



ILOA Newsletter

P.O. Box 808 Smithville, Texas 78957

February 1, 2026

Welcome February

February comes from the Latin word *februa*, which means “to cleanse.” It was named after Februa, the Roman festival which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year. While February is the second month in our Gregorian calendar today, it was originally the very last month added to the Roman calendar (c.713 BC),!

Originally, the calendar was 10 months because winter was considered a dormant, month-less period. January and February were added by the Roman king Numa Pompilius to better align the calendar with the lunar year. Eventually (c.450 BC), February was moved to its place as the second month.

FEBRUARY

Mail HOA Payments to:

Indian Lake Owners Association

P.O. Box 808

Smithville, Texas 78957

Phone # 512-237-8500

The ILOA Board is still accepting payments via credit card or ACH. If you would like to pay your HOA dues by credit card or ACH bank draft, please call the ILOA Office at 512-237-8500 to make arrangements, there will be a 5% surcharge for paying by credit card and 2.5% surcharge for ACH bank draft.



Everyone should have received their 2026 Dues Invoice, as a friendly reminder the dues were increased to \$200 annually, this was voted on and approved at the 2025 Annual Meeting. Your dues are now considered late if you have not paid by February 1, 2026

Current Board Members

Bonny-Lynn Joplin-President

Carlie Case-Vice President

Crystal Kohanek-Secretary

John Keller-Treasurer

James Turner-Parks & Roads Chairman

Charles Faulds-Lakes & Fish Chairman

James Spell-Pool Chairman

Architectural Committee

Christopher Robbins, Bobby Williamson, Wendy Williamson



Neighborhood Events / Happenings



Letter from the ILOA Board President

Dear Indian Lake Residents,

On behalf of the Homeowners Association Board, I am thrilled to announce that the construction of our new community pavilion is officially complete!

This beautiful new space is the result of careful planning and your investment in our community.

We are eager for everyone to begin enjoying it. However, with the month of February upon us, we expect cold and potentially wet weather. Please keep the following in mind:

- **Winter Use:** The pavilion is open for use year-round. While the structure provides shelter from rain, it is not an enclosed or heated space. Please dress appropriately for the conditions.
- **Reservations:** If you wish to reserve the pavilion for a private event, please retrieve a form through the online portal at indianlakeowners.net or contact the Board at 512-237-8500 to request one. Public areas remain first-come, first-served.
- **Community Care:** This is our shared asset. We ask all residents to help maintain its condition by cleaning up after use and reporting any issues to HOA promptly.

We look forward to seeing the pavilion become a hub for community gatherings, family picnics, and neighborly connections for many years to come. As spring approaches, we will plan an official opening celebration to enjoy it in warmer weather.

Thank you for your support in making this wonderful addition to our neighborhood a reality.

Warm regards,

Bonny Joplin
President, Indian Lake HOA Board

The ILOA Community gets a new Pavilion



REMINDER-The next bi-monthly Board of Directors meeting will be February 28, 2026, from 10-AM to 12-Noon at the First National Bank meeting room in Smithville. We hope to see you all there.



FREEDOM ON THE FLY

VETERAN FLY FISHING

*****RESCHEDULED DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER THREAT*****

New Date: March 28, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Everyone is invited to come out and join us in celebrating all our Veterans

We will be hosting a Potluck/Barbeque at the New Pavilion

Hamburgers - Hot Dogs will be provided

Please join us and bring your favorite side dish





Neighborhood Watch

When you are out and about the neighborhood, please be vigilant of your surroundings, if we see something let's say something. Please call the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office at 512-303-1080 if you notice any suspicious activity in the neighborhood, you can also report concerns to your current Board Members by email @ iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com or by calling the ILOA Office phone 512-237-8500. In the event of an emergency, dial 911.





New ILOA Website

Please go to our new website and register by clicking on the Contact tab at the top of the page <https://indianlakeowners.net> . You can enter your personal information there, by sharing your email address with us you will receive notifications from time to time. Please share this information with your neighbors so that they can sign up also.



Brush Pile



The Brush Pile is open for ILOA residents the first Saturday of each month with weather permitting. When dumping, please pull to the back of the pile before dumping your brush/debris. **Members must have their dues paid in order to use the Brush Pile.**

Bastrop County Commissioner who arranges the mulching of the Indian Lake brush pile, only natural materials are appropriate for the brush pile: brush, shrubs, twigs, branches, small tree trunks.

Not appropriate is any processed wood materials, treated lumber, lumber with nails, etc. These products are hazardous to the environment and may damage the mulching machinery.

Open from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon



Volunteer Your Time



The ILOA Board Members are always looking for volunteers to assist with things to do in our neighborhood, please send your information to iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer your time.

Pool/Pavilion Playground Area

Brush Pile Area

Lawn Care

Lake/Fish

Architectural Committee Member



Welcome to the Neighborhood



We would like to welcome the following new neighbors to Indian Lake.

1. El Hassane Tadli & Alejandra Duran (Chickasaw)



Happy Valentines Day

Numerous early Christian martyrs were named Valentine. The Valentines honored on February 14 are Valentine of Rome (*Valentinus presb. m. Romae*) and Valentine of Terni (*Valentinus ep. Interamnensis m. Romae*). Valentine of Rome was a priest in Rome who was martyred in 269 and was buried on the Via Flaminia. The relics of Saint Valentine were kept in the Church and Catacombs of San Valentino in Rome, which "remained an important pilgrim site throughout the Middle Ages until the relics of Saint Valentine were transferred to the church of Santa Prassede during the pontificate of Nicholas IV [1288–1292]". The flower-crowned skull of Saint Valentine is exhibited in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. Other relics are found at Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin, Ireland.



Smithville/Bastrop/La Grange Events 2025



Let's always support our Local Business's in Smithville, it helps our community grow and keeps our Business's open.

SPROUTS in Bastrop

Shoppers can expect a new grocery option this spring when Sprouts Farmers Market officials open a Bastrop store, bringing 82 full- and part-time jobs and a focus on fresh and natural foods, company officials said in a news release.

The project remains on schedule and is set to open March 6.

- 651 Hwy. 71 W., Ste. 101, Bastrop



Tractor Supply Co. to open in Smithville

Tractor Supply Co. is slated to expand its footing in Bastrop County with a location planned for Smithville within an upcoming 69-acre industrial park. Jesco Construction broke ground on the industrial park, just south of Smith Supply Co., between highways 230 and 71, in late November, according to Smithville officials.

Brentwood, Tenn.-based Tractor Supply Co., founded in 1938 as a mail-order business for tractor parts, has more than 2,300 locations across 49 states and sells livestock feed, hardware supplies and tools, lawn and garden supplies, clothing and more.

- Opening by January 2027
- Smithville Industrial Park, intersection of Hwy. 230 and Hwy. 71, Smithville
- www.tractorsupply.com
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Longhorn Steakhouse saddles up for Bastrop opening, diners will soon have more options for fresh-cut steaks when the area's first Longhorn Steakhouse opens its doors in the upcoming Burleson Crossing East shopping center.

Scheduled opening is February 16, 2026



Save the Date

BASTROP COUNTY SENIOR EXPO

CELEBRATING SENIORS IN BASTROP COUNTY

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24 / 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
1408 B CHESTNUT ST, BASTROP CONVENTION CENTER



Join Us for

- Local Services
- Senior Agencies
- Learning Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Musical Entertainment
- Free Food & Drinks

CARTS will offer FREE Shuttles to and from:

Pickup
Smithville/Rec Center
9:00am / 12:30pm

Elgin/Rec Center
8:40am / 12:30pm

Bastrop Senior Center
10:00am / 12:30pm

Pickup
Bastrop Convention Center
12:00pm / 2:00 pm

Bastrop Convention Center
12:00pm / 2:00 pm

Bastrop Convention Center
12:00pm / 2:00 pm

For more information on CARTS shuttles call 512-478/7433



2026 Annual Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet ~ Hometown Hotrods and Heroes!

Get ready for one of Smithville's most anticipated nights of the year! Join the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce on Friday, February 6, 2026, for an unforgettable evening celebrating community, connection, and hometown pride.

Step back into the classic style of the 1950s and 1960s with our Americana-inspired theme, *Hometown Hotrods and Heroes!* Come dressed in your favorite '50s or '60s attire and enjoy a night of celebration honoring the people, businesses, and organizations that make Smithville shine.

Doors Open: 6:00 PM

🍷 Appetizers, signature cocktail, beer & wine

🍽️ Dinner & Program: 7:00 PM (catered by Accidental Catering)

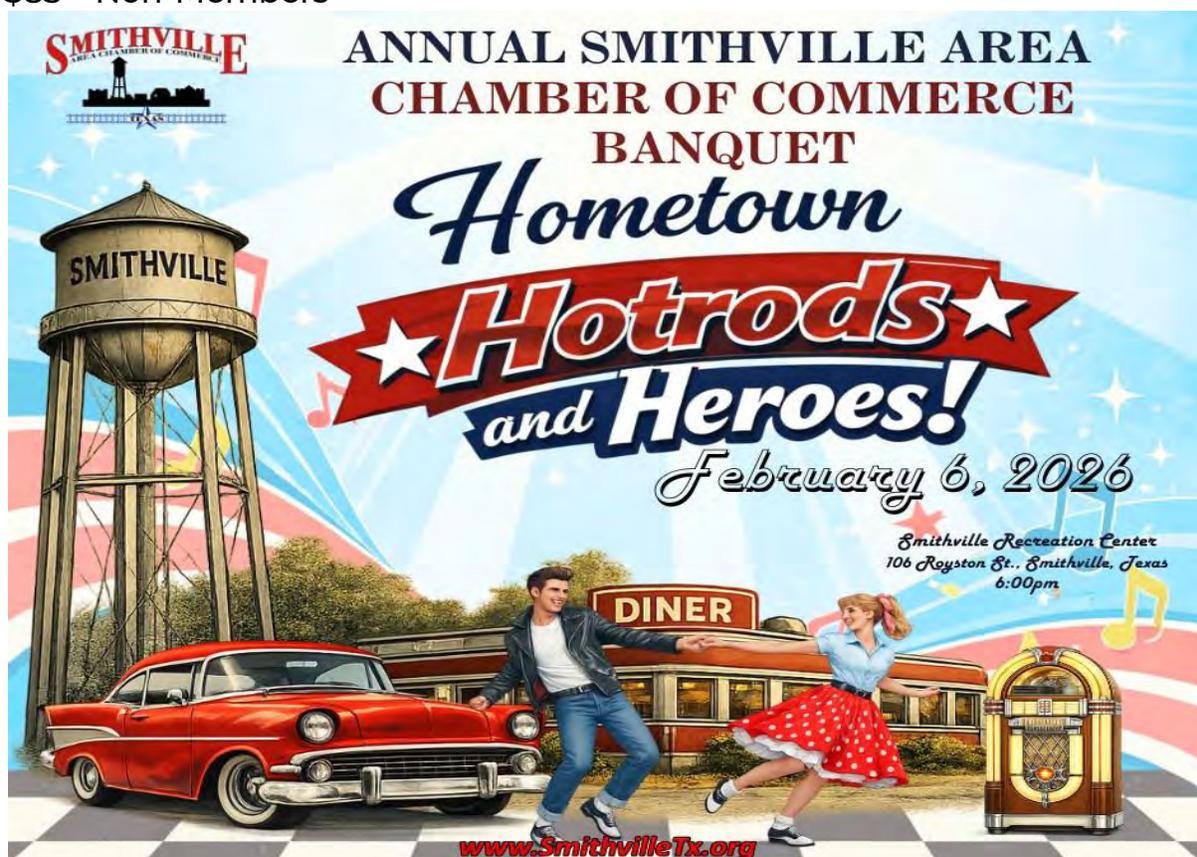
🎵 Live Music: 8:00 PM featuring The Jonathans

📦 Silent Auction • Networking • Community Awards

Location: Smithville Recreation Center (106 Royston St., Smithville, TX)

Tickets:

- \$75 – Chamber Members
- \$85 – Non-Members



Come Join us for the Best Little Quilt Show in Texas



28th Annual
"Best Little Quilt Show in Texas"
Presented by
Colorado Valley Quilt Guild

27 February, 2026 Friday 10 - 5
28 February, 2026 Saturday 10 - 4

Admission \$10
12 & Under Free

La Grange Community Hall
(KC Hall)
190 South Brown Street
La Grange, Texas

Over 150 Traditional, Contemporary and Art Quilts

Come Shop our Fantastic Vendors

Scissor Sharpening

Raffle Quilt Drawing

Basket Raffle

Free Books & Magazines

www.ColoradoValleyqg.com

Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry opens \$7.5M facility

Construction of a 9,200-square-foot facility for the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry has concluded, and the nonprofit served its clients from the new space for the first time Jan. 21.

There will be a variety of services available to clients, including:

- A food pantry from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month (launched)
- An after-hours food pantry distribution from 4 to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month (launched)
- A community market, open to the public, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays (launching in February)
- A fresh food for families distribution from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the third Friday of each month (launched)

Some background: The \$7.5 million project—financed through grants, individual donations, business partnerships and in-kind donations—will allow the nonprofit to have a larger service capacity.

- 1201 Pine St., Bastrop
- www.bastropfoodpantry.org



Smithville American Legion Post

We are announcing our Valentines Day dance!

Tickets are available for pre-sale: 25 a ticket or 275 a table (12 seats)
They will be 30 at the door.

We have booked Wyatt C. Ellis band by popular demand. They will be playing 8-Midnight

Food will be included with the ticket - We will be serving grilled pork chop steaks with green beans and potatoes (we already did a trial run on the pork chop steaks - They're better than you are thinking.

Contact us 979-866-9047 for more information!

The poster is set against a dark red background with a pattern of small white hearts and larger red hearts. At the top left is the American Legion logo, a circular emblem with 'AMERICAN LEGION' and 'US' in the center. To its right is a waving American flag. Below the flag, the text reads 'AMERICAN LEGION POST 180' in white, with '145 American Legion Rd.' underneath. The main title 'Valentine's Day DANCE' is written in a large, elegant white script font. Below this, a red banner with white stars contains the date 'FEB. 14TH'. Underneath the banner, the time '6:30 - 12:00' is shown in white, with 'Band Starts at 8:00' in smaller text. A red heart-shaped frame contains the text 'Featuring: WYATT C ELLIS BAND' in white. Below the frame, it says 'Dinner Included: Grilled Porkchop Steaks, Green Beans & Potatoes'. At the bottom of the poster, it lists 'Tickets: \$25 each / \$275 a Table (12 seats Pre-Sale)' and '\$30 at the Door'. The bottom of the poster features a photograph of a plate of food: a grilled pork chop steak, green beans, and potatoes. Two small American flags are placed on either side of the plate. At the very bottom, a blue bar with a white Facebook 'f' icon contains the text 'Follow us on Facebook for more details and future events'.

Recipe of the Month:



Slow Cooker Beef and Noodles with Mushroom Soup

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 Pounds stew beef cut into chunks
- 1 Teaspoon salt
- 1 Teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 Cup onion diced
- 1 Tablespoon garlic minced
- 1/2 Teaspoon thyme fresh sprig
- 1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Teaspoon beef bouillon Better Than Bouillon Beef flavor
- 2 Cans of mushroom soup 10 ounce
- 2 Cups beef broth more if needed, low sodium
- 12 Ounce egg noodles dried extra wide

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Place the beef and onion in the crock pot and season with salt, pepper, garlic, thyme, and beef Bouillon.
2. In a mixing bowl combine the Worcestershire sauce, soup, and broth.
3. Pour over the meat and place the lid on the pan.
4. Cook on high for 4 to 5 hours, or low for 7 to 8 hours.
5. 20 minutes before serving, cook the noodles according to package directions.
6. Place the noodles on a serving dish and top with the meat and gravy.
7. Sprinkle with parsley.



Inspirational Quote:

February is here, if January is the month of change, then February is the month of lasting change. January is for Dreamers while February is for DOERS, so let's get out and get things done, carry out a random act of kindness with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.

