

THE OAKRIDGE JOURNAL

ORIA EMPHASIS

ORIA elections were held at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 6th. Sam Kelly and James Leavesley were both re-elected to the Board of Directors.

The Officers' positions will be as follows:

- James Leavesley - President
- Tyler Poli - First Vice President
- Sam Kelly - Second Vice President
- Amy Hardy - Treasurer
- Deanna Jeske - Secretary



Welcome to the Ranch!

Photo above provided by Cathy Cameron



A BIG "Thank You" to some of your neighbors at work under the direction of Sam Kelly.
Roadwork photos by Gary LaVergne.



The next Board meeting will be held on Sunday, July 12th at 2 pm at the Community Center. Land-owners are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

Watch your email and the ORIA website (noted at the top of this page) for updates as we navigate through this COVID-19 season and new stay-at-home orders.

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OAKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars. The postponed May OVFD fundraiser has been rescheduled for **October 3rd**. This event will be combined with the OVFD Auxiliary Fall Chili Cook-Off for a fun time of Chili Team Competition, Raffle Drawing, Live Auction, good chili and visiting with neighbors and friends. Hunters plan to hunt early in the day then head over to the Oakridge Ranch Community Center for a great bowl of chili and fun time with your friends & neighbors afterwards.

Raffle items/tickets identified for our May fundraiser will continue to be sold and will now be drawn at this October 3rd event. If you need Raffle tickets, please see any OVFD firefighter or Auxiliary member.



2019 OVFD Auxiliary Chili Cook-off



9-1-1 CALLS

OVFD is still responding to your 911 calls under the protocol set by the Colorado County Office of Emergency Management. If you need medical or fire assistance, please don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.

For information on the County's Covid status, check out Colorado County Texas Office of Emergency Management Facebook page. There are daily updates on most anything concerning health needs & weather in Colorado County.

Fire Safety for Summertime at Oakridge Ranch

Check out the links below from Texas A & M Texas Forest Service for updates on Fire Danger in Colorado County. These are updated daily:

Drought Map by County from Texas A & M Forest Service:

https://twc.tamu.edu/tfs/kbdi_daily/kbdi-county.png

Burn Ban Map by County from Texas A & M Forest Service:

<https://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/WILDFIRES/DECBAN.PNG>

Do Not Leave Fires Unattended - Your burn barrel or your brush pile.

Take Care & Watch for Signs of Heat Exhaustion: The signs of heat exhaustion in a person are cool, moist, pale, or flushed skin; heavy sweating; headache; nausea or vomiting; dizziness; and exhaustion. A person experiencing heat exhaustion may have a normal body temperature, or it is likely to be rising. If you suspect someone is suffering from heat exhaustion, move the person to a cooler place. Remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths, such as towels or sheets dipped in water. If the person is conscious, give him or her cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Give a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes. Let the person rest in a comfortable position, and watch carefully for changes in his or her condition. Do not give liquids that contain alcohol or caffeine because they can cause further dehydration, making conditions worse. The above info was copied from Texas A & M OEM. Click on this link for more details: <https://www.tamu.edu/emergency/documents/TAMU-Heat-Waves.pdf>

On-going Construction Fundraising

All Oakridge Ranch landowners and neighboring communities serviced by OVFD, along with other supporters were mailed a letter and a brochure this past Spring regarding our need to raise funds for a fully-functioning fire station. OVFD has raised approximately 35% of the funds needed to build.

Individuals (or companies) may still make contributions via mail to our address below or click on PayPal at the following link: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=KBD39HJ3769VA&source=url PayPal will give you the option to make a one-time or monthly donation.

The OVFD Auxiliary has lost some members recently and some have moved away/sold their property, etc. The Auxiliary is always looking for more help! We need both men & women to join the Auxiliary. Anyone interested should contact Angie

Konvica at ruacajun2@yahoo.com or Deanna Jeske at deannajeske@yahoo.com.

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2020-2021 OVFD BOARD & OFFICERS

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<u>Hog Count</u>	
<u>2019</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>
819	458
30 traps	

We're looking for more "Hog Busters" - Come join in! Contact Douglas Mason or JD Ray.



Trying to get that bad boy into the "Getter"! (above)

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL :

Well, hopefully things at Oakridge Ranch are starting to get back to normal. ORWMA will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on July 25th at 5:30 pm at the Community Center. There will be con- test for the best tasting ice cream. Make your favorite recipe at home and bring to the Community Center. We are planning on a guest speaker, but topic has not yet been decided. Look for more information after this month's ORWMA Board meeting on Facebook & the Oakridge bulletin boards.

CANCELLED



"Getter" loaded and ready to go!

ORWMA/TPWD AUGUST WHITETAIL CENSUS :

In August, ORWMA will again be holding the spotlight surveys in August. Herd Composition Worksheets will also be distributed. The plan is to hold this year's survey every Saturday night at the Community Center beginning at 9 pm. One pickup will spotlight to the North Gate and another to the South Gate. Based on the information gathered, the TPWD Wildlife Biologist for Colorado County will calculate the deer population and herd carrying capacity. This will help to determine the number of Doe Permits issued to ORWMA for the upcoming hunting season.

ORWMA's Predator Control will be making a presentation in August or September on the Hog Busters and the Predator Control Group.

Watch our Facebook page & the Bulletin boards for updates.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ORWMA generally meets the 1st Sunday of the month at 4 PM at the Oakridge Community Center. Come join us!

The July meeting is meeting will be July 12th at 4 pm in the air conditioning at Ricky and Angie Konvicka's home.

All scheduled meetings & seminars are currently postponed due to the "Stay at Home" orders from the Governor of Texas, the US President & the CDC until further notice. Watch your email and the ORWMA Facebook page for updates.

ORWMA will be again be hosting the Texas Youth Hunt Program. This year's hunt is planned for November 20 – 22. Last year 17 youth hunters along with Guardians/Parents and Adult Sponsors camped out at the Community Center. Youths will only hunt with their Guardian/Parent in a 2-person blind. We need donations of deer stands, food, prizes, cooks, cash money is good, volunteers for set-up and clean-up, etc. Planning is in progress, so watch your email and the bulletin boards.



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