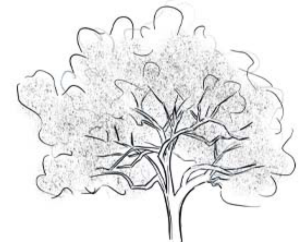




Gardens of Oak Hollow

A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

Neighborly News



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Overnight Intruder



On early Thursday morning (3:30 am) January 12, an intruder was recorded on Carol's Ring camera strolling in the ally behind Shadow Park. Her neighbor Robert at the corner also has video as the intruder came around corner but it at a different angle and not as clear.

As you will see in the video (below) the intruder appears to be coming from somewhere along the fence in Carol's driveway. That really concerned her that the intruder came on to my property at night.

Nothing appears to be missing and no damages at this time. That same night before this video was recorded, a police car was seen driving down the ally. But his is not unusual and has been seen before.

Thanks Carol for sharing this video with our neighbors.

Watch Short Video

<https://gardensofoakhollow.com/53-1/>

Bob "Daddy O" Wade



In January of 1980, the "boots" officially arrived in San Antonio. The "World's Largest Cowboy Boots" sculpture stands an impressive 35-feet, three inches tall. It is 30-foot long, nine-foot wide and weighs 10,000 pounds. But have you ever wondered about who created them? and why?.

Artist

Austin-born artist Bob "Daddy O" Wade was 36 years old when he was contacted in 1979 by the Washington Project for the Arts out of Washington, D.C. They asked him to create a Texas-themed sculpture to be featured in an empty lot near the White House. The late colorful artist Bob "Daddy-O" Wade created massive cowboy boots and our nation's capital got an up-close example that everything really IS bigger in Texas.

Wade is known for several other giant creations, including a 40-foot long iguana that sits atop the Ft. Worth Zoo. Wade also



created the dancing frogs on the roof of a Taco Cabana in Dallas and a 70-foot high saxophone in Houston. The boots were first featured in an empty lot that was only blocks away from the White House. Soon after the boots went on display in Washington, a bidding war began to bring the boots back to Texas. The then-owners of the North Star Mall outbid everyone else and purchased the boots for \$20,000.

Journey to San Antonio

The journey to get the boots to the Alamo City was not easy. When the structure was loaded on to three trailers, one trailer was too high, one was too wide and one was too long. One of the boots got stuck under an overpass during its road trip to its new home. The boots have become a popular tourist spot in San Antonio and upward of 200,000 cars pass by them daily on Loop 410. A documentary "Too High, Too Wide and Too Long" about Wade released in 1999.

January Garden Gals



We enjoyed a good turnout as the Garden Gals Gathered at Donna's house. I believe the head-count ended up at 21. Thank you, Donna, for hosting! It was decided that we will switch to a bi-monthly schedule for 2023 to see how that works. So the next Gathering will be Thursday, March 16, at 6 PM. Look forward to seeing you!

Burns Night



January 25 is the birthday of Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns (1759-1796). This date has become an occasion for Scots all over the world to gather together in his honor.

A Burns Night supper usually includes haggis, a traditional dish of the heart, lungs, and liver of a sheep or calf minced with

suet, onions, oatmeal, and seasonings. Burns's words, Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face, Great chieftain o' the pudding-race!" greets the dish's entry into the room.

Men wear kilts and women their tartan sashes, and the evening's celebration includes reading Burns's poems and singing his songs.

To close the celebrations guests usually stand, hold hands and sing the New Year's Eve staple, "Auld Lang Syne", before dancing and general merriment resumes. "Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And auld lang syne."

National Belly Laugh Day



Today is a day to chuckle, laugh, and celebrate the good things in life. As Maya Angelou said, "Just imagine if we laughed more frequently, if we had the unmitigated courage to touch each other, it would be just the beginning of paradise — now."

Laughter has been a topic of interest for most philosophers and thinkers throughout history. According to the ancient Greek writer Herodotus, laughter was mainly classified into three types: "those who are innocent of wrongdoing, but ignorant of their

vulnerability," "those who are mad," and "those who are overconfident."

In the 20th century, Henri Louis Bergson, a French philosopher, published his work, "Laughter: An essay on the Meaning of the Comic." Ramon Mora Ripoll in his study which was named "The Therapeutic Value of Laughter in Medicine" believed that laughter had therapeutic and healing properties and could be used to treat certain ailments in patients. He believed that it was a tool to be shared, and also realized the importance of letting more people know about the benefits of laughter on the human body.

In 2005, Elaine Helle, a professional yoga teacher, came up with the idea of Belly Laugh Day to celebrate laughter. Elaine believed that we celebrated many things in life, such as love and gratitude, but we often neglect the importance of laughter. And thus, Belly Laugh Day was born on January 24.

- Do you know there's a place where January comes after February? It's the dictionary.
- If January threw a parade, would February March? No, but April May.
- Student: Ma'am, can I go to the bathroom?
Teacher: It's may.
Student: No, it's January.
- Why should Christmas be moved to January? The stores are less crowded and everything is on sale.
- Is January the longest month? No, September has 2 more letters in its name.