

# TOWN



# NEWS

## Dallas Chapter – November 2023

### November Meeting

Monday, Nov., 13<sup>th</sup>

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Sharon

Fahlberg's home 7430

Courtside Dr. Garland TX,

75044

214-991-1234

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### TOWN HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 10th

4 p.m.

Suzi Murphy's home.

3317 Creekbend Dr.

Garland, TX 75044

972-742-1829

Details inside

### CELEBRATING TOWN'S 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT DAINGERFIELD STATE PARK



(L to R) Nancy, Allison, Robbie, Suzi, Sharon, Dale, Kay and Rosie.



**HIKING AT DAINGERFIELD**

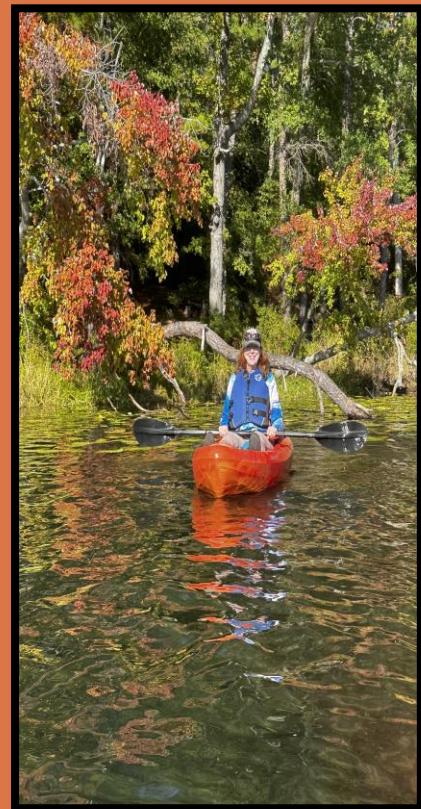
# **HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN FALL CAMPING**

## **HUNTSVILLE TEXAS STATE PARK**



**Huntsville alligator greeting Shirley and Mary**

# DAINGERFIELD TEXAS STATE PARK



*Allison and Lois enjoying the weather and the incipient colors of fall.*



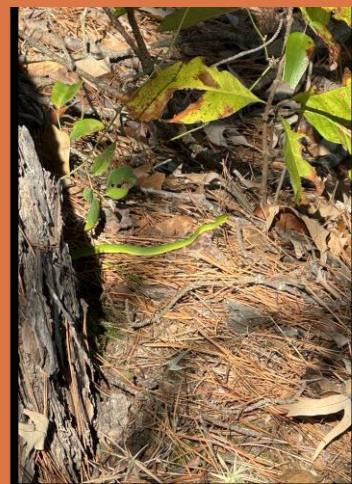
*Karen Turbeville and her Saturday dinner crew. From left to right, Rosie, Robbie, Rebecca, Karen and Karen K. Bon appetit, y'all!!*



(UL) Kay, Bella, Ann, Karen and Rosie hiking around the lake. (Center) Carol and her delicious blueberry and pumpkin muffins. (UR) Bear and Rosie celebrating the World Champions, Texas Rangers!



We finally enjoyed morning and evening chats around the fire.



Things we find on the trail....

# **TOWN ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**



**Sunday, December 10th at 4 PM- Suzi Murphy is hosting this year.**

**3317 Creekbend Dr. Garland, TX 75044**

**Directions -**

Take 75 north to Campbell Rd.

Turn East on Campbell to Jupiter

Head north (left) on Jupiter

Turn right at the next light just past Big Springs Baptist Church, Heather Hill Dr

Take your first left and follow around the circle to 3317. It's a grey 2-story.

Those who wish to participate in the gift exchange, simply need to bring a wrapped gift with an outdoor theme (spending limit of \$20). Outdoor gadgets and gizmos are always popular!

# TRIP TO YELLOWSTONE

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY MEURER



## Lamar Valley

Most of you have probably been to Yellowstone National Park. I went one hot summer, probably 1970, with my parents and siblings in a borrowed pop-up camper. What I remember most about that trip was the smell! Horrible sulphur smells and stinky asphalt from the interminable road construction. That experience kept me from visiting again until I heard multiple stories about the beauty and wildlife that can be found in Yellowstone in different seasons. Fall is my favorite time of year so with that in mind I planned a 5 day trip to Yellowstone with my friend, Susan Henchal, during the last week of September. Susan and I both read "American Wolf" by Nate Blakeslee before the trip and were inspired to see areas of the park described in the book. The Lamar Valley was our primary focus for viewing wildlife and sweeping vistas. We saw bison by the hundreds, pronghorn and mountain goats or white specks on the cliffs all the while keeping an eye out for the elusive wolves we had read so much about.

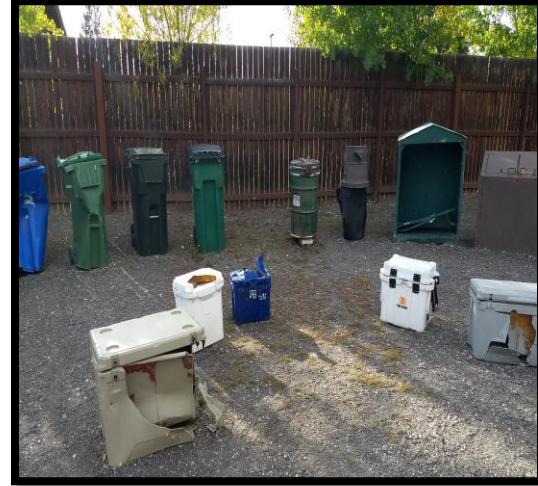


## Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center

We had just enough time to see the highlights of the park. Canyons, waterfalls, Lake Yellowstone, Geysers and hot springs that didn't smell too bad. We also took the time to visit the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center, a Not-For-Profit Wildlife Park and Educational Facility in West Yellowstone. We learned the stories of the bears that live there, why they are there and how they are cared for. The exhibit on testing "bear-resistant" food and garbage containers was quite interesting.

You can read more about all the animals at the Discovery Center at:

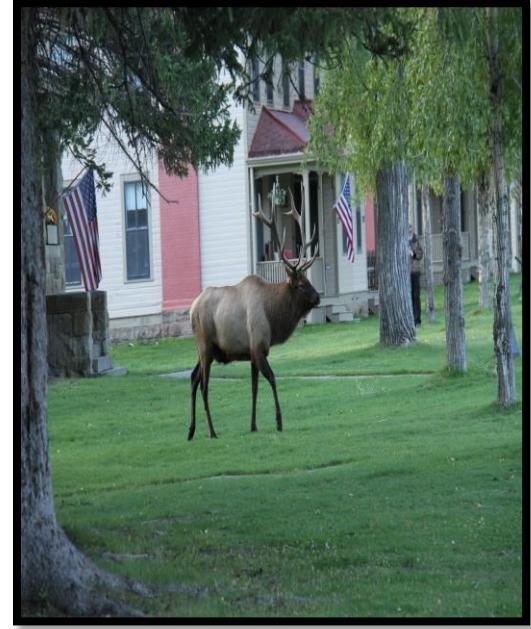
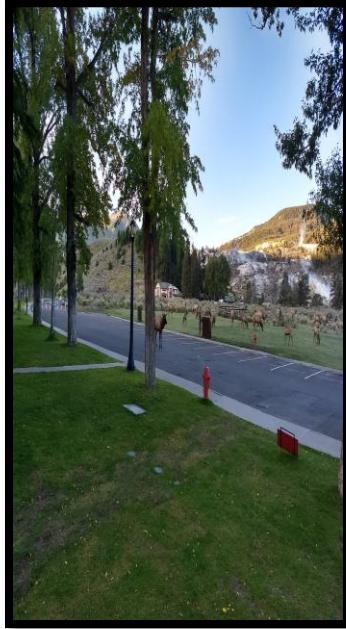
<https://www.grizzlydiscoveryctr.org/animals/wolves>



## Bull elk in Mammoth Springs

Our last day in Yellowstone was spent on a guided Wildlife Tour. We first went to Mammoth Springs and found a bull elk and his harem of about 40 cows in the park downtown. Did you know "Elk usually stick to same-sex groups, but during the rut they form groups called harems, which consist of one dominant bull elk and a large group female elk. During this time, the bull elk becomes very aggressive towards challenging male elk and is very protective of his harem. While it may seem like an episode of The Bachelor, it is not all fun and games for the bull elk. Since he is so focused on defending his group, he has little time to eat and loses up to 20 percent of his body weight during this time, making surviving the winter very hard." The bull elk in Mammoth Springs had to work to keep the cows from straying. We witnessed some unusual behavior when a cow tried to let the bull elk know it was time for something.

After watching the elk quite a while, we went back to the Lamar Valley for more wildlife viewing. Our guide was in contact with the wolf watchers so when there was a wolf sighting he new the general area and went there quickly. We saw a pack of 5 wolves from a great distance and watched them come in and out of the woods, rocks and ravine. We watched through binoculars for almost 30 minutes before the wolves retreated to the tree line and out of sight.



# TOWN ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED-2023- 2024

**Saturday Nov 11- Sunday Nov 12, 2023**

**Ouachita National Forest**

**Fall Backpacking trip**

**For information contact Laura Thornton  
at 214838-4105**

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**Wed., February 28 - Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2024**

**Camping at Inks Lake Texas State Park**

DETAILS: We have room for 16 campers in our 4 tent w water campsites. To reserve your spot, send a \$30. deposit by PayPal to Barbara M. trip leader. Call phone 214 538-1375 with questions. [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/inks-lake](https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/inks-lake)

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**Thursday April 25-Sunday April 28, 2024**

**Camping at Buescher State Park**

We have 6 of the best sites reserved for TOWN Dallas. Set up camp under tall trees, hike, bike or fish and paddle the 30-acre lake at this peaceful park. <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/buescher>

Contact Shirley Meurer directly to sign up for this trip. [sameurer@yahoo.com](mailto:sameurer@yahoo.com).