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NEWS



REMINDERS



RECIPE



WELCOME TO THE VERY FIRST EDITION OF CROSS MOUNTAIN RANCH HAPPENINGS.

Whether you've got dirt under your fingernails from a sunrise fence repair or you're just here for the sunset views, we're glad you're part of the fold.

We started this paper because we wanted a way to share news, reminders and other happenings with our fellow neighbors. Our goal is simple: to keep our community connected and share the wins. Consider this your digital porch—a place to sit back, kick off your boots, and see what's going on across the acreage.

RECIPE:

IRON SKILLET COBBLER

- 4 cups peaches
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup milk
- cinnamon

1. Melt butter in a 10" skillet.
2. Mix the peaches with half the sugar in a bowl.
3. Whisk the remaining sugar, flour, and milk in another bowl.
4. Pour batter into skillet over butter (don't stir!)
5. Spoon peaches on top and bake at 375°F for 45 mins.
6. Serve and enjoy with ice cream.



Proverb: The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it in your pocket.



COMMUNITY ALERT: PROTECTING OUR OAKS FROM OAK WILT

One of the greatest assets of our neighborhood is our beautiful oak trees. To keep them healthy, we all need to follow a few simple rules when it comes to tree care. Oak wilt is a devastating fungal disease that can kill a mature oak tree in as little as a few months.

1. Know the “Danger Zone“ (When NOT to Prune)

The fungus that causes oak wilt is spread by small sap-feeding beetles. These beetles are most active in the spring when the weather is mild.

- Avoid pruning from February 1st to June 30th. This is the high-risk season. Even a small nick from a lawnmower or a broken branch can attract beetles during this time.

2. When is it Safe?

- July/August and December/January are ideal.
- The “Sweat or Freeze“ Rule: Local arborists often say, “Prune when you’re either sweating or freezing.“

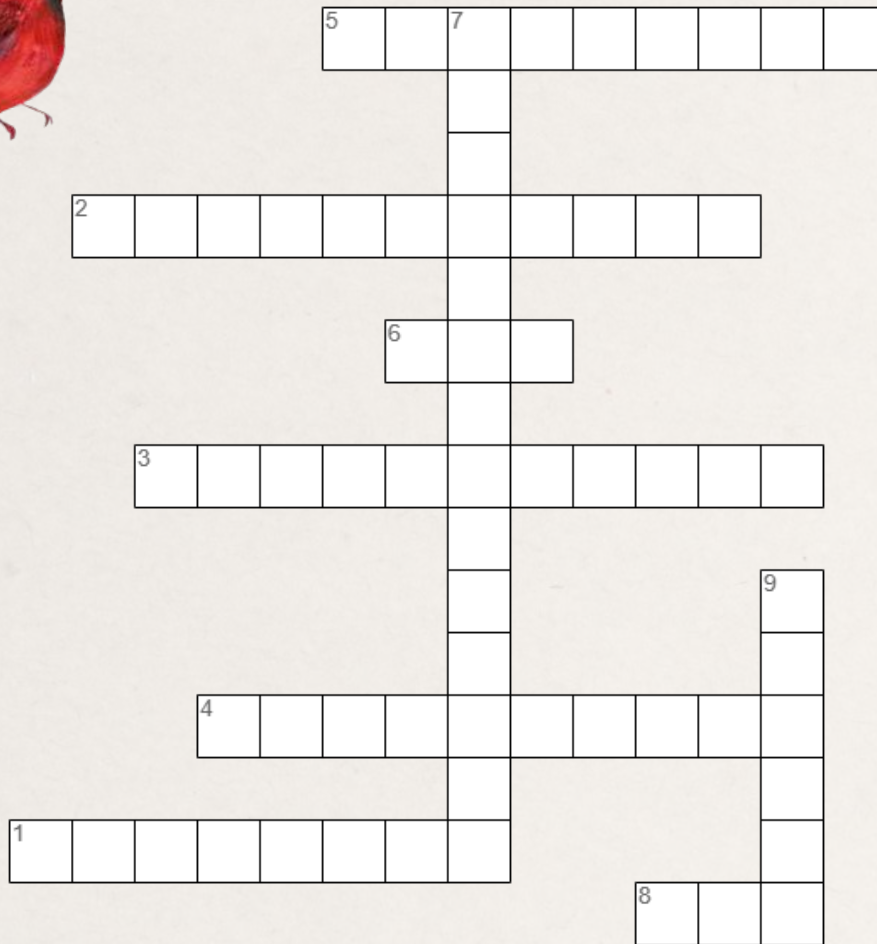
3. The Golden Rule: Paint Every Cut

Regardless of the time of year, always spray or paint newly cut branches or wounds immediately.

- Why? The beetles are attracted to the “smell“ of fresh sap within minutes.
- How? A thin layer of any latex-based paint or a commercial pruning sealer creates a physical barrier that masks the scent and prevents the beetles from landing.
- Tip: If you are hiring a professional trimmer, ask that they sanitize their equipment and ensure they have a can of spray paint on hand and are using it on every single cut.

Hill Country Living Crossword

Theme: Life at Cross Mountain Ranch



ACROSS

1. A flash of bright red frequently seen at the backyard feeder.
2. The state flower that turns our pastures into a sea of blue.
3. A quiet, early stroll to see the sunrise. (2words)
4. The seasonal "gift" that brings itchy eyes and sniffles to the ranch. (2words)
5. The rocky white foundation of our Texas hills.
6. A majestic, shade-giving tree that defines our landscape.
8. A wild, tusked nuisance that loves to root up the pasture.

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7. The purple-blooming shrub that smells like grape soda. (2words)
9. The best season for wildflowers and mild patio weather.

LEAVING THE CAVE MAN LIFE AND JOINING CIVILIZATION



Curious about all the recent neighborhood activity? Some of Cross Mountain Ranch is getting Fiber! Exciting news is that Spectrum will be providing high speed internet, and TV to some of our homes in CMR. This was something so many of us had hoped for and it's finally here.

If you would like to sign up for fiber internet, TV or Mobile with Spectrum, here are some contacts for that.

- Wesley Tribbey: (315)-289-3651 (Sales Rep)
- Chris Switzenberg (726) 225-0524 (Sales Rep)
- Nathan Bonnett (210)-380-1544 (Marketing development manager)

For the construction information or to reschedule install services:

- 1-833-487-4772 ID# 5724552

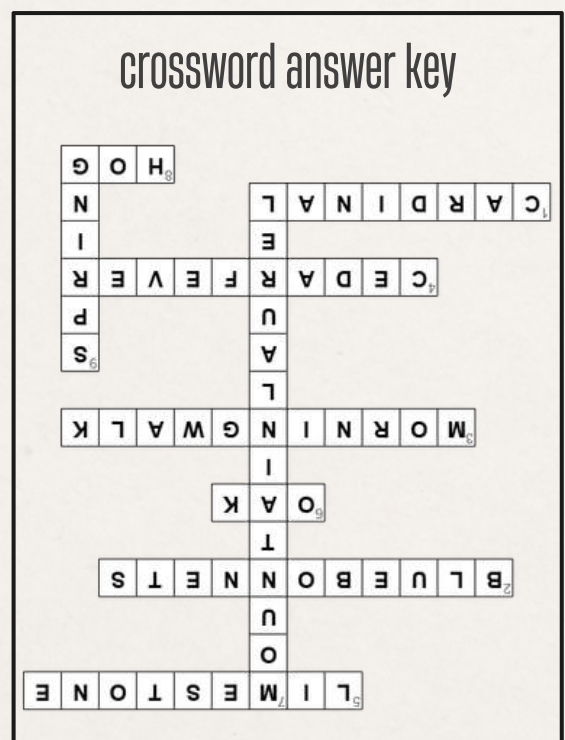
If you have concerns about damaged trees, caving trenches or trash, please contact Spectrum and file a complaint.

- (877)-214-8511

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Reminder

As we have just “Sprung Forward” for Daylight Savings, this is also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.





THE HOG WATCH:



The Hog population has been multiplying rapidly in our area and it's starting to feel less like a nature sanctuary and more like an uninvited backyard takeover. Many CMR residents have raised concerns about property damage and safety.

The HOA Board is moving forward with hiring Valkyrie Trapping to set up traps within CMR. Valkyrie will place traps on a couple of lots from the 30+ property owners who offered to host a hog trap. Any lot with the trap needs to have the owner(s) sign a waiver to remove liability from the HOA. The trapping will last 3 months and will cost approximately \$4,500 from the HOA budget. Valkyrie Trapping donated all feral hogs trapped last year to a local non-profit which provided over 600 meals a month to needy families and veterans in the San Antonio Area.

Did You Know?

- The “Multiplying“ Math: Feral hogs are reproductive machines. Sows can have two litters a year with 6–10 piglets each, meaning a small group can become a massive “sounder“ in just a few months.
- Lack of Predators: In most suburban or rural areas, they have no natural enemies other than humans.
- Resource Wealth: If you have local crops, acorns, or even unsecured pet food, you've basically opened an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Common Signs of Trouble

1. Rooting: Deep, ploughed-up soil that looks like someone went rogue with a rototiller.
2. Wallows: Muddy depressions near water sources used for cooling down.
3. Property Damage: Ruined fences, decimated gardens, and eroded creek banks.

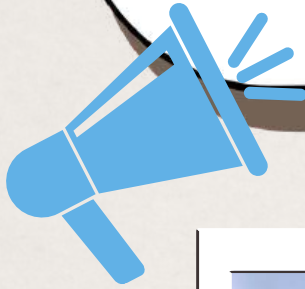
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Our community is what makes CMR Happenings special, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! Whether it's a local announcement, a personal milestone, or a photo from around the neighborhood, please share it with us at CMRhappenings@gmail.com—we can't wait to hear from you.



Texas Mountain Laurel in bloom

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