



SEPTEMBER



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.

if you don't read anything else, please read the Wimberley History section!! It was a lot of work and is fascinating.

Ranchette News

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

Our next meeting will take place on September 3rd from 5- 7 at Joan's house. You should have already received and responded to your e-vite. Please contact Kathleen if you have not received one or have any questions: RMRanchettes@outlook.com Also, please extend an invitation to any new neighbors!

POA Board News:



Our assessment for the roads will begin soon as the roads are almost done. According to our General Meeting notes on August 16, 2025, we will be assessed \$600 a year for 7 years. Once the project is complete, any resident can contact the Hays County Transportation Office at [512-393-7385](tel:512-393-7385) to request trimming or report any issues in the county right of way. We will also be getting new street signs and stop signs as well as 25mph speed limit signs.

Our next scheduled semi-annual general meeting is on September 19, 2026 at 11am at the Wimberley Community Center.

Visit our website for more information rivermountainranch.org

Wildfire danger remains high. Please check the sign at the gate to see if the burn ban is on before starting any fires.



Cattle News

Some people have asked about Pepe, the white Charolais bull. Len is sad to report that Pepe died suddenly last

October. Len fed him at the corral one day and 2 days later he got a call saying Pepe was dead. He has no idea what happened.



Introducing Caramel, one of the newest and cutest calves on the ranch.

And... Tiny Tear, another adorable new addition.





Scottish Belted Galloway bull out for a stroll

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)

RMR Wildlife



We were lucky enough to have a family of foxes this spring.

What have you seen in your yard??

Wimberley History, Trivia, Fun Facts

**A brief timeline of important Wimberley/Hays County events
courtesy of *Stories of Wimberley's First 100 Years* by Bill Johnson
with added events by staff:**

1847	Town named Glendale
1848	Hays County established
1850	Population in Hays County 259 + 128 slaves
1850	The building housing the Wimberley Cafe was built
1852	988 Buffalo killed between Wimberley and San Marcos by one man
1855	Town renamed Montgomery's Mill

1856	Name changed to Winter's Mill
1857	William Winters bought the mill and built his rock house (now a museum)
1860	Population in Hays Co.- 1329 + 797 slaves
1864	Town name changed to Cude's Mill
1869	Huge flood covered and washed out the square
1874	Mill sold to Pleasant Wimberley
1874	Town name changed to Wimberley's Mill
1880	Town name submitted as Wimberleyville
1880	USPO changed name to Wimberley
1884	January Arctic Outbreak- less than 10°F
1907	Stage coach trip to San Marcos takes 3-4 hours
1921	Road to San Marcos made
1925	Mill closed; fire on the square
1925	Wimberley Christian Church moved on the back of a pick-up from Hays City to its current location on RR 12
1929	Biggest flood since 1869
1934	Mill demolished
1937	Cypress Creek Cafe built
1939	Electricity brought to town
1948	Square paved
1949	January Blizzard- Coldest temperatures since 1884; below 0°F with up to 12 inches of snow
1950-57	Drought
1950	Mt. Baldy gets steps
1050s	1st public school- Bowen School (now HEB)
1952	31 ft flood on the Blanco
1958	RR12 Blanco Bridge built
1967	Hays Co ISD formed
1971	Eagle Rock bought and name changed to Woodcreek

1974	Library Opens
1985	Wimberley Institute of Culture (WIC) begins
1986	WISD officially formed
1997	Wimberley High School opens
1998	Creek floods
1998	The EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens founded
2000	Village of Wimberley incorporated Linda Hewlett first mayor
2005	Blue Hole purchased with local grants and donations
2006	Community Center opened
2006	Wimberley Playhouse opened with musical "1776"
2008	Funds provided for Hays Co. to officially establish Jacob's Well as a public natural area
2010	Jacob's Well swimming area opened by Hays county
2011- 2014	Drought with 2011 being the worst year
2011	City of Wimberley opened Blue Hole
2013	Ace Hardware fire in February; store destroyed
2013	Blanco flooded in October
2014	Ace reopened in February
2015	More than 40 foot Blanco flood kills 12 in May
2015	H-E-B opened
2017	Cypress Creek Cafe destroyed by fire in May
2017	Chick-a-Dee Collectibles fire caused by a truck hitting an overhead electrical wire in June
2018	Ledgerock Fire on 2325- grass fire started by a vehicle's faulty emission. 350 acres burned
2021	February "Big Freeze" with power grid failure and rotating blackouts
2022	Hermosa Fire in RMR in August; 44 acres burned
2023	Longhorn Fire in March
2023	Jacob's Well closed to swimmers

2025 Savage's Hometown Bar & Grill fire- arson
2026 Hays Co population- 304,390

Wimberley Events:



Mark your Calendar with these **SEPTEMBER** Dates:

Sept 2- Downtown Sip and Shop 4- 8pm

Sept 4- Art Crawl. This month's theme is "The Drawn, Written and Spoken Word." Visit various locations in town. Shuttle provided. See the website for more information.

gallerytrail.com

Sept 5- Market Days

Sept 11- 13- Wimberley Wedding Venue Crawl

Sept 11- Second Saturday at Art on 12. Music by local musicians, snacks, wine and beer. arton12.com

Sept 12- Autumn Soiree from 5 -8 starting at My Happy Place. Tickets on sale now.

Sept 12- Suicide Awareness Watch and Wellness Fair at The Blue Hole

Sept 17- HalleyAnna Finlay at Susanna's Kitchen

Sept 18- Oct 11- *Dracula...A Feminist Revenge Fantasy*
at the Wimberley Playhouse

Sept 19- Community Garage Sale at the Community
Center

Sept 23- wimberleyarts.org soiree at the Videre Estates

Sept 26- Howl at the Moon Dance Party at the Blue Hole

Sept 26- Karst Canyon Preserve Guided hike to the bat
cave 8:30- 10-30am

Sept 30- Tony Kamel and Kym Warner with Pat Byrne
Stars Over Wimberley Concert at the Playhouse

SAVE THE DATE:

Susanna's Kitchen:

October 15 - Jeff Black

October 17 & 18 Arts Fest & Blue Agave

November 19 - Terri Hendrix And Lloyd Maines

December 17 - Hill Country Honeys

Other events:

Oct 1- Oct 11- *Dracula, A Feminist Revenge Story*
continues at the Wimberley Playhouse

Oct 10- Star Party at the Blue Hole

Oct 10- Karst Canyon Preserve Guided hike to the bat cave
8:30- 10-30am

Oct 15- Jeff Black at Susanna's Kitchen

Oct 17-18- Arts Fest 2026

Oct 18- Painting with Parks at the Blue Hole

Oct 24- Boo! Hole Halloween

Oct 24- 23rd Annual KofC Hunters' Night Out
Oct 30- Downtown Trick or Treat
Oct 31- Best Little Dog Walk in Texas
Dec 1 & 2- Kevin Russel and Friends

Honeyfest is returning to Wimberley!



On-going Events

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

MUSIC and **ART** events at wimberleyarts.org

Wimberley Events can be found on [visitwimberleytx.com](https://www.visitwimberleytx.com)

For even more local news, sign up for the free KVVH newsletter.

Stars Over Wimberley

The Stars Over Wimberley Benefit Concert Series is a collaboration between the Wimberley Valley Arts and Cultural Alliance ([wimberleyarts.org](https://www.wimberleyarts.org)) and the Wimberley Players. The mission is to showcase Texas musical artists- our shining stars- and support the Robert Moreman Memorial Scholarship for creative Wimberley graduating high school seniors- our rising stars- while bringing cultural enrichment to our community.

The 2026 Lineup:

Tony Kamel and Kym Warner with Pat Byrne- September 30 at 7:30. Tickets on sale September 2 at 9:00am

Kevin Russel and Friends- December 1 and 2.



Wimberley Garden Club- (see new location)

The first meeting of the new season will be on September 9th at The Wimberley Community Center from 9:30 - 11:30.

September's topic will be presented by the Central Texas Mycological Society and will include a mushroom block giveaway. All are welcome to join the monthly inspirational, educational and fun meetings!

Hill Country Unit of the Herb Society of Texas-

The first meeting will be on September 16th at The EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens from 9:30- 11:30. The meeting will be a hands-on look at herbal remedies for the winter head-cold

season. They will explore how to prepare soothing herbal teas, homemade cough syrup, and other natural remedies to have ready when cold season arrives. Come learn, share, and get inspired. Visitors are always welcome! Please RSVP to valentine_lisa@msn.com if you plan to attend.

In The September Garden -

Arroyo Sweetwood (*Myospermum sousanum*) is an ornamental native fast-growing deciduous tree that can handle drought and the cold. It provides a filtered shade with fragrant blooms from April to September that smell like vanilla. The tree grows to around 15 feet and attracts many pollinators, bees and butterflies. Its leaves turn golden in fall.



Have You Heard?



- **The Wimberley Players** have acquired the land at the corner of Flite Acres and 3237. Plans are underway to build a new performing arts center. The original Playhouse on Old Kyle Road will continue as a venue for smaller productions.
- The construction on 2325 by the high school is the new **performing arts** building for the school district.
- Plans are in the works for an aquatic center on Winter's Mill with a **pool** to be used by the schools and community if passed by the voters.
- There are plans for 2 more **murals**, one at Hill Country Collision and the other at the library.
- Wimberley "**Bootiful**" boots can now be purchased by individuals
- **Sentinel Park Preserve** is a 53 acre area with 1 mile of Blanco River frontage, The Nature Conservancy will hold the conservation easement to ensure that the Golden Cheeked Warbler habitat will be preserved. It will open in 2027.
- A new **traffic light** is coming to Old Kyle and 12
- **3 new shops** are being planned next to the parking lot across from Community Pizza.
- There is a new candle store in town called **Wimberley Candle Company**, a bakery and coffee shop called **BenCos** that will soon be open for dinner as well as breakfast and

lunch, and a tea store called the **Tea Nook**. Make sure to stop by and welcome them!

- There are **3 new mural** installations on the side of Wimberley Cafe.
- The new **mural** at the library will be painted by artist Drew Audras. Below is a picture of his proposal and a copy of his artist's statement:



The mural celebrates the transformative power of reading by portraying books as doorways to discovery, wonder, and possibility. Across the scene, children open oversized book covers that swing wide like doors, inviting them into new worlds of adventure, knowledge, and imagination. Each child is dressed as a character from the book they have chosen, suggesting the magical moment when a reader steps beyond the page and becomes part of the story itself.

Framing the mural, native Texas wildflowers bloom along the upper and lower borders, creating a vibrant sense of place and connecting the Library's stories to the local landscape. Native birds soar and perch throughout the composition, symbolizing curiosity, freedom, and the journeys that books inspire. Anchoring the design, a classic parchment banner bears the invitation: *"Open Your Imagination"* - a reminder that every book is both a gateway and a guide to worlds waiting to be explored.

Wimberleyarts.org needs your support! The organization is an alliance of area non-profits, creatives of all kinds, local businesses, and passionate arts appreciators, with a mission to promote the Wimberley Valley as a thriving cultural arts community long into the future. They help sponsor the Bootiful Boots, murals, musicians, local art events like the Art Crawl and Gallery Trail, scholarships for graduating seniors, and the Stars Over Wimberley Concert series. Consider becoming a member today.



Get ready for a wild night of Texas Western Fiction by Texas writers! On Wednesday, October 7th, we have a special evening with two of the hottest talents in Texas: [James Wade](#), the award-winning author of HOLLOW OUT THE DARK, BEASTS OF THE EARTH, ALL THINGS LEFT WILD, and RIVER, SING OUT, and [Gary Keith](#), writer, researcher, lecturer, political science professor for many years, and author of AUSTIN BLUES, and the soon-to-be-released THE MANSIONS ON WOODLAWN BOULEVARD.

RSVP's are appreciated for anticipating space needs. Save your space by clicking <https://thewimberleyliterarysalon.org>.

Our venue: Wimberley Valley Museum | 14068 Ranch Rd 12, Wimberley, TX 78676

Wimberley on Wheels offers transportation for seniors in the Wimberley Valley. 512-847-1787

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** theshadylama.com
- **Thinkery** thinkeryaustin.com
- **Wimberley Glass Works** for a glass blowing demonstration 6469 RR12
- **Wimberley Library** wimberleylibrary.org
- **Wimberley National Mini Golf** wiimberleynational.com
- **Wonder World Cave and Adventure Park**
<https://www.wonderworldpark.com>



Also, don't forget ice cream at **The Old Mill Store** and **Monster treats**, popcorn at **Papa Hoos**, candy at **Wimberley Candy Cottage**, donuts at **Wimberley Donut Shop**, popcorn at **Ace**, and shaved ice at **Wimberley Shaved Ice**.

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

Hang in there! Cooler and wetter days are coming!