

River Mountain Ranch News



** Please reach out to [Leigh Peterson](#) or [Laura Dalton](#) (pictured above in full Ranchette gear) with any news you want included in the newsletter. Also, please remind people where they can access our newsletter.

Ranchette News

Everyone in RMR is invited to join the **Ranchettes**. We try to meet monthly (September- May) 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 Bill and Gina Haser for another epic party. Guests were led on a tour viewing all the Haser's Halloween decorations including banjo dueling skeletons, a mirror that talks back to you, a 14 foot wolf, Delicious food was served and everyone had a great time.



The next get together will be on November 14th at Peterson's. Your Evite has been sent. Please contact Kathleen if you did not receive one.

Our December get-together will be on the 4th at Meat and Drink. Marvin and Laura Bottera will be performing starting at 5pm. Watch for an Evite coming soon.

Kathleen is currently looking for hosts for the new year. We have a January volunteer who will once again host her famous white elephant gift exchange. If you are willing to host any other month, please contact Kathleen Tanzman: RMRanchettes@outlook.com.

A special thank you to Suzie Kaczinski for organizing our RMR trick or treat.

RMR BOARD NEWS

Please know that your feedback is taken seriously by this board. Complaints about unsightly objects, trash and noise are being dealt with as allowed by our by-laws.



Cattle News

To recap- So far we have looked at the Scottish Belted Galloway and the French Charolais. Both are pictured below. As Jane Dunham wrote in an email accompanying her picture below, she likes to know “What is moo-ing around her.”



Belted Galloway



French Charolais



The reddish-brown cows with a white face, belly, and tail switch are Hereford. Herefords are a docile breed originating in the West Midlands of England known for their hardiness, calm temperament, strong maternal instincts, and ability to thrive in various conditions. Both horned and naturally hornless varieties exist. Bulls average 2350 lbs. and cows about 1500 lbs. The gestation period is 289 days.

(Unfortunately, there is no picture of our gray cows. They heard I was looking for them, and they went into hiding. Bad cows!)

The gray are Charolais and Angus mixed often referred to as “Chi-Angus.” The mixed breed combines the rapid growth and the muscle mass of the Charolais with the superior meat quality and hardiness of the Angus. They are adaptable to various climates and tend to have easier calving and docile temperaments.



The oldest part of the herd are the striped ones. Len is not sure what they are, but according to the American Hereford Association, tiger striped cows result when purebred Hereford bulls are bred to purebred Brahman cows to produce F1 tigerstripe females.



Lastly, we have the Heinz 57 variety. Len is not sure what they are as they seem to be true mutts. My favorite is the one pictured with his cute little heart.

According to Len:

We have 2 Oreo calves who are sisters, so Len added a new bull. He looks like Oreo and has a red ear tag. Also, please continue to pray for rain.

If you notice any cows injured or in distress or just looking like they need help, please send a text to Len. (512-497-4596)

Wimberley History, Trivia, Fun Facts

According to Bill Johnson's book, *Stories of Wimberley's first 100 Years*, there was a bond drive on the square during WWII. Bill Arendall was the auctioneer for all of the donated articles. One man donated a well worn cowboy hat that had taken him 20 years to break in. This hat sold for a remarkable \$5,000.00. (Just think of what that would be in today's dollars.)

Wimberley led the state in raising per-capita war bond money. We all know that Wimberley is a special place.

On another note, Wimberley has a new bootiful boot.



“Swing FORE the Hills” can be seen at Double J Ranch and Golf Course. It was designed and painted by Doug Hiser.

Wimberley Events:

Mark your Calendar with these November and December Dates:

- Nov 2- **Harvest Moon Dinner Dance** at Fischer Hall 6- 10:00pm
- Nov 12- **Downtown Sip and Shop**
- Nov 13- **Owl Prowl and Nocturnal Animal Hike** at Blue Hole
- Nov 15-16- **Creekside Campout** at Blue Hole
- Nov 14- Dec 7- **The Man Who Came to Dinner** at the Wimberley Playhouse
- Nov 21- **Guided Hike** at Blue Hole
- Nov 22-23- **Blue Agave Art Fair** at the Wimberley Community Center
- Nov 27- **Community Thanksgiving** at Wimberley Community Center
- Nov 28- **Elf Run** at The EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens
- Nov 29- Dec 26- **17th annual Holiday trail of Lights at EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens**
- Nov 29- 19th Annual **Holiday Bazaar** at the Community Center
- Nov 29- **Wishes for Wimberley Parade and Toy Drive**
- Dec 2- **Stocking Stuffer Night** at Ace Hardware from 6- 9pm
- Dec 6- **The Pioneer's Table**- a night of dining and dancing at 7A Ranch. Main Street in Pioneer Town will be transformed into one long dining room table under the stars.
- Dec 6- **Christmas Market** at St. Mary's Catholic Church
- Dec 13- **Wimberley Cup of Cheer**- a night of sipping, shopping and fun from the merchant's association in town
- Dec13- **Santa Pub Crawl** Wear your Santa cap (or full Santa suit) as you stroll through Wimberley's pubs enjoying festive cocktails. 6-9pm.
- Dec 13- **Winter's Eve** in the Quarter all afternoon with festive fun and live music!
- Dec 16, -18- **Neil Diamond** portrayed by Jack Wright at the Wimberley Playhouse at 7pm
- Dec 20- **Breakfast with Santa** at Scudder Elementary sponsored by the Wimberley Community Civic Club.

Don't forget- January 4th is the annual **Polar Bear Plunge** and 5K at Blue Hole



On-going Events

For a full list of on-going Wimberley events, please visit the archived event page on our website. rivermountainranch.org

You can also find music and art events at wimberleyarts.org
Wimberley Events can also be found on visitwimberleytx.com
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Average first frost date: November 27th

Sow bulbing onion seeds now to have sets that will be ready for transplanting in January. Spring bulbs should also be planted at this time.

Treat the landscape weekly with seaweed

We actually recommend doing this all year round to maintain the overall health and vigor of your plants. A good source of potassium and other micronutrients, it helps plants in the summer with the heat, and also with the cold in the winter.

Overseed for a winter lawn

Overseed lawn with winter rye. Use perennial rye for a thin bladed, slower growing green winter lawn. It will die in the spring as the weather warms up as it is not really a perennial in Texas.

Last chance to plant wildflowers, divide perennials

November is one of the best months to plant wildflower seeds. You will get a higher rate of germination and healthier plants by sowing seed in a prepared site. Scalp any existing grasses and remove the clippings so the seeds can make direct contact with the soil. Keep the site lightly moist with short, frequent waterings until the seedlings are about 1" tall, then switch to less frequent, deeper waterings until healthy roots are established.

Cool Weather Flowers for November and December:



Petunias



Primrose



Stocks



Sweet Alyssum

Your To Do list for November according to Central Texas Gardner

November To Do List

Plant: ornamental & wildlife

- Perennials, shrubs, ornamental (clumping) grasses; fall is the best time to plant
- Avoid planting cold tender plants like Pride of Barbados, Esperanza, lantana, plumbago
- Trees
- Strawberries (best time to do it!)
- Winter annuals, including calendula, snapdragon, pansy, viola, dusty miller, ornamental kale and cabbage, alyssum, stock, cyclamen, dusty miller, flowering kale and cabbage

- Early to Thanksgiving: native wildflower seeds like bluebonnets, phlox, Mexican hat, Indian paintbrush, Indian blanket (gaillardia). Also, non-native poppies, larkspurs, hollyhocks
- Early to Thanksgiving: spring bulbs

Plant: herbs

- Perennials thyme, oregano, lavender
- Cilantro transplants, parsley, dill, fennel , chervil, summer savory, borage, chives, rue
- Be prepared to cover in case of deep freeze

Plant: food crops

- Keep planting winter crops for successive harvest
- Water weekly with liquid seaweed
- Spray cabbage loopers on broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, cabbage with *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt).
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Vegetable Planting Guides (Central Texas) <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/home-landscape/edible-gardens/growing-vegetables/>

Prune

- Avoid pruning shrubs right now unless you see damage
- Okay to prune live oak and red oaks through January
- Okay to prune trees
- Thyme

Divide/Move

- Shrubs, roses, trees, evergreen spring-blooming perennials

Prep

- Mulch cold tender plants like gingers, Esperanza and semi-tropicals
- Select spots where you want fruit trees, grapes, or berries to plant in January; for now, prep with compost
- Get that row cover ready! Do not protect plants with plastic!

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

- Cut basil to freeze in oil in ice cube trays to use this winter in soups and stews
- Collect seeds from summer annuals to dry and store indoors until next spring
- Take cuttings of tender annuals to propagate in warmth to plant next spring
- Rake leaves into beds to mulch over winter and return nutrients to the soil
- Mow leaves on grass (if not raking to beds or compost) to break them down
- Collect leaves from neighbors to add to compost pile!
- Deeply water new plants; keep new seedlings moist but not drenched

As it often happens with gardening and gardeners, there will be conflicting advice. In this case the Natural Gardener recommends

overseeding your lawn and Central Texas Gardener advises against it.

Flowers for December:

Paperwhite Narcissus and holly



Have You Heard?

1. **Jacklynn Renee Winery is opening a brick and mortar wine bar in Wimberley.**
2. **Dos Olivios** (Wimberley location only) has closed
3. **Neon Armadillo** is opening soon
4. **Generos** will soon be opening

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

Kids' Corner



- **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 Glass Works** for a glass blowing demonstration 6469 RR12
- **Wimberley Library** wimberleylibrary.org
- **Wimberley National Mini Golf** wimberleynational.com

Wimberley Clubs- for a full list of clubs and meeting times, visit our RMR website. rivermountainranch.org

