

River Mountain Ranch News

JANUARY



RANCHETTE NEWS

Everyone in RMR is invited to join the **Ranchettes**. We try to meet monthly to share a few laughs, say hello to our neighbors, and meet newcomers to our community. (Sometimes we even invite the Ranch hands!)

Thank you so much **Bill and Gina Haser** for hosting our Christmas Ranchettes. It was so nice to include our Ranch Hands in one of our fabulous get togethers.

A huge shout out to Donna Pisani for hosting a Ranchette gift exchange on January 2nd. It was so much fun!! Laurie and Ace will soon be modeling these aprons!



RMR News

The general HOA meeting will be held on January 11th at 10am at the Community Center. Please try to attend; all ideas are welcome and all concerns are heard.

Riddle of the Month (answer at the bottom of the newsletter, no peeking)



Q: A cowboy rides into town on Friday. He stays three days, then rides out of town on Friday. How?

Cattle news

- **What do you call a cow who strikes it rich? A cash cow.**



News from Len and Jill Clark-

Oreo, the black and white bull, is now living at the Murtaugh's place in RMR along with their 4 other Belted Galloways. Oreo is currently penned with the horses as he is recuperating from a pelvic injury, but he soon hopes to join his herd.

Wimberley History, Trivia, Fun Facts

From the book *Wimberley It's Deep in the Heart of Texas* by Bill and M.F. Johnson.

Wimberley- A Village Growth TimeLine from 1847- 2000

On April 5, 1847, Texas Governor Pinkney Henderson granted 1280 acres of land to William R. Baker that later became our little town. By the 1850s, Wimberley had a general store, grist mill, tannery, shoe shop and a school. 20 years later, a blacksmith shop became part of the square. In 1869, a huge flood hit Wimberley with water covering the square. In 1880, a post office was added for the 140 people living in the village, and there were 9 houses around the square. In 1921, the road to San Marcos was completed but not paved. 1929 saw the biggest flood since 1869. In 1934, the Wimberley Mill was razed after being shut down for 5 years. 1939 was the year electricity came to Wimberley. Wimberley's population according to the 1940 census was about 400 (around 175 families). In 1941 the muddy and badly rutted square was covered in gravel hauled from a creek near Jacob's Well. In 1947, there was great excitement in town when the road to San Marcos was paved, and in 1948, the square was finally paved. The Senior Citizen Association began in 1948 to raise funds to build a place for citizens to meet. 1950-57 saw 7 years of drought. In 1957 there was a 31 foot flood on the Blanco. In 1958, the bridge over the Blanco River on RR12 was built. In 1965, Wimberley experienced a bad day when the Scudder's Wimberley Ranch House (restaurant, store, hotel and feed store) burned to the ground. After the fire, the Wimberley Restoration Association was formed

to buy the land around the square to help guide future development. In 1997, the Wimberley Senior Citizens purchased the Winters House and 5 acres with the goal of establishing a town cultural center and museum. In 1998, there was a large flood on the creek. In 2000, the Village of Wimberley was incorporated.

Wimberley Events

Mark your Calendar with these January Dates:

- **4th**- Polar Bear Plunge and 5K Race at Blue Hole
- **10th**- Cooking class at the library Spring Rolls 101
- **14th**- Winter Nights A Singer-Songwriter Showcase at the Wimberley Playhouse sponsored by wimberleyarts.org. 6pm
- **16th**- Warren Hood at Susanna's Kitchen
- **19th**- 31st- Campfire at Zach Theater (*theater for the very young*)
- **25th**- A Night of Comedy and Magic sponsored by the Wimberley Civic Club at the Community Center. Doors open at 6:30.

Upcoming Events

- Susanna's Kitchen
 - **January 16** Warren Hood
 - **February 20** Del Castillo
 - **March 20** Jeff Plankenhorn
 - **April 17** Jimmy Davis
 - **May 15** Lost Austin Band
- Zach Theater in Austin:
 - **December 7-21** *Holiday Heroes*
 - **Jan.19-March 30** *Campfire (theater for the very young)*
 - **Feb 21-May 18** *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*
- **February 1st**- Registration open at The Blue Hole for Camp No Kids
- **February 8th**- Wimberley's Got Soul! A Night of Rhythm, Groove and Good Times 7-10pm at the Community Center
- **February 14th**- Wimberley's Valentine Gala from 7- 10pm at the Community Center
- **February 18th**- *Charlie's Angels* A private screening at EVO in San Marcos 2-4:30pm
- **April**- Friday Concerts at Blue Hole

- **April 12th** - Butterfly Festival at Emily Ann Theatre and Gardens
- **April 20th**- Easter
- **April 26th & 27th**- Arts Fest at Waters' Point
- **May 4th**- Community Garage Sale at the Community Center 8- 2pm
- **May 10th**- Annual Garden Tour
- **May 10th**- Wimberley Film Festival at the Blue Hole 6- 10pm
- **May 10th**- Migratory Bird Day Seminar at the Community Center 8am- 2pm
- **May 11th**- Mother's Day
- **June 15th**- Father's Day
- **July 4th**- Parade in downtown Wimberley
- **July 4th**- VFW Post 6441 Rodeo
- **August**- Labor Day Weekend Gunner Thames Rodeo

Ongoing Events

Mondays

- **Hand & Foot Zombie Style** 1- 4pm Wimberley Senior Center
- **Open Mic** at Middleton
- **River Mountain Green Too** at Savages. They will be performing at Savages the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.
- **Qi Gong Yoga** Wimberley Senior Center 12- 1pm Fee: \$10
- **Zumba** 9am Wimberley Senior Center Fee: \$5

Tuesdays

- **Dominoes** 9- noon Wimberley Senior Center
- **Party Bridge** 11:45- 4:00 Wimberley Senior Center Fee: \$2.00
- **Pickleball Instruction** at Emily Ann 9:30- 10:30
- **Visiting Nurse** First Tuesdays 10- 11am Wimberley Senior Center (checks for blood pressure and oxygen levels)
- **Yoga** Wimberley Senior Center 6-7 pm Fee: \$10

Wednesdays

- **Farmers' Market** in Dripping Springs- every Wednesday from 3-6pm at Sky Ranch Park
- **Joker** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays Wimberley Senior Center 9am to noon
- **MahJong** 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wednesdays 10am- noon Fee:\$1.00 Wimberley Senior Center

- **Wimberleyarts.org** invites all artists and people who like art to a social gathering on The first Wednesday of each month, . Check the website for location and details.
- **Qi Gong Yoga** Wimberley Senior Center 12- 1pm Fee: \$10
- **Zumba** 9am Wimberley Senior Center Fee: \$5

Thursdays

- **Art Crawl**- first Thursday of every month 5- 7pm (Not in January)
- **Circle of Friends** 10am- 2pm Wimberley Senior Center A program for moderate memory loss. Donation: \$5
- **Dominoes** 9- noon Wimberley Senior Center
- **Duplicate Bridge** (partner needed)11:30am- 4pm Wimberley Senior Center Fee: \$2.00
- **Farmers' and Artisan Market** Thurs 3-6 at the **Cowboy Church on 2325.**
- **Pickleball Instruction** at Emily Ann 9:30- 10:30
- **Yoga** Wimberley Senior Center 6-7 pm Fee: \$10

Fridays

- **BINGO**- Friday Night at the VFW. Early bird game starts at 7pm and the regular game at 8pm.
- **Wimberley Valley Museum** is open every Friday and First Saturdays. Monday - Thursday by appointment. Call [832-545-5036](tel:832-545-5036) 14068. Ranch Rd 12 Wimberley, TX 78676 www.wimberleyvalleymuseum.org
- **Zumba** 9am Wimberley Senior Center Fee: \$5

Saturdays

- **Art Bazaar**- thirds Saturdays from 12- 6pm
- **Market Days**- first Saturday of the month except January and February 7-3
- **Second Saturday Gallery Trail**-visit Art on 12 to sip wine, listen to music and eat munchies while viewing (and buying) local art. 5-7pm.wimberleyarts.org
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Sundays

- **Coffee and Cars** at Blanco Brew first Sunday of the month.
- **Farmers' Market** at Blanco Brew every Sunday 9-3.
- **"Squawk Talk,"** a program about chickens & wild birds on the Wimberley Valley Radio Station KVVH 94.1 FM featuring Jesse
- Huth every Sunday from 12:30 - 1:00.
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In The Garden -

From Texas Central Gardener

January To Do List

Plant: ornamental & wildlife

- Annual transplants: pansies, violas, calendula (wildlife plant), snapdragon, stock, larkspur, ornamental kale & cabbage, bluebonnet transplants, poppies. Transplants are preferred over seeds at this point.
- Evergreen perennials
- Trees, shrubs, roses
- Evergreen groundcovers like monkey grass, liriopse, creeping germander, frogfruit

Plant: herbs

- Calendula, chervil, cilantro, chives, dill, parsley, feverfew, oregano, sorrel, thyme, garlic chives
- Protect cilantro and chives in below freezing weather

Plant: food crops

- Artichokes, asparagus, onions, greens, lettuce, spinach, radish, carrots, beets, bok choy, collards, kale, peas, turnips, leeks, broccoli
- Prep potatoes to plant in February. Get now to cut and dry for a few weeks
- [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Vegetable Planting Guides \(Central Texas\)](#)

Plant: fruit

- Apples, peaches, pecans, pears, pomegranates, persimmons, figs, almonds, grapes, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries

Prune

- Okay to prune freeze-damaged perennials. If possible, leave as long as possible for wildlife shelter and food on seed-bearers
- Prune grapes, fruit trees, blackberries
- Cut asters and chrysanthemums to rosettes
- Late month: prune woody salvias as much as $\frac{2}{3}$ to encourage new growth
- Trees, including red oaks and live oaks

- Prune rosemary and oregano
- Avoid pruning other evergreen shrubs

Divide/Move

- Dormant perennials, roses, shrubs and trees. This is the best time to move plants!

Prep

- Add compost to vegetable gardens along with organic fertilizer in prep for another round of winter vegetables
- Soil test

Lawn

- If must mow, keep high to shade out germinating weeds
- It's really not a good idea to overseed with rye unless you have new, muddy construction and a dog!

Other tasks

- Spray trees
- Keep floating row cover available; avoid covering plants with plastic
- Spray fruit trees with dormant oil to control overwintering scale, plum curculio and other pests.

-Free classes in January from the Natural Gardener

Tuesday January 7th

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10:00 AM

Veggie Garden
Design & Set Up -
Presented by
Chrissie Robertson

Every Saturday in January

SATURDAY
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10:00 AM Backyard Birding - Presented by Chris Gunter
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10:00 AM Tomato Varieties: Know Before You Grow - Presented by Patty Leander
18
10:00 AM Cold Hardy Cacti & Succulents - Presented by Ian Griffin
25
10:00 AM Vermicomposting - Presented by Mike Garza

Have You Heard?

According to a source in City Hall, the land across the street from the Village Thrift Store is going to be an expansion of Leaning Pear with a large parking lot.

The Cypress Café is going to become a boutique hotel with a pool.

The hotel is to be named the Lane House (after the original building of J.C. Lane). The owners Michael and Morgan Mekuly plan to have a small grocery store and a restaurant which will be named Foristers' Market after the original occupant of the property, BW Forister Drugs and Notions.

Shop the Tree House will soon open as a French wine bar called Wine-berly.

We will no longer have a cheese/ice cream store on the Old Kyle Road.

Rumor has it that Kate's Place has also changed hands. Word around town is that it will be a Chinese restaurant-fingers crossed.

New pickleball courts are under construction at the corner of Winters Mill and 3237. This is rumored to be named *Pickleball Y'all*

Wimberley on Wheels offers transportation for seniors in the Wimberley Valley. 512-847-1781

The new build across from Kiss the Cook is rumored to be condos on the upper floor and an ADA condo on the lower floor. There are supposed to be at least 2 retail shops going in and one will be owned and run by Jenny Horvath (Wimberley Garden owner). She mentioned it will be a home and clothing store.

Kids' Corner



Where do you find the answers to your homework in January?

On the w-internet!

- Austin Zoo austinzoo.org
- Blue Hole Regional Park wimberleyparksandrec.com
- Cliff Carver Alpine Coaster (ages 3 and up) campfimfo.com
- Emily Ann Theatre and Gardens emilyann.org
- Enchanted Rock <https://austinfunforkids.com/enchanted-rock-with-kids-you-need-these-tips/>
- Exotic Resort Zoo in Johnson City. contact@zooexotics.com
- Ghost Note Brewing Ghostnotebrewing.com
- Jacobs Well wimberleyparksandrec.com
- Johnson City Science Mill sciencemill.org
- Martha Knies Park wimberleyparksandrec.com
- Mayan Dude Ranch in Bandera mayanranch.com
- Old Baldy (217 steps) NEW AND IMPROVED wimberleyparksandrec.com
- McKenna Children's Museum in New Braunfels mckennakids.org
- Natural Bridge Caverns-Comal County naturalbridgecaverns.com
- San Marcos Glass Bottom Boat visitsanmarcos.com
- Shady Llama Beer and Wine Garden theshadyllama.com
- Thinkery thinkeryaustin.com
- Wimberley Library wimberleylibrary.org
- Wimberley National Mini Golf wiimberleynational.com
- Zach Theatre in Austin zachtheatre.org

Wimberley Clubs

- **Hays County Master Gardeners-**hayscountymastergardeners.org? This website has tons of helpful information.
- **Hays County Master Naturalists** meet the 4th Thursday of the month on YouTube or in person. beautifulhayscounty.org.
- **Hill Country Bead Society**-meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1pm at the Community Center No skills are required and kits are provided. Contact cyowelldesign@yahoo.com for more information.

- **Hill Country Herb Society** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Presbyterian Church from 9:30-12. Contact hillcountryherb.com for more information
- **Hill Country Neighbors** meets the 4th Wednesday at the Community Center. Please email Chris Dailey cldaileycs@gmail.com for more information.
- **Jacob's Well Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** meets at the EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens at 10am on the second Monday of each month. Txdar.org
- **NSPOT- Check out their website for a complete list of Texas native plants** hillcountryalliance.org
- **Wimberley Apron Society** first Mondays at 5:30 at the library
- **Wimberley Art League** meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00. Contact wimberleyvalleyartleague.org for more information.
- **Wimberley Birding Society- wimbirds.org**. On the first Tuesday of the month, Jesse Huth (jesse@pibird.com, 979-422-7061) leads a bird walk no more than an hour away. Meet at the Wimberley Community Center at 7:15 am, and bring \$10 to pay for Jesse's expertise.
- **Wimberley Community Civic Club** meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 11am. wimberleyccc.org
- **Wimberley Garden Club**-meets the 2nd of Wednesday of each month from 10-12 at Emily Ann. Go to wimberleygardenclub.org for more information.
- **Wimberley Institute of Cultures** wim.wic.org

**His horse is named Friday

Please reach out to Leigh Peterson or Laura Dalton with any news you want included in the newsletter.