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Avg. Sq. Ft List Price	\$214.83
Homes Under Contract Not Closed	8
Average Sold/Closed Price (2 Sales)	\$1,073,750
Avg. Sq. Ft. Sold/Closed Price	\$325.90
Average Days on Market	38



Based on figures from the NTRDIS Multiple Listing Service, Sept. 6 to Oct. 1 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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### FALL HAS FALLEN

November ushers in the holiday season. Veterans Day and Thanksgiving lead to Christmas and New Years. Let's take a chance to soak in all that November has to offer: crisp mornings, changing colors, and a spirit of thankfulness.

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## FIND THE GOLF BALL

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

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

Email your guess and contact info to [fairway@hcnews.com](mailto: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: Misty Tucker - Insurance Agent, Page 41

LAST MONTH'S WINNER: Olivia Stewart

## 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?

See something that makes you think "that ought to be in the magazine"? Send us ideas for stories or photos of friends, family, nature, wildlife, sports action, special moments, and you might see it in print!

A few tips: Photos should be high quality JPGs—at least 4x6 inches at 300 dpi. If you are sending them from a smart device, choose "Actual Size" or "Original Size" to send. Low resolution, out of focus, inappropriate or otherwise poor-quality photos, or those that have been heavily edited or filtered, will not be published.

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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

### 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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# November 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 MGA	2 LGA GUEST DAY	3	4 Saturday Gangsome
5 Sunday Couples	6 7 Fall Pre-Emerge application		8 9 MGA RYDER CUP		10	11 Saturday Gangsome <small>VERTERANS DAY</small>
12 Sunday Couples	13	14	15 MGA	16 LGA	17	18 Saturday Gangsome
19 Sunday Couples	20	21	22 MGA GUEST & FAMILY DAY	23 Pro Shop Closed Thanksgiving	24 <small>Black Friday</small>	25 No Saturday Gangsome
26 NO Sunday Couples	27	28	29 MGA	30 LGA	<b>PRO SHOP CHRISTMAS                  SALE                  On Friday, Dec. 8th</b>	

The Season is NOT OVER..... **TOYS FOR TOTS** on Dec. 2nd



# SASSY DIVAS DCBE BOOK CLUB

The Sassy Divas DCBE Book Club will meet on from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 in the Community Room of the United Co-Op, located at 320 Fall Creek Hwy. We will discuss "The Boys From Biloxi," a legal thriller by John Grisham.

Grisham creates a riveting plot showing how unpredictable life is for two childhood friends. As teenagers, they chose different paths and are pitted against each other in this courtroom showdown.

For more information, please contact: Pat Stevens at ps73@windstream.net



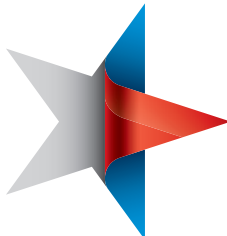
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# November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Price Wine</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGA Guest Day</li> <li>• Family Buffet Night</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prime Rib Night</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live Music</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brunch</li> </ul>		<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opera Guild Luncheon</li> <li>• Taco Tuesday</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bingo</li> <li>• Half Price Wine</li> </ul>		<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prime Rib Night</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterans Day Dinner</li> </ul>
<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brunch</li> </ul>		<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taco Tuesday</li> <li>• Women's Club Bunco</li> </ul>	<b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Price Wine</li> <li>• Women's Club TX Hold 'em</li> <li>• Women's Club Luncheon</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November Birthday Night</li> </ul>	<b>17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prime Rib Night</li> </ul>	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-year Membership Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brunch</li> </ul>		<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taco Tuesday</li> <li>• City Council Meeting</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Price Wine</li> <li>• Thanksgiving To Go Pickups</li> </ul>	<b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanksgiving DCBE Brunch</li> </ul>		
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# November



### ATTENTION ALL LADY GOLFERS

We play every Thursday and most of the members stay for lunch after. This is a great way to meet other golfers and make lifelong friends with your neighbors.

We have a group that plays 9 holes and one that plays 18 holes. There is a place for all skill levels.

Membership forms are available in the pro shop. Dues are \$35 annually or \$17.50 for remainder of this year.

Please come join us!

### 9 A.M. START TIME

- November 2** Guest Day - 1 low gross, 1 low net-flighted
- November 9** Meeting-Durant - Scramble-ABCD
- November 16** Turkey Trot - Gross/Net-Flighted
- November 23** No Play - Thanksgiving
- November 30** Mystery 9 - Flighted - (last day to post score for EOY awards)

### Congratulations to our 2023 LGA Championship Winners:

- Sonja Dildy - 18 Hole Winner
- Virginia Sanders - 9 Hole Winner

### Save the Date

- December 7** Christmas Party/Awards-11:30 a.m.

### FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DCBE LGA

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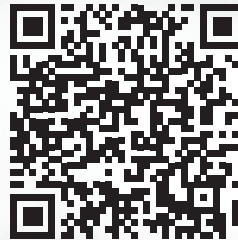
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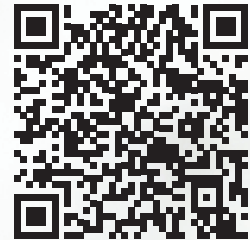
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November

*The birthday dinner for November is Thursday, November 16.*



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RICHARD KING  
JAMIE LAWRENCE  
TIM O'NEAL  
TERESA SCHLOEMAN

**November 2**

EMILY BLOCKER  
JOHN CHADWELL  
RENEE DEATON  
CAMMY JOHNSON  
JOHN YOUNG  
CHERYL WITTE

**November 3**

GUS BATES, III  
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DOUGLAS HICKMAN  
SARAH LIGON  
COURTNEY PLASH  
ANNETTE SHIFFLETT  
TERRY LYNN WOODS  
CYNTHIA BAIRD

**November 4**

DANIEL BLOHOWIAK  
JEFFEREY BOND  
JAIME HANDY  
W.H. PRICE

**November 5**

DIAN HORNELL  
SHARON LEBSACK  
GENA MORRIS  
CHAD WHITE  
THOM WHITLOCK

**November 6**

ANGIE COUTO  
JOHN FEATHERSTON  
CHRIS FINE  
GRANT LANTZ  
TINA THOMAS

**November 7**

RON COPE  
LISA HAMNER  
JACOB LOCKE  
CAROLYN RILEY  
HENRY STOGNER  
STEPHANIE WILLIAMS  
ADELE YOUNG

**November 8**

SYDNEE BERTUCCI  
DIANNA COCANOUR  
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KELLY MEARNS  
ALESSANDRA OLMEDOLARA  
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**November 9**

BARBARA BURNETT  
SIERRA FALLIN  
WAYNELL HARRIS  
AMY KING  
TODD LAPPE  
SHAWN PEACOCK  
GARY ROSE

**November 10**

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COLBY DITTO  
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BRIAN GROVES  
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JAMES MURPHY  
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THALIA ELLIS  
ROXANNE MARKHAM  
EVA PUGH  
RACHEAL RUIZ  
STEFANIE D TAYLOR  
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**November 12**

PAULA ALLISON  
WAYNE BOGAN  
CATHY CHARLES  
SANDRA GOODWIN  
NANCY PRIDDY  
LEE STONE

**November 13**

CARLA DAUGHERTY  
DEIRDRE HENDERSON  
TERRY KINNEY  
MARY MARTIN  
LINDA OELLER  
JAN RICHARDS  
SHELLEY ROWE  
ANNA NGUYEN  
BRENT TERRY

**November 14**

MARCI BARTON  
JOHN BROOKS  
JUDY GOFORTH  
KAREN REAGAN  
ANDREW SHRIWISE  
ELVIA TAMAYO  
RANDY HOLSON

**November 15**

NANCY DEMENT  
JOSH MCGINNIS

**November 16**

PATRICIA BAINER  
ELIZABETH BAYLER  
JAMIE SWANBERG

**November 17**

RANDY BRADDOCK  
KAREN CHAPPELL  
JANET CROWELL  
NICOLE MANFRE  
DOROTHY HAWKINS  
KRIS KANNEL  
DEBBIE KNIGHT  
SHAWN MORGAN  
WILL POULSON  
SHAWNESSY RANSOM  
ANNETTE SEARS  
ANNELL WILLIAMS

**November 18**

GAYLE CURTIS

**November 19**

KATHERINE BOWMAN  
LYNDA CORRELL  
PAM PARKS  
KATHY PEMBERTON  
JENNIFER PYLES  
MARY LYNN RIVARD  
CHRISTOPHER ANTRIM

**November 20**

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**November 24**

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**November 25**

ERIC AUSTIN  
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TASCOS INVESTMENTS

**November 26**

CONCETTA CLEVELAND  
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GALA HARVEY  
RICHARD WATSON  
LINDA YARBROUGH

**November 27**

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EILEEN HALL  
DARLA HOUP  
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WILLIAM LEISURE  
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**November 28**

JAY FOSTER  
KACI GEISSLER  
JUDY A. LARSON  
EMMA LEISING  
LARRY LOWRANCE  
EMILY LOW  
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DARRELL WILLIAMS

**November 29**

SANDY ASHLEY  
TRAVIS BENSON  
JADEN COUTO  
ORLANDO MARTINEZ  
RITA PRINCE  
LISA ROBERTSON  
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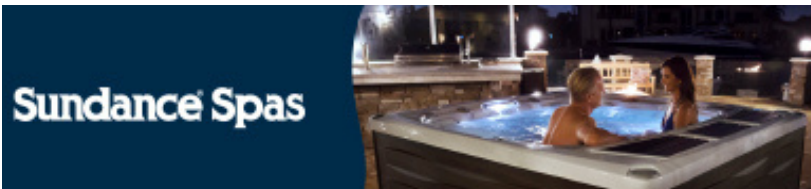
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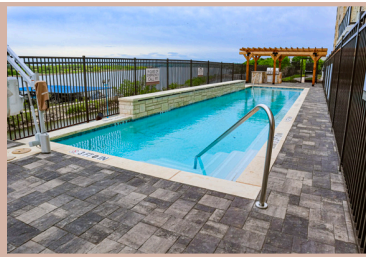
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## GIVE A BELOVED SIDE DISH A FRESH NEW TASTE THIS THANKSGIVING



A typical Thanksgiving dinner table is loaded with familiar foods. Turkey, of course, takes center stage, but side dishes also garner their fair share of attention during Thanksgiving dinner.

Hosts don't have much room to experiment when preparing turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. Though turkey can be roasted, slow cooked, smoked, or even fried, recipes for seasoning the bird are likely to feature

similar ingredients. Hosts have much more leeway when it comes to side dishes. New and bold flavors can add a little something special to side dishes this Thanksgiving, and guests might appreciate a break from the norm.

That's just what this recipe for "Irresistible Basil Mashed Potatoes" from Marlena Spieler's "Yummy Potatoes" (Chronicle Books) provides. The fresh basil can add some unique flavor to a beloved side dish.

### IRRESISTIBLE BASIL MASHED POTATOES

*Serves 4 to 6*

- ◆ 2 pounds floury, baking-type potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- ◆ Salt
- ◆ 2 to 3 cups fresh basil leaves of any type (2 to 3 ounces - a nice big bunch)
- ◆ 2 cups heavy (whipping) cream or half-and-half
- ◆ 4 tablespoons butter
- ◆ Black pepper

1. Place the potatoes in a saucepan and fill with water to cover. Add a big pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and cook, covered, for about 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are just tender. Drain, return to the heat and shake for a few minutes to dry them out; turn off the heat, cover the pan and keep warm.

2. Meanwhile, blanch the basil. Plunge it into a saucepan of boiling water, cook a moment or two until the leaves wilt and slightly change color and lift out of the pot using a slotted spoon, then plunge into a bowl of ice water. Leave for about five minutes or until it turns brightly colored, then lift from the ice water.

3. Heat the cream in a saucepan until bubbles form around the edge of the pan.

4. Squeeze the basil in your hands gently to rid it of excess water from cooking. Place in a food processor and whirl to purée. Slowly pour the hot cream into this puréed basil and whirl until it forms a fragrant, pale green cream.

5. Coarsely mash the potatoes with a masher, then add the basil cream and mash it in; work in the butter, and season to taste with salt and pepper. If you're serving duck or lamb, serve the potatoes with a drizzle of the port reduction around the edge.



As the Christmas Season approaches, we are once again reminded of our many blessings. One of which is living in DeCordova Bend Estates, where we enjoy a secure and cheerful community of relaxed living, away from the hassles of the city. Life is indeed good here in DCBE. Our employees are, of course, an integral part of this lifestyle, serving us with a smile and a helping hand throughout the year. We may not know them all personally, but they all contribute to the good life we enjoy. A pleasant way to express our appreciation to them is by making a contribution to the Employee Christmas Fund.

All the money contributed to the Fund is given only to the hourly employees in each department: security, kitchen, lounge, wait-staff, streets and grounds, general office and golf course. The General Manager, Department Heads and Golf Professional do not participate in this Fund. It is solely for the hourly personnel that work directly for DCBE.

If you wish to participate in the Employee Christmas Fund, we ask that you complete the section below showing your gift amount and signature. Please follow the instructions regarding how you wish to be billed and return to the club offices. Your Christmas contributions have always been generous, and we urge you to continue this tradition and make this year a special one for yourself and our employees.



**Wishing you and yours Happy Holidays!**

**Doug Jones**

*Interim General Manager &  
President, DCBE Board of Directors*



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Fireball Whiskey, Rumchata, served over ice or as a shot

## **Blueberry Lemon Drop Martini \$8**

Blueberry Vodka, Fresh Lemon Juice, Simple Syrup, Sugar Rimmed Glass

## **Peach Old Fashioned \$11**

Makers Mark Bourbon, Peach Bitters, Simple Syrup, Big Rock, Cinnamon Stick

## **Spiced Irish Cold Brew Coffee \$10**

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# CITY BEAT



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*A Message from  
Mayor Dave Hanson  
October 2023*

[On the right] is the approved budget for your city, year 2024. We are fortunate to continue allocating funds to both the EMS and Fire departments as well as the owners association. We also received funds from the American Cares Act that allow us to support our city in specified ways allowed by the fund. Collaborating with the owners association and within the applied rules, we will decide where we are able to help with certain projects needed over this next year.


We completed our audit for the past year with positive results thanks to our diligent council members and staff. We applied for and received \$4,325.05 in revenue as reported from an opioid settlement this past year. These

funds were direct deposited into our general fund and are designated for the city's operations.

We are elated to announce to all that we now have office space and a home for records and files in the club house. Thank you to all involved in making this happen.

We will be happy to meet with anyone by appointment. Please feel free to reach out to myself or our secretary Marla Frye. Our contact numbers are available on the city website.

Thank you for your support,  
Dave Hanson



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## City of DeCordova Budget 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024

	Budget 10/1/2023 9/30/2024	Year To Date 10/1/2022 7/31/2023	Budget Remaining	Budget 10/1/2023- 9/30/2024
FNB - Certificates of Deposit		\$ 40,350.54		
FNB - Checking Account		\$ 238,243.47		
<b>Total Beginning Cash</b>		<b>\$ 278,594.01</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>				
United Coop Services-Electric	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 108,760.83	\$ (18,760.83)	\$ 96,019.00
United Coop Services-Internet		\$ 2,515.87		\$ 2,515.00
Texas Comptroller	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,925.20	\$ 74.80	\$ 7,000.00
CD and Now Interest	\$ 200.00	\$ 512.51	\$ (312.51)	\$ 600.00
Opioid Lawsuit		\$ 4,325.05		
Money Market Interest	\$ 25.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 22.50	\$ -
Carry over from prior yr - Parks & Rec	\$ 5,000.00			
Proceeds from Sale of Assets		\$ 2,580.00	\$ (2,580.00)	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 102,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 125,621.96</b>	<b>\$ (23,396.96)</b>	<b>\$ 106,134.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Animal Control	\$ 2,183.00	\$ 2,183.00	\$ -	\$ 1,980.00
Audit & Acct. Services	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 811.27	\$ 8,188.73	\$ 10,200.00
Bond - Liability Insur	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,759.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 2,800.00
Bond - Secretary	\$ 200.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 80.00
Budget & Bid Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ 31.13	\$ 168.87	\$ 200.00
Contingencies	\$ 500.00	\$ 51.63	\$ 448.37	\$ 500.00
Contract Labor / Office Space	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,831.00	\$ 1,169.00	\$ 12,000.00
Directional Signage	\$ 900.00	\$ 756.25	\$ 143.75	\$ 800.00
Election	\$ 642.00	\$ -	\$ 642.00	\$ 2,500.00
Filing Fees, etc.	\$ 400.00	\$ 249.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 400.00
Fire Dept Calls - EMS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Fire Dept Services - VFD	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,200.00
Offe Spply / Maps / Cps	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 989.83	\$ 1,010.17	\$ 1,000.00
Parks and Recreation	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Postage / Box Rental	\$ 300.00	\$ 390.60	\$ (90.60)	\$ -
Security Contract - OA	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
Survey & Map Reproduction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TX Mun League Dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,024.00
Website	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,122.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 1,450.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 102,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,646.71</b>	<b>\$ 24,578.29</b>	<b>\$ 106,134.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Ending Bank Balance		07/31/23		
Ending CD's Balance		\$ 40,350.54		
Ending Checking Balance		\$ 238,243.47		
<b>TOTAL ENDING CASH</b>		<b>\$ 278,594.01</b>		



# THESE TIPS CAN HELP MAKE TURKEY TERRIFIC

Sweet potatoes may be stars; cornbread dressing a contender. Dinner rolls are divine and green bean casserole a go-to. But Thanksgiving dinner isn't complete without turkey.

Even in households that don't eat meat, plant-based turkey alternatives find their way onto the dinner table in a nod to Thanksgiving tradition. Given the emphasis placed on the main course each Thanksgiving, cooking a turkey can be intimidating. These turkey-cooking tips can calm anyone's nerves and result in a mouth-watering main course.

## ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR THAWING

Some people may not be able to buy a fresh turkey, and millions of individuals purchase frozen turkeys each year. The Food Network says it can take 24 hours per every five pounds to thaw a turkey. Therefore, if you have a 15-pounder, allow for three days for thawing. Always thaw a turkey in a refrigerator.

## GET THE RIGHT SIZE BIRD

The general rule of thumb is 1 pound (uncooked) to 1 and 1/2 pounds of turkey per person if you're buying a whole turkey. Rather than purchasing the largest turkey you can find for a large crowd, consider two smaller turkeys or one turkey and one breast to make cooking more even. Smaller birds are more tender as well.

## ADJUST THE TEMPERATURE

The food and cooking resource TheKitchn advises preheating an oven to 450 F, then dropping the temperature to 350 F after putting the turkey into the oven. Cook, on average, 13 minutes per each pound of turkey. The turkey is done when it registers a minimum temperature of 165 F in the thickest part of the thigh.

## TO BRINE OR NOT TO BRINE?

Many food fanatics swear by brining turkey to achieve more moist and flavorful meat. However, a wet brine may not lead to the crispiest skin possible. Good Housekeeping suggests trying a dry brine instead. This involves rubbing salt all over the raw turkey, placing the bird into a large plastic bag, and refrigerating overnight or up to two days before cooking; otherwise, purchase a kosher turkey, which already has been salted from the inside out.

## AVOID STUFFING THE BIRD

Rather than stuffing the turkey and cooking everything en masse, prepare the stuffing mixture separate from the turkey. This reduces the risk of contamination from the turkey's raw juices and helps to achieve a crispy coating on the stuffing guests will enjoy.

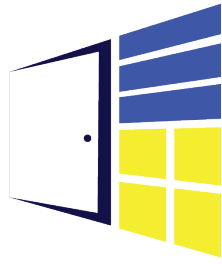
## MAKE AN AROMATIC ROASTING RACK

Turkeys typically are placed on a metal rack for cooking so the juices do not cause the turkey to stick to the pan. However, you also can cut onions and lay them with a bed of whole celery stalks and carrots to elevate the roast. This creates extra flavor in the bird and the vegetables also can be served or mixed into the stuffing.

Some turkey-roasting techniques can ensure a moist and flavorful main course this Thanksgiving.







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# STAY SAFE THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING

The evening before Thanksgiving may be crunch time for holiday hosts. However, for the hordes of college students arriving home for the first long break since the semester began, that night is often seen as a chance to let loose with friends close to home.

The night before Thanksgiving goes by many names, including Blackout Wednesday, Drinksgiving, Wacky Wednesday, and even Whiskey Wednesday. MADD and many local law enforcement authorities warn that this day has become associated with binge drinking and additional dangerous behaviors that can put individuals at risk. In fact, MADD says that Blackout Wednesday is one of the most fatal days of the year, even when compared to New Year's Eve or St. Patrick's Day. Easy accessibility to liquor (as parents likely are stocking their supplies in advance of holiday entertaining), coupled with no school or work responsibilities, can give college students free reign to party. Furthermore, certain bars or entertainment establishments may offer promotions on the night before Thanksgiving to appeal to returning students or even others who want to let loose before the Thanksgiving weekend.

Thankfully, there are many ways to make the evening before Thanksgiving a bit safer.

## KEEP ALCOHOL OUT OF REACH

Parents may need to police their young adults by making alcoholic beverages less accessible to those who are not yet legally eligible to drink. Lock up liquor cabinets and do not try to be the "cool parents" by offering to buy or serve underage drinkers. There's a very real legal risk should you serve an underage drinker and he or she goes on to get hurt or injure someone else.

## CHOOSE DESIGNATED DRIVERS

Those who are 21 are free to drink, but reminders should be made to never get behind the wheel while intoxicated. Arrange for a rideshare vehicle or offer to pick up a loved one if need be.

## OFFER TO HOST FRIENDS

Your college student can be encouraged to invite people over for refreshments and entertainment that does not revolve around drinking alcohol. Hosting such a gathering means you can keep tabs on your own child.

## AVOID PACKED ESTABLISHMENTS

Encourage your child to skip bars or restaurants that are packed with other students to reduce the pressure to drink heavily.

## GO OUT WITH AN ACCOUNTABILITY BUDDY

Ria Health suggests students look out for one another and embrace the buddy system. This way one student can stop the other if he or she is being irresponsible. Binge drinking can result in memory issues, unsafe sex, fights, sexual assault, and alcohol poisoning. People who binge drink often also may develop a dependence on alcohol.

## KEEP THINGS OPEN AND HONEST

Foster a strong relationship with your child so there is comfort in communicating. Those who are nervous about contacting parents if they become intoxicated may take risks rather than calling home.

Going out drinking has become the norm for many college students returning home prior to Thanksgiving. It's important that safety be a priority.



# GESTURES ANYONE CAN EMBRACE IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS

Veterans Day (United States) is commemorated each year on November 11. The holiday honors the individuals who served in the armed forces.

Community-wide events tend to be held on November 11, but any day of the year is a good time to pay respect to veterans. On a local level, people can do much to thank veterans for their service and sacrifice.

## **PROVIDE A FREE RESTAURANT MEAL**

Offer to take out a veteran for breakfast, lunch or dinner. If you see a veteran eating in a restaurant, anonymously pay the bill for that person.

## **SEND CARE PACKAGES**

Communities can gather resources and chip in to make care packages for veterans who live in town, and even to send to troops stationed elsewhere. Include foods and comforts from home.

## **BUY FROM VETERANS**

Seek out veteran-owned businesses in the area, and then make purchases from their retail stores or utilize their services.

## **VOLUNTEER AT A VA HOSPITAL**

Spend time with veterans where they receive care for current health needs or past injuries suffered in combat.

## **DECORATE CEMETERIES**

Honor fallen veterans by placing flowers or flags by their gravesites.

## **PARTICIPATE IN A PARADE**

If your town hosts a Veterans Day parade, find out how you can volunteer or be a part of it. Oftentimes parade officials enable youth groups, such as high school marching bands or scouting troops, to participate in the parade.

## **WRITE TO THE NEWSPAPER**

Write an op-ed or highlight piece to submit to the newspaper about veterans in the community. Mention local veterans who have unique stories, or speak about the importance of veterans to the community.

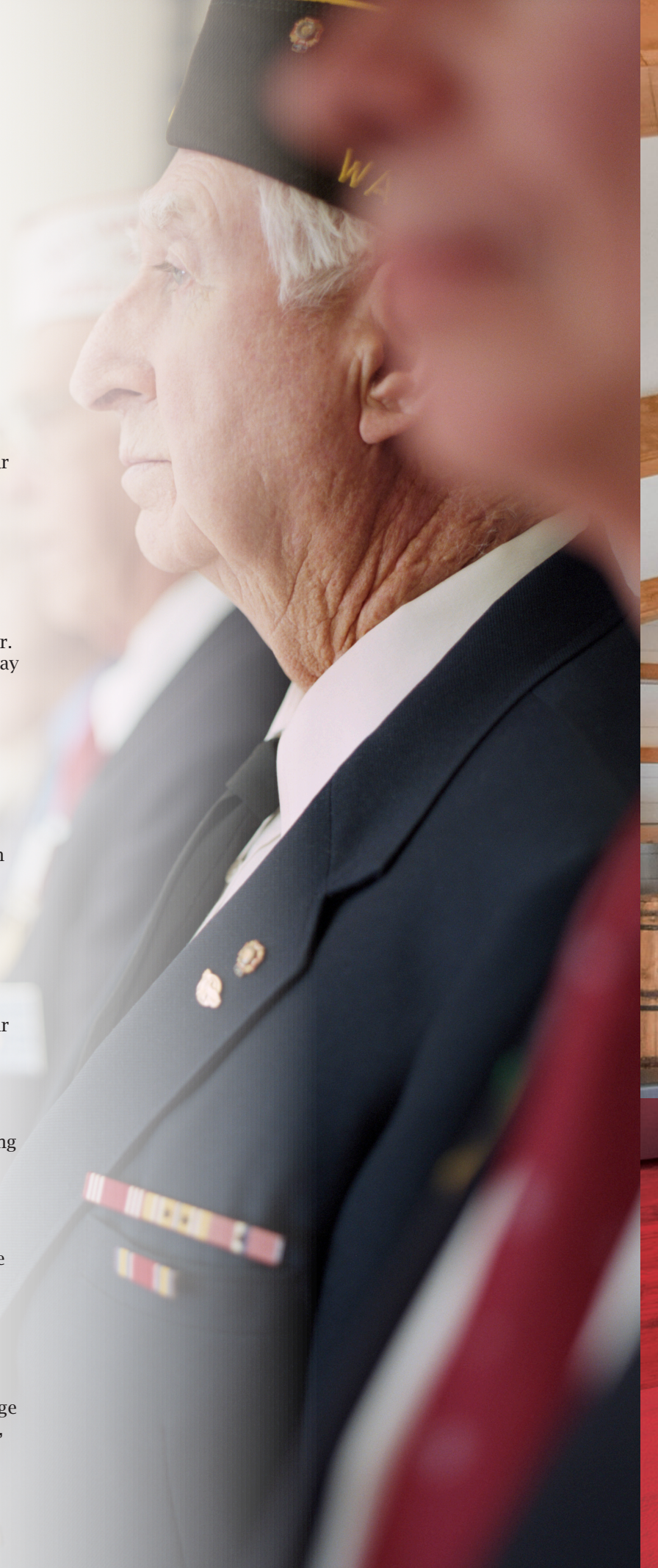
## **ASK A VETERAN TO SPEAK**

If you work in a school or a community center, ask veterans to share their experiences with area youth.

## **VISIT LOCAL MEMORIALS**

Spend time visiting memorials nearby and paying homage to the veterans who devoted their time, or even their lives, to service.

Community members have plenty of opportunities and ways to give back to veterans in the area.







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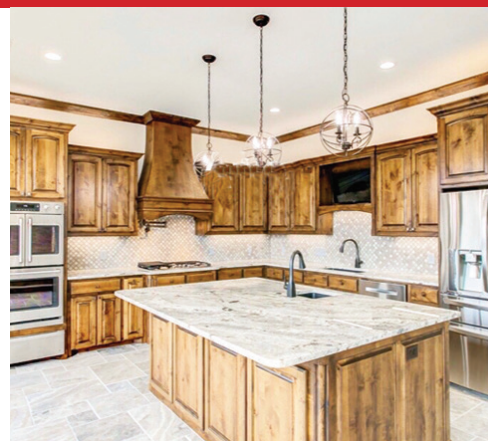


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When hosting friends and family at home, it's understandable that hosts direct so much of their focus to the foods they plan to serve. The main course is often the focal point and most memorable aspect of a dinner party, and that's true whether the get-together is a backyard barbecue, a holiday meal with the family or a formal affair with colleagues.

Food might be a focal point, but guests also will need something to drink. Traditional spirits like wine and cocktails are the standard, but hosts who want to get a little creative should not hesitate to do so. When choosing a special beverage, timing is everything. Guests will want to cool down on warm summer evenings, so something cold and refreshing can make for the perfect signature cocktail. When hosting on nights when the mercury has dropped, a warm beverage can heat up guests in a matter of minutes. On such nights, hosts can serve this version of "Hot Mulled (Sherried) Apple Cider" courtesy of Laurey Masterton's "The Fresh Honey Cookbook" (Storey). One added benefit to Masterton's recipe is it can produce a welcoming winter aroma, helping hosts establish a warm ambiance for the festivities.

### HOT MULLED (SHERRIED) APPLE CIDER

Serves 16

- ◆ 1 gallon apple cider
- ◆ 1 orange, unpeeled, cut into slices
- ◆ 1/4 cup whole cloves
- ◆ 4 sticks cinnamon
- ◆ 1/4 cup honey, preferably cranberry honey
- ◆ 1 cup sherry (optional)

1. Combine the cider, orange slices, cloves, cinnamon, and honey in a large pot over medium heat. If you are picky about things floating in your cider, make a little bundle out of cheesecloth and place the cinnamon and cloves inside before adding to the cider. I like to chew on cloves, so I just toss everything in. Bring to a boil, and then reduce to a simmer over low heat for an hour or so to spread these lovely winter aromas around your home.

2. If you're serving it to adults, add the sherry. It might make everyone want to go sledding!



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# HOW TO MASTER SHOPPING EARLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

"The early bird gets the worm" is a well-known English proverb that historians trace all the way back to the 1600s. Though the words might first have been popularized hundreds of years ago, they remain as true today as they were then, particularly in regard to holiday shopping.

Savvy shoppers have long touted the importance of starting early when looking for holiday gifts for loved ones. Seasoned procrastinators may never embrace early shopping, but others who want to a less hectic holiday shopping season can consider these tips.

## BEGIN WITH A PLAN

Holiday shopping excursions, whether they take place in town, at the mall or online, can take longer than expected when shoppers have no idea what they're looking for. Prior to your first holiday shopping trip, jot down gift ideas for each person on your list. Then scour stores or websites for those items. Starting early affords shoppers time to bargain hunt and ensures supply shortages or other issues won't get in the way of a happy loved one come the holiday season.

## RECOGNIZE THE NOTION OF "EARLY" HAS CHANGED

Early holiday shopping used to be synonymous with the retail holiday Black Friday, which occurs the day after Thanksgiving in the United States. However, many holiday shoppers now begin buying gifts long before they've purchased a Thanksgiving turkey. In its 2022 Consumer Pulse Survey, McKinsey & Company found that 56 percent of consumers started their holiday shopping in October. A host of variables may have influenced that shift, but supply chain issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic have lingered, which undoubtedly compelled consumers to get an especially early start on holiday shopping. Shoppers who want to ensure everything arrives on time for the holiday season must recognize that "early" shopping now involves beginning around Halloween, if not earlier.

## TAKE THE (LOCAL) ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Shopping local merchants in person is a strategy savvy shoppers have long since embraced, but it's one that's especially beneficial in an era marked by supply chain issues and inflation. Local merchants don't have the overhead or sizable staffs of big box or chain stores, which enables them to keep costs low. And since local merchants produce many of their own products, it's likely there's something in store that shoppers will love and less likely that they will have issues filling orders. A late fall afternoon in a local shopping district can yield an array of treasures and help holiday shoppers find the right gift for many a person on their list.

## WHEN IN DOUBT, GO GIFT CARD

If the right gift is proving elusive even when shopping early, shoppers should not hesitate to go the gift card route. Shoppers need not feel as though a gift card is a nonstarter, as a 2022 survey from the National Retail Federation found that 54 percent of survey respondents indicated gift cards were the most desirable gift of the holiday season.

Shopping early is a great way to enjoy a less hectic holiday season.





# Thanksgiving Brunch

## Main Buffet

- Traditional Mixed Green Salad
- Deviled Eggs
- Roasted Turkey
- Brown Sugar Honey Baked Ham
- Ancho Chile Salmon
- Mashed Potatoes and Giblet Gravy
- Tator Tot Casserole
- Green Bean and Fried Onion Casserole
- Cornbread Stuffing
- Sweet Potato & Marshmello Crisp
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mixed Vegetable Medley
- Assorted Breads and Dinner Rolls

## Dessert

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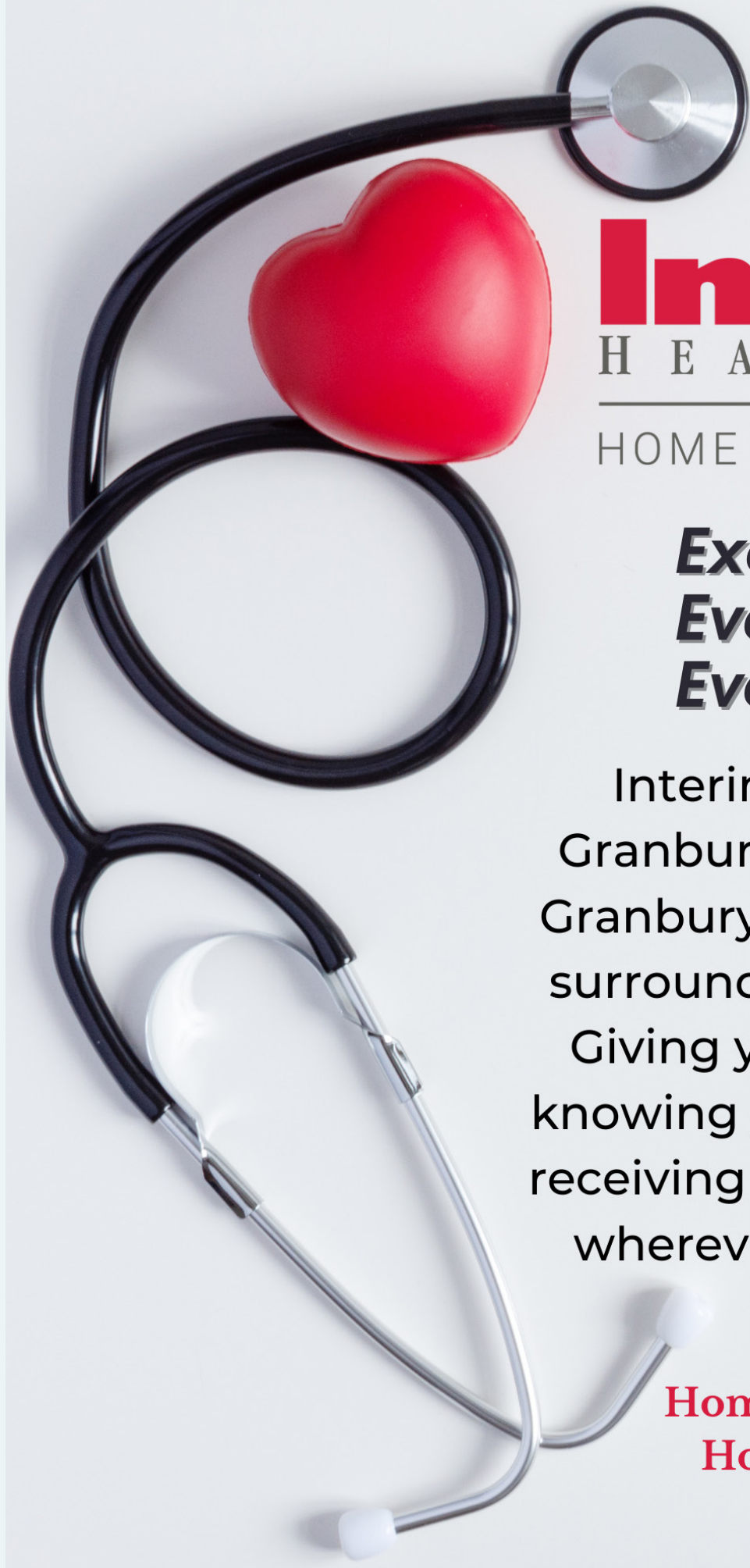
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# DCBE BOARD BRIEFS

## BOARD BRIEFS

Meeting held September 25, 2023

*\*All board and committee meetings are open to all DeCordova members.*



### GOLF COMMITTEE

Chairman, Larry Cordell  
817-909-9122

*lawcordell@sbcglobal.net*

Larry Cordell reported on the committee's discussion of creating forward tees on the 18-hole course. When the course was renovated the ladies tees were moved forward. After research from local courses, it was found that our course is the shortest around. It is being considered to mow fairways into the 9-hole course next year to create a shorter course for those requesting.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary Cathy Permenter  
(254) 718-8685

*cathypermenter@gmail.com*

Discussion of work to be done in the 19th hole kitchen to improve service. Request of the Board of Directors for policies to be put in place and liability waivers created for food truck vendors on property. Cathy Permenter reported on the executive chef search and preliminary interviews. There are a number of residents that are currently active in the food business in the metroplex that will be able to assist our new chef when hired.

### MEMBERSHIP & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman, Vice President Bennie Hudgins  
817-917-7414

*benhudgins@charter.net*

Bennie Hudgins reported on the ad-hoc meeting where they discussed the upcoming Artisan Bazaar to be held in the ballroom on Saturday, Oct. 14. The group met additionally to begin fall decorating of the clubhouse.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary Kellen Zawadzki  
717-275-3991

*KellenZawadzki@gmail.com*

Kellen Zawadzki delivered updates for each of our recreational amenities. Trick or treating within the community will be hosted on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- BOARD MEETING  
5:00 p.m. Nov. 27  
at the DCBE Clubhouse Board Room
- MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Clubhouse Ballroom Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.



**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

David Zunker informed the board of directors on various items the committee is reviewing at this time.

**FACILITY MAINTENANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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

Member appearance to request a speed bump near the hill base of Fairway and Country Club Drive. The board of Directors have asked the Facilities Committee to review previous maps of speed table placements for inclusion.



**SECURITY COMMITTEE**

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

The Board has requested additional information of annual contractor stickers. With the approved price increase of \$250, will this deter the purchase of stickers effecting budgeted income. Board action was requested by the Security Committee to amend Section IV. Special action authorized by the board of directors section A to read as follows:

A. The General Manager and/or Chief of Security, in emergency situations are delegated the authority to immediately issue a Notice of Rule Violation (NORV) for any violation covered by the DCBE Rules and Policies and/or for violations as authorized by the DCBE Bylaws and Covenants and Deed Restrictions. Additionally, if in the judgment of the General Manager and/or Chief of Security the emergency situation dictates, the General Manager and/or Chief of Security are further authorized to immediately specify and impose remedies including suspension of membership privileges. The recipient of this type of Notice of Rule Violation (NORV) may appeal under the Uniform Grievance Procedure, but the remedy is effective immediately.

With one abstention and all others in favor, the amendment was approved. Gate entry systems are being reviewed.



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**LEGAL BY-LAWS COUNCIL**

Chairman, Cathy Permenter  
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CathyPermenter@gmail.com

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 we are awaiting the by-law recommendations from the Associations Attorney for alignment with Texas Property Code.

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Chairman, Cody Garrison  
817-736-5386  
cody@codygarrison.com

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Chairman, Rick Phillips  
817-726-6130  
RPIinsurance1@gmail.com

A motion was made by David Zunker to approve Brian Donnachie to the architectural committee, seconded by Cathy Permenter; with all in favor the motion was approved. Various architectural permits were approved by the committee.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COUNCIL**

Chairman, President Doug Jones  
817-296-9454  
DJones92AP@gmail.com

No minutes recorded for inclusion at this time.

**ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mayor Dave Hanson reported that the city council has approved their next annual budget which includes \$40,000 to the association for security purposes within the community.

Jonas training sessions are being scheduled to assist management staff with our operating systems.

Two members were issued suspension and fine for verbal misconduct of a staff member from separate incidents.



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## ESSENTIAL GEAR FOR FIRST-TIME THANKSGIVING HOSTS

Hosting Thanksgiving is a large undertaking that can put some hosts under pressure. Unlike some other holidays that are less food-focused, Thanksgiving is largely about the meal. Turkey is the centerpiece of the celebration, and any guests who come over are going to expect turkey and a number of side dishes. Leaving hungry is never an option on Thanksgiving.

Individuals who are new to Thanksgiving hosting may be at a loss as to where to start with their preparation. There are certain must-haves hosts should familiarize themselves with. Many of these essentials revolve around tools for cooking in the kitchen and serving guests.

### LARGE ROASTING PAN

You'll need somewhere to oven-roast the turkey. While it's perfectly acceptable to purchase a disposable aluminum pan for this purpose, if you plan to host Thanksgiving year after year, investing in a quality roasting pan will help deliver even cooking temperatures to the food and also can be used for roasting other meats.

### WIRE RACK

The turkey is placed upon a rack inside of the roasting pan so that it will not swim in the juices and cause a soggy bottom during cooking. Many roasting pans and racks are sold as sets, but others can be purchased separately. The rack can be used for other purposes as well, including cooling baked cookies or even drying out fresh herbs.

### FOOD THERMOMETER

Ensuring the turkey and other foods are cooked to the correct internal temperature is essential. You do not want to send guests home with foodborne illnesses. Food

thermometers run the gamut from very basic to those that can be programmed to alert cooks through an app on a smartphone. Turkey is done when the temperature reads 170 F in the breast and 180 F in the thigh. If stuffed, the stuffing should register 165 F, according to Butterball.

### COORDINATED CASSEROLE DISHES

Casserole dishes can hold all of the sides served with the turkey, including stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, and more. A set of matching dishes will help the tablescape look more coordinated.

### SERVICE FOR EIGHT OR MORE

Thanksgiving draws a crowd, so take inventory of silverware, dishes, wine glasses, and any other table needs to ensure that you can accommodate all of the guests. Purchase new items if you cannot set the table completely with what you have, as mixed and matched may be okay for informal events but may not set the tone hosts are aiming for on Thanksgiving.

### TABLE AND CHAIRS

Determine if you have enough table space to seat all of your guests. Some dining tables come with an extension leaf, but you still may need to supplement with a folding table. You may need more seating. Chairs can be rented or you can utilize some folding chairs.

### TURKEY SERVING PLATTER

When the turkey is ready, it can be placed on an attractive serving platter for your photos, after which you slice and then return the sliced poultry to the serving platter for dining.

Thanksgiving requires a number of essentials that hosts will need to have on hand to make the holiday complete.



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# 5 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Americans celebrate Thanksgiving each November, thus kicking off a holiday season that lasts until January 1. Though many see November as the start to a festive time of year, there's even more interesting and fun facts about the eleventh month of the year.

**1** Like various other months on the calendar, November has something of a misleading name. November gets its name from the Latin word "novem," which means "nine." But today November is the eleventh month of the year. So is November a misnomer? Not exactly. November was the ninth month on the early Roman calendar. However, when the Gregorian calendar was adopted and the Julian calendar was abandoned, November kept its name if not its spot in the monthly pecking order. Hence, November is still known as "November" even though it's now the eleventh month of the year and not the ninth.

**2** If October goes out with ghouls and goblins on Halloween, which is celebrated on October 31, November begins a little more piously. That's because November 1 is All Saints' Day, a Christian solemnity, or feast day, that honors of the saints of the Christian church.

**3** November is a significant month in world history. On November 11, 1918, at 5:45 a.m., an armistice was signed between the Allied Powers and Germany at Compiègne, France. The signing of the armistice ended hostilities on the Western Front, thus putting an end to World War I, which had begun more than four years earlier. The signing of the armistice ultimately led to the observance of Armistice Day on November 11, 1919. Armistice Day was subsequently renamed Remembrance Day and Americans celebrate Veterans Day on November 11. Both Remembrance Day and Veterans Day honor military personnel who served honorably in times of war, conflict and peace.

**4** Topaz is the traditional birthstone of November. According to the Farmer's Almanac, the ancient Greeks believed topaz could make anyone who wore it invisible. Though that idea no longer holds water, topaz remains a symbol of honor and strength.

**5** Upon his inauguration as President of the United States in 2021, Joe Biden became the sixth U.S. president with a November birthday. That tied November with July as the months with the most presidential birthdays. In addition to President Biden, Presidents James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, Franklin Pierce, James A. Garfield, and Warren G. Harding were all born in November



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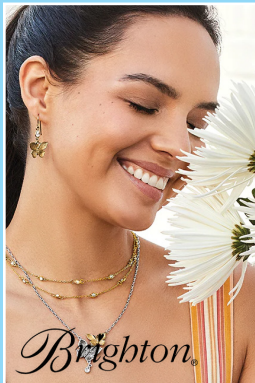
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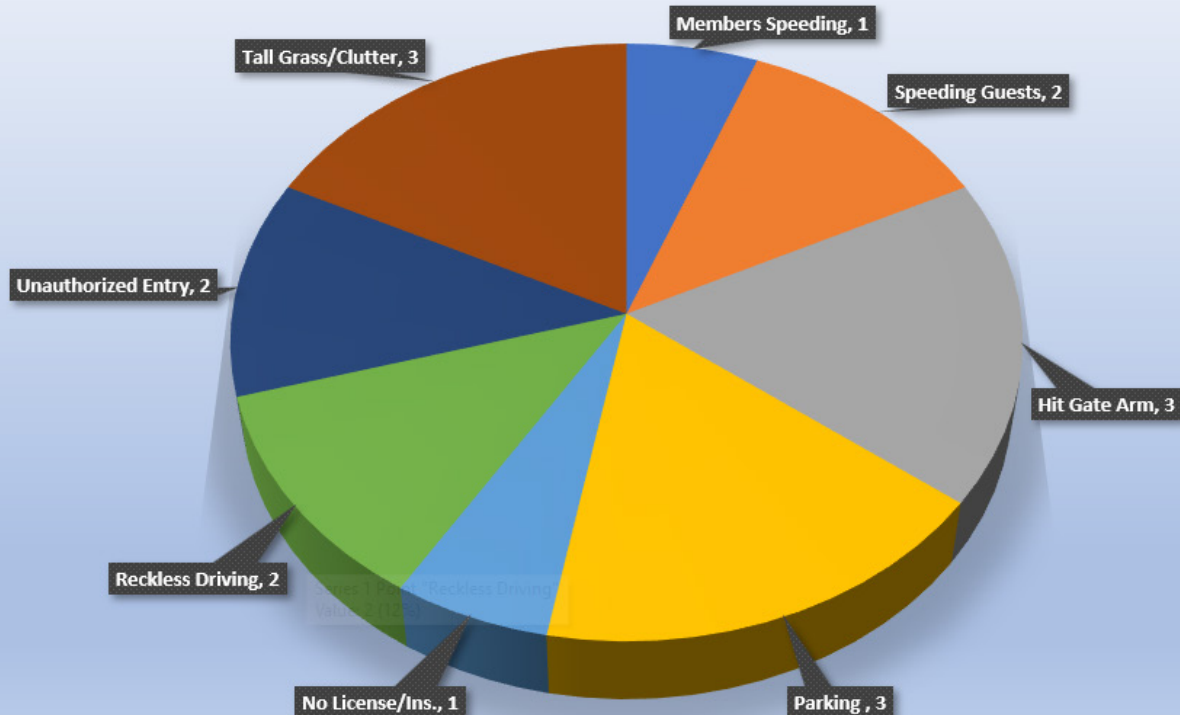


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<b>Traffic</b>																		
Speeding		4	1	10	3	6	3	7		7		7		7		5		3
Misc. Traffic/Accident	1				6		3		1		2	1	2		2		1	
Hit/Broke Gate Arm	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	3	5	6	3	3	3	2	3	3
Parking/Temp. Parking			2		4		6	6		6	1	2	1	7	3	4		3
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Underage Driving		1		1		1			1	1	1	1	1	1				
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<b>Animals</b>																		
Barking Dog	3		3	1	5		1						3		1		3	
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Medical Assists	11		15		9		21		29		6		6		10		11	
Misc. Rules Violations	2		3	2	3		1	7	1	6		8		6	6	6	13	3
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Noise Complaint	1				3						1		3					
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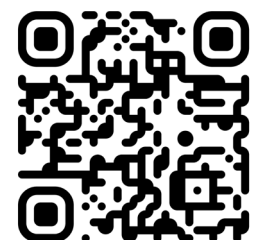
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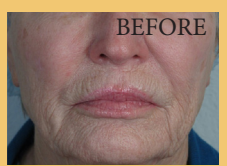


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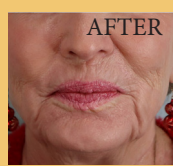


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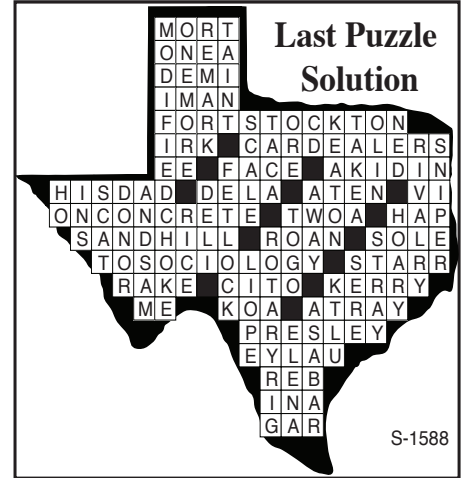
- 1 "Old Yeller" TX actor \_\_\_\_\_ Parker
- 5 in Cherokee County on U.S. 69
- 6 Dallas' "\_\_\_\_\_ Bang Theater" (1959-72)
- 7 pickup rubber
- 8 TXism: "play possum"
- 9 Dallas-born Bebe of 1941 "Hi Gang!"
- 16 prophet
- 18 across Rio Grande from Eagle Pass: \_\_\_\_\_ Negras
- 19 TX singer Roy (init.)
- 20 Willie's "Blue Eyes Cryin' in the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 21 TXism: "tax wrangler"
- 24 TX Tanya's "San Antonio \_\_\_\_\_"
- 30 casino in Pocasset, Oklahoma
- 34 TXism: "the fat \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire" (in trouble)
- 35 TXism: "like \_\_\_\_\_ afire" (fast)
- 36 TXism: "it's Katy bar the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 37 cavalry sword
- 39 late Texas rock singer: "\_\_\_\_\_ Loaf"
- 40 "The Heart of \_\_\_\_\_" is in exact center of our state
- 44 declared after Battle of San Jacinto
- 45 "I" topper
- 47 TXism: "shin \_\_\_\_\_" (big event)
- 48 Santa \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- 49 TV's talking horse (2 wds.)

- 50 parties in Mexico
- 53 Perot freed employees from this Iranian city
- 56 TXism: "never in \_\_\_\_\_ my born days"
- 57 TXism: "high tail \_\_\_\_\_" (flee)
- 58 Brownwood university: Howard \_\_\_\_\_
- 59 Texas schools try to ensure that \_\_\_\_\_ gets lost in the crowd



- 62 Ruby got infamous gun at a Dallas \_\_\_\_\_ shop
  - 63 "get \_\_\_\_\_ of it!"
  - 64 TX "Cowpokes" artist Reid
  - 65 His/\_\_\_\_\_ towels
- DOWN**
- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ greased lightning"
  - 2 TX Cyd Charisse real name: Tula \_\_\_\_\_ Finklea
  - 3 the best eleven Cowboys
  - 4 TXism: "cut me \_\_\_\_\_ slack"
  - 9 soft drink invented in Waco (init.)
  - 10 USS San Jacinto: \_\_\_\_\_ carrier
  - 11 TXism: "it's \_\_\_\_\_ bout" (about)
  - 12 TX Tanya sang "Texas When \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 13 TX singer Tubb
  - 14 "hasta \_\_\_\_\_ vista"
  - 15 aborted atom smasher in Waxahachie (abbr.)
  - 17 TX Willie hit: "On The \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 22 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ of cake" (easy)
  - 23 TXism: "as clear \_\_\_\_\_ River mud"
  - 24 Gen. \_\_\_\_\_ Houston
  - 25 El Paso: "\_\_\_\_\_ Pass"
  - 26 TXism: "hot as \_\_\_\_\_ tar in July"
  - 27 TXism: "could talk a wagon \_\_\_\_\_ ditch" (persuasive)
  - 28 jeans maker (init.)
  - 29 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the cat out of the bag"
  - 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Fresno, TX
  - 32 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ big for his britches"
  - 33 former VW sports car: \_\_\_\_\_ Ghia
  - 38 county and county seat on U.S. 281
  - 41 TX Perot's old co.
  - 42 big historic TX ranch
  - 43 TXism: "a hard dog to \_\_\_\_\_ the porch" (good dog)
  - 46 "shop '\_\_\_\_\_ you drop"
  - 51 \_\_\_\_\_ Paso
  - 52 TX store: "\_\_\_\_\_ 'n Go"
  - 54 TXism: "I \_\_\_\_\_ my boots retreated"
  - 55 TX cover crop
  - 60 Judge Hughes who gave oath to LBJ
  - 61 how many times the Cowboys beat each divisional foe in 2021

Puzzle solution for Crossword Puzzle on page 52.

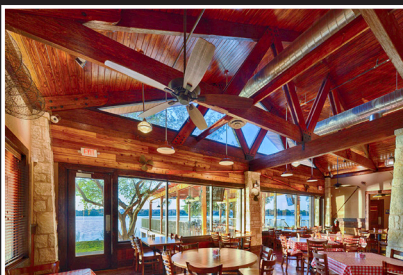
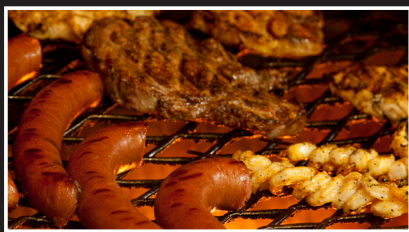


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**ACROSS**

- 1 this "Beetle Bailey" artist Walker lived in Texas as a child
- 5 Baird High class (2 wds.)
- 6 this Moore was co-star of TX Swayze in "Ghost" (1990)
- 7 "\_\_\_ old Cowhand . . ."
- 8 seat of Pecos County (2 wds.)
- 17 irritate, annoy
- 18 auto sellers (2 wds.)
- 21 a boot width
- 22 TXism: "plain as the nose on your \_\_\_"
- 23 TXism: "restless as \_\_\_ church"
- 24 TX George W. lost \_\_\_\_, George H.W., in 2018
- 29 longtime U.S. rep. from the Valley: Kika \_\_\_ Garza
- 30 \_\_\_-gallon hat
- 31 Super Bowl \_\_\_ (Cowboys' first win)
- 32 TXism: "raised \_\_\_" (city boy)
- 34 Coleman High class (2 wds.)
- 35 "What's the \_\_\_?" (slang for what's happening)
- 36 these cranes migrate to Texas in the winter
- 37 horse coloring
- 38 boot bottom
- 39 beginning course in social behavior: "Intro \_\_\_"

- 41 Rio Grande City is the seat of this county
- 42 leaf collecting tool
- 43 this Blue Jay manager Gaston grew up in Texas
- 44 wrestler Von Erich: "The Texas Tornado"
- 45 TX Kris Kristofferson gospel song: "Why \_\_\_"
- 46 RV hotel?
- 47 Sonic food tote (2 wds.)
- 48 "Elvis the Pelvis"



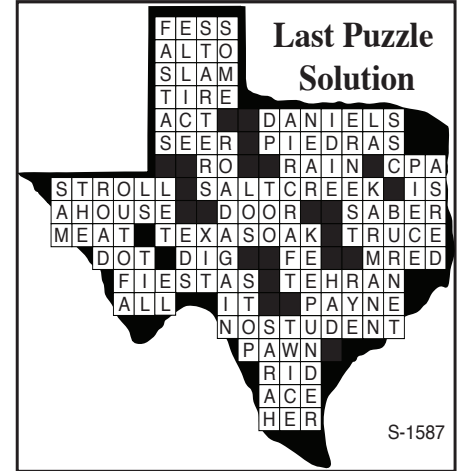
- 50 in Bowie County on U.S. 59
- 51 "Johnny \_\_\_" and "Billy Yank"
- 52 TXism: "get your ducks \_\_\_ row"
- 53 this Heard had a losing record as Mavs head coach

**DOWN**

- 1 this gives the best shotgun pattern for a medium range (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "run that by me \_\_\_ time"
- 3 make a comment
- 4 TXism: "\_\_\_ so" (not true)
- 9 "\_\_\_ up" (increase)
- 10 org. that nurtures the arts in Dallas
- 11 \_\_\_ City, Texas
- 12 fixed term/interest savings tool (abbr.)
- 13 this Michael starred with TX Randy Quaid in "The Paper"
- 14 TXism: "it'll \_\_\_ faith healer to fix it"
- 15 "Tiger" Teague, veteran and Texas congressman
- 16 actor Beatty in film "Big Bad John"
- 19 Odessa Permian has one with Midland Lee
- 20 military marksman
- 22 horse's foot joint
- 24 Santa's word
- 25 agcy. now a part of Homeland Security

- 26 shoo!
- 27 benefactor
- 28 Texas-based 1949 film: "Calamity Jane \_\_\_ Bass"
- 29 H-E-B cold cuts and cheeses section
- 30 TX Dobie Gray hit: "Drift \_\_\_" (1973)
- 33 Houston university
- 34 TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have \_\_\_"
- 35 old man's gray hair used to drill Spindletop (2 wds.)
- 38 cow away from the herd
- 40 cal \_\_\_ hummingbird is the smallest bird in Texas
- 41 dry, arid
- 44 Rusk AM/FM
- 47 TXism: "busy \_\_\_ at happy hour"
- 49 TX Buddy's wife: Maria \_\_\_ Holly

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