may be difficult to find the exact comparable item.

EXERCISE CAUTION WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

While Halloween is beloved by many, certain costumes or decorations may be much too graphic or frightening for young children. Pop-up Halloween retailers may set the scene with haunted house-inspired displays at the store's entry. These displays tend to feature large, animatronic items, and children may be scared by a cloaked reaper and his sickle or a bloody masked marauder figure. So it may be wise to leave toddlers or school-aged children at home.

Seasonal stores capitalize on the spirit of Halloween by offering all the supplies necessary to have a hauntingly perfect Halloween.

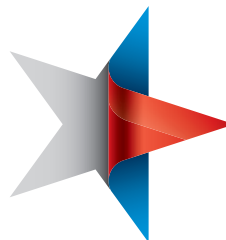


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October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opera Guild Luncheon • Taco Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Price Wine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday Night Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Rib Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Football • Lake Side Yoga
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Football 	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taco Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Price Wine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday Night Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Rib Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Football • Holiday Bazaar Shopping Event • Live Music
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Football 	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taco Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Price Wine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday Night Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Rib Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBE Casino Night • College Football
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Football 	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taco Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Price Wine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday Night Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Rib Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Festival - Trick-or-Treating • Lakeside Yoga • College Football
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Football 	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taco Tuesday 				

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9 A.M. START TIME

October 5 General Meeting - Durant Course - Scramble

October 11, 12 Fall Creek Cup

October 19, Play Day Challenge - Scramble

October 26, Halloween Tournament

SAVE THE DATE

November 16 Turkey Trot

December 7 Christmas Party

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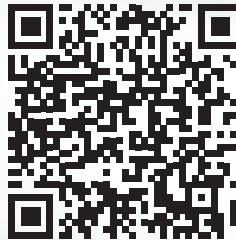
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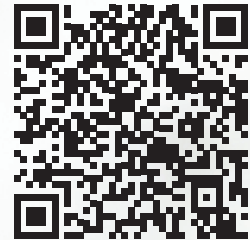
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 JOSHUA GARZA
 BRUCE IRELAND
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Ever wonder who in the Woman's Club speaks more than two languages? Is a twin or triplet? Listens to podcasts regularly? Was born in the same month as you? This was your opportunity to find out.

The game was not only a way to become better acquainted. Three lucky attendees who were chosen from a drawing of completed Bingo cards won prizes generously donated by individuals and businesses. The winners were Suz Canter (an adorable Woman's Club mug and cookies by Perfectly Printed Cookies); Cathy Permenter (Gift bag from the Woman's Club); and Nancy Leach (a gorgeous wreath created by Patty Sisco and donated by Lynn Silvestri and Texas Title).

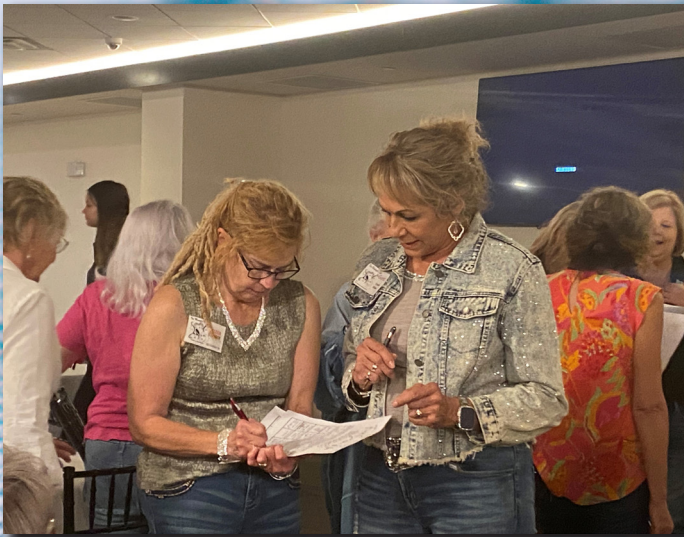
This event was the perfect opportunity to roll out the special interest groups available through our club, which include: Bunco, Texas Hold 'Em, Evening Book Club, Daytime Book Club, Cooking and Baking, Movies, Games, Volunteering, Walking, Crafting and Mahjong. Some of these groups are brand-new and others have been on-going for years.

Over 120 ladies of DeCordova Bend Estates enjoyed refreshments, learned fun facts about each other and had a great time. We welcomed 20 new members who joined at the event. If you are not yet a member and live in our community, we would welcome you! You can join at any time.

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PARENTS CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE HALLOWEEN SAFER

Halloween is often just what the doctor ordered. Nestled between the start of a new school year and the arrival of the holiday season, Halloween is an opportunity for children and adults alike to have some fun as they dress up in costumes and indulge in some sweet treats.

Even though Halloween is designed to be an entertaining day, it's not without its risks. The Child Safety Network says on average, two times as many child pedestrians die on Halloween compared to other days. Costume safety and food allergies are some additional hazards to contend with on Halloween. Parents can work together to help reduce the safety risks associated with Halloween.

LIGHT IT UP

Lack of visibility and dim lighting at night increase the risk of pedestrians being struck by cars on Halloween. Improving visibility can go a long way toward cutting down on accidents and related deaths. Homeowners can keep the lights turned on and perhaps illuminate neighborhoods even more by temporarily installing strands of Christmas or bistro style lights.

Children can carry battery-powered flashlights, lanterns or even glow sticks to make them more visible. Reflective tape placed on candy bags or somewhere on costumes also can help.

SET UP SAFE TRICK-OR-TREAT ZONES

The popularity of trunk-or-treat events that emerged several years ago took some of the risk out of Halloween by containing trick-or-treating to a parking lot at a school or church. Neighbors can establish something similar close to home by petitioning the town for permits to close

a specific road or roads to vehicular traffic for a "block party" of sorts. Residents in the area can trick-or-treat and party in the street without risk of injury from cars. Ask participating neighbors to chip in for refreshments and entertainment, if desired.

CHECK CANDY

Generation Xers may recall their parents warned against eating candy from Halloween before it could be inspected for hazards. Unfounded claims of dangerous items being lodged into candy perpetuated the suspicion of all Halloween confections for some time.

There is a risk of eating candy without thought, but that risk is now primarily related to food allergies. The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that, each year in the U.S., allergic reactions to food results in 30,000 emergency room visits, 2,000 hospitalizations, and 150 deaths. Common allergens include peanuts and other nuts as well as eggs and dairy. Others may be intolerant to ingredients like gluten or soy. Inspecting candy nutrition information can help weed out candy that may cause a reaction for those with food allergies or other concerns.

PREPARE HOMES

Adults and parents can take additional steps to prepare their homes for Halloween. Keep the porch and front yard clear of tripping hazards, such as garden hoses, decorations and toys. Sweep away leaves and branches to prevent tripping or slipping. Restrain pets so they do not jump on trick-or-treaters. Offer a variety of treats for kids of all ages so trick-or-treaters get age-appropriate items.

Halloween fun and safety can go hand-in-hand this October.

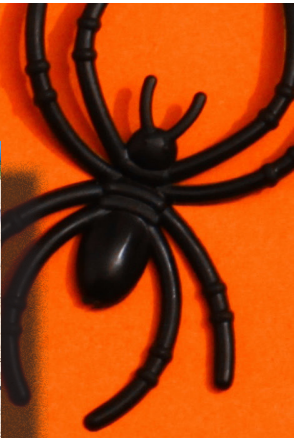


HALLOWEEN



With Halloween approaching, we thought we'd share some photos from last year's Halloween festivities. If you want to share photos with us, send them to fairway@hcnews.com







DID YOU KNOW?

It is impossible to identify the first Halloween costume and which masks the earliest celebrants donned in efforts to keep away the evil spirits during Samhain, which historians believe is the Celtic precursor to Halloween. According to Lesley Bannatyne, an author who has written extensively about the history of Halloween, masks and coverups were designed to symbolize ghosts and the souls of the dead, first for Samhain and later for the custom of "souling," which was intended to cut back on pagan influences. Costumes of saints and evil spirits also were popular during this time. When immigrants brought Halloween customs to North America, early 20th century costumes featured much of the same - ghosts and ghouls. It wasn't until the 1920s and 1930s that pop culture began to infiltrate costumes. In fact, one of the first costume companies, J. Halpern Company, began licensing pop culture images like Mickey Mouse and Popeye around this time. By the 1960s, costumes were largely store-bought, spurring entire industries. Many 1980s kids recall buying boxed costumes that consisted of rigid plastic masks with eye holes (and very small holes by the mouth and nose) that stayed in place with thin elastic straps, and a plastic sheeting costume that went over clothes. Modern costumes have evolved into outfits that are far more complex.

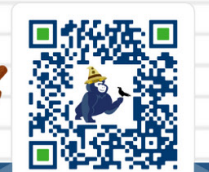
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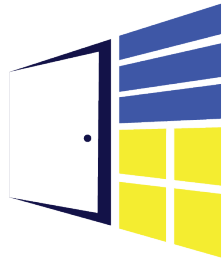
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NON-FOOD IDEAS FOR HALLOWEEN TREATS

While every kid wants to open their trick-or-treating bag and see all the candy, some children suffer from food allergies that make Halloween less fun.

Non-food giveaways can make trick-or-treaters smile as well. Individuals can find options that fit their budgets. Stores or online retailers that sell party favors or trinkets or stores with wholesale or bulk options may provide the best bang for your buck.

- Stickers
- Pencils (including scented varieties)
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A sharp wit peppers his speech, Steve Green has a youthful exuberance that belies his 80 years.

“I think probably all my life I have liked taking photos, liked having a camera,” Green shares. “My first camera I can’t recall for sure,” he continues, “the first I remember was my Kodak Instamatic.”

He offers tips on photography and warnings on golf, almost in the same sentence. He has a fearlessness about technology and learning something new. A sweet mix of humor and humility.

Green has been retired since 2005. He is originally

from Baird near Abilene, working for various insurance companies, business took him to Lubbock, San Antonio, and Pecos.

Now Green resides in DeCordova and spends his time on his hobbies. His wife Lynne Green often wishes him well when he leaves to play golf. “She will tell me to ‘have fun!’ I tell her, didn’t you hear me? I said I am going to play golf! (he chuckles) I don’t think anyone plays golf because they enjoy it. We play for the aggravation.” It seems he finds photography more relaxing.

Green used a polaroid early in his career when he would work for a company that did inspections for homeowners insurance and he took photos



to send to underwriting, "Sixty seconds later you had a print, it worked well for that." It wasn't until the advent of digital photography that Green's interest really took off. "You can take almost an unlimited amount of photos for free after your initial investment."

Long gone are the days of the Instamatic and Polaroid, Green now employs several cameras depending on the occasion. A Canon EOS 60d, a Nikon p1000 and a Nikon d5600. "Sometimes at 12-15 pounds with the lens on the Canon gets a little heavy. So often the Nikons serve my needs better because they are lighter."

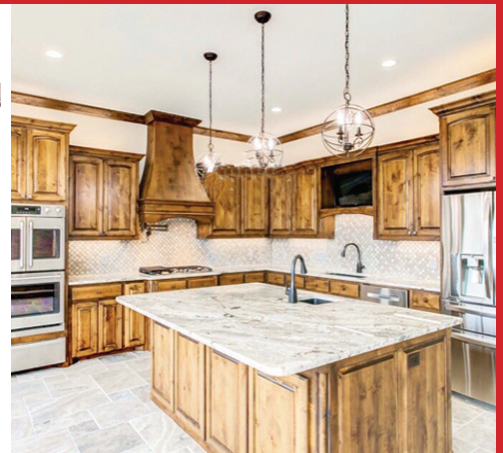
His favorite subjects vary - almost anything he can find outdoors. Landscapes, flowers, wildlife and even dead trees, "I like to take photographs of something someone else might not notice. I take shots of dead trees and then with my computer program I can isolate and turn into a silhouette and then add different backgrounds. Even dead trees with



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a natural background are often quite interesting.”

Trips to a few “executive” ranches have also allowed shots of more exotic animals like Kudu and different types of goats and sheep. Green has photographed Crested CaraCara as well.

Green has never been a “darkroom developer” but has found “the digital darkroom” fascinating.

“It’s a different media today. It’s amazing what you can do with it. It’s amazing how much some people know about it. Ansel Adams did a lot of dark room stuff. He would have been able to do so much with today’s technology,” muses Green.

Green’s mother was an avid painter and ceramic artist. He didn’t learn from her growing up because “I think I was off to more devious (mischievous) plans than staying home and painting.”

Having an artist mother does give Green an appreciation for all kinds of art and the work that goes into various media, “I don’t have to get supplies at Hobby Lobby or clean my brushes. I am sure sometimes it takes days or weeks to work on a piece to get the proper colors. Digitally you could do that



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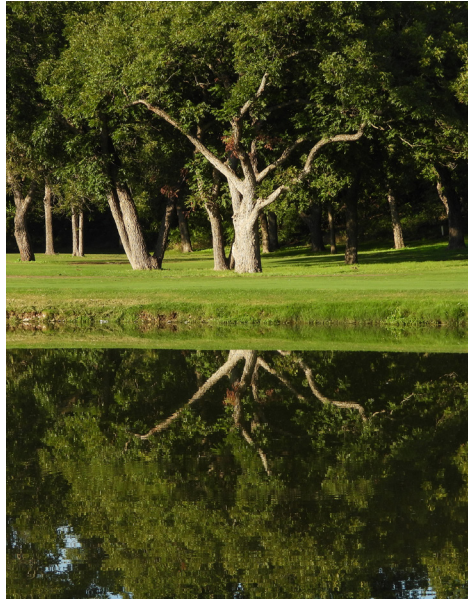
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quickly with an infinite amount of colors.” He employs several different programs to edit his photographs, “Photoshop is my usual go-to, or Paintshop Pro or Corel Painter 23 which I am using quite a bit more now. You can do lots and lots of stuff. I can keep different colors and textures. There is even a difference between ‘copy’ and ‘charcoal” Green then goes into an explanation of how artist’s charcoal and conté are derived. This curiosity about how life and how things work serve him well in his hobbies.

Green explains that you get a similar sensation when you employ a digital brush as you do if you were to employ a physical brush, and you can see the digital brush marks much like if you were painting with oil or acrylic.

Green’s advice to folks wanting to increase their skills is to look on YouTube, “I rely heavily on Youtube, It’s where I learned most of the stuff I know. It’s a good place to go for advice or a tutorial.”

When out taking photographs his weakness is note taking, he admits, but Green now employs a tool called ‘Lightroom’, “I may have been there (to a location) half a dozen times but I am terrible at notekeeping. ‘Lightroom’ solved that for me. You just turn on the GPS on your camera and it tells you where you are, it gives the coordinates and it pulls up the map.”

As for selling his images, marketing, it seems to Green it might take the joy out of the photography, “Anything I put on facebook, you are welcome to it (to print or copy). I say fine, go right ahead. I am flattered that they want a copy. I don’t worry about copyright.”

And as for golf Green says with amusement, “My golf cart has extended my amateur golf career by quite a few years because I don’t have to walk! You know Mark Twain said ‘golf is a good walk spoiled,’ but now we don’t walk it so much as we drive the golf course.”

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WHEN SHOULD CHILDREN TRICK-OR-TREAT WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION?

Kids go through many rites of passage throughout childhood. There is the first time they go to school and leave parents behind for several hours per day. Another rite is sleeping over at a friend or family member's house or even summer camp. Still another may be being allowed to attend a movie alone with a friend. Small rites of passage signify a child is getting older and is ready for more responsibility and trust. Such may be the case when parents conclude that their children are ready to engage in Halloween fun without an adult chaperone.

There is no set age when a child can walk around the neighborhood trick-or-treating unattended. Just as with other tests of responsibility, such as staying home alone or being able to ride bikes with friends, it is up to parents to gauge their youngsters' readiness. Halloween for older children often is less about candy and more about hanging out with friends. Therefore, parents probably needn't worry that their kids will be traveling solo since a large group of children will likely be visiting homes together. Many parents find that anywhere between ages 11 and 13 are good times to let their children go trick-or-treating with friends. However, this decision may be based on several factors.

TIME OF DAY

It's best to limit a first time trick-or-treating without parents to daylight hours. What looks familiar during the day may be less familiar after sunset. It's generally safer for kids to be out and about before night falls.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Parents should weigh the personalities of their kids' friends as well. For those who are assured that others in the group are mature and responsible, there's no need to continue to clip the proverbial wings of trick-or-treaters. But if parents are leery of any shenanigans that may take place, it may be better to wait things out a little longer.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Is the area relatively safe with limited vehicle traffic? If so, then parents may feel more comfortable letting kids on the younger range of that age spectrum trick-or-treat without them. Urban neighborhoods or ones where houses are separated by a lot of land may warrant some adult supervision.

CONSTANT CONTACT

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exactly where the child is at the time and can trace the route kids take. Many children get smartphones while young, which can alleviate concerns about getting in touch or keeping track of kids left to their own devices.

When to let kids go out trick-or-treating without adults is a decision each family needs to make based on their unique circumstances and preferences.



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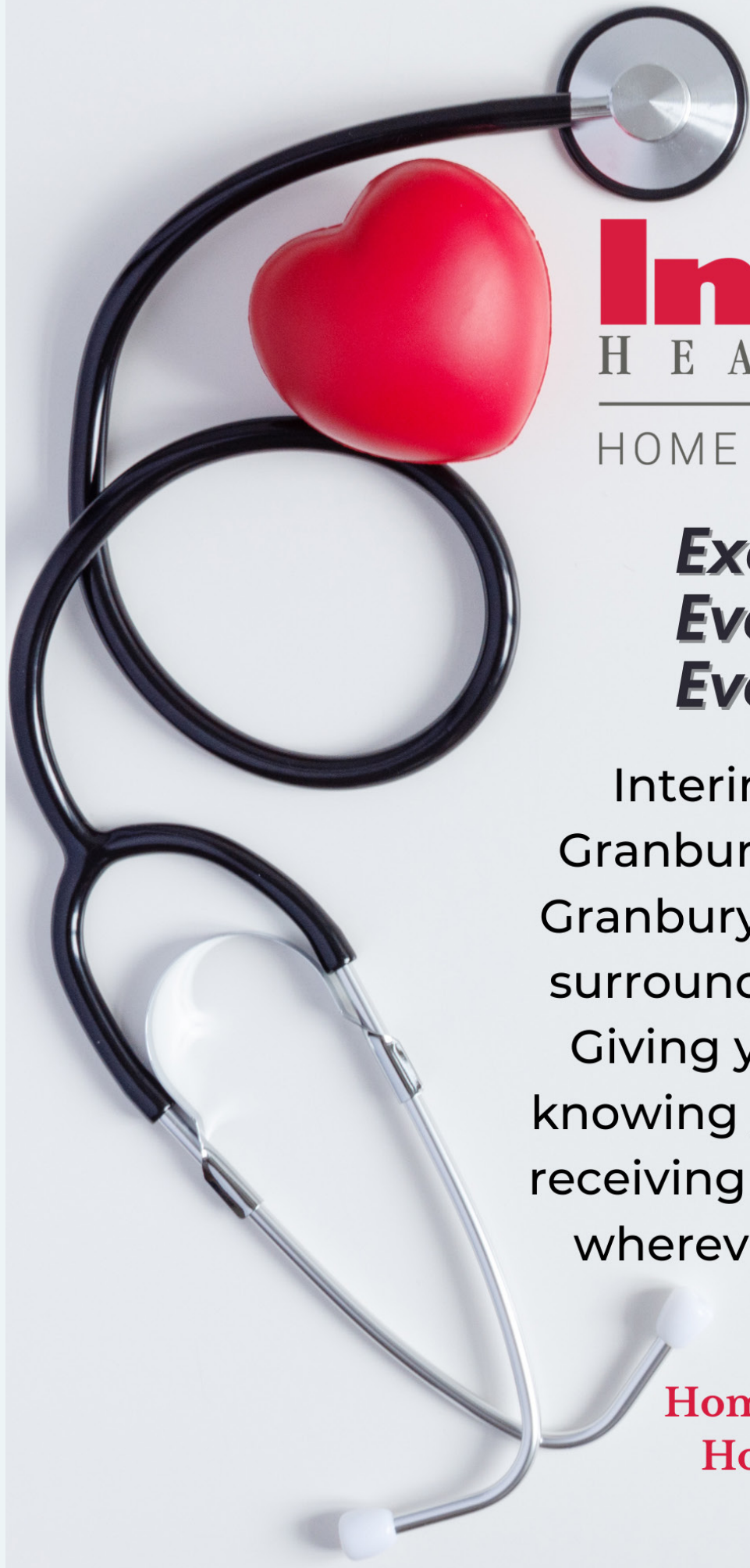
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GOLF COMMITTEE

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Larry Cordell reported on requests from Superintendent Ryan Reimer to conduct an aerification on the eighteen-hole course following the Club Benders tournament. A motion was made by Scott Mitchell to approve with amendment to the golf committee's recommendation for the quote from T&S management, LLC in the amount of \$7,090.38 for deep tine aerification with the schedule to be carried out the week of Sept. 10, seconded by Cathy Permenter; with all in favor the motion carried. The board of directors voted to deny a request from the committee to remove family weekday reservations from ForeTees noting this is an operational issue and should be managed by the staff accordingly.

FOOD & BEVERAGE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary Cathy Permenter
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Cathy Permenter updated the board that Sarah Ligon has accepted the position of Clubhouse Manager. The committee and team have placed a focus on food cost and inventories. Additional equipment has been ordered for the 19th hole to better service food orders. The new breakfast menu was launched last weekend and went very well being busy on both services.

MEMBERSHIP & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman, Vice President Bennie Hudgins
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Bennie Hudgins reported that the most recent membership orientation hosted six couples new to the neighborhood. The monthly presentation continues to improve each session.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary Kellen Zawadzki
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Kellen Zawadzki delivered updates for each of our recreational amenities. The committee has requested detailed financials for revenue brought in by each activity for review at their next scheduled meeting. The 5K race has been removed for this season with timing constraints to pursue vendors and sponsorships. The annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 3-6 p.m.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **BOARD MEETING**
5:00 p.m. Oct. 30
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David Zunker addressed the board on various items the committee is reviewing at this time. With one abstention and all others in favor the board approved the purchase of Villa Siete Apt, Lots 1-4 in the amount of \$43,352.40. The lots were brought before the board with the opportunity to purchase from a member. The board felt the offer showed great potential of future gain in investment to DCBE. The Board will decide at a later date what expectations or plans are to do with the properties. With all in favor, the board approved by recommendation of the Finance Committee an updated employee handbook as presented. Some aspects will be researched as to how other local clubs are addressing annual vacation accruals and carryovers, with possible amendment. With all in favor the board approved by recommendation of the Finance Committee to rebalance our Edward Jones portfolio reallocating investments with 50% in brokered CD's for a higher yield. The remainder shall be invested in the stock market with 50% in large cap, 25% in small cap and 25% internationally. An Ad-Hoc Committee will be formed to report to the Finance Committee risk management and asset insurance of all amenities ensuring proper coverage annually.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

Sean Grizzell reported on the committees meeting and tour of all facilities. Structure repair for the course pumphouse and demo of the condemned marina restroom have been identified for immediate response. The marina shoreline will be addressed and cleaned up by grounds maintenance staff in the coming weeks. A motion was made by Sean Grizzell to approve the addition of Jill Morgan to the FMOC committee, seconded by David Zunker; with all in favor the motion carried.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

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

The Board has requested that the committee review suspension authorities of the general manager and chief of security for addition to polices. After review of security footage by video, a motion was made by Cathy Permenter to suspend a member for 30 days and incur a \$500 violation for verbal misconduct of DCBE management personnel; seconded by Scott Mitchell, with all in favor the motion carried.



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Chairman, Cathy Permenter
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The board of directors met in a special called meeting with Association Counsel to review an incident at the club and discuss possible violations and suspensions. Cathy reported that the suggested by-law amendments to align with Texas Property Code will be delivered from the Attorneys office for review by Sept. 15.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chairman, Cody Garrison
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BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Chairman, Rick Phillips
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Seven architectural permits were approved by the committee.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COUNCIL

Chairman, President Doug Jones
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A motion was made by Cathy Permenter to approve the addition of Kellen Zawadzki to the Long-Range Committee, seconded by Larry Cordell; with all in favor the motion carried.

ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rick Phillips, Sean Grizzell, Scott Mitchell and Kellen Zawadzki were appointed to serve as the General Manager search committee. Board workshops will be held the second Monday of each month at 5 p.m. with Board meetings held the last Monday of each month at 5 p.m.



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THE LATEST ADDITIONS TO THE HALLOWEEN HORROR MOVIE CANON

Lovers of the fantastic and horrific often find there's no better time of year than the month of October to embrace all things terrifying. This is when homeowners adorn their homes with gruesome decor to get prepared for Halloween - a day of the year when it truly seems the door to the mysterious may be open. The weeks leading up to Halloween also are times when horror movies - both classic and newly released - take center stage.

Plenty of films will have viewers hiding behind their buckets of popcorn in the theater or gripping the sofa pillows at home. Here's a look at some recent offerings in the scary movie genre.

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

This film is a terror-filled adaptation of a popular video game. It centers around a nighttime security guard at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza who quickly learns that the animatronic mascots of the establishment are alive and filled with malice. The movie is poised to have a PG-13 rating, so it may prove a bit too scary for younger children even if they play the video game.

KNOCK AT THE CABIN

M. Night Shyamalan's newest thriller follows a small family whose vacation in the woods is interrupted by strangers who say the apocalypse is upon them unless one of the family members kills another. Dave Bautista has a standout role.

TALK TO ME

A group of friends discover how to conjure spirits using an embalmed hand. They quickly get hooked on the thrill of discovery, and one goes wild releasing terrifying supernatural forces.

EVIL DEAD RISE

A young aunt is stuck in an apartment complex while her sister becomes a Deadite who is determined to kill her own children. Gory scenes abound in this installment in the "Evil Dead" series.

INFINITY POOL

A psychological horror, this movie follows a couple on a vacation as they venture outside the resort. They meet a mysterious woman who introduces the couple to a culture of hedonism, horror and violence.

M3EGAN

Viewers looking for a film that mixes something a little scary, a little silly and a little heartfelt may find it when watching "M3EGAN." The titular character is a life-like doll programmed to be a child's companion and a parent's ally. But as horror movie fans know, you can't always trust dolls.

SCREAM VI

This long-running slasher series gives fans another installment. The main characters have moved to New York City only to find they are pursued by another Ghostface. Some great fight scenes keep viewers engaged.

THE NUN II

Sister Irene once again comes face-to-face with Valak, the demon nun who is responsible for murder and the spread of evil.

Horror fans can enjoy a new crop of thrilling and scary films this Halloween.



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DECORATING HOMES FOR HALLOWEEN

Drive through a suburban neighborhood in October and it's likely you will find yards filled with inflatable witches, animatronic grim reapers and makeshift graveyards bearing witty sayings on tombstone and bony hands reaching out from the soil. Decorating for Halloween has become big business, with consumers spending a collective \$10.6 billion in this category in the United States in 2022, according to a survey conducted by Prosper Insights & Analytics and the National Retail Federation. In fact, decorations, particularly outdoor decorations, were the second most popular way to celebrate Halloween (candy still reigns supreme).

According to research by LombardoHome.com, which looked at Google searches across the country, Las Vegas, Denver, Baltimore, Portland, Oregon, and Seattle were the top five states that searched the most for Halloween decorations on average per capita. Carved pumpkins, skeletons and witch cauldrons topped the list of preferred Halloween decorations in America.

Halloween is an opportunity to pull out all the stops for this fun fall celebration. The following tips can help to turn any home into a Halloween haunt to remember.

DECIDE ON A THEME

Most people fall into one of two camps when decorating for Halloween. There are those who want their homes to be frightening and full of horrific details, and others who prefer more of a fall harvest look. Identify your preferences and then gather decorative items accordingly.

SHOP EARLY/LATE

Ideally, the best time to buy Halloween decorations is the day after the holiday when prices get slashed (pun intended). This is the time to stock up on items for next year. You can save anywhere from 50 to 70 percent when buying late in the season. For those who need new items for this year's Halloween, close-out retailers like HomeGoods and TJ Maxx start putting out Halloween products in the middle of summer. Stock up as soon as you see items, as they're not likely to remain on shelves for long. By the time October rolls around, decorations may be gone.

SUBTLE TOUCHES CAN WORK

Though some people just love covering every square foot of a property with all things Halloween, it's also possible to make a big impact with minimal effort. Lighting, or lack thereof, can create a spooky atmosphere. Swap existing porch lights with yellow or even black lights so everything

glows. Candles flickering can add mystery. Place some battery-powered or electric candles in windows for an eerie feel. Swap out your typical curtains with purple or black ones to drape the house in even more spooky appeal.

WAIT ON THE CARVED PUMPKINS

Halloween seldom is complete without jack-o'-lanterns. But pumpkins often begin to degrade shortly after they're first carved. Use artificial pumpkins if you plan to decorate early; otherwise, wait until a day or two before Halloween to add freshly carved pumpkins to the Halloween scape. Children can come up with the design, but ensure only adults cut into the pumpkins.

Homeowners can quickly and easily transform their homes into spooky haunts this Halloween.



DID YOU KNOW?

Candy is a popular treat on Halloween. While trick-or-treaters will often accept just about any confection in their bags and buckets, certain products reign supreme across the United States and Canada, according to RetailMeNot and Halloween Alley. These include:

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A LOOK AT THE OLDEST HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

As with many celebrations, Halloween is steeped in traditions - many of which can be traced back quite some time. Since Halloween is believed to have originated from Celtic pagan, ancient Roman and early Christian events, its traditions are varied. The following is a deep look at some old traditions associated with Halloween.

BONFIRES

Historians trace many traditions of Halloween to a Celtic holiday known as Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts lived 2,000 years ago in parts of what is now Northern France, Great Britain and Ireland.

During Samhain, people believed that the door between the worlds of the living and the dead was blurred. On Samhain, Celts believed the ghosts of the dead returned. Also, Druids made predictions about the future at this time of year. It was customary to build large, sacred bonfires and burn crops and other sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

While large bonfires are not typically part of Halloween celebrations today, revelers can light fire pits in their yards that are reminiscent of ancient celebrations.

TRICK-OR-TREATING

Christianity spread throughout Celtic regions and blended with other rituals. Pope Gregory III expanded on a holiday Pope Boniface IV established to honor Christian martyrs to include all saints and martyrs. All Saints Day on November 1 commemorates the venerable saints, and All Souls Day on November 2 celebrates loved ones who went on to eternal rest. All-Hallows Eve (Halloween) was a time to pay homage to the dead. Poor children would go door to door in more affluent neighborhoods offering to say prayers for residents' deceased loved ones in exchange for some food

or money. This was known as "souling," which became the basis for trick-or-treating. Later the tradition became known as "guising" in areas of Scotland, where children would go around in costumes.

WITCHES

Images of witches riding broomsticks are everywhere come Halloween, and witch costumes remain a standard. Almanac.com indicates that, during the Middle Ages, women who practiced divination were dubbed "witches," from the Anglo-Saxon word "wicce," or "wise one." It was believed the witches could go into a trancelike state, and would do so in front of their fireplaces. Superstitious people believed the witches could fly out of their chimneys on broomsticks and terrorize others with magical deeds.

BOBBING FOR APPLES

Bobbing for apples is not quite as popular as it once was, as more people have become concerned about spreading germs. During the Roman festival for Pomona, which occurred around November 1, Pomona, the goddess of fruit and orchards, was celebrated. Romans believed the first person to catch a bobbing apple with his or her teeth would be the first to marry. It also was believed apple peels contained the secrets to true love.

CARVING PUMPKINS

Removing the insides of pumpkins and carving them into funny or fearsome faces may be messy work, but it's tradition on Halloween. Turnips were the material of choice in ancient Ireland, but were replaced by pumpkins when immigrants came to America. The "lanterns" were made with scary faces and lit to frighten away spirits.

Halloween is full of traditions, many of which have lengthy histories.



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WHY DO WE SAY "TRICK OR TREAT"?

Homeowners think nothing of having goblins, nurses, vampires, or astronauts showing up at their doors each October asking for candy. Any other time of the year and these visitors might be turned away. But Halloween is all about the magical and the macabre, and trick-or-treating is a major component of the festivities.

Kids and adults alike cry out "trick or treat" at each house they visit. Many utter this familiar phrase without a second thought and may have no idea how this familiar custom came to be.

During the Middle Ages, less fortunate individuals would go "souling," which was a process of going door-to-door

asking for food on Nov. 1 in return for saying prayers for the deceased on All Souls Day on Nov. 2.

Many centuries later, the tradition of "guising" began in Scotland around the same time of year. People began wearing masks and costumes to disguise themselves and prevent evil spirits from harming them. Spirits were thought

to cross over more readily around Halloween. The custom also was called "mumming" and was celebrated in nearby England and Ireland as well.

Costumes were eventually accompanied by hijinks. Mischief makers would sing a rhyme, do a card trick or tell a story in exchange for a treat. If that treat wasn't presented, a "trick" could be played. For 19th century children, tricks included jamming hot cabbage into a keyhole to stink up a house or frightening passersby.

History.com indicates that when European immigrants arrived in America, they didn't give up their annual mischief or requests for treats, and the custom spread throughout the early 20th century in the United States.

While the practice of begging for treats in some shape or form went by many names, Merriam-Webster reports that a newspaper in Saskatchewan, Canada first mentioned the words "treat" and "trick" together in print. A 1923 article indicated, "Hallowe'en passed off very quietly here. 'Treats' not 'tricks' were the order of the evening." By 1927, more and more children were uttering "tricks or treats" to solicit candy from their neighbors.

Trick-or-treating gained steam throughout the 1950s, with endorsements by major candy companies. The custom also was showcased in popular comic strips.

Even though there are tricks to be made on Halloween, treats are the real draw of the day.



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Costumes and candy are synonymous with Halloween. Individuals may spend weeks or months trying to come up with the perfect costumes for their trick-or-treating excursions or Halloween parties. Many children and adults also enjoy costume themes, in which they dress up to coordinate with others in their group.

There is always a steady selection of classic costumes that appeal to Halloween revelers, including vampires, cats, witches, and pirates. But one only need look to pop culture to come up with costumes unique to a particular year or era. The following are some costume ideas that figure to be wildly popular in 2023.

BARBIE®

Due to the release of the mid-summer motion picture "Barbie," starring Margot Robbie as the titular character and Ryan Gosling as "Ken," there are bound to be many pink-clad trick-or-treaters traveling through neighborhoods this fall. Barbie always has had an impressive wardrobe, so fans of the film can dress up in any of her signature looks.

ARIEL

Disney has reinvented many of its popular animated classics into live-action retellings, and "The Little Mermaid" took its turn this year. Life is more fun under the sea, so costumes for Ariel the mermaid and her underwater friends and foes figure to be popular.

CREED

Rocky's boxing spin-off series "Creed" gave fans its latest installment with "Creed III" in 2023. The boxing champ dons all-white or all-red color schemes in this movie, and fans may want to emulate that in their costumes.

GERALT OF RIVIA

"The Witcher" fandom is widespread, and viewers were treated to another season of the Netflix series this summer. This is the final season with Henry Cavill in the titular

role (Liam Hemsworth is reportedly set to take over), so fans may be inspired to dress the part for Halloween this year.

JIGSAW

"Saw X" will be released on October 27, and the Jigsaw Killer might be a choice for those looking to instill fear around the neighborhood.

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS

Fans took to the inspiring new Addams Family spinoff that explores life through Wednesday's eyes. With her signature black frocks and pigtails, it doesn't take much to look like this macabre teen.

NEPO BABY

The phrase "Nepo Baby" grew wings this year with the spotlight placed on many celebrity kids whose rise to fame may have been pushed along by their successful parents. All it takes is a pair of jeans and plain white T-shirt with "Nepo Baby" on the front to pull off this look.

TED LASSO

The main character from the Apple TV series potentially has made his last appearance on the pitch, as the most recent season, which premiered in March, is rumored to be the show's last. Nevertheless, Lasso's goofy, down-to-earth-isms and unique look will live on through those who wear his signature mustache, jacket and visor.

Halloween costumes run the gamut of classics and pop culture references. This year people are bound to see some common threads in neighborhoods across the country.



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	Current	Current Mo.		Year	YTD		Total Yr
	Month	Budget	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)	To Date	Budget	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget
TOTAL REVENUE	659,599	630,998	28,601	3,273,570	3,113,125	160,445	7,333,402
TOTAL COST OF SALES	121,433	69,006	(52,427)	479,072	332,240	(146,832)	732,468
GROSS PROFIT	538,166	561,992	(23,826)	2,794,498	2,780,885	13,613	6,600,934
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES	322,531	316,352	(6,179)	1,656,018	1,541,515	(114,503)	3,536,723
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	208,799	150,470	(58,329)	1,064,830	917,983	(146,847)	1,929,784
NET INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE DEPREC	6,836	95,170	(88,334)	73,650	321,387	(247,737)	1,134,427
TRANSFER TO RENOVATION CIP	(26,095)	(27,040)	(945)	(104,329)	(108,160)	(3,831)	(324,480)
TRANSFER TO GENERAL CIP	(24,944)	0	24,944	(24,944)	0	24,944	0
TOTAL NET INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE DEPRECIATION	(44,203)	68,130	(64,335)	(55,623)	213,227	(226,624)	809,947



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Total Cash Funds	\$1,030,450

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THE COMPLICATED CONNECTION BETWEEN BLACK CATS, WITCHES AND HALLOWEEN

Come October, it's hard to miss the many indelible images associated with Halloween. Homeowners may decorate their home exteriors with scarecrows, inflatable ghouls and goblins, and jack-o'-lanterns. Local businesses also may get in on the fun, offering "spooktacular" sales and decorating their storefronts with images of vampires, witches and other symbols of Halloween.

Black cats have become synonymous with Halloween decor, but few may know how this association came to be. According to History.com, the notion of black cats as bad omens can be traced to the Middle Ages. Back then, people believed witches avoided detection by turning themselves into black cats.

The perception of black cats as something more than mere felines may even pre-date the Middle Ages. For example, in Norse mythology, Freyja, a goddess of, among other things, a type of Late Scandinavian Iron Age magic known as "Seior," was believed to have ridden a chariot pulled by two cats. That connection to sorcery could explain the link between black cats and witches that continues to be made today.

Despite the lengthy history

suggesting black cats are bad

omens, it's not all bad for these dark-colored felines.

One researcher at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History found that Welsh folklore depicted black cats as harbingers of good luck, and even noted their ability to predict the weather.

Black cats are one of many symbols of Halloween. And much like jack-o'-lanterns and trick-or-treating, the story of how black cats came to be associated with Halloween is interesting and thought-provoking.





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HALLOWEEN

The Fall Festival is set and I have arranged for DCBE/Acton Fire Department, Texas EMS and CareFlite to be on hand. The CareFlite helicopter will land in the front lawn of the club next to the tennis courts.

TRICK OR TREAT

Please drive slowly and watch out for kids darting out in to traffic and remember to light your way when trick or treating at night.



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	Reports	NORV'	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	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		7		7		5
Misc. Traffic/Accident	1				6		3		1		2	1	2		2	
Hit/Broke Gate Arm	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	3	5	6	3	3	3	2
Parking/Temp. Parking			2		4		6	6		6	1	2	1	7	3	4
No Driver's License/INS.	2	1	1	1		1		3				2	2	2	1	1
Underage Driving		1		1		1			1	1	1	1	1	1		
Failure to Stop											1	1	1	1		1
Suspicious Vehicle					3											
Reckless Driving			1		1		1	2						1		
Animals																
Barking Dog	3		3	1	5		1						3		1	
Leash Law					2										3	
Aggressive Animal	1	1	2				1	1							3	
Incidents																
Curfew Violation			1													
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Burglary																
Medical Assists	11		15		9		21		29		6		6		10	
Misc. Rules Violations	2		3	2	3		1	7	1	6		8		6	6	6
Vandalism																
Noise Complaint	1				3						1		3			
False Alarm	1		2		2		3						2		1	
Failur to Comply	1	1								1	2	2	1	1	2	2
Assault																
Unauthorized Entry	5	2			3	1	4	4	6		4	4	2	2	2	2
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Fireworks/Firearms	2												3	3		
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Fire	1		2													
Burning on Propertv	1	1														
Suspicious Person	1		1		3		1				1		1		1	
Lost Child																
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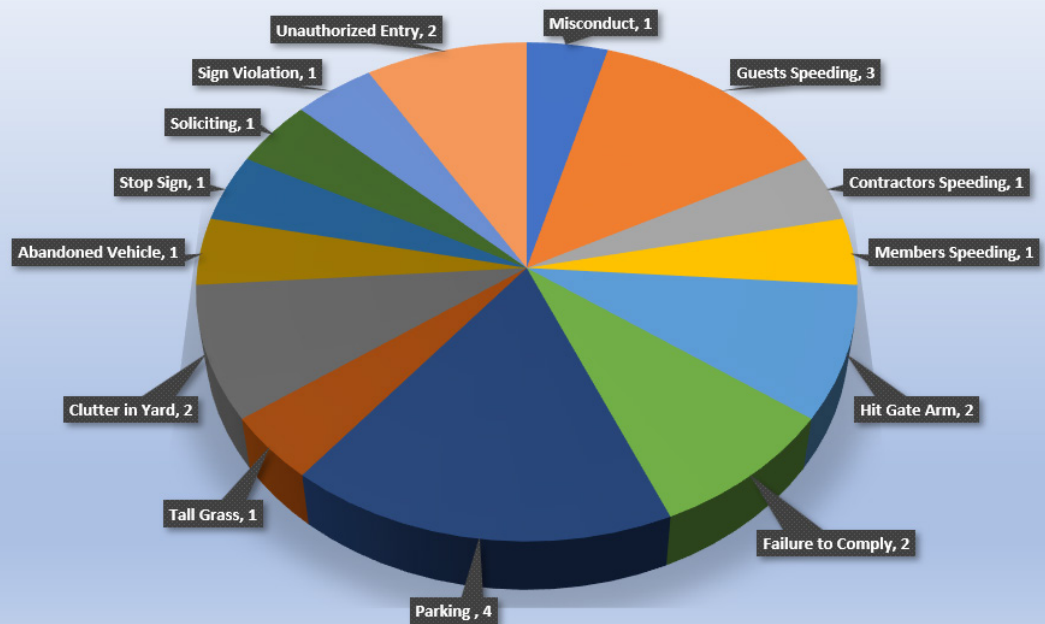
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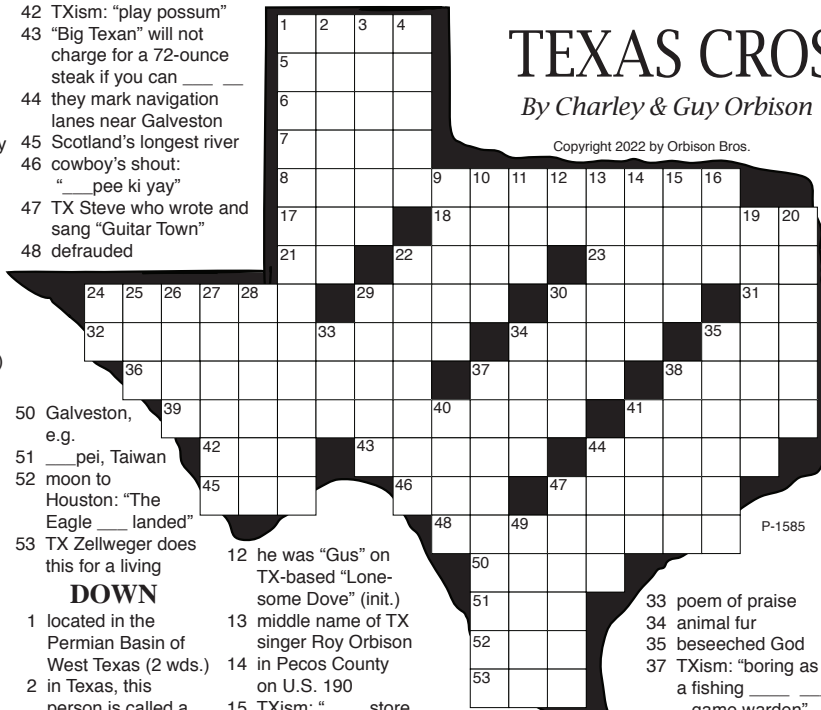
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ACROSS

- 1 James Bowie was carried across the Alamo line on this (2 wds.)
- 5 if you add an "h" it's a 9-time Grammy winner from Texas
- 6 gunfighter's "quick _____"
- 7 TX "Tarzan" Ely, et al.
- 8 father children? (2 wds.)
- 17 Scottish "little"
- 18 Six Flags has 300-foot-tall one (2 wds.)
- 21 TX George H.W. to George W. (abbr.)
- 22 data trans. for optical fiber(abbr.)
- 23 actress Bacall of "Duke's" last film "The Shootist"
- 24 emphasis typeface
- 29 Canyon High football class
- 30 male deer
- 31 TX Nolan Ryan has record for ___-hitters
- 32 burger option: "put a _____"
- 34 Santa Anna's San Jacinto disguise
- 35 a meeting between a teacher, mom, and dad (abbr.)
- 36 raider, plunderer
- 37 Davy's home st.
- 38 TX Roddenberry's "Star _____"
- 39 Florida resort complex (2 wds.)
- 41 male pigs

- 42 TXism: "play possum"
- 43 "Big Texan" will not charge for a 72-ounce steak if you can _____
- 44 they mark navigation lanes near Galveston
- 45 Scotland's longest river
- 46 cowboy's shout: "_____ pee ki yay"
- 47 TX Steve who wrote and sang "Guitar Town"
- 48 defrauded

- 50 Galveston, e.g.
- 51 _____pei, Taiwan
- 52 moon to Houston: "The Eagle _____ landed"
- 53 TX Zellweger does this for a living

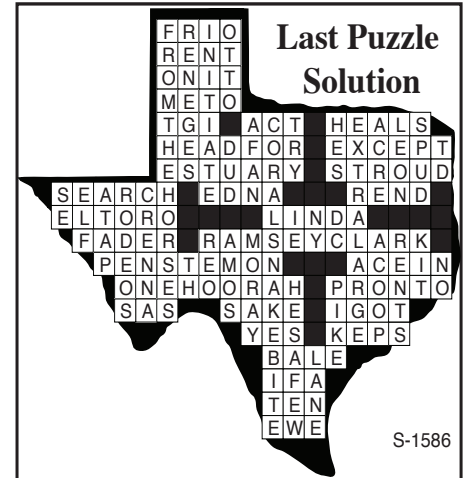
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- 1 located in the Permian Basin of West Texas (2 wds.)
- 2 in Texas, this person is called a medical examiner
- 3 the easternmost city in Texas
- 4 whip used to spank Scottish school kids
- 9 give a silent ok to another (2 wds.)
- 10 TXism: "_____ little horse trading" (negotiated)
- 11 UT grad Wallach

- 12 he was "Gus" on TX-based "Lonesome Dove" (init.)
- 13 middle name of TX singer Roy Orbison
- 14 in Pecos County on U.S. 190
- 15 TXism: "_____ store cowboy" (dude)
- 16 respectful response to a man: "yes _____"
- 19 arenas for Texas pro basketball
- 20 "school of hard _____"
- 22 golf course area before a green
- 24 late hit by 13-down: "You Got _____" (1989)

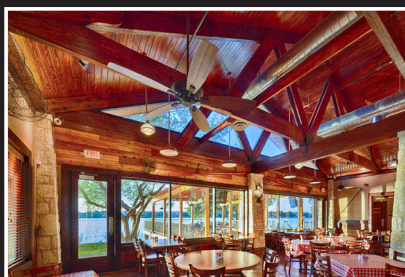
- 25 _____ Green County
- 26 TX "Old Yeller" became _____ dog
- 27 loop of rope to throw on a cow
- 28 in Hill County, off I-35W
- 29 TXism: "bat _____lash" (blink)
- 30 "_____ the Light"
- 33 poem of praise
- 34 animal fur
- 35 beseeched God
- 37 TXism: "boring as a fishing _____game warden"
- 38 TX Annette O'_____ was in 1990 TV horror drama "It"
- 40 this TX Williams founded "The Temptations"
- 41 actor lves of epic "The Big Country"
- 44 "bid" past tense
- 47 join the army
- 49 son of Abraham

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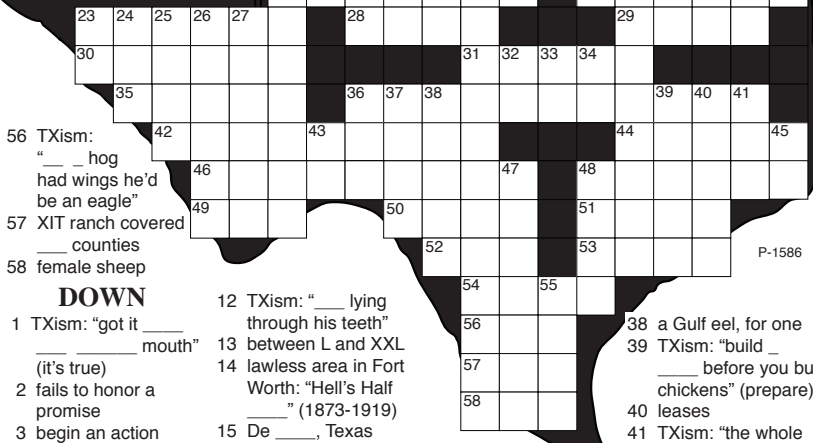
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- 1 Pearsall is the seat of this county
- 5 monthly lodging expense
- 6 TXism: "chew ___ awhile" (think about)
- 7 TXism: "suits ___ a fare-three-well"
- 8 Dallas-based chain: ___ Friday's
- 9 what TX Tommy Lee Jones does for a living
- 12 restores to health
- 17 TXism: "use your ___ something besides a hat rack" (think)
- 19 Lorrie Morgan tune: "___ for Monday" (1991)
- 21 "Laguna Madre," e.g.
- 22 actor Don of "The Buddy Holly Story"
- 23 TX Morgan Fairchild got start on "___ for Tomorrow"
- 28 Jackson County seat
- 29 rip apart
- 30 "the bull" in Mexico
- 31 this Gray was Sue Ellen on "Dallas"
- 35 device to vary the intensity of light
- 36 LBJ's Attorney General (2 wds.)
- 42 a type of native Texas wildflower
- 44 TX George Strait hit: "___ the Hole"
- 46 single shout of approval (2 wds.)

- 48 TXism: "plenty ___" (quick)
- 49 Texas maker of handcrafted shoes
- 50 "for old times' ___"
- 51 TXism: "___ sheared like a spring lamb" (was swindled)
- 52 "si" south of the border
- 53 Eagle Pass AM station
- 54 hay bundle



- 56 TXism: "___ hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
- 57 XIT ranch covered ___ counties
- 58 female sheep

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "got it ___ (it's true) mouth"
- 2 fails to honor a promise
- 3 begin an action
- 4 this Preminger directed TX Prentiss in "In Harm's Way"
- 9 Cowboy zealot (2 wds.)
- 10 this causes a very serious medical situation, and could be fatal (3 wds.)
- 11 TXism: "___ every trick in the book"

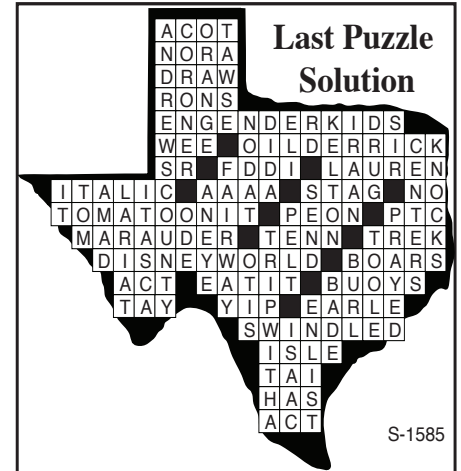
- 12 TXism: "___ lying through his teeth" between L and XXL
- 13 lawless area in Fort Worth: "Hell's Half ___" (1873-1919)
- 15 De ____, Texas
- 16 tater
- 18 oil well failure
- 20 it's worth six points in football (abbr.)
- 23 dir. from Crockett to Orange
- 24 Santa's helper
- 25 what law enforcement might put on a telephone (2 wds.)
- 26 cowboy contests

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Puzzle solution for Crossword Puzzle on page 51.



- 38 a Gulf eel, for one
- 39 TXism: "build ___ before you buy chickens" (prepare)
- 40 leases
- 41 TXism: "the whole ___ and caboodle"
- 43 this Henke was a Ranger closer (init.)
- 45 TXism: "close but ___ cigar"
- 47 TXism: "___ bricks shy of a load"
- 48 diving position
- 55 TX Phyllis Coats has portrayed this Superman girlfriend Lois

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