

BPAC Supervisor Report Meeting February 21, 2025

Fall and Winter 2024 Recap:

- On October 5, 2024, the Fall Fest included hayrides, arts and crafts, games, and train rides. Wood carving vendors and a live demonstration were also present. The Russell Boren Home was open for tours. We had 1,600 attendees, and the event was held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This was a free event.
- October 12, 2024, Canning Class 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Students made Apple Maple Walnut Conserve. Each student took home a jar of their own. These classes are designed to give students confidence in the canning process, teach safe canning practice, and make new friends. The fee for this class is \$30.00, all supplies included.
- October 19, 2024, KC Arts with Karen Kaiser. Beastly Eyes was the theme and all supplies were included. Fee \$30.00.
- October 26, 2024, Red Chair Lecture: Tim and Wylie Brys wrote a children’s book, Wylie Finds a Dinosaur. They shared a true story of a 4-year-old boy who found a dinosaur and what happened next. A hotdog meal was served and Wild Animals on the Move brought many reptiles for guests to pet and hold. 40 attendees at the event.
- November 9 and 10, 2024, Far Out Family Campout: Families enjoyed the afternoon playing archery, a guided nature hike, and games. Also, the Perot Museum had a taxidermy display of wildlife animals from this area, then onto making a scarecrow, and after the sunset, the Master Naturalist led a hike in the Community Gardens to look for Moths. We also provided smores around the campfire at night, and breakfast was served on Sunday morning. The fee for this event was \$25 for a family of 5.
- November 18, 2024, Canning Class 9:00 am to 12:00 pm students made Holiday Jam. This class had a waitlist and maxed out with 16 in the class. Everyone got to take their jar of holiday jam home to enjoy. The goal of these classes is to encourage students to be confident in the canning process, teach safe practices while canning, and make friends. The fee for this class is \$25.00 with all supplies included.
- November 16, 2024, Canning Class 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Students made Cranberry Orange Chutney. This class was sold out with 18 registered. Everyone took their jar of Chutney home. The fee for this class is \$30.00 with all supplies included.
- November 16, 2024, Russell Farm Cooking Social – Couples enjoyed watching Chef and owner Nori from the Burluson Brunch House demonstrate how to make three different sauces to serve with chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, and homemade Caesar salad

dressing. Everyone sat down to eat the dinner that they learned how to prepare. The evening ended with smores by the firepit. This event was from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The fee for this event was \$55 per person who attended.

- December 7, 2024, Breakfast with Santa was a great success with up to 800 attendees. We had a gingerbread theme this year and served our annual pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice. Families enjoyed free cocoa and a picture with Santa and the Rein donkey. The Grinch had his house in the Gazebo in the Sensory Garden area. The fee for this event is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. This event was hosted by the farm for the Parks and Recreation Event Team. Tickets sold were 618.
- December 11,12,13, and 14, 2024 Nights of Lights 6:00 to 8:00 pm is an after-hour event offered for four evenings where families can stop by and see the entire farm decorated with Christmas lights. Visitors enjoyed hot cocoa to spread holiday cheer. Visitors over the 4 days were 625, this is a free event.
- December 14, 2024, Christmas on the Farm had 1,500 visitors who experienced an old-fashioned Christmas event. A visit from Santa, free arts and crafts, and the Children's Entrepreneur Market with 50 vendors, hayrides, mini train, and live music for guests to enjoy while visiting the farm. This is a free event. Visitors for this event was 1,200.
- January 4, 2025, Canning Class 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Students made Pear Habanero Preserves. Each student took home a jar of their own. The fee for this class is \$30 all supplies are included.
- January 18, 2025, KC Kaiser Arts taught a class focusing on the Precious Stones watercolor with 11 people attending the class. This class is offered for ages 12 to adult. The fee is \$30.00 with all supplies included.
- January 25, 2025, Family Canning Class – Pear Jam classes were offered for a child to attend with an adult. The fee for this class is \$30.00 with all supplies included. 4 families registered for this class.