

DPOA News & Events

Official Newsletter from Your
Diamante Property Owners Association

September 2025

Dear Neighbors,

I'd like to share a beautiful thought with you as we witness the month of September come to a close:

"There is a time in late September when the leaves are still green, and the days are still warm, but somehow you know that it is all about to end as if summer was holding its breath, and when it lets it out again, it would be autumn." – Emily Dickinson

October is fast approaching, and we want to remind all Diamante members that the UALR Women's Golf Classic will be held from October 19th through the 21st. It is a good time to make sure we showcase Diamante as a warm and welcoming neighborhood and a wonderful place to live and visit for the athletes and coaches, and for the parents, family members and friends who may be accompanying those athletes.

I'm happy to announce that during this upcoming holiday season, the DPOA will be sponsoring and hosting a "Giving Tree" initiative. With your support, we hope this will benefit approximately 25 or so foster children in our adjacent counties. You'll be able to select whom you'd like to sponsor, either a boy or a girl, and by their age. We hope to gain the support of all DPOA members for this worthwhile and personally fulfilling cause. If successful, we hope to make this charitable event an annual one for association membership.

In the October newsletter, the DPOA Board will include more details about this, and a few holiday events that we've been finalizing. The final quarter of 2025 at Diamante is going to be busy—and fun!

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest neighbors in Diamante—we're glad you're here! As always, we'd like pay tribute to our long-standing Club members: for supporting each other and upholding our excellent facilities. We also have immense gratitude for the Staff of the Diamante Members Club, and to everyone who consistently helps to promote and showcase the Diamante community to our visitors and guests.

I consider the residents of Diamante to be both my family and friends. Together, we will continually strive to ensure our family thrives—and expands! We wish to convey our sincere thanks to all DPOA members for their unwavering support, which encompasses both financial donations and the generous volunteering of their time throughout the year.

-Heidi Hilbert

DPOA President



Your ongoing assistance is truly valued.

A Celebration of Liberty and Citizenship: The origins of U.S. Constitution Day, 9/17/25

On September 17, Americans observe Constitution Day, a federal observance that commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. More than just a day off, this observance is a time for citizens to reflect on the foundational document that has shaped the nation for over two centuries. In recent years, it was combined with another national celebration, Citizenship Day, a day that honors all those who have become U.S. citizens, whether by birth or through naturalization.

The history of Constitution Day is a story of grassroots efforts and legislative action. The movement to formally recognize the Constitution's signing began with early 20th-century groups like the Sons of the American Revolution. In the late 1930s, publisher William Randolph Hearst championed "I Am an American Day," a holiday to celebrate citizenship that was enacted by Congress in 1940. This observance was later renamed "Citizenship Day" and, in 1952, was moved to September 17 to align with the signing of the Constitution. However, it wasn't until 2004 that a bill sponsored by Senator Robert C. Byrd formally designated September 17 as "Constitution Day," mandating that all publicly funded educational institutions and federal agencies provide educational programming on the history of the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution, with its 4,400 words, is the oldest and shortest written constitution of any major government in the world. Drafted in fewer than 100 working days during a hot Philadelphia summer, the document established



the framework of the federal government, defined the relationship between the states and the federal government, and laid out the fundamental rights and freedoms of its people. Despite its brevity, it is a document of immense power and flexibility, designed to endure through changing times.

Among the fascinating facts about the Constitution is that three of the 42 delegates who attended most of the meetings—Edmund Randolph, George Mason, and Elbridge Gerry—refused to sign it, in part due to the lack of a bill of rights. This absence was later addressed with the ratification of the first 10 amendments in 1791. Another interesting detail is that two future presidents, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, did not sign the document as they were serving as ministers abroad in France and Great Britain, respectively.

Constitution Day is celebrated in a variety of ways across the country, particularly in schools and government offices. Many educational institutions host lectures, workshops, and ceremonies to help students and the public better understand the Constitution's principles and its relevance today. Naturalization ceremonies, where new citizens take the Oath of Allegiance, are also often held around this day, providing a powerful and tangible link between the historical document and the modern-day promise of American citizenship. The National Archives in Washington, D.C., which houses the original document, often holds special events and public programs.

Constitution Day serves as a vital reminder that the Constitution is not a static relic of the past, but a living document that continues to shape the American experiment. It encourages all citizens to engage with the principles of liberty, justice, and self-governance that it enshrines, and to recognize their own rights and responsibilities in upholding the ideals of the United States.



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Dear DPOA Members:

This is our last newsletter before the October 11th Gala, set to celebrate Diamante's 30th Anniversary. I want to personally thank Suzanne Iantosca and her Committee for putting this all together. It's been months planning this, and related anniversary year activities. Your big day is almost here!

As I am cutting back on the number of interviews each month, I thought it was appropriate to spend some time with Chef Terry Thompson. His team will be a key to the October Gala's success. And he's had one of the key roles in the year-long 30th Anniversary Wine Dinners. Terry's a soft-spoken guy, and strives to accommodate Member requests. Whether you attend a wine dinner or make memories on October 11th, let Chef Terry know what you appreciate about his contributions to Diamante—and your dining experiences.

This week celebrates National Constitution Day, so I've included some background on the observance itself—how it came to be and what it should mean to all Americans. In recent years, this holiday has been combined with Citizenship Day. Especially in today's world, it's important to remember that if you go back a few generations, we were all immigrants to this great country—unless your lineage can be traced to an American Indian tribe. Our Constitution, as written, strived to ensure that our republic would not suffer the same ill fates as so many European and Asian countries, fighting needless wars based on race, religion or oppression at the hands of monarchs. We're thankful but we also need to be vigilant about our duty to protect what has been granted to us in that original document. It's every American's duty to educate oneself as to what liberties we've been granted and to ensure that all citizens enjoy these same freedoms. Our Republic is unique—let's cherish *and* protect it. Keep talking to each other...

I wasn't surprised that I received no responses from Members when I asked you to share old photos of your high school days. Either you want to maintain some semblance of privacy, you didn't enjoy high school, or you misplaced your scrapbooks when you downsized and moved to Diamante!

Regardless, behold Fall's majestic colors and smells, as they quietly arrive, ready to overwhelm our senses. CS



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When I was little, I didn't care what I wore, I just went along with what my parents chose. When I look in old photo albums, I realize that they didn't care either.



Editor Updates:

What's in a Name?

Shortly after publishing last month's newsletter, which included an article about the Hot Springs Wiseguys arena football team, the organization announced that they were changing their name to the "Arkansas Diamonds". They explained that this was an effort to create broader support for the franchise. I'm not sure how 'fierce' the logo of a diamond can look to opponents, but it is what it is. Kinda reminds me of the 'new Coke' saga, or the recent Cracker Barrel blunder. I think "Arkansas Wiseguys" would have sufficed.

Rolling out the Red Carpet

*Well, actually it's **Blue**.* But, what an improvement and upgrade to our Clubhouse. Thank you **BOD Members, GM Paul Morrison** and the entire **Diamante clubhouse staff** for making this all happen—for the funding, for your patience and for the entire team's flawless execution of this long overdue change. What an impressive view as we welcome our Club's Members & Guests through our front door!





DPOA Treasurer’s Report

(thru August 31, 2025)

	8/31/2025 Actual Month to Date	8/31/2025 Actual Year to Date	8/31/2024 Actual Year to Date	12/31/2025 Estimated		12/31/2024 Actual Year to Date
				Remaining	Forecast	
Member dues	-	11,990	13,760	4,670	16,660	17,195
Additional dues	-	2,940	1,100	-	2,940	1,585
Total dues revenue	-	14,930	14,860	4,670	19,600	18,780
Landscape Maintenance	(988)	(10,002)	(9,915)	(2,700)	(12,702)	(12,433)
Sprinkler repair	-	(1,020)	(1,730)	(500)	(1,520)	(1,730)
Electrical repair	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flags	(146)	(298)	(197)	-	(298)	(197)
Holiday décor	-	-	-	(100)	(100)	(61)
Welcome baskets	(360)	(432)	(359)	(800)	(1,232)	(1,301)
Storage unit	-	(515)	(515)	-	(515)	(515)
Administrative costs	(17)	(163)	(165)	(137)	(300)	(327)
Total operational expenses	(1,511)	(12,430)	(12,881)	(4,237)	(16,667)	(16,563)
Net operating revenue (expense)	(1,511)	2,500	1,979	433	2,933	2,217
Net picnic	-	(623)	(214)	-	(623)	(214)
Net cocktail party	(263)	4,576	1,745	-	4,576	1,745
Other fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	1,015
Net fundraising	(263)	3,954	1,531	-	3,954	2,546
Net revenue (expense)	(1,774)	6,454	3,510	433	6,887	4,763

Beginning Cash at 1/1/2025	14,817
Net revenue (expense) YTD	6,454
Ending Cash at 8/31/2025	21,270
Emergency Reserve	(7,500)
Funds Available for Operations	13,770



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DPOA VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: GREG HILBERT

Most of you probably know **Greg Hilbert** best as “Heidi’s husband”. I’m not sure he’d take offense to that, as this self-proclaimed wallflower has been in Heidi’s shadow since their early days in Davenport, IA. They actually grew up 3 blocks away from each other, but due to school district boundaries, they didn’t meet until Greg’s freshman year, when they went on their first blind date. They kept dating, and married in Davenport 52 short years ago!

Greg excelled in Science and Math during his school years, and attended the University of Iowa, where he eventually majored in Electrical Engineering. He joked that he joined one of the fraternities on campus just because the dorm food was so bad, and the frat house had their own chef! His early career took the couple to Oak Brook, IL, where Greg transitioned to Computer Programming for Commonwealth Edison. In 1976, they moved back to the Quad Cities, where Greg worked in several roles for John Deere, and eventually retired from Deere & Company.

Those early retirement years brought the couple to Bella Vista, where they first heard about Cooper’s development in HSV, and eventually bought a lot in 2002, on Santa Maria. He later deemed that lot too small to build their dream retirement home, when a friend told him about the perfect, 2/3 acre lot on Diamante’s 8th hole.

As a DPOA Board Member and volunteer, Greg is finally making use of that expensive Hawkeye Electrical Engineering degree! He’s taken on the role of ‘everything lighting’ in our residential neighborhood. This includes the lighting on the entrances to Diamante, as well as organizing the Elves for the annual holiday lights that get strung up the day after Thanksgiving. Greg also helps the DPOA with the annual Member picnic and was a huge help for the DPOA/CGA fundraiser held last month. Greg, a big “Thank You” for all you do for the DPOA and its Members!

For fun, Greg likes to golf, but says he prefers the Wednesday and Saturday tee times, when he can golf with the other less competitive golfers. He also likes several of the other HSV courses, as they’re not as challenging for part-time golf enthusiasts like himself. His favorite Club activities include the DPOA Annual Picnic and he loves the monthly Wine Dinners—which he says is so enjoyable because of the unique menu items prepared. He also recommends the dinners at DeSoto Club on Wednesdays.

They haven’t toured too much of the Natural State, but didn’t care for the Eureka Springs area. His Bucket List includes someday visiting the Crystal Bridge Museum, as well as the area around Petit Jean State Park.

DPOA Member Greg Hilbert organizes rolls of electrical tape in his garage at **37 Princesa Drive**.

September Social Calendar Notable Events



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SUNSET SIPS

WEDNESDAY SEP. 17


AT 4:00 PM ☐

JOIN US FOR A PATIO PARTY FEATURING
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY MARCUS SUGG.

More Details to come – RSVP before its too late!
Club office: 501.922.1114




CORKS 'n CANVAS

MONDAY SEPT. 22, AT 6:30 PM



\$60 INCLUSIVE
Includes all painting supplies,
one glass of wine, and snacks.

CHOOSE TO PAINT A SNOWMAN
OR A CHRISTMAS TREE



RSVP 501.922.1114 – First 40 people sign up!



NFL WATCH PARTY



LIONS VS RAVENS

MONDAY SEPT. 22, AT 6:30 PM START
KICK OFF AT 7:15 PM



\$ 2 DRAFTS
\$12.00 CHEESEBURGERS & FRIES

Catch the game on the big screen
with friends. Game-day snacks
and drinks available!

RSVP at 501.922.1114



The Cookbooks Are Coming!

October 4th, 8 am-Noon
Join us at the Clubhouse!

Enjoy a Saturday Breakfast
or just come and grab a cup of coffee.
We'll be there to *distribute* and *sell*
copies of the much anticipated
30th Anniversary Cookbooks!

We regret that we **cannot host a Recipe Tasting event** at
this time, but other options are being discussed.

Additional Cookbooks will soon be available for
purchase in the Pro Shop.

Can't join us? No worries! Contact **Connie Vaden** or
Craig Staley to make other arrangements.
**Watch the weekly club updates in case the books do
not arrive on time.**

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Hosting Autumn—and Our Club's Guests

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, it's the perfect time to give your home and garden a refresh. And it's perfect timing as we host hundreds of Guests to our Club for the K-9, UALR Collegiate and Veterans Day golf tournaments. It's easy to enhance your property's curb appeal and create a cozy, inviting atmosphere for our guests.

- 1. The DPOA is working with the HSV POA to have all ditches and roadways mowed between now and early October, in advance of our tournament guests.**
- 2. Tidy Up the Landscape.** As the leaves begin to fall, rake up fallen leaves or blow them into an empty lot, prune dead branches, and deadhead plants that are no longer in bloom.
- 3. Add a Pop of Color.** If your home faces the fairways, consider adding a pot or two with colorful mums. You'll probably be sitting on your deck to watch the golfers go by—why not enjoy some colorful potted plants too? It's also time to consider planting seasonal flower beds with chrysanthemums, pansies, and asters in pots or garden beds around the yard. These flowers thrive in cooler temperatures and will add a vibrant touch to your porch, walkway, or yard—then, enjoy for months to come!
- 4. Embrace Autumnal Décor.** Pumpkins, gourds, and cornstalks are classic fall decorations for a reason—they're so colorful. Arrange them on your porch steps, create a festive centerpiece for your outdoor table, or use them to line your walkway.
- 5. Refresh Your Front Door.** It's the simplest thing you can do to the focal point of your home's exterior. Replace that pink daisy wreath with a fall-themed wreath made of dried leaves, berries, or pinecones. You can also add a seasonal Welcome mat.
- 6. Illuminate Your Space.** For Members who are playing host to our golfers and coaches, good lighting is a consideration. Many guests will be returning home from Club events in darkness as the days get shorter. Replace burnt out porch lights. Even if you're not a host family, neighborhood porchlights on until bedtime would be a neighborly thing to do.
- 7. Create a Cozy Porch/Deck Nook.** Designate a space where you can enjoy the crisp, fall air with our guests—and later on, with your neighbors. Add comfortable seating, have a few warm blankets on hand. During the day, have a cooler full of water bottles for the golfers who pass by.
- 8. Wear Your Smile!** Whether you're headed to the Clubhouse for one of the tournament events, headed to the pickle ball courts, grabbing a bite to eat or playing in your weekly Bridge game, don't forget to wear your Diamante smile! And, wear it with pride!

We're all 'Hosts' during these events. Every visitor to the Club has a family member, friend or neighbor who's our 'target audience'. We want our guests to be impressed with the Club we've built and come to call 'home'. This is a huge opportunity for some **free, word-of-mouth marketing, and we need to take advantage of that.** It costs us nothing to be kind and gracious hosts—but the ROI could be immense!

Getting a Sense that Golf has Gone to the Dogs?



Hot Springs Village Police Department &
DIAMANTE™
30th Anniversary

2nd Annual HSV Police
K9 GOLF
FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT

Supporting Nala
HSV K9 Officer



MON. OCTOBER 6TH, 2025

8:00 am Check-In | 9:30 am Shotgun Start

SPECIAL: Golf Channel's World's Long Drive Pro Mick Yelovich will hit a drive for your team!

GOLF PACKAGE

\$150 per person

- Team Awards (Tournament Gift Bag)
- Hole in One Prizes
- Putting Contest
- Lunch

PAY FOR PLAY EXTRAS

\$80 Per Team

- 4 Mulligans
- Dice Roll (1 Roll per Team)
- Closest to Pin
- Closest to Line
- Nala's Advantage

PAY FOR PLAY

Individual (pay at hole)

- Beat the Pro
- Split the Pot 50/50
- Extra Mulligans



<https://diamantecc.com/upcoming-events/k9golf>

Register Online *before October 1*

Questions? Call David Howard 501-922-1114

Lions and Tigers and Bears—Oh My! College Mascots Set to Invade Diamante...

For the 18th year, Diamante is proud to be the host site for the UA/Little Rock Women's Collegiate Invitational Golf Tournament. Including the host school, UALR, 17 schools will be participating in the 2025 contest, with players, coaches, families and students from around the Country descending on to the fairways of Diamante for this Fall Classic.

Practice rounds are set for October 18th, followed by the tournament rounds on the 19th-21st.

This is arguably the year's best opportunity for Diamante to showcase its course, amenities and hospitality to Club visitors, as players and coaches are also house guests of the Diamante and Hot Springs Village communities. It's a unique opportunity for all DPOA members to 'market our wares' to future prospects who might otherwise be unfamiliar with the course ranked best in the Village and 4th best in the state—in a state recently ranked best for retirees.

If you have the time to help promote our Club and volunteer to help with this event, please contact:

Jess Stephens (903) 985-7100

Janice Stephens (501) 359-2002



2025 Participating Schools:

UA/Little Rock (Host)
Seattle University
Boston College
Houston Christian University
Arkansas State University
Ball State University
Cal Baptist
Texas A & M/Corpus Christi
University of Texas/Rio Grand Valley
Memphis State University
Missouri State University
Oral Roberts University
Lipscomb University
Stephen F Austin University
East Texas A & M Commerce University
University of Central Arkansas
University of Texas/Arlington

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VETERANS DAY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2025

9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE



**Friends of
Fisher House
Arkansas**

- ★ \$600 per team (\$150 per person)
- ★ Limited to 32 Teams, Sign up Early!
- ★ Includes: Golf, cart, and lunch after play

About the Cause

Proceeds benefit Friends of Fisher House Arkansas, supporting the new Fisher House in Little Rock, scheduled to open in Summer 2025. The 16-suite Fisher home will provide lodging to veterans and their families, accommodating 24 to 36 family members of veterans receiving care far from home.

Sign Up or Donate Today!

Make checks payable to:

2025 Diamante Veterans Charity Golf

Mail to: David Howard,
Diamante Country Club,
2000 Country Club Drive,
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Not golfing? Volunteers are needed!

Contact Jim Bodge: jwbodge@sbcglobal.net | Call our Office: 501-922-1114

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UP CLOSE AND ‘PERSONNEL: CHEF TERRY THOMPSON

So, y’all are familiar with that memorable line from *Field of Dreams*, ‘if you build it, they will come’, right? That’s somewhat applicable to what **Chef Terry Thompson** has been doing in the kitchen at Diamante in recent months. In his 1 1/2 years with the Club, he’s building a Clubhouse full of Diamante disciples with his culinary skills. Although some of the changes are subtle, all enhance the overall dining experience of our Members: the addition of Taco Tuesdays (and weekly specials), the new, Seasonal menus, new and delectable Weekly Specials, the sensational monthly Wine Dinners, and the upcoming coup de grace—the October 30th Anniversary Gala. All of this, courtesy of a man who wasn’t quite sure what he wanted to do after high school.

Terry was born and raised in the Bakersfield, CA area. When he graduated from the local high school, he attended a Community College in the area—but quickly decided that college wasn’t a good fit for him. With the support of his parents, he took a little time to figure out his next steps and eventually enrolled in culinary studies at a school in San Francisco. Perfecting his skills in a couple of local San Fran restaurants helped Terry land a position with the prestigious Brix Restaurant and Gardens in Yountville, CA. Situated in the beautiful Napa wine country, this 1996 establishment perfected the ‘farm to table’ philosophy that had been gaining in popularity, and continues today.

Terry, his wife Joanna, and their two children have been residents of Hot Springs Village for over 6 years now. While they split the cooking chores at home, Terry freely admits that the kids love mom’s mac and cheese a bit more than his *faire la cuisine*. But, that benefits us, as Terry spends 9-10 hour days in the Diamante kitchen to impress us!

Hands down, Chef Terry’s favorite Club activities are the wine dinners. He loves the process, working with Suzanne Iantosca and her wine merchant to come up with regional or country vintages. From that input, he researches the wines and creates each month’s unique menu and courses. The number of courses are dependent on the number of wines selected for each dinner. His favorite cuisine to prepare? French, of course. And, we don’t object!

Terry’s also looking forward to the 30th Anniversary Gala next month. He understands the Club’s history and the significance of this event to Members. With the menu set, Chef Terry admits that his greatest challenge will be ‘how’ to make this an elegant event while executing everything for one of the largest crowds the Clubhouse has hosted. He sincerely hopes it will be a memorable evening for all of the Members joining in the celebration.

Thank you, Chef Terry, for all that you and your staff do to make the dining experience at Diamante the best in the Village! Be proud of what you’ve helped to build—Members are coming back to the Clubhouse!

The French Wines and Cuisine Drew Another Full (Club) House!



“Drinking **Good Wine** with **Good Food** in **Good Company** is One of Life’s Most Civilized Pleasures.”

—Michael Broadbent

SOUTH AFRICA

WINE TASTING

with

STELLEKAYA

LELLO FAMILY - PRIVATE CELLAR

NOTE: This Date Has Changed

FRIDAY - SEP. 26TH, 2025

START FROM 6:00 PM & DINNER AT 6:30 PM

\$90
Per Person

Dine with Brice Saltzmann and discover the rich flavors of South Africa. Experience handcrafted wines from Stellekaya, a family-owned boutique winery in the Stellenbosch region of the Cape of Good Hope.

MENU & WINE PAIRINGS:

WELCOME: Stellekaya Merlot at 6:00 pm

1st Course: Stellekaya rosé paired with Smoked Cobia mousse, bitter greens, grilled bread

2nd Course: Stellekaya Hercules paired with Tomato and goat cheese tart, caramelized onions, arugula pesto

3rd Course: Stellekaya Cabernet Sauvignon paired with boneless beef short rib, garlic potato, anise slaw, saffron marinated mango

4th Course: Stellekaya Malbec paired with Danish blue cheese, cardamom apricot chutney, pear chip

5th Course: Stellekaya Cape cross paired with Coconut Koeksisters, macadamia brittle



RSVP from Thursday September 11th at 9 AM – September 19th.

*48-hour cancellation policy applies. Call 501-922-1114 to reserve your seat.

Celebrating 30 Years of Change Together— for It Means We Are Growing!



For Your Dining Pleasure

First Course: Petite lettuces, house-pickled vegetables, vinaigrette, and creamy dressings, croissants, maitre d'hotel butter

Entrée, served family style: Rosemary roasted beef tenderloin, caramelized shallot demi-glace Chicken breast, orange-spiced gastrique, marinated artichokes and white beans with roasted peppers, roasted fingerling potatoes, lemon aioli

Dessert: Bananas Foster, vanilla bean ice cream, 151 rum flambé

Members Gathering and Enjoying the Final Days of Summer!



New Members Dinner



Toasting a Member's Birthday



A League of Their Own:
Court Sports Planning
Meeting for Fall
Croquet Enthusiasts

A Southern-Style Labor Day Celebration!



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College and NFL Football seasons are well underway. So, it's time for ALL Members to test their knowledge of the game. These questions are all NFL-related. No prizes—just bragging rights at the Clubhouse during the Monday Night watch parties! *Are you ready for some football?*

Answers are
on the last
page!

1. The owner of this franchise built a 3-story home inside of his stadium for friends and family to view the game. Can you name this team?
2. Two teams (one from each conference) have gone to the Super Bowl 4 times and never won the Lombardy Trophy. Can you name them both?
3. There are 12 teams that have never won the Super Bowl. How many can you name?
4. Of those 12, there are 4 teams that have never made a Super Bowl appearance. Can you identify them? (hint: only one is from the NFC)
5. What NFL franchise is the only one owned by the public?
6. What team is the youngest NFL franchise (years in the league)?
7. Since the NFL started exposing the game to an International audience, which team has played the most games abroad? Guess how many games they've played abroad?
8. What current franchise used to be the Houston Oilers, before relocating?
9. Where did the Indianapolis Colts move from?
10. This former owner created the modern day draft. Can you name his team?
11. This franchise invented the 'shotgun' formation. Do you know who they are?
12. They were the first AFL team to beat an NFL team. Who were they?
13. They hold the record for most Super Bowl appearances. Name the franchise?
14. This is the only team to have an undefeated season. Any guesses?
15. This is the first NFL team to have a marching band. Can you name this team?
16. The owner of the original Dallas Texans relocated this team. Who did they become?

2025 Men's Diamond Cup Challenge



(and a couple of Diamonds in the Rough!)



2025 Men's **Gold** Cup Challenge



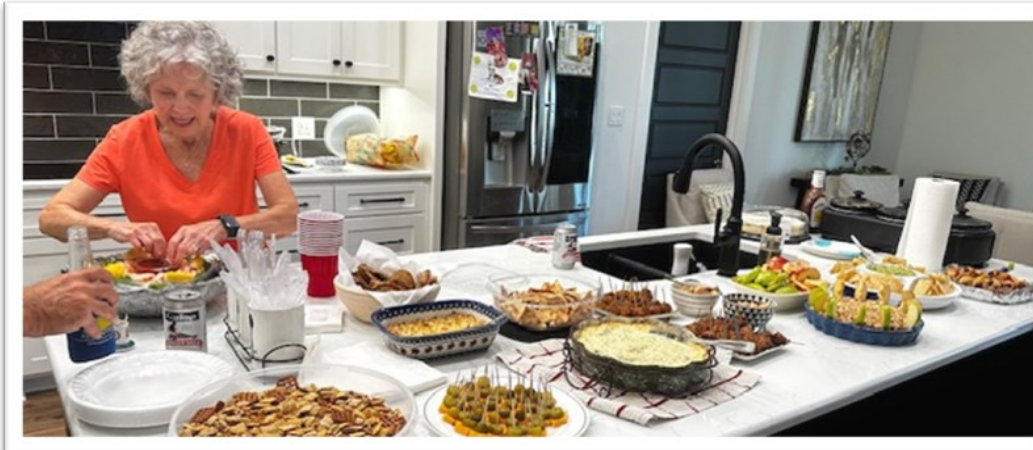
The Men's
Silver Cup
Tournament
will be held
SEP 24th-25th

Diamante Court Sports: the US Open

They Came, They Cheered, They Consumed!



A special DPOA 'Thank You' to Member Hosts, Paula and Johnny Hibbs!



It's the Most Colorful Time of the Year to Enjoy Diamante's Court Sports!



DIAMANTE™
30th Anniversary

1ST ANNUAL DMC JASE LAYMAN MEMORIAL
Women's Member-Guest
PICKLEBALL
Tournament

One-Day Tournament | Limited to 36 Teams
3 levels of play — Advanced, Intermediate, Social

SAT. OCTOBER 25, 2025 – 9AM START

QUARTERFINALS • SEMI-FINALS • FINALS • 3RD PLACE

Each match is 1 game to 15. You're guaranteed 3 matches!

Entry Fee: \$50 per Team
*Billed to Member or by check

Register by filling out the form and
sending to Jan Coggins
480.229.7347 or jancoggins22@gmail.com

Dinks



It's only Week 3 of football, and you're already tired of hearing about those Buckeyes? Then consider pickle ball open play on Sundays, or try your hand at Couples Play. For more Couples info, contact Jim Baker:

pjamesbaker@gmail.com

Drop Shots



Now that the Big Three tennis events are over for 2025, think about taking up tennis during these cooler months! For more information, please contact Paula Hibbs:

paula.hibbs@gmail.com

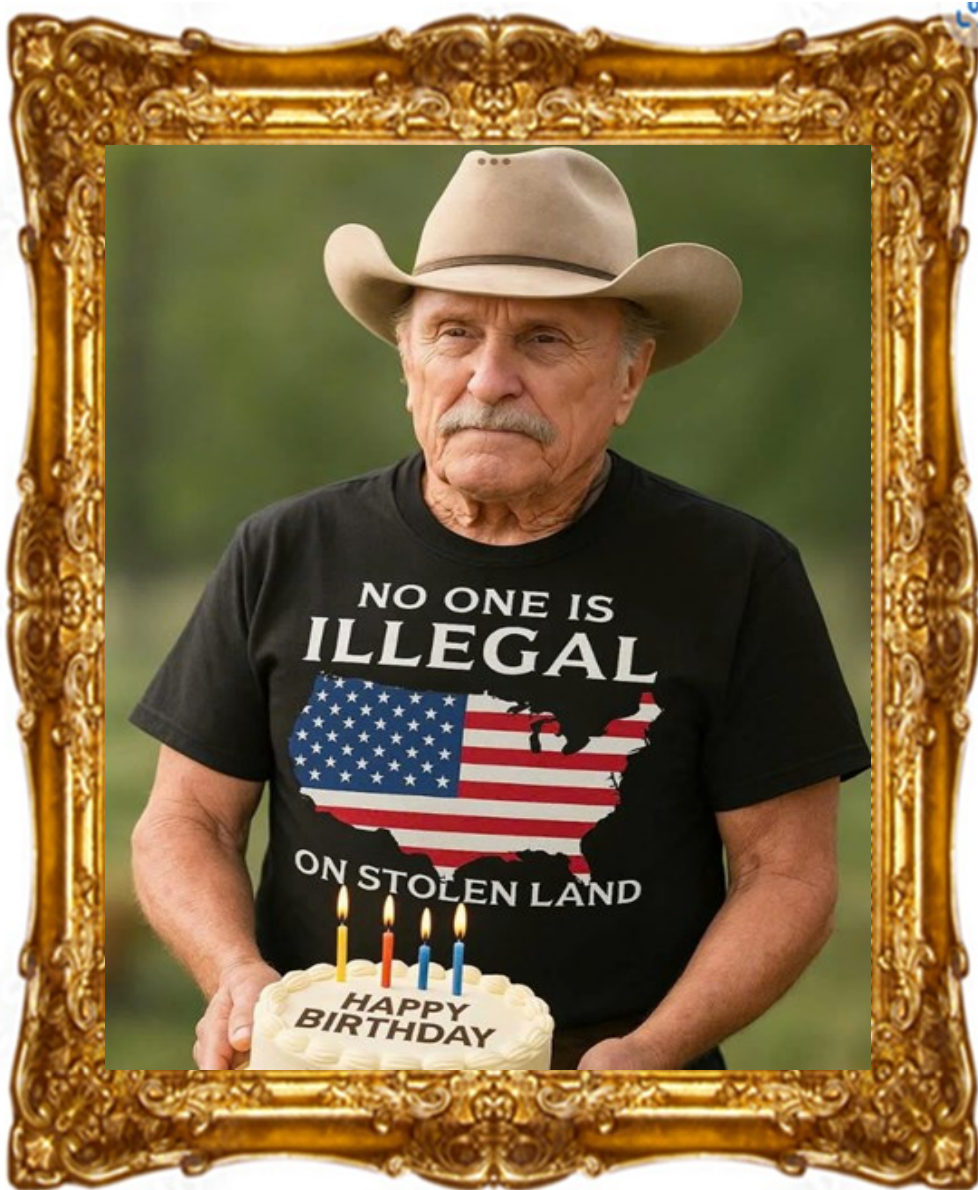


Pickle Ball or Tennis too fast for you? Then consider trying the latest Club activity being offered up by the Court Sports crew—**Fall Croquet!**

You used to play it years ago. And you were good at it!. There's no better time to relive those Glory Days! **Call Johnny Hibbs** for more details or to **join the fun: (501) 607-1975**

“As you get older, three things happen. The first is that your memory goes. I can’t remember the other two.”

-Norman Wisdom



“A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman’s birthday—but never remembers her age!”

—Robert Frost

September Birthdays

1st	Scott Hauth
4th	Basil Wetzel
6th	Gerry Vaden
7th	Jim Bodge
8th	Bill Clayson Parker Ash
10th	Carol Mundie Laurie Henderson
11th	Brooke Patino Clint Atchley
12th	Kim Lefebvre
13th	Ron Knight Nora Bergfield Jami Parham
14th	Scott Moody
15th	Fletcher Hamilton
21st	Donna Quandt
22nd	Bob Collie Carol Friedman
24th	Clint Blackman
25th	Jennifer Stout
26th	Cherie Haynes Jim Redman
27th	Shelton Segrest Carl Harsch
28th	Donna Doyle Glenda Bean
29th	Brandon Walls
30th	Michele Hamilton Tim Melson Nicole Baker

Our Adopted State: When You Come to a Fork in the Road, Pull Over and Feast!



Nestled at the intersection of Highways 9 and 5, about halfway between Hot Springs Village and Benton, you'll find a culinary gem that has captured the hearts of many HSV residents and visitors alike: the **Olde Crow General Store**. More than just a simple eatery, this establishment is a testament to the power of a dream, the importance of community, and a salute to Arkansas agriculture.

The history of the location itself stretches back to the early 20th century, when a store and gas station known as "Crow's Station" served the small community. Its modern day iteration, Olde Crow General Store, was opened in October 2015 by Damon and Jana Helton. Damon, a former Army Ranger, found a new purpose in sustainable farming on his property just down the road, The Farm at Barefoot Bend. Initially, the general store served as a direct-to-consumer outlet for the meats he was raising—all-natural beef, poultry, and pork.

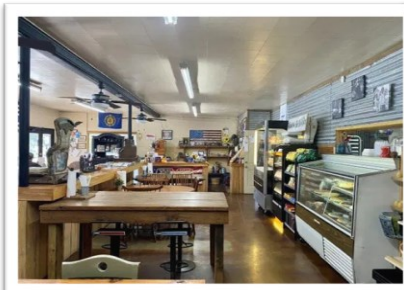
His idea quickly evolved as customers visiting the store expressed a desire for more. They loved the fresh products and wanted to see them transformed into meals. This led to the creation of a simple but highly celebrated menu of sandwiches. The sandwiches, crafted with fresh Petit Jean deli meats, farm-fresh eggs, and local produce, quickly became the star of the show. Word spread and it quickly became a local, beloved lunch spot. Being newbies to the area, we only discovered it thanks to 'word of mouth' via Sylvia and John Matthews.

Olde Crow's appeal lies in its "farm-to-table" mantra. The store has become a hub for local producers, carrying everything from homemade pies and jams to honey, relishes, and BBQ sauces from various Arkansas artisans. This commitment to sourcing locally has made the store a vital part of the regional food economy, creating a network of producers and consumers who value quality, sustainability, and community. The store's atmosphere reflects this; it's a friendly, old-timey space with a rustic charm. Visitors are greeted by the sight of hand-built farm tables, a wide selection of local goods, and the irresistible aroma of freshly made sandwiches.

Among the menu's standout items are the Reuben and the Cubano, though it's "The Rubicon," a pastrami sandwich on toasted marble rye bread, that has earned a special place in the hearts of many. But beyond the sandwiches, the homemade pies are a must-try. Flavors like German chocolate, coconut cream, and chocolate pecan draw customers from miles around, serving as a sweet reminder of the simple, satisfying pleasures of a home-cooked meal. You can take a few slices home with you for some further taste-testing, but they won't sell you a whole pie until after 2 PM on days that they're open. They have to save an assortment for their dedicated lunch crowd!

In recent years, the ownership of Olde Crow General Store has transitioned. In 2020, Jeff and Caesi Holt took over the family business from Caesi's brother. Caesi, a retired Little Rock Police Department officer, was ready for a new adventure. She and Jeff have continued to build on the foundation laid by the Heltons, keeping the focus on local products and a family-oriented atmosphere. As Caesi notes, "The customers become family. They know our kids and what they are doing in their lives. They ask about them, and that means the world to me."

While the location may seem "in the middle of nowhere" to some, its loyal customer base, which includes regulars from Benton, Little Rock, and Hot Springs Village, proves that people are willing to make the drive for good food and a sense of community. Olde Crow General Store is more than a place to eat; it's a destination, a living piece of Arkansas history, and a delicious slice of how a small, local business can thrive by staying true to its roots—and pastures!



Autumn is in the Air— We've Got Places to Go, and Things to See!



Up Next Month—

DPOA Investigative Report: Why are Armadillos Relocating from Texas in the Dead of Night?



Football Trivia Answers:

1) Kansas City Chiefs/Arrowhead stadium, 2) Buffalo Bills and Minnesota Vikings, 3) **Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Jacksonville**, Atlanta, Arizona, LA Chargers, Minnesota, Cincinnati, Carolina, Buffalo, Tennessee, 4) the 4 **bolded** teams in #3, 5) Green Bay Packers, 6) Houston Texans, 7) Jacksonville Jaguars, 13 times, 8) Tennessee Titans, 9) Baltimore, 10) Bert Bell, Philadelphia Eagles, 11) San Francisco 49ers, 12) Denver Broncos, 13) New England Patriots, 14) Miami Dolphins, 15) Washington Commanders, 16) Became the Kansas City Chiefs