

FORT CLARK DISPATCH

Celebrating Fort Clark Life. Past, Present, & Future.



Frontier Christmas & other FUN!



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From the Editor...

Welcome back!

As you can see some things remain the same, like the great columns by our enthusiastic and talented writers! There are also some changes. For one that we now come out on the 15th of the month. (If the editor/layout guy gets everything done on time.)

Please note that we have added a [*Kid's Edition*](#) to the Dispatch. It is a modest start, but one we hope can grow. This edition features a holiday themed crossword puzzle created by Carole Trisler, a sixth grade science teacher and self-admitted Nerd. Just remember to say "Nerd" with a capital N and respect. Don't worry kids (and parents), there is an answer sheet a few pages after the puzzle.

We're also happy to start off with what we plan on being a series. The Fort's own Helena McBride wrote a children's learn your ABCs book. Starting with the obvious, A and B, we will be continuing each month with the next two letters. Along with Helena's text we will be adding an illustration for each letter. These illustrations will be line drawings with no color. THAT, is where the kid's come in. The intent is to provide pages that can be printed off so the child can color the illustration. I would suggest a binder or some way to save those pages so that each month the child can add to it and build their own book.

There are several clubs on Fort Clark that cover a wide range of interest. Yet, we hear little from them at the Dispatch. PLEASE, appoint a reporter for your club and have them submit monthly articles and reports to us. It can be simply what happened at the last meeting and what events or activities you have coming up. If someone in the club wants to write about things the club find interesting, or provide how-to's or project ideas, that is something that might interest many of the readers. There is a good possibility it may even help similar minded people find your club so that they might join in the fun.

Oh, and you might notice that the [*Over the Fence*](#), column has gotten off the ground. A big THANK YOU to Julie Moreno, for gathering that information into one place and making it a LOT easier for me to layout the page.

There is much going on for the holidays, Christmas, Yule, Winter Solstice Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Years, and any others I might have missed. However, during that time please take a moment to think about those special Valentine's moments in your life. Do you have a special Story? If you do, please let us know and we might just have someone who would love to talk to you and help share that story. You don't need to write the story up. Just let us know soon that you have a story and if it would be okay for one of our writers to contact you and get that story.

Thanks to all who read and share the Fort Clark Dispatch. We appreciate you! This is a labor of love by the staff who work to create something that not only informs, but inspires, and brings a good feeling to being a part of this community.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year, to all from us here at the Fort Clark Dispatch.

Amos A. Trisler

December 2021

GC-GOLF COURSE
AC-ADULT CENTER
PT-POST THEATER
ARTS-ART STUDIO
TC-TEENCENTER
AD-ADMIN OFFICE
PB-PALISADO B.
RV-RV PARK

RVP- RV PAVILION
RVK-KITCHEN
SC-SERVICE CLUB
OQ- QLD QUARRY
AMPHITHEATER
BR-BOARD ROOM
DH-DICKMAN HALL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GOLF COURSE HOURS TUES.-SUN. 7:00AM-6:00PM	PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING ON THE CALENDAR!	*DEC 4-10A MOUNTAIN LAUREL GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY SHERIE DOBBS (UNIT 1). BRING A HOLIDAY TREAT TO SHARE AND A \$15.00 GARDEN GIFT TO EXCHANGE.	1 10A MENS GOLF 3P WATER AEROBICS	2 9A MEN'S COFFEE - RV 9:30A COUPLES GOLF 4-6P RECYCLE CENTER OPEN 5-11P DH BAR OPEN	3 3P WATER AEROBICS 5-11P DH BAR OPEN 6:30 P LIGHTING AT KC COURTHOUSE	4 8-10A RV BREAKFAST 8:30A-12P RECYCLE CENTER *10A MOUNTAIN LAUREL GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 12-3P ARTS 1-4P MUSEUM & SUTLER STORE 5-11P DH BAR OPEN ANGEL GIFT TOURNAMENT-GC 6:30P K.C. FRONTIER CHRISTMAS PARADE/VENDORS/ CRAFTS
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2021

CHRISTMAS

OPEN HOUSE

Palisado Building

DECEMBER 17, 2021

5 - 7:00 P.M.



FINGER FOOD

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GREAT GIFT IDEAS

Fort Clark Naturals

The wild life with Suzanne Mayne

Wow, have you noticed the sunsets this past month or so? During our Autumn months it seems as though clouds are often in the western sky at dusk giving us a glorious display. Scintillating yellow-gold to orange-pink streamers that fade to an unearthly pinkish-purple before disappearing. Or the heavenly rays of fading, pearly shimmers that seem to come up from the setting sun on the western horizon. Add in some interesting clouds and voila, you have sky poetry or the brush strokes of a master artist.

Sometimes the clouds are wispy horses' tails, high thin abstract patterns or fading thunderheads that lend their shapes to darkening or lightening the sunset colors. Sometimes you think the sunset is over then a glimmer of pink or orange begins to form as the last rays of the sun setting in the west shimmers on high clouds. Even airplane contrails can add some interesting texture to the sunset.

Scientifically, the colors in a sunset result from "light scattering". This scattering happens when light rays hit particles in the air, changing the direction of the light. Then the colors we see are determined by the wavelengths of light and the size of the particles that light hits in the atmosphere. Light wavelengths from longest to shortest are from red, orange, yellow, green through to blue, indigo and violet, shortest.

The gorgeous reds of a sunset result from an atmosphere with lots of moisture and dust particles. Too many large particles of dust, smoke or other air pollutants absorb more light than the atmosphere gases like nitrogen and oxygen and scatter light equally which causes the sunset colors to be muted. Ahem, wake up! The science lecture is now over!

I feel so fortunate on those evenings when I can sit through a sunset enjoying the changing colors in the sky, listening to the traffic noise begin to diminish, the song birds twittering their final evening communications and the deer coming across the green spaces to graze. So, come, join in. Grab a jacket, a cup of tea or your preferred evening beverage and head outside, settle in your chair and feast your senses on a magnificent sunset!



P.S. Science stuff courtesy of National Aeronautics and Space Administration and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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.

★ Where the Real Stars Gather... ★

★ [Story by Suzanne Mayne](#) ★

We continue to have interesting night sky events to get out and see, provided the sky isn't cloudy. To learn more, please refer to the previous magazines for relevant web sites. Events for this period include:

Dec 4-17: The Geminids meteor shower is active between these dates, peaking on nights of the 13-14. The earth travels through the debris path from an asteroid named 3200 Phaethon once each year. Unfortunately, this year few meteors will be visible as the moon is reaching its full phase. This shower typically has up to 120 meteors per hour.

Dec 19: The full moon in December has several traditional names: the Full Cold Moon, Long Nights Moon and the Moon before Yule. Scientifically, it is known as a Micro Full Moon as the moon is full when it is farthest from earth on its elliptical orbit around earth.

Dec 21: The December solstice will occur on this day at 8:59 am CDT. It is the shortest day of the year in our hemisphere and according to the astronomical calendar is the official start of Winter.

Dec 21-22: The Ursid meteor shower is active from December 17-26 and peaks overnight on the 21st. You can observe between 5 and 10 meteors per hour. Unfortunately, again, the interference from the fullness of the moon this time will limit what can be seen.

Jan 2, 2022: New moon occurs. Provided the night sky is clear, this provides the best viewing of faint or dim stars, planets, satellites or other sky objects.

Jan 3-4: Quadrantids meteor shower. The Quadrantids has up to 40 meteors per hour at its peak. The shower runs annually from January 1-5.

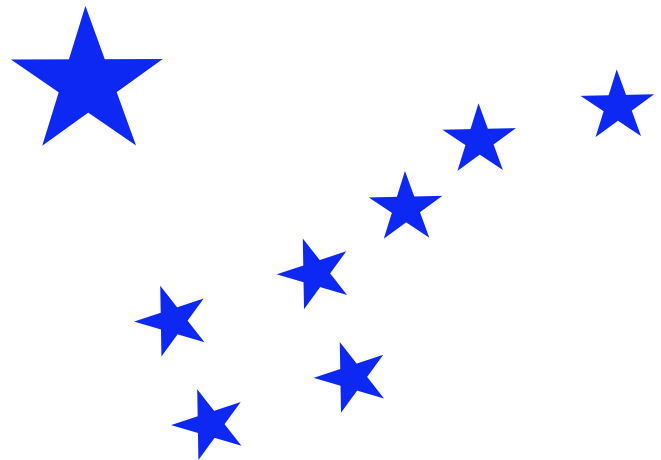
The crescent moon will set early in the evening creating a dark sky. The best viewing is after midnight. The meteors will appear to come from the constellation Bootes, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

Jan 4: Earth's Perihelion – the point in its orbit closest to the Sun (interesting fact to know).

Jan 7: The planet Mercury is farthest from the Sun and you might be able to spot it in the evening sky.

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

From mid-December, the most visible planets will be Jupiter, Saturn and Venus: best seen in the evening sky after sunset and before midnight. By early January, Venus will be best seen in the morning sky after midnight and before dawn. Jupiter will still be seen in the evening sky after sunset and Saturn can be seen only for an hour or so after dusk. So, get your jacket, binoculars and get out to see the night sky!



GOLF CART TOUR OF HOLIDAY LIGHTS!

Thursday, December 16th, 2021

Line Up at 5:30 p.m.

Please meet at the RV Park Office.

Refreshments and bonfire to follow!!!!!!

Thank you!



Ramblin Jack

By Jack Marsh

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

Last month the story ended at the point where the Seminole and Black Seminole had agreed to being moved out of Florida to Indian Territory in Oklahoma. In 1838, John Horse, along with about 300 Black Seminole were transported by ship from Tampa Bay to Louisiana. The other main character in the story, Wild Cat, one of the Seminole Indian leaders, had remained in Florida for the time being. It was reported that most of the travelers, who had never been to sea, experienced severe seasickness, and getting off the boat in New Orleans didn't improve their mood much, since they had entered a major slave-trading center. From there, they were put on a steamship up the Arkansas River to Fort Gibson, which was actually within part of Indian Territory occupied by the Cherokee, and miles away from the land previously promised as Seminole land. Soon, they were headed west and south through Cherokee farmland that was being worked largely by slaves, which raised concerns for the Black Seminole. Would they get their promised freedom upon reaching their new home?

As stated earlier, the U.S. government had declared the Black Seminoles to be a free people, which did not sit well with either white farmers near the Territory, or with other slave-holding Indian tribes, who feared that this would encourage their own slaves to run away. Upon reaching what they had been told was Seminole land, they come to find out that the dreaded Creek had basically squatted in the middle of the place, forcing the Seminole to take up space in another spot close by. Predictably, some of the Creek leaders insisted that several of the Black Seminole should rightfully be "returned" to them as slaves, based on some vague arguments about previous claims in Florida. A white American officer made things worse by having the Creek help identify Black Seminole individuals who may have been previously owned by U.S. citizens in Florida, to be returned as slaves. At that point the Seminole announced that they weren't going to return any Black Seminole to anybody.

Meanwhile, steamships full of Seminole and Black Seminole continued to arrive in Indian Territory, and many of the new arrivals did not appreciate that the Creek had taken up so much of their promised land, which continued to exacerbate the situation between the two tribes. During this time, John Horse made several trips back to Florida, where he attempted to convince his friend Wild Cat to move west with many of the Seminole that were resisting U.S. military efforts to uproot them. After several rounds of threats and negotiations, Wild Cat agreed to move west with about 200 of his followers, and upon reaching Indian Territory and discovering that the Creek were living in the immediate vicinity, he insisted on settling on land near Fort Gibson – land already occupied by Cherokee. This move by Wild Cat encouraged many of the Seminole already settled near the Creek, to uproot and move over to the Cherokee land.

As a result of all this maneuvering and negotiating, most the Black Seminole maintained settlement in the territory near the Creek, and the Seminole Indian continued to live within the Cherokee lands close to Fort Gibson. This began a period of continual upheaval, when the Seminole Indian struggled to co-exist with resentful Cherokee, and the Black Seminole attempted to fend off raids by the Creek, who continued to claim Black Seminole as their slaves. One name that you see a lot when reading various plaques and signs around Fort Clark is the family name of Factor. During one of the Creek raids on the Black Seminole community, a man named Dembo was captured. He had been living with a Creek woman named Sally Factor, who happened to be living with the Seminole at the time. Dembo was returned to the Black Seminole, and he eventually ended up at Fort Clark and known by the full name Dembo Factor.

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.

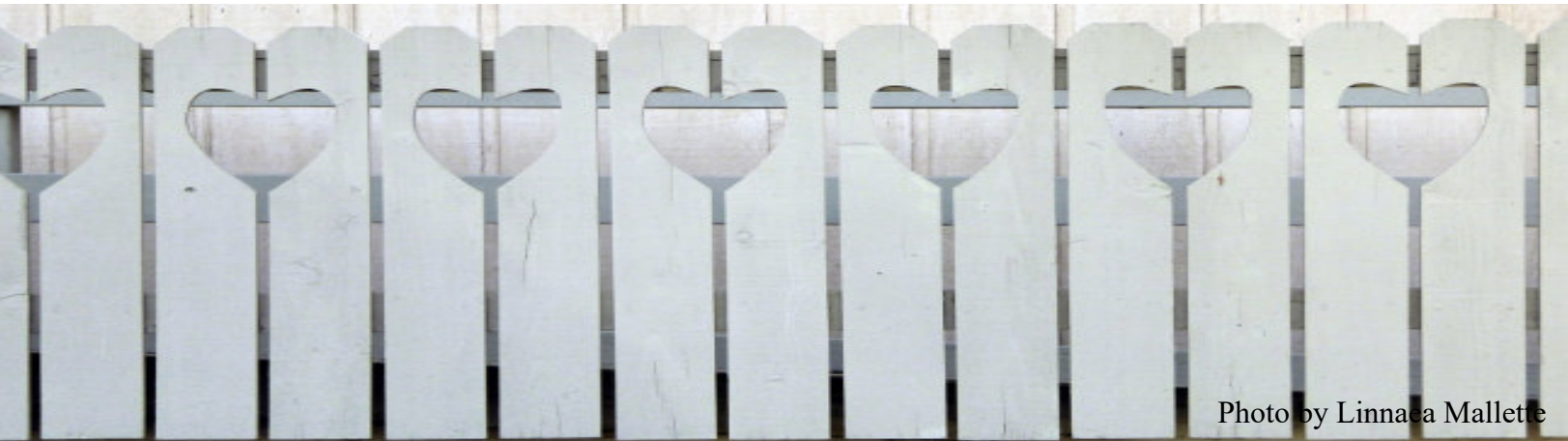
Where: RV Park Kitchen

Cost: \$6.00

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



Over The Fence...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

STEVE GIBLIN – DEC. 6TH

MARY JANE OLSON – DEC. 31ST



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

CHAD & CARRIE POTTS
16 YEARS!
DEC. 31st

JOHN & LYNDIA CONLIN
DEC. 13th

DONNA & JOHN PAUL
SCHUSTER
28 YEARS!
DEC. 18TH

**MANY THANKS TO THE
RV COMMITTEE FOR ALL
THEY ARE DOING!**

FROM ROBERT MUMME

I received my test results from my latest MRI, bone marrow biopsy, and the CT/PET scans on December 1st. After almost a year and a half of chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant, I have been declared cancer-free and in remission. I would like to thank all of those on the Fort who took the time to pray for me, send me short notes, and check on me. It is with your thoughts and prayers that I have survived this ordeal with God's grace. I am indebted to you all!

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

Fort Clark Springs RECYCLE CENTER 2016 – 2021 INCOME & EXPENSES**

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DATE	FEB 2016	APR 2016	JUNE 2016	SEPT 2016	DEC 2016	TOTAL
INCOME	384	134	2042*	431	349	3340
CTRA -10%	-38	-13	-204	-43	-35	-333
SHIPPING	-400	-480	-----	-480	-400	-1760
NET	54	-- 359	1838	-- 92	-- 86	\$ 1247

*Cardboard, no shipping cost

DATE	MAR 2017	AUG 2017	SEPT 2017	TOTAL
INCOME	578	412	5958*	6948
CTRA -10%	-58	-41	-596	-695
SHIPPING	-400	----	-----	-400
NET	120	371	5362	\$ 5853

*Cardboard, no shipping cost

DATE	JAN 2018	APR 2018	JULY 2018	NOV 2018*	TOTAL
INCOME	225	135	194	2280	2834
CTRA -10%	-22	-13	-19	-228	-283
SHIPPING	----	-----	-400	-400	-800
NET	203	122	-225	1652	\$1,752.00

*Both Recycle shipped and cardboard, no shipping cost

** Compiled from CTRA (Cooperative Teamwork & Recycling Assistance) Reports

Fort Clark Springs RECYCLE CENTER 2016 – 2021

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DATE	MARCH 2019	MAY 2019	OCT 2019	NOV* 2019	TOTAL
INCOME	224	189	219	794	\$1,426.00
CTRA - 10%	-22	-19	-22	-79	\$142.00
SHIPPING	-400	-500	-500	-----	\$1,400.00
NET	-198	-330	-303	715	-\$116.00

*Cardboard \$35/Ton, no shipping costs

DATE	FEB 2020	AUG 2020	DEC* 2020	TOTAL
INCOME	207	277	1763	\$2,247.00
KTXR -10%	-21	-28	-176	-\$225.00
SHIPPING	-500	-500	-----	-\$1,000.00
NET	-314	-251	1587	\$1,022.00

*Cardboard \$ 90/Ton, no shipping costs
CTRA changed to Keep Texas Recycling (Jan 1, 2020)

DATE	JUNE* 2021	AUG 2021	DEC 2021	TOTAL
INCOME	2394	519		\$2,913.00
KTXR -10%	-239	-52		-\$291.00
SHIPPING	-----	-575		-\$575.00
NET	2155	-108		\$2,047.00

*Cardboard \$ 135/Ton, no shipping costs

INCOME 2016 – 2021 \$ 11,805
TONS KEPT OUT OF LANDFILL 284.85 TONS
POUNDS KEPT OUT OF LANDFILL 569,700 POUNDS

Compiled from Keep Texas Recycling Reports by Helena McBride

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:

Thank you for reading this issue of the Fort Clark Dispatch. We hope you enjoyed it and will visit with us each month.

The Dispatch is a monthly online magazine that is available on the first of each month.



Good food and great fun was had by all at the Tuesday night Potluck at the RV Park. Part of the crew from one of the nights. Pictured Marla Palmer, Vickie Lee, Viola Leff, Maria Fox, and Paula Dillard. Not pictured Phyllis Giblin and Rachel Gerhardt and spouses. Excellent cooks. The Potluck is on Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM. Come join us .

Photo by Phyllis Giblin

To contact the magazine with comments, questions, or to volunteer, please email:

fcdispatch@fortclark.com

Please put “Comment”, “Question”, or “Volunteer” in the subject line. This will help us keep it separate from submissions and administrative emails.



Fort Clark Dispatch

Kid's Edition!



*Arts and Crafts
With
Santa*



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.

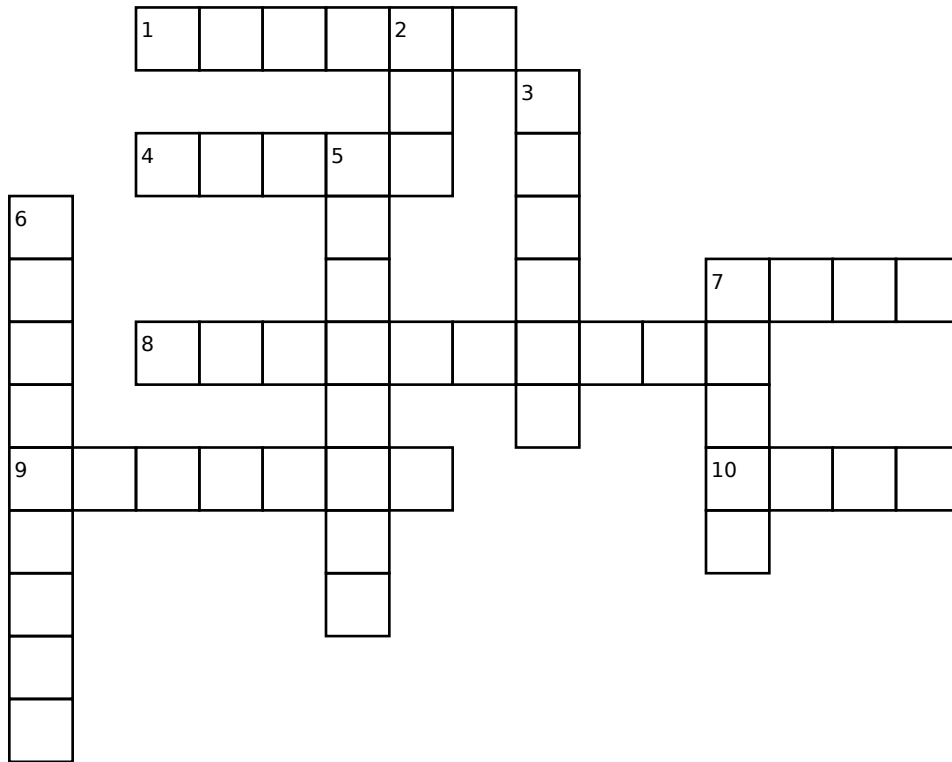
We are also happy to start an interesting project. Each month we will be posting two pages from the book, **LEARNING THE ALPHABET** by HELENA McBRIDE. Helena is a very active volunteer here on Fort Clark Springs. So we are happy to make her book, which has not been published yet, available here as a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

Hurray for the Holidays!



Down:

- works in the toyshop or sits on a shelf
- strings of these make a colorful show
- what powers Santa's sleigh
- traditional dessert
- big guy who is known for overnight delivery

Across:

- handy to have on a really cold day
- keeps our necks warm
- white stuff rarely seen in South Texas
- a red flowering plant that symbolizes Texas Christmas
- don't eat the corn shucks!
- Holiday greenery where gifts are piled

Answers on Page XX



Allan Altmoor lived in Abbey, Arkansas, he drew paintings As An Artist. Allan Ate An Apple every day. Allan loved Animals, his pet Aardvark and especially his dog,

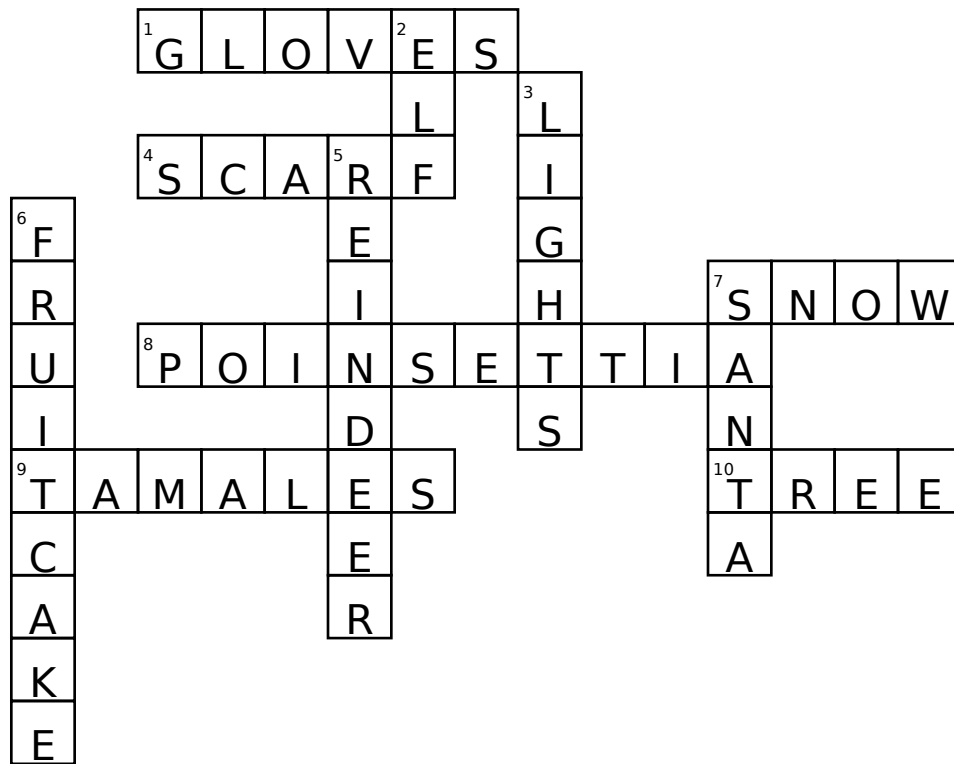
Aaron. Allan and Aaron played together All the time.

His Aardvark just watched.



Betty Bear Bought some Bacon and a Bushel of Beans. She baked the Beans and then Baked a loaf of Bread. She shared the food with her neighbors, Barbara and Billy Bates. Barbara and Billy made Texas Barbecue. Everyone loved eating the Barbecue and Baked Beans with some Bread. They all had their tummies full of Baked Beans and Barbecue, and then everyone was tired and had to go to Bed.

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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

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- **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.

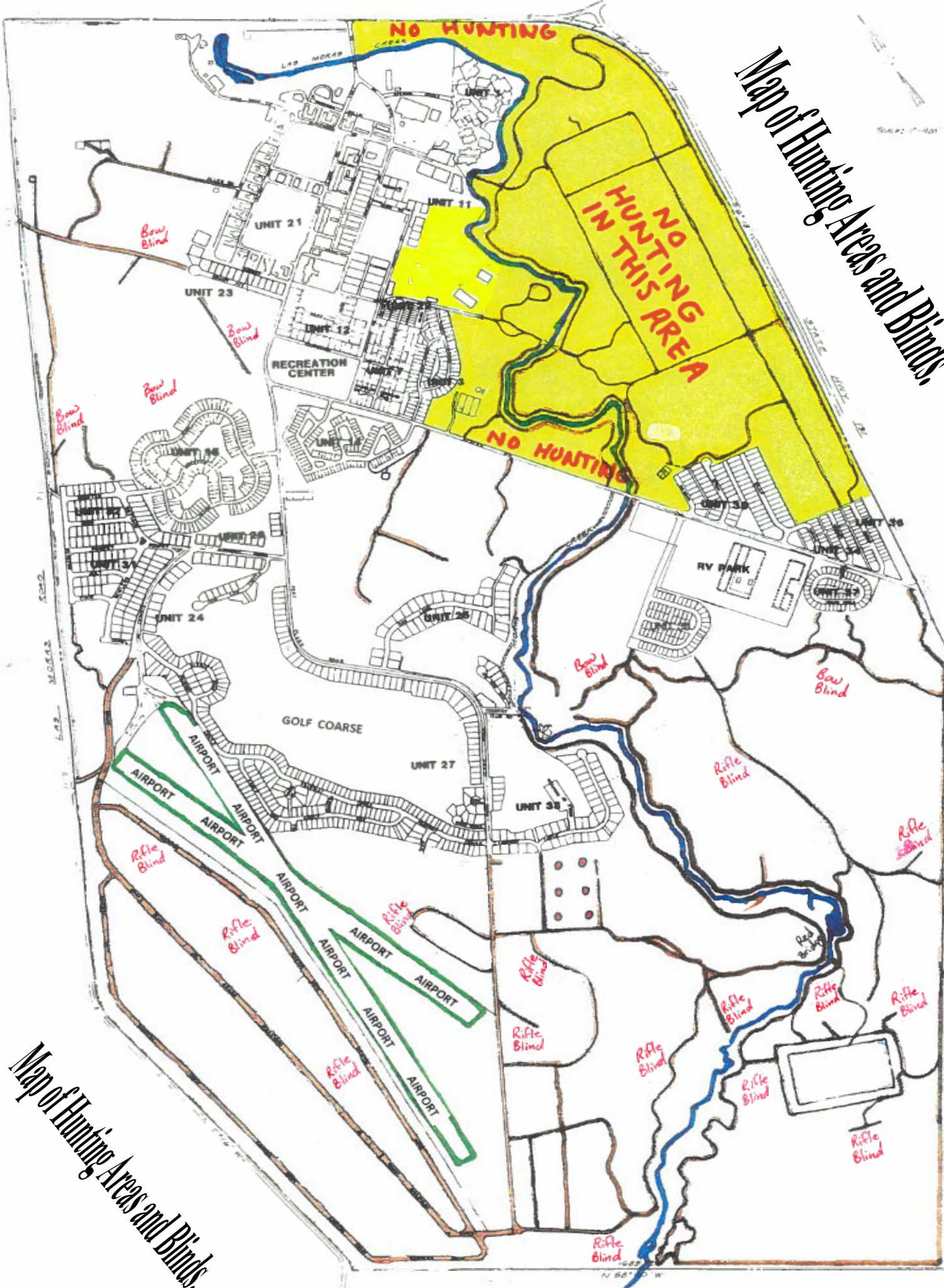
Acknowledgement and receipt:

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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