



**OUR FAVORITE NATIVE:
PILEATED "WOODPICKER"**

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Music Schedule:

- 1st Saturday weekend:
Gospel
- 2nd Saturday weekend:
Open Jam (Pickin')
- 3rd Saturday weekend:
Classic Country
- 4th Saturday weekend:
Bluegrass
- 5th Saturday weekend:
Open Jam (Pickin')
unless Special Activity
planned (see Website)

"Welcome Back" to Triple Creek!

It is that time of year again, and we are greeting "our" Winter Texans... a.k.a. Snowbirds, back to their winter home away from home — i.e. Triple Creek RV!! They have been arriving since November, and continue to arrive weekly... Some went back north for the holidays, but will be back "home" at Triple Creek soon, and we will certainly be glad to welcome them again!

We also have new visitors to our little musical fold, and we are glad to have them join our growing family as well. Please remember that you are now part of our

family, and we love to see you travel through and stop in for a visit even if you are not able to stay all winter!

Of course, we would always encourage you to spend the entire season, and bring your other friends back with you next time! We do understand that you need to travel to spread the word about our little piece of "heaven on earth" but we all miss you when you are gone from home....

Let us know when you will be back in the area, and we will "leave the light on for you" to stop by!

If you cannot stop by, it is also great when you send your friends... We have had that happen this year as well — and it is fun to hear from y'all in that way, too!

I guess what we really want to say is: **"Y'all come back now, y'a hear?"**



Triple Creek RV Music Park Newsletter —

Our distribution list for the newsletter and other important announcements is always a work in progress... If you are not receiving these items and want to be added to the distribution, please send us an email to info@triplecreekrv.com and ask to be added!

Karen just about has the office set up in the new house, and there is once again more room to work on newsletters/flyers/etc. Don't let that stop you from sending your own articles to be included in the next issue, or to suggest topics for information you would like to

see included! Help!!

Don't forget that we are now dealers for instruments from Saga Music... These include the beautiful ***Blueridge*** guitars. We have a couple of the most popular models in stock, but can get the others quickly!

Redhead EXPRESS



“Pickin’ in the Pines” Festival a SUCCESS!!

The Redhead Express, and the rest of the Walker family — and especially the Walker Boys — really did a great job of hosting the October Festival! If you missed spending the day with this very special family, you really missed having a great time at Triple Creek RV!!

The weather was perfect, and we all enjoyed being able to be outdoors — even though the Goldenrod blooms were driving

most of us crazy!

In addition to bringing their live shows to the outdoor stage, they held workshops in their various instruments, as well as songwriting, & copyrighting; arranging for live and recorded sessions; Life on the road (this one by Apryl & Brett — a.k.a. Mom & Dad), as well as having the Walker Boys perform their first entire set on their own!

The Raffle of the beautiful Blue-ridge Gospel Guitar allowed us to donate \$500 to the animal

rescue organization: Sweet-Pups, and it was really appreciated by Ms. Glenna AND all the dogs that were able to be helped as a result.

Thanks to all who purchased tickets! And Special Thanks to all who helped with getting the park ready, with parking, with working at the gate, with vending food, the Not Brothers, and the Dirt Road Express for playing their music, etc. We love and appreciate you all!!! Y’all made the day possible for the rest of us

Annual Activities are starting over for 2011 —

Always check the web site for current activities and schedules!!!

New Year’s Eve Dance and Gospel Weekend will kick off our annual progression of events for 2011! The monthly schedule of Gospel, Classic Country, and Bluegrass will not change, and the additional activities that are in addition to the music will be continued as in prior years:

We will have our standard BBQ’s (Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day), Apple Cook-off (Aug), Dutch Oven Cook-off (Spring), Luau (Sept),

Chili Cook-off (Nov), and Annual Christmas Party (Dec). We will announce particulars for those weekends and others in future issues!

The first event will be in February, with our Sweetheart weekend on February 11-13. This will help all our Sweethearts get ready for Valentine’s Day on 2/14!!! Why don’t you come out and practice those love songs for your Sweetheart?

And then in March it will be

time to go outside and cook once again in our Dutch Ovens! This is always a great day to be at Triple Creek, and you might learn a thing or two about cooking in a Dutch Oven! Whether you are baking a cake, biscuits, or cobbler; stirring up stew, soup, or chili; or cooking meatloaf, roast, or some other delicacy... it is all better when cooked in a Dutch Oven with an outdoor fire. Then you can use your fire to make S’mores!!!



The Triple Creek “Pink Pig” is really losing weight... Please try to help him out!

DID YOU KNOW? Heritage Village Museum is fun to visit !

Tyler County’s Heritage Village Museum is open daily 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Except holidays — Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day, and Easter) and is

located on Hwy 190 West of Woodville. Admission is \$4/adult. There are special rates for Seniors that include a guided tour, and dinner at the Pickett House, with prior reservations. Call 409-283-2272.



one of the community’s to cabins. Or just stroll through the East Texas forest. See demonstrations of the old ways from people who have either studied the art or lived it. Heritage Village is an outstanding insight into what pioneer life in East Texas was like...

Regular Scheduled Meetings in the Village include:

- East Texas Blacksmith Alliance meets the second Saturday of each month at 9:00a.m.
- Heritage Village Spinning & Weaving Guild meets the second Saturday each month at 10:00a.m.
- Both welcome new members or guests...

Heritage Village
Woodville, Texas
(409) 283-2272 or (800) 323-0389

Heritage Village is a living museum of pioneer history, with a main street that is right out of the mid 1800’s to early 1900’s. Walk through an old-time blacksmith shop. Check out a railroad depot. Visit a livery stable or any

Outdoor Activities available close to Triple Creek?

The **Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary** was established to preserve one of the most unique and ecologically diverse natural areas in the Big Thicket region of Texas. Nestled next to the gurgling waters of Village Creek on ancient alluvial deposits, the Sanctuary exhibits a unique intermingling of different forest and wetland communities

What makes the Sanctuary such a great place to investigate is its arid sandylands, a xerophytic plant community which occurs on sandy ridges of the upper bottoms. On these dry sandy soils, desert plants such as prickly pear cactus and yucca are found along with widely scattered longleaf pines and drought-resistant oaks. Although sparsely vegetated, the longleaf sandhills display the greatest variety of wildflowers in the Big Thicket. In contrast, adjacent low areas form ponds and baygall communities which abound with lush wetland vegetation. Rare orchids and carnivorous plants grow here among acid-loving ferns and sphagnum moss.

The ecological value of this site

is based on its rare plants and unique botanical assemblages. Four globally endangered species, and 12 species that are uncommon to southeastern Texas inhabit the preserve. The globally endangered Texas trailing phlox flowers in early spring on the Sanctuary's upland sandhill communities. Found on similar habitats is the white firewheel, which is currently known worldwide from one other population also in Hardin County. A southeast Texas rarity is the tiny, carnivorous purple bladderwort, which floats on some of the preserve's ponds. The scarlet catchfly is also found here.

Several distinct communities intermingle throughout the Sanctuary; arid sandylands, beech-magnolia forests, baygalls and floodplain forests. Various pines, oaks and hickories along with prickly pear cactus, yucca and over 340 species of wildflowers comprise one of the most diverse communities in the Big Thicket region.

The Sanctuary is open to the public free of charge on a daily basis from sunrise to sunset.

Six miles of nature trails offer hiking, photography and nature study opportunities. A self-guiding interpretive trail guide is available for a 0.8 mile section of the trail system. Guided tours for groups may be arranged by contacting the Pineywoods office in advance at (409) 385-1455. The sanctuary has been designated as a site on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail.

Eight miles of Village Creek flow through the Sanctuary, providing an easy and enjoyable canoeing experience. This one-day float takes you through the more remote areas of the preserve's bottomland hardwood forest. Along the creek are beautiful white sandbars and enchanting backwater bald cypress sloughs.

The core preserve at the Sandyland Sanctuary is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy of Texas and consists of approx 2,400 acres. The Conservancy was established in 1951, and protects over 625,000 acres in Texas.



The Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary is located on Hwy. 327. coming from Silsbee, turn left at the red light at the intersection of Hwy. 327 and Hwy. 96 in Silsbee. The Sanctuary is located on the right, just before you reach the Village Creek bridge.

New WiFi Equipment to be installed!

After a couple of months of WiFi problems, the new equipment should be installed by the time you are reading this newsletter!

An afternoon power outage apparently caused the prior equipment to fry something, and our Internet service was only available intermittently.

Many attempts were made to diagnose and repair the prob-

lem, to no avail. The decision was made by Karen & Marc to invest in a new system and it was ordered before Christmas. However, due to holiday delivery schedules, installation was delayed until the first week of January.

Does any one want to volunteer to climb the pole and install the new antenna? Just kidding... it should be up,

running, and ready for your use by the time this newsletter gets printed so that all you need to do is turn on your computer and enjoy!

Grad we were able to find a new supplier, and get the equipment here in a somewhat timely manner...

Thanks in advance to David at CA World!!

You can thank the workampers for all that they do as well! They are all a big help to keep Triple Creek RV the wonderful place we all enjoy...
THANKS!

