

Pat's Post



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Community Uniting to Prevent Sale of Highlander Ranch

WACO, TX – In an effort to maintain Highlander Ranch, parents, students, boarders, educators, riding instructors, and community members are currently joining together to bring awareness to McLennan Community College's (MCC) plan to sell the beloved ranch, one of the best kept secrets in McLennan County.

Members of the concerned public and local equine community are holding meetings, collaborating via social media, contacting local legislators, and plan to attend the college's next board meeting in support of Highlander Ranch and its educational programs. The goal is to maintain Highlander Ranch as an educational nonprofit facility operated by MCC. Its supporters stand to oppose the divestiture of the facility and programs to a private for-profit entity, which may result in an irrecoverable loss to the residents of McLennan County and the broader equine community.

Highlander Ranch is comprised of 189 acres of pristine agriculture farmland with untapped revenue streams that could keep the ranch financially operational and generate revenue for MCC. Strategic partnership could be forged with other educational institutions, promoting its veterinary science and agriculture programs. Valuable farmland may be utilized for plant and agricultural sciences.

"There is so much untapped potential at the Highlander Ranch. It is a community asset that has not been promoted or utilized enough through the years. With McLennan County and Waco growing, giving up this land would be a costly mistake," said Rhiannon Yard MCC horseback riding instructor and Waco resident.

The ranch, located in Bosqueville, provides riding lessons in both English and Western disciplines, summer camps, equine boarding services, horse shows and events, and is also home to MCC's Veterinary Technology program. As a community resource, the ranch enables persons of all ages and economic means to enjoy equine sports, provides access and affordable character-building experiences to children, and provides quality instruction and facilities for boarders, students, and eventers.

A vote to maintain or sell the ranch will be held by the MCC Board of Trustees on July 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the MCC CSC Conference Center on N. 19th Street in Waco. Any individual who wishes to address the Board at the meeting may call 254-299-8140 to request a 3-minute timeslot.



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Rhiannon's Post



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Highlander Ranch

July 11th Vote on Keeping or Selling the Ranch

The vote is on July 11th at the MCC CSC Conference Center. 6 pm. The Center is on MCC campus, N 19th Street.

If you want to get on the agenda to speak call this telephone number, 254-299-8140. There are taking names now so you will have 3 minutes at the meeting to show your support.

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Katrina Natwick

Is there a way to vote without being present?

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Kristin Dodson

Katrina Natwick the board is voting. Not a community vote.

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Pat Morrison Kultgen

Katrina Natwick Only the board gets to vote but we need to be heard! If you can't be present, I will present letters. My mailbox is 115 Brandy Hill, Lorena TX 76655

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Michelle K Starr

I heard that rumor a year ago and hoped it wasn't true!

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Pat Morrison Kultgen

Michelle K Starr I have talked to K Paul Holt, who is on the board. There will be a discussion on what to do with the ranch on the 11th. Please try to attend.

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Michelle K Starr

Unfortunately, I will be out of state.

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Michelle K Starr If you will write a letter and get it to me, I will submit it! My mailbox is at 115 Brandy Hill!

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Dani ZB

Why on earth would they sell? Are they closing the veterinary assistant program true?

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Dani ZB it will be discussed. Please make plans to attend and share this post.

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Tricia Dudley

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