

January was named after the Roman god Janus. Janus is also the Roman word for door. The god Janus had 2 faces which allowed him to look forward into the coming year & backward into the past year.

The original Roman calendar had 10 months, January & February were not included until later.

Birthday Dinner back on schedule! Friday, January 15th meet at the *Aviator Pizza & Brew* in Elgin, 18810 Hwy 290 East.



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Chili Contest

January 30th, 2016

No ingredient may be precooked or treated in anyway prior to the commencement of the official cook off, with the following exceptions: canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, pepper sauce, beverages, broth, beans, and grinding and mixing of spices; meat or meat substitute may be precut or ground but not treated (seasoned in any way); all other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the setup and cooking periods; you may precook your beans as long as you DO NOT add any spices or treatment while they are being cooked; each contestant will need to provide their own cookware and heating method for the preparation of the chili.

Each contestant will be responsible for cleaning all of their own cookware and cooking space; the cooking period will be from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. All samples will be gathered in the same type container (provided by the Sahnoans), no accoutrements will be allowed; the chili MUST be cooked on-site the day of the cook off, out in the open; each contestant will be assigned a number by the scorekeeper and given a container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the official judging. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of the container is the same number assigned to them.

STAR RANCH PIE BAKING CONTEST RULES January 30, 2016

Turn in pies by 2:00 for judging. Pies must be homemade. Crust ONLY can be store bought. Recipe must accompany pie.

- Pies will be judged on Appearance, Texture, Taste, and presentation.
- Judges will choose First, Second and Third Place winners, and each place will win a prize.
- A baker may turn in more than one pie; however, that baker may not win more than ONE prize. In the event that a baker wins two prizes, the baker will be awarded the highest of the two prizes and the other prize will go to the baker with the next highest number of judging points.
- After winners are announced, all pies will be auctioned at 5:30 (proceeds to be used for pool restorations)

Be sure to winterize your water pipes. If you have not done so here are a few helpful hints:

- Wrap a pipe sleeve or heat tape around exposed pipes
- Drain garden hoses & put away in storage
- Remove leaves & debris from roof & gutters
- Cover outdoor faucets
- If you leave for an extended period of time leave your house thermostat at 55 to keep pipes from freezing
- Turn off water to all outdoor faucets



Diane S	1/4
Lorraine A	1/6
Teresa S	1/6
Philip A	1/7
Bryan D	1/10
Kathy M	1/10
Eugen G. (DA)	1/18
Thomas M	1/18
Hal D	1/22

Debra L	2/1
Celeste D	2/10
Suzanne B	2/12
Brian K	2/13
Dylan L	2/17
Kenneth W	2/18
Matthew D	2/23
Grace L	2/26
Ronnie B	2/28

Pool, Ping Pong & Darts by Larry S.

Saturday, December 12 was rainy and chilly outside but in Tara Hall there was warmth (almost too much) and a lot of fun. With a dozen or so entrants all together, and a bunch of friends and family looking on, we held concurrent tournaments in pool, ping pong and darts. With all 3 tournaments in full swing, there were 8-Ball's rolling, darts flying and ping pong balls bouncing all afternoon and into the evening. With a break for dinner, the players reconvened and finished the last tournament at 10:30 that night. Richard G....I guess now he wants to be called "Richard, King of Ping Pong and Ruler of Darts".....won both ping pong and the darts tournament. Since it was a cash tournament, winner take all, he pocketed a pretty good take for a days play; however, in the spirit of the season of giving, he generously donated his winnings to the Ranch to be utilized at the discretion of the management. Melissa - - or Slick Missy as we'll call her now - - defeated Alan N. in the 8-Ball game to win the pool tournament. Of course, she too donated her winnings to the Ranch.

The tournaments were a load of fun, with everyone having a good time playing, watching, talking and snacking. Melissa brought some ginger snaps and chocolate covered gingerbread that we all munched on through the day and night. As always, if you missed it this time, make sure not to miss the next one. You'll have more fun than you can imagine!!!

Did You Know?

Acme, Texas: Kansas gypsum-processor James Sickler discovered a huge deposit of gypsum here in 1890 and decided to exploit it. Sickler went into partnership and reestablished his Kansas operations here.

Known as the Lone Star Cement Plaster Company, it was the business that created the town of Acme.

Other Kansas gypsum companies arrived and by 1898 the town had its own post office. Two railroads made a connection to Acme - the Fort Worth and Denver City and the Quanah, Acme, and Pacific. By the early 1900s Acme had a school, store, hotel and depot. As the gypsum was excavated, prehistoric mastodon fossils were discovered.

Little information was to come from Acme through the teens, 20s and 30s. The population reached 400 in 1945 and in time the plant became one of the largest U.S. companies

A plant closure in the 1960s created a severe decline and since the plant was virtually the only source of work, by 1975 there were only 14 people reported living there.

Since the 1980s, the Georgia Pacific Corporation has manufactured sheetrock at the site. A few scattered buildings remained, but in the late 1990s, many of the old ruins were bulldozed - little is left today other than the sheetrock plant. The name Acme could only be seen on the side of the railroad bridge - as part of the name of the railroad.



January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10 AM Hot Chocolate 1 PM Potluck Football	2 9:30—11 AM Brunch
3 9:30—11 AM Brunch	4	5	6	7	8	9 9:30—11 AM Brunch
10 9:30—11 AM Brunch	11	12	13 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil & Phriends	14	15 6 PM Birthday Dinner <i>Aviator</i> in Elgin	16 9:00—10 AM Brunch 10 AM Board Mtg 11 AM Council Mtg.
17 9:30—11 AM Brunch Football Playoffs & snacks in front of the big screen	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21	22	23 9:30—11 AM Brunch 7 PM Bingo
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 9:30—11 AM Brunch Chili Cook Off Pie Contest & Auction 6 PM Left Over Chili Potluck
31 9:30—11 AM Brunch						

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9:30—11 AM Brunch Game Night
7 9:30—11 AM Brunch	8	9	10 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil & Phriends	11	12	13 9:30—11 AM Brunch 8 PM Valentine Dance
14 9:30—11 AM Brunch	15	16	17	18	19	20 9:00—10 AM Brunch 10 AM—Board Mtg Council Mtg following Board Mtg
21 9:30—11 AM Brunch	22	23	24	25	26	27 9:30—11 AM Brunch 2 PM Pool, Ping Pong, Darts Tournaments
28 9:30—11 AM Brunch	29					
