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Tom's Thoughts >>>



*Hey, So Far
So Good!*

A shout out to the folks who liked and actually read the first newsletter last month! I appreciate the feedback!

As you can see, I am trying to put a little more personal touch in our relationship with you. The idea is to show you a little about who are and what we are about, when we are not slaving away on websites!

We have a whole list of topics for future newsletters that hopefully will be fun and informational. If you happen to have an idea you would like to see added, I would love to hear it! Just pass it along.

Next month...

So, who is this Debbie at Updates@BigSkyInternetDesign.com, anyway?

You are going to find out about her and her history with us!

Until Next Month and Happy Thanksgiving! - Tom

Ahh, The Fall...

*Beautiful Weather, Leaves Changing Color,
Blah, Blah, and FOOTBALL SEASON!*

I absolutely have a Love/Hate relationship with Football Season. Why? Simply put, my two teams – The Cleveland Browns and the Texas A&M Aggies.

Wait, Cleveland, you ask? I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and my Mom loved the Browns! So, our entire family does too. Not an easy gig, let me tell you! And it is hereditary as Jake, my son, is as bad as I am!

A&M is easier. Both Jake and Jess graduated from A&M, Carrie is the president of the Brazos Valley Aggie Mom's Club, we live there, and we have teamed up with a few other A&M families and put on a HUGE tailgate before the games. To give you an idea, Karbach Beer and Dos Rios Tequila are our Tailgate Sponsors! BIG.

Let me tell you about the emotional roller-coaster of the weekend of October 9-10. The Aggies, an 18 point underdog, played Alabama at 7pm Saturday. We began watching our tailgate spot on Wednesday and we put it up Friday at noon after the land rush. On Saturday morning we put on the finishing touches and the tailgating began. Brisket, pork butt and chicken were on the menu and we may have imbibed in our sponsors products. Carrie and I headed to Kyle Field at 6 and settled in for a game I knew we were going to get slaughtered in. Well, the Aggies had a different idea and they pulled off the upset with a field goal as time expired, right in front of us! Exhilarating and exhausting! We got home about 1:30 am.

The next day, Sunday, the Browns played the Chargers, thankfully in the late afternoon game. Back and forth and back again. The Browns scored 42 points and amassed over 500 yards... and lost at the end. Typical Browns! ARGH!!!

While I will complain and maybe swear a little, you know where I will be on Saturdays and Sundays in the Fall! Go Browns & Gig'm Ags!

Watch Out >>>

Email Scams and Threats!

Last month we spoke about domain name scams. Lo and behold, a customer got the same letter as was used for the example. It happens!

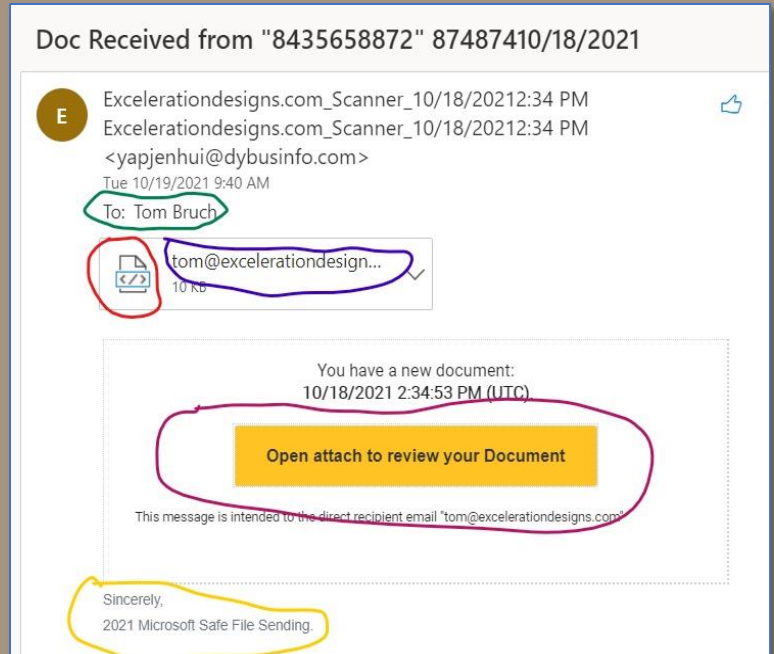
This month, **Email Scams**.

I received this one the other day.

- Sent to my legit email address (green circle).
- The file name is my email address (blue circle).
- The official button to view it (purple circle).
- Comes from 'Microsoft Safe File Sending' (yellow circle). That is not even a thing!

BUT...look at the from email address! Not someone I know. Plus, the red circle indicates it is a script file which means some script would run if I clicked on it. No telling what kind of bad things would happen!

When in doubt, Please Ask Us! Better safe than sorry!



Did You Know?

November is National Entrepreneurship Month?

Most people reading this newsletter fall into this group.

27 million working-age Americans—nearly 14%—are running their own businesses. A growing number of people are considering entrepreneurship as a career option. 51% of the working population believe that good opportunities exist to branch out on their own.

Easy? No. Rewarding? Absolutely!

**Thank Ignacio Anaya
on Nov 6th!**

Nov 6th is National Nachos Day!

A holiday we can all get behind.

Raise a chip in honor of nachos creator *Ignacio Anaya!*

(Really, you can look it up!)



Tips >>>

Work / Life Balance

This is something I am a firm believer in and is very difficult to master.

Working from home has made the thin line between work and life even murkier than ever. Failing to find the right balance can cause burnout and result in problems in both areas. Happily, there are adjustments that can be made to achieve a better balance between work and life.

Taking a vacation when you feel it is right to do so is a great idea! If you have not been away for some time, stop putting it off and get on with it. Then try to pamper yourself and your family by disconnecting from technology. Being disconnected, if it is planned, is a wonderful thing! Taking a conscious break from the pressure of work is the most important aspect of a good vacation.

It is also important to stay connected with others when working from home. Feeling isolated can become a serious problem, so make the effort to call, text or video with friends during the day and at scheduled times for longer periods.

Lastly, set your hours and have a clear cutoff time that is dedicated family time.

Working 24-7 is no good for anyone!

Happy Thanksgiving Crossword



New Customer Spotlight – Welcome!



Bar Y Ranch Quarter Horses
BarYQuarterHorses.com
 Geneva, Idaho & Kingman, Arizona



Greater Houston Quarter Horse Assn
GHQHA.com
 Houston, Texas

Wrong Answers

A police officer pulled a driver over. The nervous motorist asked, “What did I do wrong, officer?”
 “Nothing at all.” The police officer smiled. “You’ve just won \$1,000 in a safe driving competition. Hey, what do you think you’ll do with the money?”
 The man said, “Oh, I guess I’ll go to driving school and get my license.”
 His wife, sitting next to him, said, “Don’t listen to him, officer. He lies when he’s drunk.”
 Then a man in the back seat woke up, saw the cop, and said, “Darn it, I told you we wouldn’t get far in a stolen car!”
 Just then the officer heard a knock at the trunk. He walked to the back of the car. A voice called, “Are we over the border yet?”

2021-2022 Stallion Auction Dates

Big Sky handles many stallion service auctions for our association customers. Check out StallionAuctionsOnline.com for the most up to date list! List updated 10/25/21.

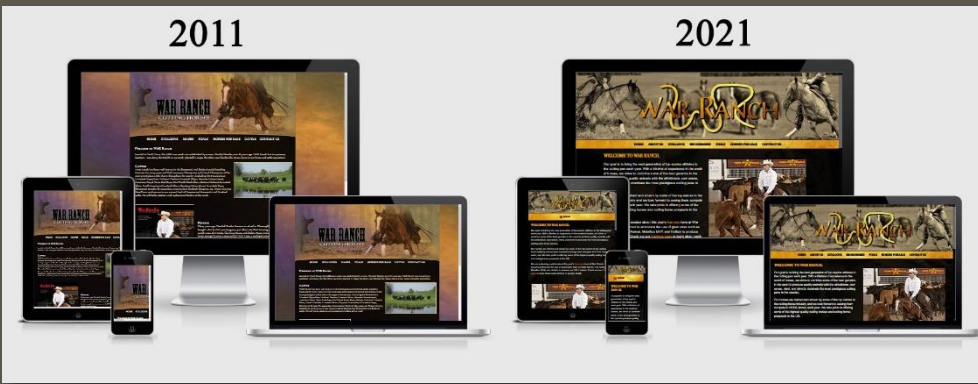
Auction	Begin	End
Heritage Days Classic	10/8/21	11/21/21
Southern Cutting Futurity	11/1/21	1/31/22
National Youth Cutting Horse	11/15/21	1/15/22
Cascade Cow Cutters	12/1/21	1/10/22
Cowboy State Stallion Incent.	12/1/21	1/29/22
Texas Quarter Horse (Race)	12/2/21	1/12/22
Quarter Horse Racing Assn. of Indiana	12/10/21	1/9/22
Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing	12/16/21	1/28/22
Louisiana QH Breeders Assn.	12/17/21	1/21/22
Colorado Classic Stallion Incentive	1/1/22	1/22/22
Triple Crown 100 Stallion Incentive	1/1/22	2/15/22
Valley Girls Barrel Racing Incentive	1/2/22	2/5/22
Pacific Coast Cutting Horse	1/5/22	1/19/22
Texas Quarter Horse (Barrels)	1/14/22	2/14/22

Watch next month for **MANY** more!

Did You Know?

Since 2019, our Stallion Service Auctions have Raised \$3,328,987 with 19,564 Total Bids On 1300+ Stallions?

Featured Customer Redesign – WarRanch.com



We met Barbara and Wendell Reeder at the NCHA Futurity back in December 2011 when we had a booth in the Exhibit Hall. Not only did we build WarRanch.com for their cutting horses but we also built a website for their oil business, Clarksville Oil.

The older site was quite dynamic for 'back then', but now, WOW! It really magnifies the type of cutting horse program they take great pride in! Thank you Barbara and Wendell for being customers for ten years!

**Now is a GREAT time to freshen up your website and SAVE \$150/year!
Only during November, 'FREE for Life' SSL Certificates, a \$150/year value!
Hey, that adds up!**

Got Updates?

No one wants to see old, outdated information on your website. Plus, if they do, they won't come back!

Use this QR Code to easily send an update email to Debbie at Updates@BigSkyInternetDesign.com.

And remember, she will **ALWAYS** email you when the updates are complete!



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