

FORT CLARK DISPATCH

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

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Relax & Reflect

Housing Crunch for Living Historians for Fort Clark Days

We have been blessed so many of our living historians are returning for Fort Clark Days 2022! Unfortunately, our housing situation has changed since 2020 and we are experiencing a housing crunch for several different reasons.

Do you have a spare bedroom or an empty RV? Would you be willing to host either a single person or a married couple for March 3, 4, & 5th? All they need is a place to sleep and perhaps take a shower.

If you can provide much needed housing, please email us at fortclarkdays.org@gmail.com or text 830-563-5546.



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From the Editor...

I hope for those who celebrate Valentine's Day had a good one. If you still need an extra dose of romance we have that. We have the second of the Romance Lives on Fort Clark series by Teri Marshall. With all the negative in the world it is nice to have those "awwww" moments and remember the sweeter parts of life.

Fort Clark Days is right around the corner. If you don't know what Fort Clark Days is. It's AWESOME! You really should make it a point to attend this year if at all possible. Friday, March 4th is the day reserved for schools to bring their students in and learn much about the past. Plus, it's just fun. Saturday, March 5th is for everybody. So come along and enjoy living history displays and demonstrations, as well as some great food, drink, and fun things to buy.

As usual, the winter residents at the RV park keep things hopping with a variety of activities. You can find something going on there almost every day of the week. Being the neighborly people they are events are open to anyone. I can tell you from experience that they do a great breakfast on Saturday mornings, 8-10 AM. For only \$6 a plate it's as they say, "If you go away hungry it's your fault."

Remember, that whatever is going on in the world right now that makes it even more important to enjoy your friends, family, and those little moments in life that you just have to slow down and savor. Enjoy the Fort and your community.

Amos A. Trisler

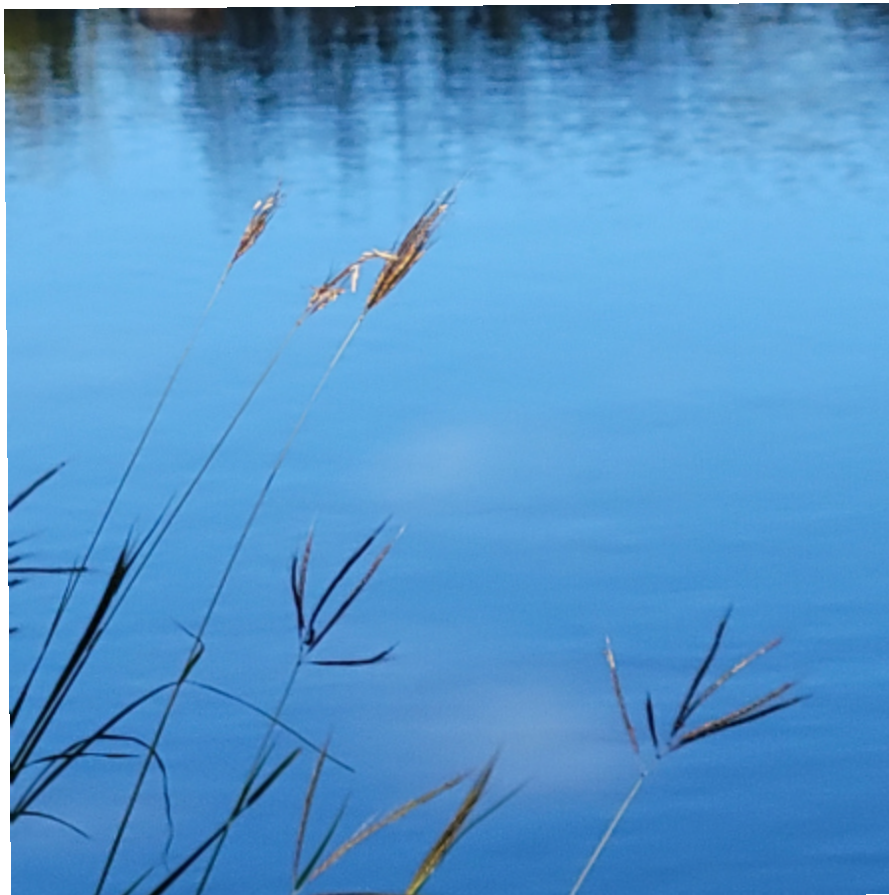


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February 2022

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Fort Clark Naturals

The wild life with Suzanne Mayne

Recently as I was returning home from visiting Kerrville over the weekend, I began noticing armadillos rooting around in the grasses along the road. The time was around 4:00 pm and I remembered other times in the late afternoon when I had seen a number of armadillos out along the highway right of ways. In the space of 15 minutes, I passed 6 armadillos happily grazing on whatever armadillos eat. I wondered why armadillos seemed to be out in the late afternoon and thought I might investigate them further.

Researching on the internet, I found a great resource: Texas Parks & Wildlife website, Texas Junior Naturalists, Wildlife Factsheet on the Nine-Banded Armadillo or *Dasyus novemcinctus* Linnaeus. I have included excerpts from the factsheet below.

“About the size of a small dog, armadillos live throughout Texas, except in the Trans-Pecos. Their bony shell acts like armor and provides protects from predators. Armadillos have powerful claws for digging up meals, mostly insects and their larvae. They also dig burrows in which to den. The softer the ground, the better they dig. You may even find evidence in your yard or garden! Although considered pests by some, the armadillo also eats grubs, which are particularly harmful to crops.

Because they have almost no hair to help regulate their body temperature, armadillos forage for food in summer evenings and on warm winter afternoons. They make noise while foraging and are fairly easy to sneak up on. When surprised, they leap straight up in the air, to startle any attacker while they scurry off to a safe den. Female armadillos give birth in spring and

produce 4 identical quadruplets, born fully formed with their eyes open. Armadillos are among the only animals known to contract and carry leprosy. For this reason, it is illegal to sell them live in Texas. The armadillo is also the state's official small mammal.”

My experience with armadillos growing up was that they were funny creatures which ran around under my grandparents old farm house in far northeast Texas. They would thump the floor occasionally in

their wanderings under the house and my cousins would flip over any that were foolish enough to come out from under the house and laugh to see them try to right themselves. Eventually, the cousins would flip them back over and move on to something else to harass. There was a period when armadillos armored hides were made into handbags,

One morning several years ago, I surprised an armadillo down along Las Moras Creek. I don't know who was more startled, it or me! More recently, I have accused them of rooting up my front yard although it is probably a race between armadillos and skunks for that honor!

In Texas, non-game animals include among others, armadillos. There is no closed season on armadillos however, a valid hunting license is required. They may be hunted at any time by any lawful means on private property. The take of any non-game species for commercial purposes (sale, offer for sale, barter, or exchange) from public lands or waters is unlawful.

You never know what you will learn when you notice something in the natural world and begin to investigate!



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.

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AUCTION SALE

FEB. 26, AT THE
OLD FIREHOUSE
FORT CLARK RD



DROP OFF DONATED ITEMS
BY 1:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY,
FEB. 26TH.



AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT
1:00 P.M.



HOUSEHOLD, PERSONAL, CHILDRENS, SPORTS EQUIP-
MENT, FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, JEWELRY, TOYS



[Items shown are only examples,
Not guaranteed to be available for sale.]

FORT CLARK SPRINGS ARTISTS - A GAME OF TAG

Chris Race - Tapestry Artist

At the January 18th Dispatch newsletter meeting, Amos tagged me to write an article for the February issue. A game of Tag sounds like fun. I'm IT first.

The November 2021 Fort Clark Springs Art Show was an exciting venue to meet talented artists from the Fort and surrounding areas. Why did this event excite me? A little history...

Fifty years ago (whoa) I earned a Fine Arts K-12 Education degree that involved creating art in all disciplines. Did I go on to teach? No. But I developed an appreciation for all visual media – pottery, printmaking, drawing, photography, weaving, painting – and always circled back to fiber arts. It's in my blood.

Childhood activities included weaving potholders, knitting, and sewing and tailoring. Throughout my career as a homemaker, stay-at-home mom, office manager, and business owner I managed to create art with fibers – mostly felting, yarn spinning, knitting and weaving.

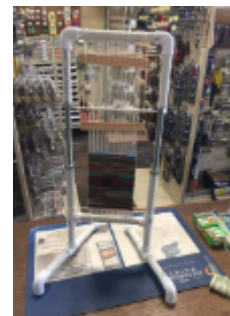
Owning and operating a Colorado Springs packing and shipping business for ten years kept me immersed in the art world. We crated and shipped many high-end paintings and sculptures during our tenure. Retirement finally came at the end December 2018. We had already downsized twice – from a house to an apartment and then to our fifth wheel. Some things were placed in storage, but not my fiber art supplies.

We visited friends in Fort Clark Springs several times and liked what the Fort had to offer. We moved into our barndominium casita in May 2019. My retirement goal was to start weaving tapestries using my hand-spun yarn. And so it began. The top floor of our Cenizo Circle unit is now my studio. There's plenty of space for all my fiber supplies and six looms.

Getting started with tapestry, I already knew the weaving basics like warping a loom and keeping selvages even. The internet contains a plethora of tapestry weaving instruction, so that's where I headed first. Tapestry is traditionally a weft-faced weaving. That means the up-and-down warp threads are totally covered by the weaving weft threads.

Then I started playing! My hubby Jim built a 10-inch wide PVC pipe loom. We bought the pipe, glue, and all-thread and nuts (for tensioning) from D&D Hardware. When the loom was built, we took it back to D&D for

show-and-tell. Dennis used a photo of it for Facebook advertising. I made several samplers (I call them explorations) using this loom. The next PVC loom was 20 inches wide.



What do I weave? Life! I take lots of photos of whatever catches my eye. I love observing nature. One of the daily visitors to our back stoop throughout 2020 was a roadrunner. We put out some meal worms and he would peck at the back door when the bowl was empty. I studied this roadrunner, took lots of photos, and then started weaving samplers of his eye. After that I designed and wove a 14" x 14" tapestry of this wonderful critter friend.



My list of ideas grows daily. A recent tapestry is a magnified moth's eye. A cicada eye is next in the series. As soon as a weaving is cut off the loom, I warp it for a new one. Usually all the looms are warped and ready for weaving the next idea.

Calling Fort Clark Springs Artists... What is your medium? How did you get started? What is your inspiration? Where is your studio?

Kellen Hendricks... Tag! You're IT!

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*Martha Peña Padron
Kinney County Voter Registrar*

*New Voter Registration Certificates
are in the Mail*

Voter Registration Certificates will be arriving in the mail boxes of all active Kinney County registered voters. The new blue certificates will be valid from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

Voters should check the information on their new voter certificates for accuracy. If there are no updates to be made, just sign on the front and retain for all upcoming elections.

These certificates may not be forwarded by the US Postal Service, thus, if a voter had a change of mailing address since the last Mass Mailout without updating mailing address with our office, the voter certificate will be returned as undeliverable and placed on Suspense status.

Voters who do not receive their new blue voter certificate by the First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2022, should call my office at (830) 563-2688.



March 1, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

Early Voting

Del Rio Civic Center (Red Oak Ballroom)
1915 Veteran's Blvd.

Early Voting Dates:

Monday, February 14, 2022 – Friday, February 18, 2022
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Additional Early Voting

Saturday, February 19, 2022 **8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Sunday, February 20, 2022 **1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Early Voting Dates: **Monday, February 21, 2021 is a State
Holiday**

—no voting on this day!

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 – Friday, February 25, 2022
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Last day to register to vote: Monday, January 31, 2022

Last day for Clerk to receive (Not Postmarked) an application for ballot by mail: 2/18/2022

For Election Information Contact:
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★ Where the Real Stars Gather... ★

Story by Suzanne Mayne

As we move from mid-February to mid-March, the naked-eye planets disappear from the evening sky. From the end of February through August, the western evening sky will be absent of naked-eye visible planets. The last time this happened, was in 2018. Events for this period include:

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.

Feb. 27: The moon, Mars and Venus will align in the early morning sky. Look for the trio in the constellation Sagittarius before sunrise.

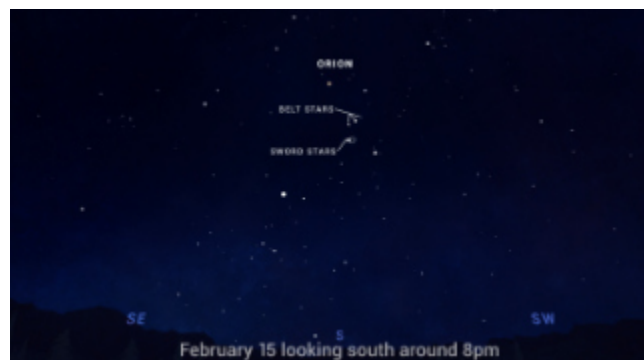
Mar 2: The new moon arrives at 10:34 p.m.

March 12: Conjunction of Venus and Mars. The two planets will be about 4 degrees apart in the dawn sky. Look for the pair in the constellation Capricornus before sunrise.

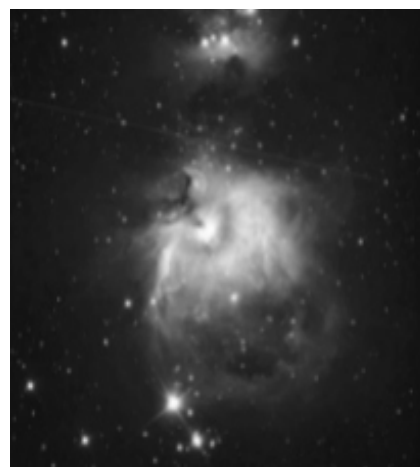
March 18: The full moon of March, known as the Worm Moon, arrives at 3:18 a.m. EDT (0718 GMT). Referred to as the Worm Moon because this was the time of year the ground began to soften and earthworms emerged.

In 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. As we mentioned last month, Venus is bright enough to see in the day in February and it will continue to brighten through mid-March. Notice that it will appear crescent shaped through binoculars or a telescope. It will be located low in the pre-dawn sky. Jupiter will still be visible in the western sky until shortly after sunset through February. Soon it will be gone from view and will return in April as a morning planet.

During February is a perfect time to observe the Orion Nebula. The constellation Orion will be high in the south around 8 or 9 p.m. (EDT) Look for the three stars of the hunter's belt, and then find the stars that hang below it forming Orion's sword. In the center of this line of stars is one that looks kind of fuzzy. That's the nebula. It's visible to the unaided eye under relatively dark skies, and is easily seen with binoculars as a faint haze. And through a telescope, it's a sight you'll never forget. (Location information courtesy of NASA website).



And 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!



View of Orion Nebula through a small telescope

Las Moras Amateur Radio Club

The Las Moras Amateur Radio club elected new officers in January. Rob Robertson was elected President to the relief of Dave Loftus who has held the position for the last two years. Amos Trisler was reelected to a second term as Vice President. Lisa Vale was... What is a polite term for coerced, cajoled, you get the idea. Anyway, Lisa was once again selected as Treasurer.

President Emeritus, Howard Benham continues to be that guy who ends up doing all those things that keep the club and the repeater going even after retiring from official club office. Howard also just happens to be the designated emergency coordinator for the RACES and ARES districts. Both of those cover not only Kinney County, but several surrounding counties as well.

The club will be meeting this week on Thursday, 17 Feb, at 7:00 PM/1900 hrs at the Adult Center. They will be finalizing plans for their active display at Fort Clark Days, as well as how the club will be helping the organizers of the event with communications.

Anyone who is interested on learning more about amateur radio, what it has to offer, and how to get started is enthusiastically invited to attend the meeting. Even if you just want to see who these people are and in the world they are up to, please come to a meeting and check it out.

Fort Clark Springs Books,literature and Tea Book Club



The Books,Literature,and Tea Book Club of Fort Clark Springs has been busy at the FCS Adult Center sorting donated books. Please come by the Adult Center and help yourself to a free book or two. The book club meets every third Monday of the month at The FCS Adult Center at 1:00 pm.

Pictured Kay Benham, Sherri Dobbs, Nancy Stone,and Constance Kilgore. (Photo by Phyllis Giblin)

Ramblin Jack

By Jack Marsh

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

When we last left The Black Seminole story, Seminole Indian Wild Cat and Black Seminole John Horse had found their way into the heart of Oklahoma Indian Territory, where they faced a future of getting bounced around between warring factions of Seminole, Creek and white slavers. Even though struggling with issues frequently at odds with each others goals for their people, Wild Cat and John Horse maintained a positive relationship. During this time Wild Cat became convinced that tribes needed to form alliances among themselves in order to maximize bargaining power with U.S. government agents. A potential alliance with the “hated” Creek or the “mealy-mouthed” Cherokee did not sit well with Seminole, who saw better potential with a possible alliance with the “mighty” Comanche, the “wily” Shawnee, or the “ubiquitous” Kickapoo – tribes that could make Americans think twice about “offering misleading treaties and scrub land for reservations.”

In 1845 a government agent named Marcellus Duval arrived in Indian Territory to oversee tribal activities in the area. Wild Cat ingratiated himself to Duval in the hopes of gaining certain rights and concessions on behalf of the Seminole. Part of his plan included convincing the government agent that it would be a good thing for American interests if a party of Seminole were allowed to go visit the Comanche and other non-reservation tribes in the hopes of forming trade alliances. This plan would be attractive to Duval, because trade alliances with non-reservation Indians could result in the U.S. government gaining more influence over those tribes, leading to their eventual subjugation.

What Wild Cat was not divulging to Duval was his ulterior motive – his plan to form secret alliances with these tribes in an effort to facilitate an exit from Indian Territory and away from government control. As a prelude to the big trade conference, Wild Cat received Duval’s permission to travel west for the stated purpose of locating and feeling out several tribes for

their potential participation in the trade conference. The trip was ultimately frustrating, as Wild Cat discovered that these western tribes were not naturally amenable to forming alliances with other tribes, and the tribal leaders were suspicious of Wild Cat’s authority in representing and controlling all Seminole. The Comanche were especially reluctant to enter into agreements of any kind with any other group, and they were the dominant tribe west of Indian Territory. If Wild Cat was unable to convince the tribes outside Indian Territory to form secret alliances, his plans for a Seminole “escape” to the west would not be achievable. He needed another plan.

Far to the south was a place far removed from Indian Territory, a territory once controlled by Spain, where a revolution beginning in 1810 resulted in the formation of the Republic of Mexico in 1821. What followed was several decades of political chaos and regime change (Between 1833 and 1855, the presidency changed hands 36 times! Santa Anna himself was president 11 of those times). Significantly, in 1829 slavery was outlawed in the Republic – which included what is now Texas - and Mexico suddenly became a haven for runaway slaves from the U.S. But then Mexico lost its Texas territory following Sam Houston’s defeat of Santa Anna, and slavery returned to territories north of the Rio Grande.

During and following the war between the U.S. and Mexico in the late 1840’s, Mexico found itself weakened to the point that its northern border at the Rio Grande was basically impossible to defend against roving bands of Apache and Comanche Indians, American intruders, and cattle thieves. In 1848, Mexican president Jose Herrera introduced a policy of offering free land and supplies to anyone willing to settle along the Mexico side of the border, in return for helping Mexico defend against invaders from across the river. This was about the time that Wild Cat was trying to figure out his next move following failed attempts at alliance with the western tribes.

To be continued

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.

Couple Serving “Life Sentence” on Fort Clark

as told to Teri Marsh

Pat was speeding in her new Firebird at 5 a.m. on a late summer morning in Red Oak, Iowa. It was 1986, and perhaps her speed was a way of taking out her frustration at being called in to cover for a sick co-worker at the post office, when she herself had a bad summer cold. As she tore down the street, she noticed a patrol car approaching from an intersection. Perfect, she thought. She continued on and pulled into the post office parking lot. Two police cars pulled up as she exited her vehicle. One of them was driven by the assistant chief of police, a man who she would later learn was named Dennis Steffensen.



“He suggested that I needed to talk to him. I was still upset with having to work for some sick, lazy male letter carrier and immediately told him so. He stated that I had an attitude. I responded, ‘Yes, sir, and I’m keeping it!’ and went on to work.” Pat expected to find a ticket on her windshield when she finished her

shift, but to her surprise she didn’t.

To her further surprise, she suddenly seemed to run into Officer Steffensen everywhere she went. As she made deliveries on her postal route, he would drive up quietly behind her in his patrol car and make a sudden, “Bloop! Bloop!” sound with his siren to startle her.

Finally, Pat, who enjoyed bowling, had offered to stand in as a sub for a mixed bowling league, when she learned that her partner would be...guess who? Dennis, of course. She initially balked, then decided to keep her commitment despite her trepidation. She bowled that day, and they both had a wonderful time, which led to more bowling outings, boating on the lake together...and so much more.

By November of that same year, Pat and Dennis had decided to get married. According to Pat, while her speeding on that fateful summer morning did not lead to a ticket, it did lead to a life sentence that she is now 35 years into serving. Eventually, Dennis retired as the Chief of Police, and the Steffensens moved from Iowa to Fort Clark, Texas. Both Pat and Dennis report that they are still loving every minute of their life sentence.



Pat and Dennis around the time of their wedding.

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*

&

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...

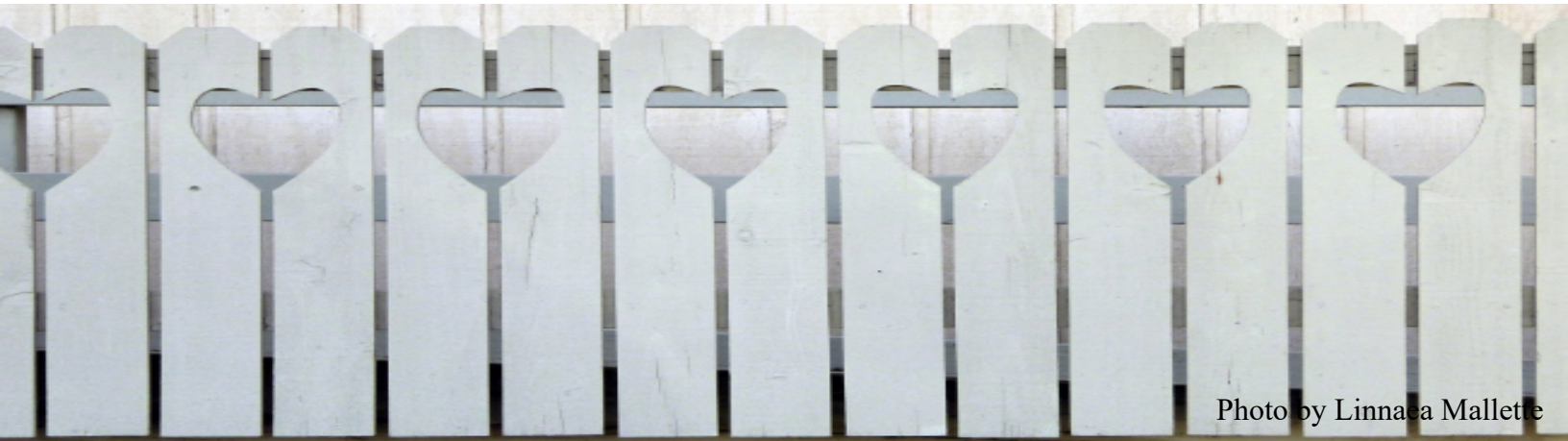


Photo by Linnalea Mallette

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TO

JULIE MORENO – FEB. 19th

And to

KAMMIE LAUB – FEB. 25th



It's a GIRL!!!

Grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Danny & Paula Samaniego from Brackettville and FCS added to the family with Grandchild #9. Koryna Dayzie was born to David & Krystal Samaniego from San Antonio on 2/2/22 weighing at 6 lbs 14 oz. 20".

Next Time It Will Be Forever

by Dallas Holm

I just said goodbye to someone I loved
Never pass this way again
The time we had
Just wasn't enough
And it hurts to reach the end.

Chorus:
A whole lifetime
Is really no time at all
Just a moment then it's gone.

But... next time it will be forever
Then our hearts will be renewed
There we'll always be together
Next time will be forever.

I don't understand but I still believe
There's a purpose in Your plan
And though I may feel that I can't go on
In your strength I know I can.

Chorus

And I know that just as sure
As there's a God above
We'll be reunited once again someday
Then forever we will be together

In His love
We'll always stay.

Chorus

*In His Grip...
Love, Daddy*

Lee Vincent Kvasnicka — A Man of Faith

Lee Vincent Kvasnicka was born on 24 May 1927 to Vincent and Dorothy Petrolina (Krhut) Kvasnicka in Sharon Springs, Kansas. After many years in Fort Clark Springs, Texas, he went home to join them and his sister, Helena Marie, on 21 January 2022 in Kerrville, Texas. He is survived by four children and six grandchildren.

During World War II, Lee served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Hector repair ship. Following his military service, he worked as a lineman on the railroad. Later, he earned his Electrical Engineering degree in Milwaukee. Lee spent his life working for others. If there was something that needed to be built or repaired, Lee was the man to do it.

Lee had many interests. He loved astronomy and showing his friends the stars while looking at the heavens through his telescope. He enjoyed flying all over the world in his flight simulator. Watching a great movie on his surround-sound system, reading Louis L'Amour westerns, and working in his garden brought him pleasure. However, swapping stories with people he met while traveling and working in all the places he visited was his greatest delight. And let's not forget how much he enjoyed sharing his homemade ice cream with everyone.

Brother Kvasnicka loved his church family very much; they meant the world to him. His service in the San Antonio Temple was a highlight of his month for many years. Building his FamilySearch family tree allowed him to look forward to seeing all of his ancestors with roots in Czechoslo-

In Loving Memory of Lee Vincent Kvasnicka 24 May 1927—21 January 2022



Memorial Service

Saturday — 5 February 2022 — 2:00 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1315 Kings Way — Del Rio, Texas



Memorial Service for Lee Vincent Kvasnicka

Opening Hymn	#14 Sweet is the Peace the Gospel Brings
Opening Prayer	By invitation
Eulogy	Ray Graves
Special Music	Willie Braudaway Know This, That Every Soul is Free (#240)
Plan of Salvation	President Rene Garza
Memories	An opportunity for you to share memories, thoughts, and love for our dear brother
Closing Hymn	#11 Rock of Ages

Posted for a longtime FCS resident at the request of his family

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

We will not be having the letters E & F for our build your own book this month. We were not able to get those for this issue. Hopefully, things will be moving so we can get things going again in the next issue.

This month the puzzle is a Word Search puzzle. Have fun.

We need to hear from parents and kids alike if they are enjoying the Kids Edition. If you are let us know so we can keep doing it. We would love to see art, writing, crafts, or other subjects submitted from the younger set. This can be your own area.

For the parents, grandparents, teachers, or any other adult that enjoying the idea of putting together neat stuff for the kids, we need you. Please consider helping us out as a point of contact and collection point for those things that would fit in the kids' section. A Kids Edition editor would be a great addition to the Dispatch. I would love it too. ;)

Springtime in Nature

P R X E I E E W H F Y G
U A Y A F A W N Z X C R
P B K I T T E N C G J E
P B U T T E R F L Y A E
Y I G R A S S T R E E N
S T G C C P B W A R M E
C O O L F L O W E R O X
E F O R A I N B O W P T

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

BUTTERFLY
COOL
FAWN
FLOWER
GRASS

GREEN
KITTEN
PUPPY
RABBIT
RAINBOW

TREE
WARM



Photo by Amos Trisler

SOLUTION

Springtime in Nature

P	R	G	
U	A	.	.	F	A	W	N	.	.	R	
P	B	K	I	T	T	E	N	.	.	E	
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Word directions and start points are formatted: (Direction, X, Y)

BUTTERFLY(E,2,4)
COOL (E,1,7)
FAWN (E,5,2)
FLOWER (E,5,7)
GRASS (E,3,5)

GREEN (S,12,1)
KITTEN(E,3,3)
PUPPY (S,1,1)
RABBIT (S,2,1)
RAINBOW (E,4,8)

TREE(E,8,5)
WARM (E,8,6)

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 or about the 15th of each month.



If you are very quiet you may surprise a tree gremlin feeding on an old tree stump.

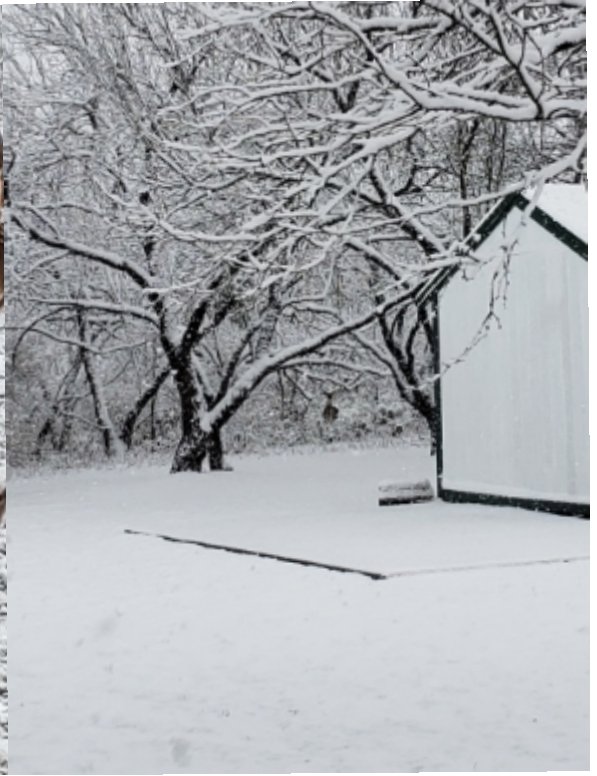
Don't worry. The tree gremlin is said to be a mythical creature that feeds on old tree stumps. They only look fierce, but do not bite people. Or do they?

Photo by Amos Trisler

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.



In case you missed last winter...

Here are some photos from Snowmagedon last year compliments of Julie Moreno. Just to help you enjoy the relatively balmy weather this winter.

Photos by Julie Moreno



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.

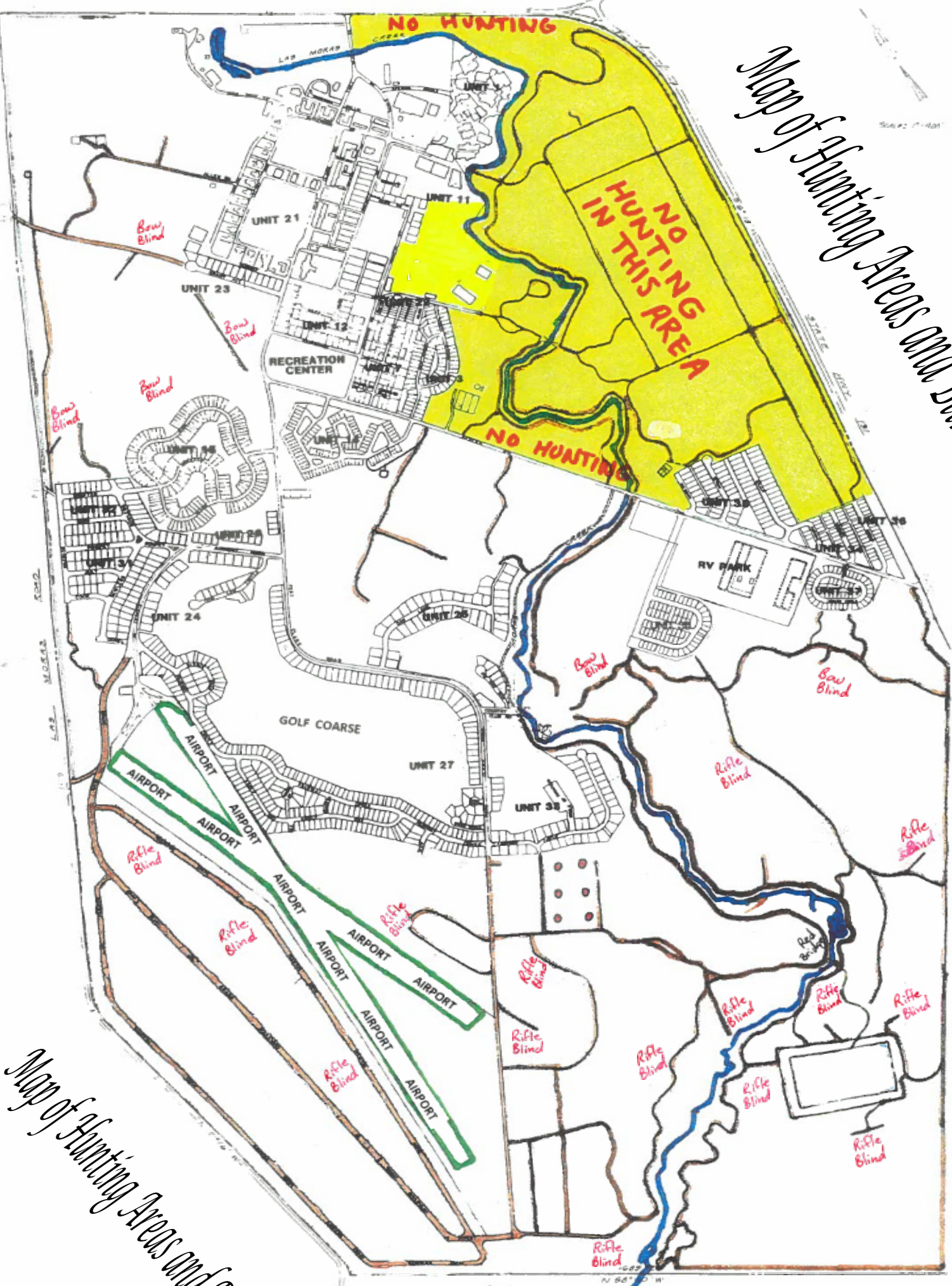
Acknowledgement and receipt:

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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