

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Every 2nd Mon, 6:30pm - The Canyon Lake Storytelling Guild meets at the Gallery Coffee House at 1405 FM2673 in Sattler. Enjoy an evening of family stories as a listener or teller and the best complimentary coffee on the Lake. Call 964-6457 for more information.
- Every 4th Tues, 6-8pm - The Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Mixer is hosted by a Chamber member. Location varies. Networking, refreshments, and door prizes. Call Bonnie at 964-2223 for information.
- Every Thurs, 1-1:30pm - "Looking at The Lake" KGNB 1420AM Radio Show, sponsored by the Chamber, focuses on local issues, news, membership, announcements and events for the upcoming week. It reaches 65,000 listeners throughout Comal, Hays and Guadalupe counties. Members interested in sponsoring shows should call Jaynellen at 964-2223.
- Every Thurs - Steak Night at the Shanty, located at the light at FM306 and 2673. Call 964-3932 for information.
- Every 1st Saturday, 12-3pm - Vaccination clinic at the Canyon Lake Animal Shelter, located at 2170 Old Sattler Road, behind the Dollar General in Starksville. Call 905-PETS (7387) for information.
- First 3 weekends of Dec, 12-3pm - Santa Paws' pictures with Santa. Call 905-7387.
- Thur-Sat, Dec 7-9 and Dec 14-16, 6-9pm - The 10th Annual North Pole Village is held at the CRRC Recreation building at 125 Mabel Jones Drive below the dam. Enjoy a magical evening of activities and Santa. See related story or call 964-2324.
- Sat, Dec 9 (2nd Saturday in Dec) - The 28th Annual Canyon Lake Christmas Parade in Sattler. Last year's parade was watched by a crowd of more than 1,000 and included dozens of parade units. Call 964-2223 for information.
- Sat, Dec 9 - Parade of Lights on the Lake begins in the Cranes Mill Marina area at 6pm and reaches the dam around 8pm. Call 964-2223 for information.
- Sat, Dec 16 - Pictures with Santa at Boat N Go, 1478 FM2673 in Sattler. Call 964-3031.
- Sat, Jan 20, 7pm - Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet at Canyon Lake Cabins & Cottages Center in the Outback Hall on the northside at 21400 FM306. Call 964-2223 for information.
- Wed, Jan 24 - Canyon Lake Animal Shelter Society (CLASS) holds the Annual Membership meeting. Call 905-PETS (7387) for information.
- Thurs, Feb 8, 10am-Noon - Winter Texan Reception held at the CRRC Recreation Building to welcome the Winter Texans to town with brochures and information on entertainment and shopping locally. Call 964-2324 for information.
- Fri, Feb 16 - Seniors' Prom for the silver-haired group. Watch our February issue for more information or call Kristi at 964-3003.
- Sat, Feb 17 - Make A Difference Gala fundraiser in Austin for the New Life Children's Center featuring Ray Benson & Asleep at The Wheel. For more information, call 964-4390.

The choices we make



In the fast pace of today's world, free time sometimes seems a luxury and we are careful to spend it well. Some of us spend time relaxing by the Lake – on it or around it. Some save this time for family, a hobby and some would spend it on spontaneity and adventure. There are many in Canyon Lake who spend their extra time helping others. Although none seem to expect it, these caring individuals deserve recognition.

The *Canyon Lake Views* is a new community magazine designed with you in mind. Each month, we will include information written by area business people about a variety of subjects along with a calendar of community events. The magazine will cover interesting personalities who live here, local activities, and the many organizations that make this diverse community special.

In our first issue, during this season of giving, I chose to feature resident, Bridget McDougall. Many of you already know her. She is the informal coordinator of a group known as "women in businesses." Amongst other efforts, they raise funds each year and give their time to ensure the girls housed at the New Life Children's Center have a Christmas to remember – with gifts, Santa, and a Christmas feast.

This issue has information on both and more. Read on. Choose to learn something new today. I'm pleased you decided to join us.

Sue

"Never believe that a few caring people cannot change the world. For, indeed, they are the only ones who ever have."

Margaret Mead

Sue Sweat, Publisher & Editor

ON THE COVER

"Tranquility" by Sue Sweat

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A magical Christmas place at Canyon Lake *The CRRC North Pole Village*

by Sue Schubring

The Community Resource and Recreation Center is celebrating the 10th Annual North Pole Village on December 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16. The doors open at 6:00pm and stay open until 9:00pm. The North Pole Village is located inside the CRRC Recreation Building at 125 Mabel Jones Drive, in Canyon Lake. The idea of providing a place for children to go for Christmas fun started in 1996 as a KISS (Kids in Safe Surroundings) project with just a few buildings in the town of Sattler. The following years found the buildings set up in different locations and in 2000, the village moved to the current location – inside the Recreation Center. In 2005, all new buildings were donated by various builders and businesses in the community. The end result is a beautiful and magical pint-sized village for children and the young at heart to enjoy.

For an entrance fee of \$3 you will be able to stop at the Petting Barn and play with animals provided by the Canyon Lake Animal Shelter.

You may go to the Post Office and write a letter to Santa with guaranteed delivery that same evening! Toyland is a favorite of everyone as children may select a homeless stuffed toy of their choice, adopt it, take it home and care for the toy. At the School House, children will make a craft to take home. The North Pole Village Library, staffed by Friends of Tye Preston Library, encourages children to take home a book of their choice. For \$1 extra, children may frost cookies at the Bakery or get their face painted at the Elves House. Santa Claus can be found in a beautiful chair and he is always ready to listen to the requests of hopeful children. The North Pole Village even has a church complete with an outdoor living Nativity. A hay-ride is available on most nights and the Deep Freeze Café is open to provide you with lots of good things to eat.



CRRC is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The community's support of the North Pole Village

allows CRRC to continue serving residents of our area who need emergency food and financial assistance. CRRC also provides sports and health activities for both the young and old, as well as being the center point for numerous community functions. Call 964-2324 for more information.



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