



VVHA



VOICE

November 2025



President's Message:

November traditionally makes us think of Thanksgiving and a time to express our gratitude. I have a lot to be grateful for, but this year, due to issues that developed in our family, I'm especially focused on something many of you can relate to. It is the advancement of medical drugs and procedures. For example, several of us would not be here today if not for current cardiac techniques. Family members have had surgeries that were not available just a few years ago. Medical technology allows us to implant artificial devices, replace body parts, and treat conditions with medication.

It's not only these discoveries that keeps us alive, but also those that enhance life. Recently a video was published of a young woman with highly advanced artificial hands applying her own makeup.

November 11th is Veterans Day, what could we be more thankful for than our veterans and their families. For their time and sacrifice, and for many their lives.

Many small things deserve gratitude and should be acknowledged. This is demonstrated all the time in Vicksburg Village. Living with a thankful heart benefits your attitude, your health and empathy.

"In November, the smell of food is different. It is an orange smell. A squash and pumpkin smell. It tastes like cinnamon and can fill up a house in the morning, can pull everyone from bed in a fog."
– Cynthia Rylant

November

Texas Historical November Events

November 1528 – Cabeza de Vaca ship-wrecked on what is believed today to be Galveston Island. After trading in the region for some six years, he later explored the Texas interior on his way to Mexico.

November 3, 1835 – The Consultation met to consider options for the more autonomous rule for Texas. A document known as the Organic Law outlined the organization and functions of a new Provisional Government.

November 8, 1835 – The [Grass Fight](#) near San Antonio was won by the Texans under [Jim Bowie](#) and [Ed Burleson](#). Instead of silver, however, the Texans gained a worthless bounty of grass.

November 1839 – The Texas Congress first met in Austin, the frontier site selected for the capital of the Republic.

National Historical November Events

November 3 2014 The One World Trade Center opened in New York. It was built on the site of the former World Trade Center complex, which was destroyed on September 11th, 2001, during terrorist attacks.

November 20th, 1820, the whaleship Essex was attacked and sunk by a sperm whale in the Pacific Ocean. This incident inspired Herman Melville's novel "Moby Dick."

November 20, 1929, American inventor Edwin H. Land patented the first commercial instant camera, known as Polaroid, which revolutionized photography.

November 22, 1963-The world began mourning the news that President John F. Kennedy had been shot and killed in Dallas, Texas. Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired three shots from the sixth floor of a building as the president's car passed

World Historical November Events

November 1, 1348 On or about this date, the Black Death reached London. In early autumn, the disease is thought to have arrived via a ship travelling into Southampton from the east.

November 1, 1512 Michelangelo's iconic work on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel was revealed to the public.

November 9, 1799 Napoleon Bonaparte, an experienced young military man, became the dictator of France after his successful coup to overthrow the weak French government and establish a new regime.

November 9, 1989 More than just symbolizing the beginning of the end to the Cold War, when the Berlin Wall came down on November 9, 1989, it changed the world profoundly.

November 11, 1918 After a total of four years and 97 days, the guns finally fell silent as World War I ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918

November 20, 1945 The beginning of the Nuremberg Trials, a series of military tribunals held to prosecute prominent leaders of Nazi Germany.

November 20, 1977, Egyptian president, Anwar al-Sadat, made the first official visit to Israel by an Arab leader.

November 26, 1922-Archaeologists Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun.

November 27, 1095 Byzantine Emperor Alexius Comnenus appealed to the pope to gain mercenaries to fill out the weakened Byzantine army. Although Emperor Comnenus simply wanted to keep the Turks away from his doorstep, he got way more than he bargained for: Pope Urban II giving rise to the Crusades.

Office Hours: Scott Harless is our office manager. He will be in the office Monday and Wednesday from 8:00am to 2:00pm, Tue. & Thurs. from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Ph. 830-257-2442.



Vicksburg Village Website: Please visit our website at vicksburgvillage.net We are very happy with everything that Dean Seals has done for us and appreciate all his work. You will find lots of helpful tools on the site, such as architectural control committee request forms and much more! If you have any suggestions for new content, please let us know. We want to make this website a useful tool for all our residents.

Bunco Group: Third Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in joining the group or would like to substitute, please call Mell Whiting (443-243-6934). We are always in need of permanent players and substitutes.

Artist of the month: There is a signup sheet on the credenza for the “Artist of the month.” We enjoy seeing the artistic talents of our residents. The artist this month is Kandi Stimson, her painting is named “Devotion “.

Wall Hanging of the month: Each month, a member of the Quilt Bee provides a wall for the Clubhouse. Stop by and enjoy this month’s wall hanging by Gwen Myers. If you are a quilter, we encourage you to show your quilting. Call Gwen Myers 830-832-8472 to add your name to the list on the credenza and include it in the monthly Newsletter. Join us at the Quilt Bee on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00 in the Clubhouse. All levels of quilting skills are welcome.

Free Notary Service: Free notary service is available for residents of Vicksburg Village in need of such service. Contact Christine Klima at 830-370-8957 to make arrangements.



George’s Korner – Jeopardy Style (Questions on last page)

Agriculture

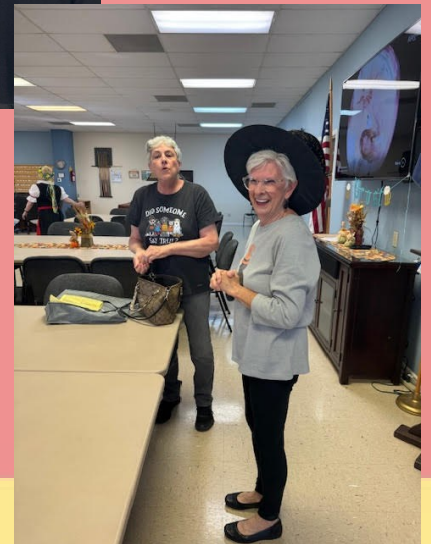
1. Farmers plant trees around the farms to create windbreaks as they battle this, attrition of soil by wind.
2. Covering 90 million acres, it’s the most commonly grown feed crop in the United States.
3. Originally designed to harvest wheat, this dual-use farm implement cuts and threshes grain.

Literary Ladies

4. 1944’s *Absent in the Spring* is one of the non-mystery novels she wrote under the name Mary Westmacott.
5. It’s the first name shared by bestselling authors Delinsky, Tuchman, and Kingsolver.

OCTOBERFEST 2025

PHOTOS BY
CINDY BREEN



Kudos to Laurie

What a smashing success!! The food was fabulous, and the desserts were to die for. Costumes and decor were well done and fun. I can't think of anything that could have been done better!! I heard nothing but praise for a job well done. CONGRATULATIONS!! Sharon Nole

It was a smashing hit, and all are looking forward to Christmas. Well done, Laurie, on the delicious cake, and Tim on the grilling. You two are a fabulous team. Great job everyone. Cindy Breen

It was a great turnout. I think all had a wonderful time. I will be getting ahold of the crew (Cindy Breen, Cindy Seal, Kim Marks, Sharon Nole, Gail Johnson and Mary Flett) to discuss our Christmas gathering!! Thank you everyone for all your help. Laurie Sheets

Happy Hour News

Happy Hour

Starting in November Happy Hour participants will be asked for a 50¢ donation. This tribute will be used to purchase communal treats each week. For example Friday Nov. 7th Laurie plans to serve Pizza.

Please respond each week to Laurie's email if you plan to attend the following Friday Happy Hour so she will have enough food for everyone. If you wish to join and are not on the Happy Hour Email List contact Laurie and so she can add you to the list. lauriejans58@hotmail.com



There will be no Happy Hour On Friday November 28 the day after Thanksgiving.

As announced during the Oktoberfest Celebration a date to be determined mid-December we will be having a **Christmas** Festivity. More information coming as plans develop.

Wanda Benson ("right off the wagon," she said) demonstrating making yarn at the opening of the Rogue Skien .




VV residents checking out the Rogue Skien.

November 2025

November 1: [National Cinnamon Day](#) 

November 2: [Daylight Savings Time Ends](#)

November 5: [National Donut Day](#)


November 6: [National Nachos Day](#) 

November 8: [National Cappuccino Day](#)

November 10: [US Marine Corps Birthday](#)

November 11: [Veterans Day](#)

November 14: [National Spicy Guacamole Day](#)

November 15: [National Bundt Day](#) 

November 15: [National Button Day](#)

November 17: [National Homemade Bread Day](#)

November 18: [National Mickey Mouse Day](#) 

November 19: [National Play Monopoly Day](#)


November 20: [National Peanut Butter Day](#)

November 21: [National Red Mitten Day](#) 

November 23: [National Cashew Day](#)

November 26: [National Blasé Day](#)

November 27: [National Bavarian Cream Pie Day](#)

November 28: [National Flossing Day](#) 

November 30: [National Mason Jar Day](#)

History of Veterans Day

[For the whole article click here for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

[Webpage for Veterans Day Historical Timeline and Information](#)



World War I—known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Every Thursday evening at 5 pm, the Widows (and single ladies) of Vicksburg meet at different restaurants in town for a lovely dinner. Great way to meet your neighbors, and not have to cook, and eat alone!

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

NO NOVEMBER SUBMISSIONS

US Marine Corps Celebrating 249th Birthday

The Marine Corps celebrates its birthday on November 10, which marks when the Continental Marines were founded on that day in 1775 during the Revolutionary War.



This year is the 249th anniversary of the founding, when Captain Samuel Nicholas set up the first Marine Corps recruiting headquarters at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Penn., looking for "a few good men," according to [the Marines official website](#).

The Marine Corps is one of the smallest services of the military, and recruited roughly 28,000 members in its most recent class.

Marines specialize in land, sea and air operations, known to be "the first in and last out."

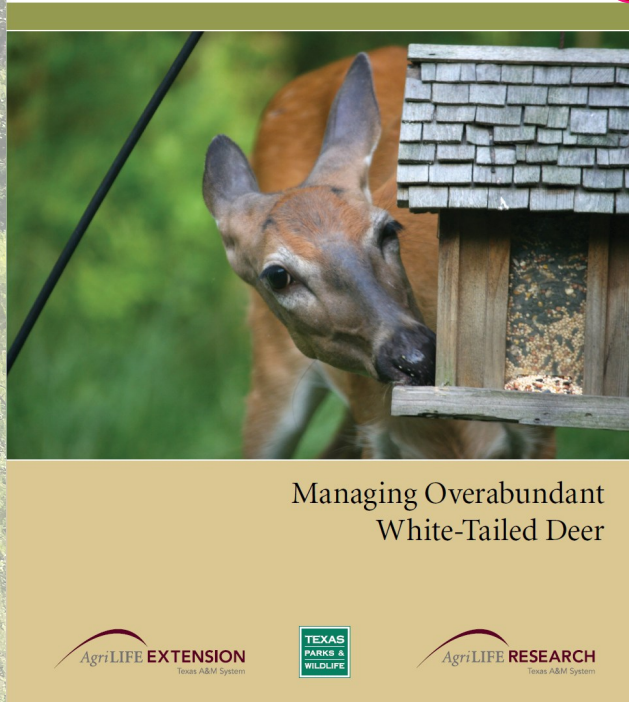
Older than the United States itself, the Marine Corps is the nation's third-oldest branch of the military, [according to Stripes.com](#), the U.S. military's news organization.

Ahead of the anniversary, the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia, unveiled new exhibits this fall.



The exhibits, "Forward Deployed" and "Afghanistan and Iraq," help guide visitors through the history of the Marine Corps from the end of the Vietnam War to the present day.

Food for Thought



The following opening paragraphs are from the publication pictured above. Click on the cover picture to download the free PDF.

White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) are one of the most recognizable and charismatic species of wildlife, but they are the cause of a growing urban wildlife management problem in many metropolitan areas throughout the United States. as urban sprawl increases, the natural habitat required by many wildlife species disappears, but white-tailed deer are able to adapt to urban environments and human activity. White-tailed deer populations grow rapidly in these areas due to the lack of natural predators, patchy habitats, abundant food resources, and increased offspring survival.

When humans and wildlife live close to one another, an increase in human-wildlife conflict occurs. Although white-tailed deer are often viewed as an aesthetically pleasing addition to many homeowners in urban communities, they can cause several problems when they become overabundant and unmanaged. For example, white-tailed deer.

In urban communities can cause economic losses through consuming landscape and garden plants, and automobile repairs from deer-vehicle collisions.

VVHA Social Activities

Event	Day	Time	Contact
Bunco	3rd Wednesday	6:30PM	Mell Whiting 443-243-6934
Canasta- Pennies from Heaven	Friday	1:00PM	Carolyn Brooks 830-955-5408
Happy Hour	Friday	5:00PM	Laurie Sheets 775-315-2932
Mahjong	Tuesday, Sunday	2:00PM	Carolyn Wilkinson 210-422-7821
Men's Coffee	M, T, Th, F	8:30AM	Mike Michalec 830-739-8640
Poker Night	Every Other Tuesday	5:00PM	Barney "B.B."Mays 830-955-9012
Quilt Bee	1st and 3rdMonday	1:00PM	Gwen Myers 830-832-8472
Nine-Ball Pool	Thursday	9:30AM	Steve Lehman 830-739-5990
Eight - Ball Pool	Friday	7:30AM	Steve Lehman 830-739-5990
Water Exercise	M, W, F	7:15AM	Laurie Sheets 775-315-2934
Water Exercise	T, Th	9:00-10:00AM	Mary Lou Bartels 830-257-8066
Wednesday Coffee	Wednesday	9-ish AM	Office 830-257-2442
Euchre	Thursday	12:00PM	Sharon Nole 214-929-0018
Clubhouse Cleaning	Monday	2:00-5:00 PM	

Committees

Architectural Control	Bereavement	Budget & Finance	CC&Rs By-Laws & Rules	Clubhouse Decorating	Common Area Gardening
Christine Klima	Annie Snellgrove	Sitting President Sitting Treasurer	Sitting President	Sharon Preston	Kim Marks
Cynthia Wallace	Susan Jansen	Kim Marks	Kim Marks	Anne Snellgrove	Cindy Wallace
Lee Wright	Ruth Maples	Larry Stamps	Cindy Breen	Sharon Nole	Jan Parten
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Sharon Nole	Mary Staudt			Cindy Seals	
Dean Reynolds	Babs Morgan			Mary Staudt	
	Carolyn Brooks				
	Clubhouse & Supplies	Elections	General Maintenance	Welcome	Technology
	Dean Seals	TBD	Tom Johnson	Laurie Sheets	Tom Johnson
	Tom Johnson	Betty Aronsen	Tim Sheets	Kandi Stimson	Steve Lehman
		Mell Whiting		Mary Flett	Dean Seals
		George Scheirton			
		Putt Shaw			
		Bonnie Flory			
		Sharon Nole			
		Anne Snellgrove			

November Facts

NOVEMBER MOON & ASTRONOMY

- November's full Moon is traditionally called the Beaver Moon. Why this name? In the Colonial Era, this was the month to set one's beaver traps before the swamps froze and beavers retired to their lodges, to ensure a supply of warm winter furs.

NOVEMBER WEATHER FOLKLORE

- If there's ice in November that will bear a duck, there'll be nothing after but sludge and muck.
- November take flail; let ships no more sail.
- If trees show buds in November, the winter will last until May.
- There is no better month in the year to cut wood than November.
- Ice in November brings mud in December.
- A heavy November snow will last until April.

NOVEMBER BIRTHSTONE

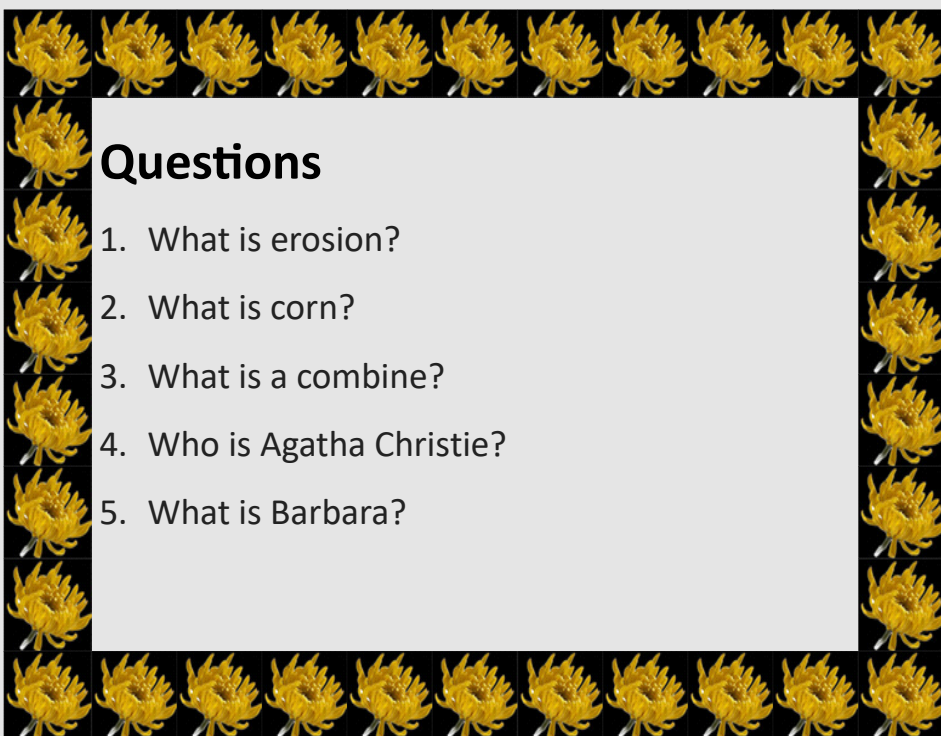
November's traditional birthstone is the topaz, usually a yellow to amber color. The ancient Greeks believed that topaz could make a wearer invisible. A symbol of honor and strength, topaz was also believed to bring longevity and wisdom.

BIRTH FLOWERS

November's birth flower is the chrysanthemum. Generally, chrysanthemums represent cheerfulness. A red one conveys "I love you." White symbolizes truth or pure love. A yellow one indicates slighted love. For more information on November go to this wonderful [source](#).

Board of Directors

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Tim Sheets: Vice -President
Secretary: Jan Parten
Treasurer: Cindy Breen
Gary Williams: At Large
Larry Stamps: At Large
Dean Seals: At Large



Questions

1. What is erosion?
2. What is corn?
3. What is a combine?
4. Who is Agatha Christie?
5. What is Barbara?