

FORT CLARK DISPATCH


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A New Start

Recycling Opportunity

Fort Clark Springs is collecting keys for the Falcon Art Center Foundation project. Drop off your unwanted keys at the Administration office front counter. For more information about Adrian Jesus Falcon and to see his 2022 calendar of events, visit his website: <https://www.adrianjesusfalcon.com/2021>. Falcon will join Chris Race for fiber spinning and weaving demonstrations at Fort Clark Days.



**WE NEED YOUR
UNWANTED
KEYS!**

YOU ARE THE KEY OF THE FUTURE!

A Falcon Art Center Foundation project

Drop off your unwanted keys at the Del Rio Housing Authority 207 N. Bedell Ave DRHA Contact Isidro Valdez or at the Falcon Art Gallery 301 E. Garfield St. Del Rio, TX. 78840

Contact Adrian Jesus Falcon
830-469-5327

Collection period: November 8, 2021 to January 28, 2022.

About the project: This project is on recycling. 10 Children between the ages of 10-16 from DR Housing will participate in creating a sculpture with mixed media, plywood and concrete.

Promotion: please spread the word and help us collect keys. We thank Mr. Sergio Diaz and Power 96.3 FM for helping announce this project!

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From the Editor...

Here is hoping you are all getting a good start on the New Year, even with all the challenges still going on.

For the romantics out there starting this month our own Teri Marsh will be doing a short series of articles highlighting... Well, you will just have to read it for yourself.

I would also like to remind all the clubs out there to seriously consider submitting short pieces about things going on in your club. Articles about things related to the nature of the club are also wanted. If you enjoy a particular hobby or just enjoy spending time with like minded people, let's hear from you! You may just inspire others to look at a hobby they may not have even thought of before.

The last year has kind of flown by for a lot of us. It's hard to believe we are already half way through the first month of 2022. With that in mind, remember that Fort Clark Days are really just around the corner. January is half over and February is a short month. The first weekend in March will be on us soon. If you are part of the planning or a vendor we wish you good luck and hope you get everything done in time. For everyone else Please make plans to attend. Fort Clark Days are always full of interesting displays, people, food, and nice things for sale.

Stay warm, stay safe, and enjoy the little things that make Fort life enjoyable.

Amos A. Trisler



Photo by Amos Trisler

January 2022

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Further Afield

With Teri Marsh

Garner State Park in Off-season

Garner State Park lies a little over an hour's drive from Brackettville, near the hill country town of Leakey. Considered by many to be the crown jewel of the Texas state park system, Garner's soaring cypress trees, chilly Frio waters, and summer dances attract over 350,000 visitors annually. Many local residents have happy memories of dancing beneath the moonlight and tubing down the Frio River, but now choose to avoid the park in the high season due to overcrowding. In fact, reservations are required simply to enter the park during the summer as well as on weekends year-round.



However, we are blessed in southwest Texas with warm, sunny days throughout the year. On a recent December weekday, I made a day trip to Garner with my husband and son. We were greeted with cool, refreshing breezes, sunlight bouncing off the pristine waters of the Frio, and trees still sporting the vivid reds and yellows of their fall color here and there along the banks as we hiked. Campgrounds that are packed in the summer and require reservations months in advance were almost deserted, and day-use areas were completely empty. The gift shop near the famous dance pavilion was open with many items on sale at clearance prices. A solitary fisherman in chest-high waders had the entire river to himself.

Garner's 16+ miles of hiking trails are accessible year-round. Named for Vice President John Nance "Cactus Jack" Garner and opened in 1941, the park facilities are built with local stone and cypress wood, and were completed as a Civilian Conservation Corps project

during the 1930s. The history of the park is told on a series of outdoor panels near the historic dance floor. Admission for day use is \$8 per person. If planning to camp, reservations should be made in advance even in off-season, though plenty of campsites are available during the week. Nightly fees range from \$35 for full hook-ups to \$15 for water only. On our next warm weekday, why not pack up a picnic lunch and discover that Garner State Park is a great destination to enjoy Texas' natural beauty in every season.



Photos by Teri Marsh

Fort Clark Naturals

The wild life with Suzanne Mayne

What a start to a new year! From Christmas to New Year's Day, a dead something or other under my house, which has a crawlspace, had me mothballing the crawlspace, running my dryer before using to evacuate the smell, putting out peppermint and eucalyptus oils on cotton balls to try to mask the odor. Now the decay odor is gone and my home reeks of camphor! I guess this is better than before. "It's like my father always said to me, he said to me, he said, Roseanna Roseanadana, it's always something. ..." Gilda Radner

My brother was in over the Christmas to New Year's break. It's just the two of us in the family since our dad passed away several years ago, mother passed some fifteen years before dad. We each have friends and relatives including cousins, in-laws (or out-laws as I affectionately refer to mine) still around so there are plenty of family gatherings to be had from time to time. But what I was getting to, is we just had a good time together this holiday. My brother played the disc golf course a couple of times, we drove into Del Rio for some shopping and looking around. Some of the nicest times were sitting out in the evenings, as the weather was warm – warmest December in Texas in years, don't ya know, listening to my neighbor play her vintage organ some certain evenings or catching the bass boom cars passing by, reminiscing over family quirks or funny stories, talking about our latest nature, food, garden or book interests. My brother has discovered rock collecting from his camping trips this past summer and he is all about tumbling and polishing rocks he collects here and there.

We took the golf cart out several days, it's always more fun with company, and since the hunting had been paused for the holiday weekend, we rode some trails and roads I hadn't been on in some years. It's interesting to see the remains of various structures out in the mesquite. The bunkers are always interesting to visit. And you never know what old stone or

concrete slab or strange old excavation you will run across. I am always amazed at the precise brickwork to be seen in the old brick towers around the fort. Such exact and enduring work.

We scared up a flock of pigeons from one old tower. Off they went in their circling flight. One time, coming down the far side of the creek we got some close-up views of the resident vultures. A number of Black Vultures were tussling over some dead creature in the shallows of the pond area. Another day, we heard the two different kingfishers, the green and the ringed, before we spied them with their insistent fussy chatter-chatter calls. This time of year, you can hear and then look for the migratory flocks of different finches or other tiny birds, flitting around high up in the trees, scavenging for bugs and seeds. I tentatively identified one flock as American Goldfinches. They have such a distinctive two-note plaintive call. Another flock of tiny birds might have been Pine Siskins; however, I was not so confident in that identification. Later we drove past a small group of wild turkey hens foraging along the creek. All in all, we had several fine afternoons out roaming through the woods, along the creek, looking at whatever nature sent our way. I'm looking forward to getting through the next month or so of possible cold weather to see the first spring buds and flowers, aren't you?



For more information on Fort Clark Hiking Trails: Look online at www.fortclark.com, under the Recreation drop down menu, click on *Hiking/Biking Trails*. There you will find the different designated trails, totaling over 15 miles.

Editors note: Like Suzanne I have an affinity for the brick stacks on the Fort. Recently I too was out at the old Laundry site on a photo jaunt. So, I hope Suzanne won't mind if I add some of my photos from there.

Photos by Amos Trisler



★ Where the Real Stars Gather... ★

★ [Story by Suzanne Mayne](#) ★

As we begin 2022, the night sky events are more about planets and less about meteor showers. Events for this period include:

Jan 17: The first Full moon of the year. This moon is also known as the Wolf Moon.

Feb 1: New moon. Provided there are no clouds and minimal haze, this will be a great night to watch the night sky as faint objects will be much more visible and moving objects such as the space station and satellites will be easier to see and follow across the sky.

Feb 12: Venus will be brilliant in the early morning and morning sky.

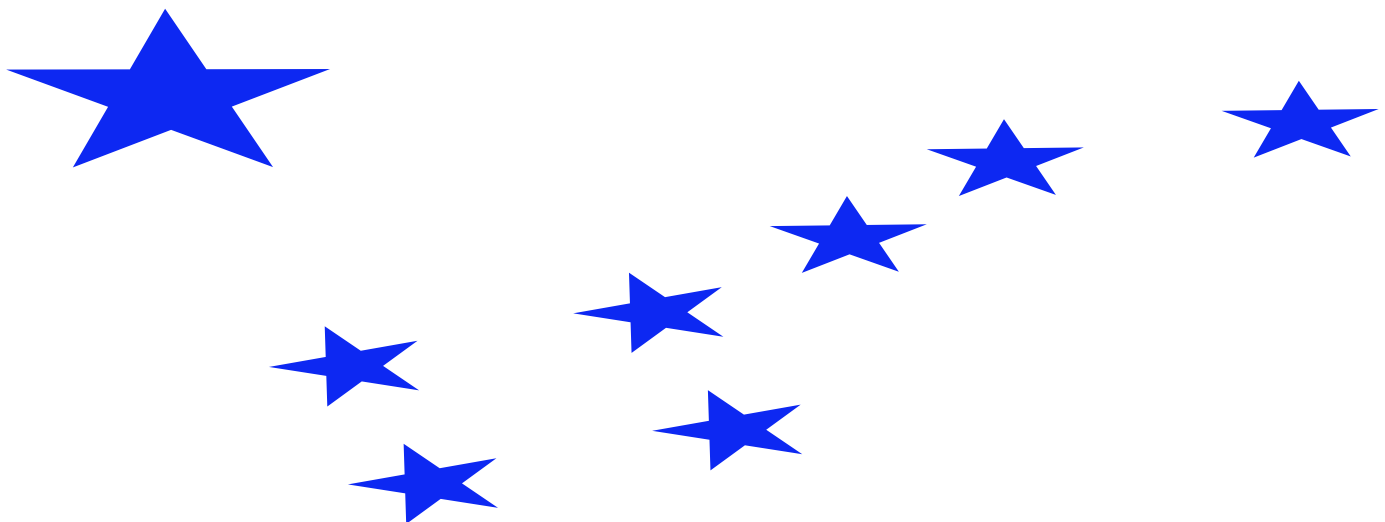
Feb 16: Full moon. This moon is also known as the Snow Moon or the Hunger Moon.

Feb 16 – A likely opportunity to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

In January, Jupiter and Saturn will be best seen in the evening sky after sunset and before midnight. By February, these planets will be too close to the sun to be visible.

From mid-January to February, Mars will be visible in the morning sky after midnight and before dawn and will continue to be more and more visible during this year until its most visible period in December 2022.

By the end of January, Venus will be bright enough to see in the day. Find it in the morning sky just before dawn and mark its location against a stationary reference point like a telephone or power pole. You should be able to see it well into the morning. As always, grab your binoculars or telescope, a jacket, warm beverage and head out to your chair to catch up on a starry, starry, night!



Las Moras Amateur Radio Club

The Las Moras Amateur Radio club had some issues with their VHF repeater going offline a few times. Fortunately, they do have a UHF repeater to fall back on for local area communications. And that is what they did.

While the VHF repeater was being repaired it was decided by the club that it just might be time to upgrade, as that repeater had been in operation for quite some time.

A new, Yaseu VHF repeater was ordered with an expected wait time of around 14 weeks. Fortunately Yaseu came through with their club program and the new repeater was received in just a couple of weeks from putting the order in. It is now up and running.

The club has been busy deciding on a logo for the club to be used on a number of items. One item is the new, hi-visibility orange T-Shirts for when the club operates assisting events or in emergencies. Once the logo is decided upon a member who does screen printing will be putting the club's new logo on the shirts.

In the last few months one person has tested and obtained their Technician license, while a few others have upgraded their license.

The club would like to remind anyone interested in learning about Amateur Radio the club meets the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM at the Adult Center. The meetings are open to anyone with an interest in Amateur, or HAM Radio as it is also referred to. If you are just curious or want to get started working towards your license, please come to the next meeting.

The LMARC is available to provide communications for events in the local area. In the past they have provided communications for various foot races in the area, as well as support for Fort Clark Days.



Ramblin Jack

By Jack Marsh

The Many Lives of an Old Fort Part V Black Seminoles - continued

Last month's story continued with Black Seminole leader John Horse having settled with his group in Oklahoma Indian Territory near the Creek tribe, and Seminole Indian leader Wild Cat having settled his band within Cherokee lands close to Fort Gibson. During this time of ongoing struggles between Black Seminole and Creek, the U.S. government overseers continued to act as peacemakers between the two groups, and facilitated the release of future Fort Clark occupant Dembo Factor from Creek captivity, who returned to his home among the Black Seminole. But no amount of government intervention could bring lasting peace, and the Creek continued to raid the Black Seminole camps to fill their slave labor needs. While those struggles continued, alternating flood and drought on the Cherokee lands near Fort Gibson resulted in an untenable situation there, and Wild Horse lobbied his overseers to allow him and the Seminole to move southwest, closer to areas occupied by Creek and Black Seminole.

It needs to be stated here that the Seminole continued to insist that they should retain dominion over the Black Seminole, who had supposedly been given their freedom by U.S. officials. Their leader John Horse felt threatened by the influx of more Seminole crowding in, so he requested that Fort Gibson provide him and his family a place to live while he lobbied the government to allow all Black Seminole to return to Florida, away from Creek, Seminole and white slavers, who all preferred to keep the Black Seminole for themselves. John Horse and his family were to be housed at Fort Gibson for the next five years. Meanwhile, in 1845, the government agreed to send Wild Cat and his band of Seminole southwest and away from Cherokee lands, complete with six months worth of food, seed and farm equipment.

Ultimately, John Horse and his Black Seminole were not allowed to return to Florida. Instead, a sort of tug of war ensued over their ultimate destiny, much of which took place in Washington D.C. by

representatives of the competing factions: 1) The Seminole and Creek insisted their property rights to the blacks had been infringed upon by a U.S. Government official in Florida, who had presumably granted freedom to the Black Seminole as part of an agreement for moving to Indian Territory; 2) those representing white slavers demanding they be returned to white-owned plantations; and 3) officers at Fort Gibson preferring they be allowed to live in fort vicinity under military protection – presumably in return for their labor. The lengthy and chaotic negotiations resembled what happens when groups fight over ownership of herds of cattle (and cattle never get a say in the proceedings), and it all resulted in an American decision to basically wash their hands of the whole mess and send the blacks away to the southwest Indian Territory in the company of the Seminole. The Jeff Guinn book states as follows: “So, as the winter of 1848 turned into spring of 1849, Seminole Negro hopes seemed doomed. They might just as well have never run away from white masters, never fought the American in Florida, never trusted (U.S. agents), never boarded steamships or spent ten years fighting off slave raiders in Indian Territory. All the blood and sacrifice had come to nothing.”

The Black Seminole spent the spring gathering their belongings, and in April started their journey southwest toward Seminole land. At this point it could be assumed that their immediate future would simply be a continuation of getting bounced around between warring factions. But some surprises remained in store, and they center around a shocking plan cooked up by John Horse and Wild Cat.

Romance Lives at Fort Clark

By Teri Marsh

No doubt, romance has been a part of the story of Fort Clark and Las Moras Springs since humans began to take advantage of this oasis thousands of years ago. The following love stories about current Fort residents demonstrate that love is alive and well in our community.

Carole and Amos

Carole was a 14-year-old Castroville resident of Alsatian heritage when she attended dances at the old dance hall in Quihi, Texas. There she met a 17-year-old named Amos who was living in Hondo at the time. The year was 1975, and Carole was instantly smitten. Even better, Amos returned her interest, and over the next few months, they met often at dances and drama club functions. Her first kiss was shared with Amos. During Amos' senior year, however, his friends convinced him that he should "play the field." Carole was crushed, but she and Amos maintained a friendship; while she was hurt, she preferred to remain in touch with him.



Amos and Carole
as teenagers.



After graduation, Amos moved with his family to southern Ohio. Carole and Amos stayed in touch, mainly because Carole was a faithful letter writer. Over the next few years, adult life commenced for both of them. Both Carole and Amos married twice and had children; Carole remained in the Castroville area, while Amos served in the military and lived in various places around the world. Through it all, Carole made an effort to stay in touch with Amos, even sending him care packages when he was stationed overseas in the Middle East in the late 80s.

By 1996, however, Carole had completely lost touch with Amos. While working as a library director in Castroville, she needed to brush up her internet research skills. She had recently been through a

divorce, and wondered what had become of her old friend. She decided that pursuing a "missing person" search to locate Amos would be a good way to practice online research. When she was able to locate a recent address for Amos on Fort Drum, New York, she mailed him a card asking him to check in with his old friend in Texas.

The address on Fort Drum that Carole had obtained was actually more than two years out of date, and the card arrived there long after Amos' forwarding order had expired. Nevertheless, a couple of weeks later a battered yellow envelope arrived in the mail for Amos in Oregon, where he was then living. As soon as he read Carole's card, he went to a pay phone and called her. They settled easily into a conversation drawing on their decades of friendship. Carole learned that, like her, Amos was now divorced, and for the first time in many years, both of them were single adults. They were soon talking daily, and two weeks later Amos proposed during one of their phone calls to the woman who he finally realized had been the love of his life all along. In August 1996, they married in Carole's parents living room in Castroville. In 2021, Carole and Amos Trisler celebrated 25 years of marriage.

This series will continue next month, when you'll learn how Dennis met Pat, and where Felix first noticed Valada.



RV PARK BREAKFAST

The RV Park is starting up their
Saturday Morning Breakfasts.

Starting When: October 30, 2021

(Every Saturday Until Further Notice)

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Where: RV Park Kitchen

Cost: \$6.00

Menu: Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes,
Orange Juice and Coffee

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COME JOIN US

At the

RV Park

for a Campfire and Sing-A-Long

If you would like to bring an instrument
to play with the sing-a-long, please do so.

When: Monday Nights

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: RV Park

Everyone is Welcome!!!!

Trails

Starting Friday, October 1st, 2021,

All trails will be closed down,

Dusk to dawn

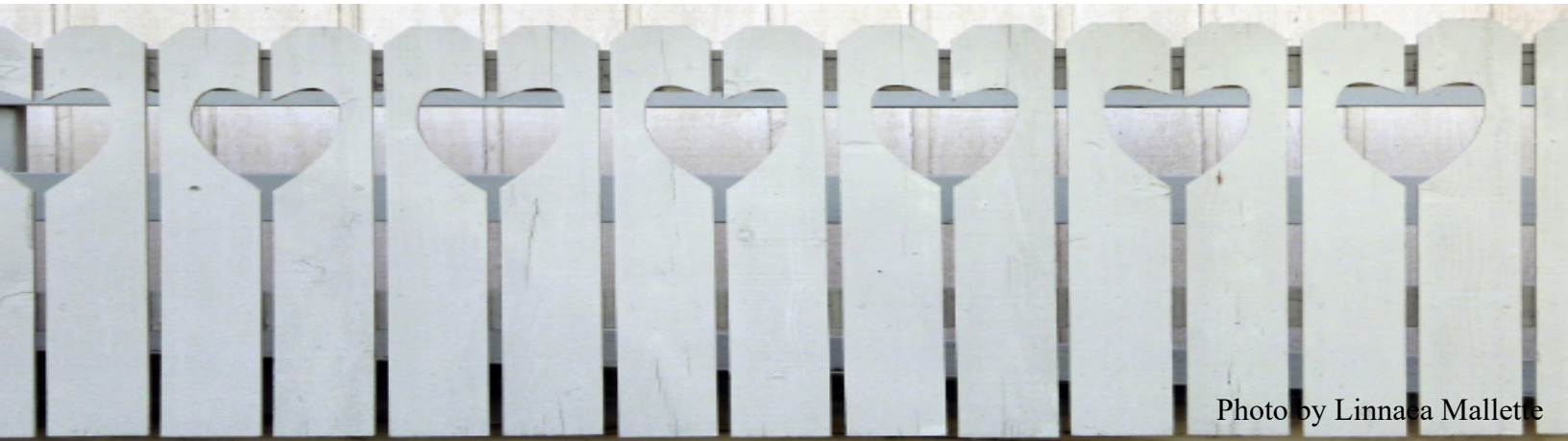
Signs will be posted

Thank you!



Photo by Suzanne Mayne

Over The Fence...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TO

CHARLES KELLY – DEC. 30TH

STEVE DILLER – JAN. 3RD

ANN BARRON – JAN. 8TH (91 YEARS YOUNG)

PAULA DILLER – JAN. 8TH

LOU GREEN – JAN. 8TH

LARRY HAGEN – JAN. 15TH

FERN DYER – JAN. 24TH

DON ALLEN – JAN. 25TH

BRENT LAUB – JAN. 28TH

ROBERT MARTINEZ – JAN. 28TH

THANK YOU TO FCSA

FOR THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

AND KEEPING THE SNOWMAN, ELEPHANT,

ETC., BLOWN-UP!

If you have anything you would like to place in the Fort Clark Dispatch, please send to

fcdispatch@fortclark.com by the end of each month.

Fort Clark Dispatch Writer's Guidelines

These are the basic guidelines for articles submitted to the Fort Clark Dispatch. This will simplify submissions, acceptance, and facilitate timely production of the Dispatch

- Subject area is pretty open. Ideally it should relate to life on the fort and/or the surrounding community. History, lifestyles past and present, and recreational opportunities are encouraged. If your story is medically or health related please discuss it with the editorial staff first. Articles that inform about and celebrate the surrounding area are encouraged. How to and DIY articles are another area. Just keep in mind that it needs to fit in a small print area and be something many people can do with basic skills.
- Word count is generally limited to 600 words or less. Preferably at least a 450 word count. Some exceptions can be made for longer articles depending on the subject, relevancy, and/or significant benefit to the readers. These must be discussed and approved prior to final submission by the editorial staff. There may be allowances for How to/DIY stories with heavy illustration.
- Articles need to be submitted in either as a Word document, Open Office Document, or as a straight text (.txt) file. Submissions are due by the first of the month for the month being submitted for .i.e. If or the February issue, then it must be in by 1 FEB.
- Preferably in Times New Roman, 12 pt, regular. Please do not use any fancy formatting. Block paragraphs (no indenting), a single line break between paragraphs. Italicizing something like a book title, etc., is acceptable and encouraged.
- Please check spelling and grammar before submitting. It reduces the frequency of migraines by the proofreaders. We get more work out of them that way.
- While subject areas are open and we welcome a variety of topics we also are striving for a lifestyle and entertainment mission. As such, submissions that are inflammatory, show extreme bias, or seek to push a political, religious, or otherwise divisive slant or agenda will be rejected. We certainly respect everyone's right to their most fervent positions, opinions, and beliefs. Many on the magazine have those that they feel strongly about. It just doesn't fit the mission or the purpose of the Fort Clark Dispatch.
- All submissions will be considered. Final approval of submissions will be made by the editorial which consists of the Editor, Executive Admin, and the General Manager.

We look forward to and encourage ideas and article submissions. If you want to see if we would make a good fit please feel free to attend out weekly staff meetings. Meetings are held at 1:30 PM in the Board Room at the Admin building.

Submissions and queries about submitting can be emailed to fdispatch@fortclark.com. Please put the words ARTICLE SUBMISSION in the subject line. Thank you for your interest in being part of the growing world of the Fort Clark Dispatch.

Submissions are due by the end of the first week of the month.

FORT CLARK

STILL NEEDS

YOU!

FORT CLARK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR A VARIETY OF PROJECTS AROUND THE FORT.

As members of the community there are many things large and small that you can do to help out while making Fort Clark a better place to live and play.

I might be as simple as volunteering a little time to go through some of the restrooms and change out the aerators in the sinks. Or painting a few benches.

Or you may be one of those people who have advanced

skills and years of experience in a particular field. Your help could move along projects on the fort that are stalled or moving much slower due to shortages of manpower and/or specific skills needed.

From the simple set of extra hands to sharing your hard earned skills and experience.

Fort Clark needs YOU!

To volunteer or to find out how you can help please contact:

Fort Clark Dispatch Kids Edition!

HELP!

The Kids Edition needs your artwork for the covers!

Please send your scans of your drawings, paintings, or photography (with the permission of your parents) to FCDispatch@Fortclark.com

Your work might be featured on the cover of the Kids Edition of the Fort Clark Dispatch!

Welcome

to our First Edition of the Fort Clark Dispatch Kid's Edition We have a Holiday Crossword Puzzle to get you started thinking holiday thoughts. (Don't worry, there is an answer sheet a few pages beyond the puzzle.

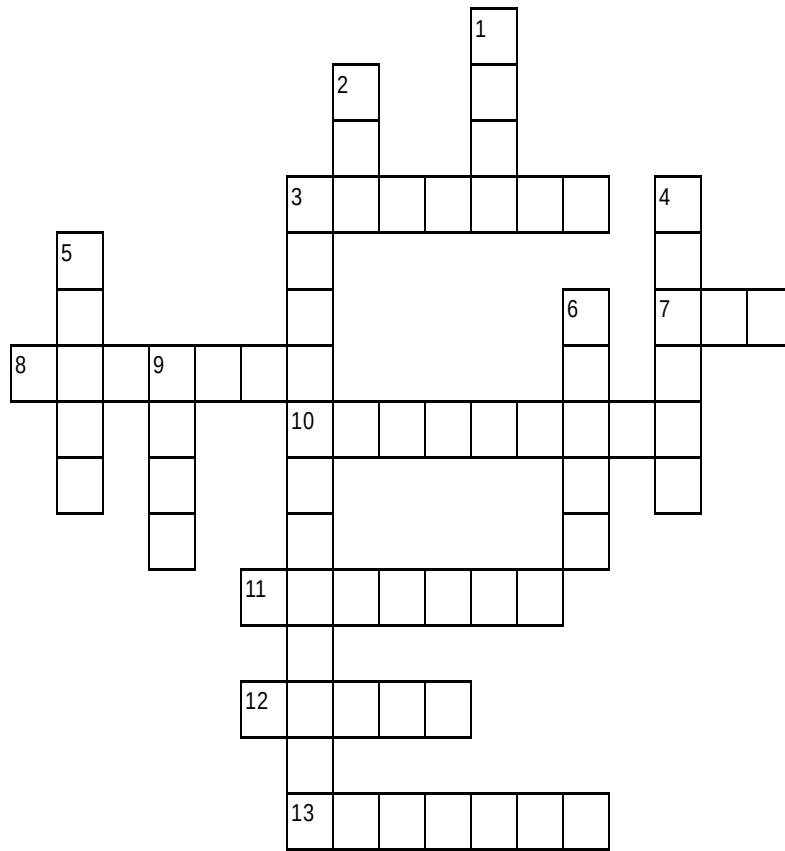
We are also happy to start an interesting project. Each month we will be posting two pages from the book, **LEARNING THE ALPHABET** by HELENA McBRIDE. Helena is a very active volunteer here on Fort Clark Springs. So we are happy to make her book, which has not been published yet, available here as a serial.

We will have guest artists doing the illustrations for each month's letters. We left the color out so you can color them yourself. You might even think about printing each page out (with parental permission of course), color them, then put them in a binder or notebook to have your own, personalized book.

If you know anyone who would like to try illustrating a few pages please let us know.

The illustrations for this month, the letters C and D, is Jenny McBride.

Winter Frolicking



Across

- 3 the three little kittnes lost theirs
- 7 knitted ones keep your ears warm
- 8 winter glitter
- 10 to take a long winter's nap
- 11 something to snuggle under
- 12 steamy beverage for chocolate lovers
- 13 Frosty and Olaf are two of these

Down

- 1 nature walk
- 2 a fun activity on the slopes
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By Carole A. Trisler

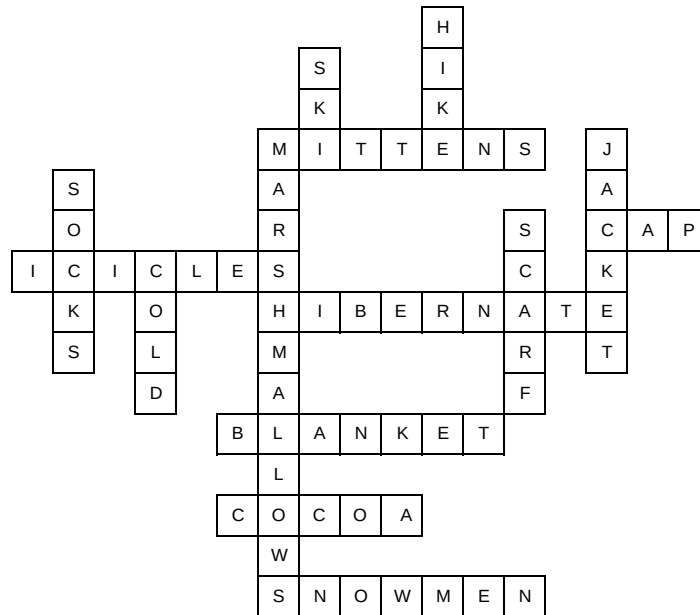


Connie Corwell lived with her Cousin Carla in a Comfortable Condo by a Creek in Chicago. Connie had a Coin Collection and Carla had a Cat named Crystal. One day, Connie got in her Car and went to the Card store. She bought lots of Cards to send to friends she Cared for. The next day, Connie and Carla played a game Called Checkers. They had fun.



Don Duncan lived in Denver and Day Dreamed about eating Doughnuts. Don Decided to buy one Dozen Doughnuts to share with his five friends, Danny, Donny, Duffy, Drake, and Dustin. Don bought six Dark chocolate and six cinnamon Doughnuts. Don and his five friends sat in the Den and Devoured the Doughnuts.

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle



Is that really a rhino in Rendezvous Park on a misty morning? A ghost of one from the old days when Fort Clark had a zoo? Or is it just the morning mist playing tricks on us? I'll leave you to figure that one out. Just be careful on those foggy mornings and keep an eye and ear out. You never know what may be lurking there.

Photo by Amos Trisler

FORT CLARK SPRINGS ASSOCIATION, INC.

2021/2022

HUNTING RULES & GUIDELINES

Welcome to Fort Clark Springs! Thank you for joining us this season. The safety and wellbeing of hunters, animals and residents is the #1 priority of Fort Clark Springs Association. FCSA reserves the right to deny any individual authorization to hunt. The hunting experience at Fort Clark Springs is quite unique and is considered to be Residential/Urban Hunting. Fort Clark Springs is approximately 2,700 acres of low fenced property. All animals are free-range and roam the property at will. Hunters will be hunting in wooded areas surrounded by residential and recreational areas. While hunting you may hear vehicular, aviation, gun range activity and/or pedestrian traffic. FCSA is a private homeowner's association, and has numerous hiking and recreation trails that are active year-round. Certain areas have been designated for hunting. Certain bow hunting takes place in areas near hiking and recreational trails that are not closed off from pedestrian access. The wildlife live and thrive in an urban residential environment, and are used to the everyday sounds you may hear during your hunting experience. **DO NOT EXPECT YOUR HUNTING EXPERIENCE TO BE IN A QUIET OR SECLUDED AREA.**

Please read these guidelines carefully and initial where appropriate. You will be asked to sign below.

_____ I am a member of Fort Clark Springs Association (Please check if yes).

Member: Is defined for this particular event and rules as any individual who has been a current member of FCSA for at least 1 full year which entitles them to member rates.

Non-FCSA Member: Is defined for this particular event and rules as any individual who is not a current member of FCSA or has a current membership of less than 1 full year. Individuals in this category cannot receive Member benefits until they meet those qualifications.

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- **All hunting on FCSA property is in accordance with FCSA Rules & Regulations and current FCSA Hunting Rules & Guidelines.** The FCSA Executive Officer or their designated agent will act as the Hunting Supervisor.
 - No one is allowed to hunt on FCSA property without the permission of the property owner. Anyone found to be hunting on FCSA property without the property owner's consent or outside of the perimeter of this set of Rules & Guidelines will be considered POACHING and will be subject to any and all penalties, fines or legal action as deemed necessary.
 - FCSA Hunting Rules & Guidelines and deer harvest availability are subject to change at any given time, depending upon the recommendations of Texas Parks & Wildlife, the FCSA Hunting Supervisor or at the discretion of the Property Owner.
 - The Property Owner will set the hunting pricing and hunting dates.

- All FCSA members must be in “Good Standing” before they are able to hunt and are required to follow all of the Hunting Rules & Guidelines herein.
- All hunters must contact FCSA Admin. Office for booking and reservations prior hunting. Hunters are not allowed to hunt without placement of the Hunting Supervisor.
- Non-Member Hunters will be priority in scheduling and placement over members.

PLEASE INITIAL BELOW:

_____ FCSA does not guarantee that any hunter will see or harvest any animal.

_____ It is the responsibility of the hunter and his/her guests to know the following property owner’s Hunting Rules & Guidelines as well as all state game laws prior to hunting.

_____ MEDIA RELEASE: All photo/video captured by FCSA personnel or their representative of hunters and their harvested animals is the property of FCSA to be used solely for the purposes of promotional material and publications. The hunter waives all rights of compensation or ownership thereof and grants a digital media release.

Fees, Penalties and Fines

- All fees, penalties and/or fines are at the discretion of the property owner or their designated agent. Violations of game laws will be enforced by state Game Wardens.
- **FEES:**
 - **Fees: \$200** per day with a two (2) doe (Axis or Whitetail) per day limit, all FCSA Hunting Rules & Guidelines apply. Any buck other than a Whitetail “Cull” Buck shot (wounded or harvested) will incur an additional buck fee.
 - **Axis Bucks: \$2,500.00** (limited to 28 to 34 inches, additional inches above 34” will be an additional \$100/inch) Longest main beam will apply. In addition, any antlerless (shed) or velvet horned Axis deer weighing 150 + lbs. will also incur a \$2,500.00 fee. Axis Bucks in this category that are shot, wounded and/or not retrieved will incur said trophy fee of \$2,500.00.
 - **Axis Buck Hard-horned (only) 16-28 inches longest main beam, \$1,500.00.** Axis Bucks in this category that are shot, wounded and/or not retrieved will incur said trophy fee of \$1,500.00.
 - **Axis Buck Hard-horned (only) 6-16 inches longest main beam, \$750.00.** Axis Bucks in this category that are shot, wounded and/or not retrieved will incur said trophy fee of \$750.00.
 - **Axis “Juvenile” Buck: Hard-horned (only) 1-6 inches longest main beam,** Bucks in this category will be counted same as a doe. Bucks in this category that are shot, wounded and/or not retrieved will count the same as if harvested.
 - **Additional Doe: \$100/doe (Axis or Whitetail).**
 - **Whitetail Bucks: \$1,500.00** Any buck shot (with the exception of Whitetail ‘Cull’ Bucks) regardless of age/size by any hunter (member/non-member) will incur a \$1,500.00 fee. All Whitetail Deer must be 3 ½ years of age or older. Whitetail

Bucks in this category that are shot, wounded and/or not retrieved will incur said trophy fee of \$1,500.00.

- **Whitetail ‘Cull’ Buck: Hard-horned (only)** Spike or Cow Horned Bucks (depending upon availability of MLDP tags.) will be considered same as a doe. All Whitetail Deer must be 3 ½ years of age or older. Bucks in this category that are shot, wounded and/or not retrieved will count the same as if harvested.
 - **Whitetail Deer (Bucks or Doe must be 3 ½ years of age or older).** Whitetail Deer younger than 3 ½ yrs. of age shot (wounded or harvested) will incur a penalty fee of \$300.00
 - **Turkey:** included in day fee pricing. Must meet Texas Game Law Regulations.
 - **Javelina:** included in day fee pricing. Must meet Texas Game Law Regulations.
 - **Feral Hog:** no additional fee, hunter incentive offered (read below)
 - **Predator Animals (Coyote, Bobcat, Fox):** no additional fee, hunter incentive offered (read below)
 - **Other exotic animals:** fee at property owner’s discretion.
- **FERAL HOG/PREDATOR ANIMAL HUNTER INCENTIVE:** Upon successful proof of harvest, a non-member hunter will be awarded an additional day hunt to compensate for assisting in hog/predator management. Members may volunteer to hunt hogs/predator animals at no charge with prior coordination from hunting supervisor.
 - **There will be no night hunting for non-members.**
 - Hunters who kill animals that they cannot pay for forfeit the animal to FCSA, and all additional hunts will be forfeited without refund. Any penalties, fines or other legal action will be at the discretion of the property owner.
 - Hunters are not allowed to tamper, alter, damage or destroy any FCSA property including vehicles, hunting equipment, blinds or feeders. Individuals caught doing so will be in breach of this agreement and all penalties and/or fines as well as criminal charges will apply.

Wounded Animal Policy

Any animal that is shot (wounded or killed), all rules, fees, penalties and/or fines will apply. This policy applies regardless of whether the animal is retrieved or not.

Protected Species

FCSA is home to the federally protected Blue Indigo Snake. All federal laws apply; no one is allowed to kill, harm, harass or try to catch or obtain possession of this snake. Violators will be prosecuted.

Booking/Refunds/Rescheduling/Transfers/ “No Call, No Show”

- **100% of hunting fees are payable at the time of booking.**
- Cancellations or reschedule requests occurring 10 days prior to scheduled hunt date will receive a full refund or payment transfer. Rescheduling is based on availability.
- If a cancellation is made less than 10 days before the scheduled hunt, 50% of the booking fee may be returned only if notification is given prior to the hunt. (see below)
- No Call-No Shows will not be given a refund.
- If you make arrangements with an alternate hunter to fill your space, it is up to you to collect, recover or exchange fees. FCSA will not participate in this type of transfer, hunters are welcome to try to fill your spot in the event that you can not make your hunt.
- Hunters will not tag Whitetail deer with their own deer tags. MLDP tags will be provided.
- All hunting will only take place in blinds and in areas that are designated by the Property Owner. **Trophy hunting will take place in blinds only.** There will be no guided trophy hunts.

CHECK-IN AND HUNTING PROCEDURES

- All hunters must check in at the FCSA Old Motor Pool Building for briefing.
- Morning hunt check in time: 5:00am
- Afternoon hunt check-in time: 3pm
- **LATE ARRIVALS MAY NOT BE SEATED.**
- All hunters must sign a Liability Release, Authorization of Medical Treatment, and Hunting Rules & Guidelines before they are able to hunt. All paperwork must be accomplished prior to the hunt.
- Hunters must notify hunting supervisor prior to any hunt of any medical, physical or mental conditions that may inhibit, impair or put others in jeopardy or danger while on FCSA property.
- All hunters must have a valid Texas Parks & Wildlife Hunting License.
- FCSA will enforce Texas Hunters Education requirements:

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting.

- **All persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.**
- There will be no smoking, alcoholic beverages, animals (pets) or littering allowed while hunting.
- It is the hunter's responsibility to ensure their hunting equipment is in good working order prior to hunting. It is the hunter's responsibility to come prepared for the hunt, this includes both equipment and proper clothing.

- If a hunter needs to sight-in or validate their rifle zero, hunter may coordinate with the hunting supervisor prior to their day hunt to do so at the FCSA gun range.
- The Hunting Supervisor will determine hunter placement.
- **RIFLE HUNTERS** will be allowed to drive their personal vehicle to a designated parking area and then walk to their designated blind. Hunting or wandering outside of the blind is not permitted.
- **BOW HUNTERS** may be escorted out to their designated blinds by FCSA personnel. **Bow hunters will only be allowed to hunt in elevated tree (ladder stands only) stands under the following guidelines:**
 - It is the responsibility of the bow hunter to bring his/her own equipment (ladder stand). The proper safety equipment will be required to be working at all times by bow hunters while they are hunting in elevated tree stands of any type.
 - The hunting supervisor will tell the bow hunter where he/she is allowed to place the stand.
 - The stand may be put up the day before the bow hunter's scheduled hunt and must be taken down and removed the day after their hunt.
- All weapons will be unloaded (no rounds in the chamber) with "safety on" placing weapons (barrel) in a safe direction away from other individuals when traveling to and from designated hunting blinds.
- **HUNTING / SHOOTING IS ONLY ALLOWED IN FCSA DESIGNATED BLINDS AND/OR TREE STANDS WITHIN THE DESIGNATED HUNTING AREAS AS PRESCRIBED BY FCSA.** Any hunter caught hunting outside of these permitted areas will not be allowed to continue hunting for the rest of the season and/or future hunts on FCSA property and are subject to penalties and fines.
- **"SPOT AND STALK" OR SHOOTING FROM VEHICLES IS NOT AUTHORIZED.**
- All ground blinds will be equipped with 2 chairs, any additional chairs will be at the responsibility of the hunter. If more than one individual is hunting out of the same blind, each individual will be paying as an individual hunter.
- Hunters will be allowed to only hunt with the weapon (Rifle or bow/ crossbow) that they scheduled to hunt with. Changing weapons during a hunt will require prior permission from the Hunting Supervisor.
- FCSA personnel will maintain hunting blinds and feeders. Hunters will be allowed to bring and distribute their own corn or attractants while hunting.
- All hunters must shoot in the direction given (from the blind directly to feeder) when they are assigned a blind. No shooting across or outside of blind boundaries will be tolerated. No target practicing or unauthorized shooting is allowed. No shooting skyward (upward) or through/into trees or treetops will be permitted.
 - Rifle Blinds: distance from blind-to-feeder is approximately 50-100 yards.
 - Bow Blinds: distance from blind-to-feeder is approximately 20-30 yards.

- Hunters may use rattling horns and/or mouth or hand held devices to lure deer or turkey while they are hunting.
- **Upon shooting an animal, the hunter will immediately call and notify the Hunting Supervisor. All animals will be required to be seen by the Hunter Supervisor before processing and/or leaving FCSA property.**
- **Do not attempt to track or wonder around looking for wounded animals without FCSA personnel present.**
- At approximately 10:00am, all hunters will leave their designated blinds and head back in with FCSA personnel at different designated locations as assigned by the hunting supervisor. It is at that time the hunters will declare and register the animals that have been harvested during the morning hunt. All Whitetail deer will be registered and tagged by FCSA personnel. MLDP tags will be provided. Hunters will not tag any Whitetail deer.
- Afternoon hunters will repeat the check in process at the time set by the hunting supervisor.
- FCSA will make a cleaning area available for hunters. **NO FIELD DRESSING ALLOWED.**
- Cleaning and animal processing is the responsibility of the hunter. The hunter may ask a FCSA volunteer to help with the processing or cleaning of the animal, but it will be at the discretion of the volunteer. Volunteers are not obligated to assist hunters. The volunteer may ask for compensation for their assistance. The transactions are solely between the hunter and the volunteer – FCSA is not responsible for any agreements or transactions made between a hunter and volunteer.
- Any hunter who does not follow the FCSA Hunting Rules & Guidelines or fails to declare or register any harvested animal by any means will be subject to immediate action by the property owner. Action including fines up to \$1,500.00 per incident and/or violation may be accessed at the discretion of the property owner.
- **FCSA is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged property.**

AXIS TROPHY RAFFLE

All registered FCSA hunters will be placed into a drawing for an Axis Trophy Hunt. In order to qualify for the raffle entry:

- The hunter must have hunted a day hunt during the 2021-2022 hunting season.
- Only the registered hunter’s name will be entered into the drawing (valid upon paid receipt).
- If the registered hunter is paying for other individuals to hunt, it will be at the discretion of the paying registered hunter which names will be entered into the drawing.
- Each paid hunt qualifies for a raffle entry.
- Cancellations or refunds disqualify the hunter from the drawing entry.
- Violations of state Game Laws or FCSA Rules & Guidelines as written above will disqualify the hunter from the drawing.
- The drawing for the Axis Trophy hunt will be on the last hunting day of the season.
- The winning Axis Trophy Hunt will take place between Oct 2022 and the end of the calendar year unless otherwise coordinated with the hunting supervisor.

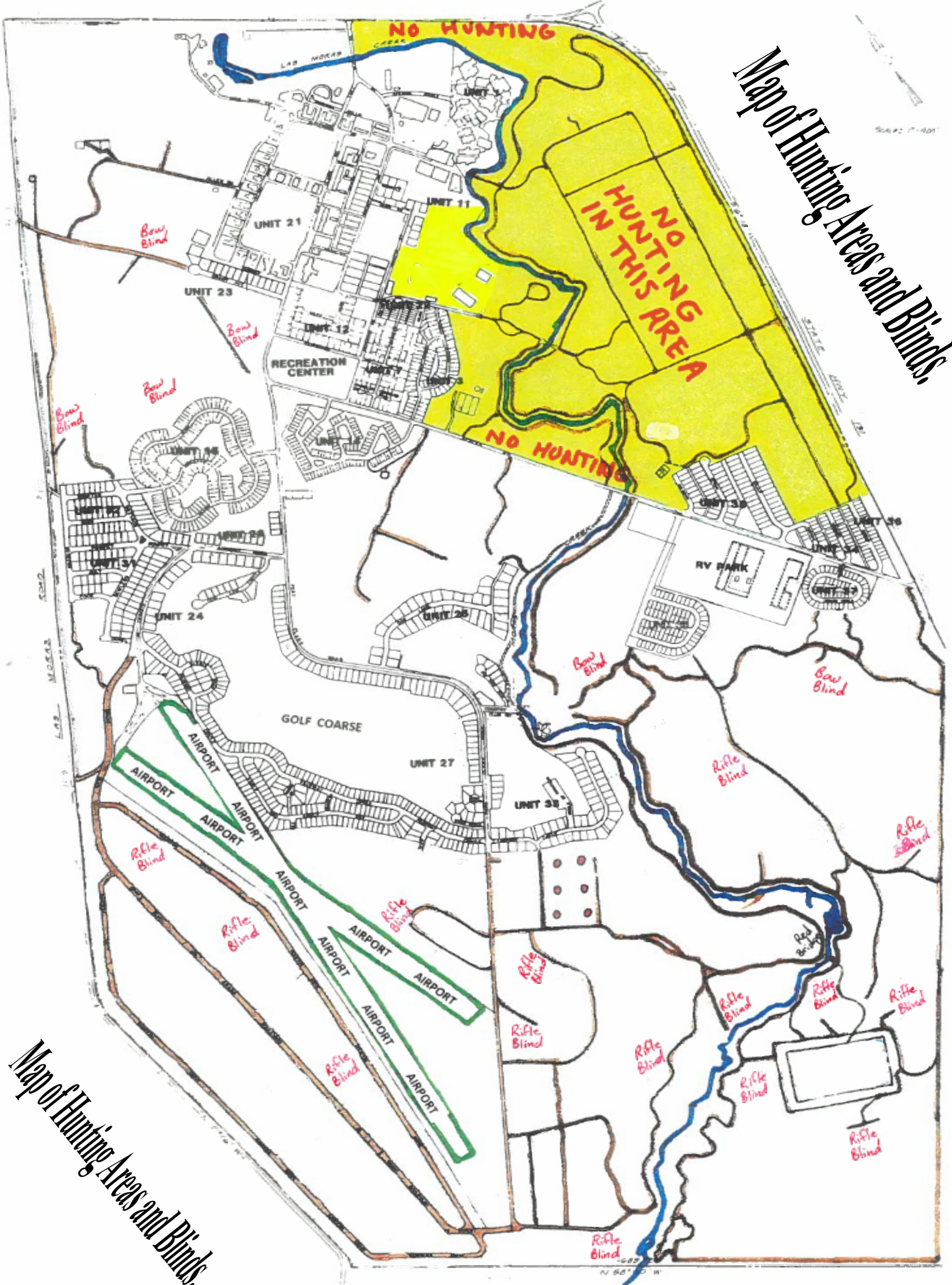
Acknowledgement and receipt:

By signing below, I acknowledge reading and understanding the 2021-2022 FCSA Hunting Rules and Guidelines, and understand and agree to follow all the above Rules and Guidelines as given to me.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Map of Hunting Areas and Blinds



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