



February 19, 2023

Where does time go...

Well, I missed MLK Day, Groundhog's Day and Valentine's Day, but I made it in time to celebrate National **Love Your Pet** Day on Monday, February 20. I know many of us have pets and consider them members of our families, so hold them close and give them extra love on Monday.

The weather has been erratic — mostly sunny and cool, but we finally got some much needed moisture from four separate snow storms. On January 23rd, we got 5" of snow, then between February 6 and February 15, three different storms dumped a total of about 20". Each storm came with a brief sunny break and those warmer temps helped to melt the snow so the overall snow cover never got above about 8" and we didn't need to call in the snow plows. We've had a total of around 33" of snow this season and that is still well below our typical 50" - 60".

The ground is now saturated, so as the snow melts, it turns to ice, slush and mud. These are the worst conditions for walking — especially with dogs. My dogs get daily dunks in the sink after their walk and I'm sure they are thinking "hey, what part of this treatment reflects 'Love Your Pet' Day"?



Pendaries 2023 Mid-Winter Get Togethers

The Lubbock Luncheon was a hit on Feb. 3 (see photos below). Here are a couple of opportunities to get together with a few of your friends and neighbors before heading back to the Park this spring. There will be two more get-togethers — one in Amarillo and one in Albuquerque, but none this year in the Hill Country. If there is a location that's not set up to host one, but you think there should be, then PUT ON YOUR BIG BOY/GIRL BRITCHES AND SET ONE UP. Send Gary Flowers the when and where and he'll get the information out to 150+ of your closest Lot Owner and Previous Lot Owner friends!

TC Haynes will be cohosting with Mike and Bonnie Blackledge for the Albuquerque get together this year and will be taking over as the Coordinator beginning next year.

The hosts would like an **RSVP by a week before their luncheon** for planning purposes.

Amarillo Area Pendaries People (AAPP) mid-winter meeting

When: Friday, March 17, 2023, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

This is St. Patrick's Day, so wear your **GREEN** or be prepared to get pinched!!

Where: Dyers BBQ

[1619 S. Kentucky E #526, I-40 and Georgia in Wellington Square Shopping Center](#)

(Click address for map)

What: Order from Menu – ([Click HERE for menu](#))

Gary Flowers Coordinator- **RSVP** to:

Email gflowers@suddenlink.net or Call/Text (806) 683-9962

Albuquerque and Surrounding Area Pendaries People (ASAPP) mid-winter meeting

When: Saturday March 18 from 11:45 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Mario's Pizzeria & Ristorante

[5700 4th St NW, Albuquerque, NM](#)

(Click address for map)

What: All You Can Eat Pizza and Pasta Buffet (includes three types of pizza, three types of pasta, salad, breadsticks, and drinks) for \$22.95 plus tax per person.

-OR- you can order from the menu.

([Click HERE for menu](#))

TC Haynes and Mike Blackledge are Co-Coordinators- **RSVP** to:

Email whitefeather87111@yahoo.com, or Call/Text TC at (505) 681-9003

Lubbock Luncheon

The Lubbock Mid-Winter Luncheon was held on Friday, February 3. It was a large gathering of 29 Pendaries folks and they enjoyed eating and chatting at Harrigan's in Lubbock, Tx. Many thanks to the Smiths and Sheltons for organizing the event and to Jackie Shelton for taking pictures. Here are the attendees: Gerry & Beth Averett, Gene & Janis Chaney, Myrna Coffman, Shannon Dickey, Slim & Linda Evans, Gary & Cathy Flowers, Craig & Barbara Graham, Lonnie & Tammy Kirk, Glen & Cindy McCullough, Dick Lupia & Tanya Middleton, Mike & Lora Reeves, John & Jackie Shelton, Art & Wanda Smith, Chris & Lee Ann Spray, Jackie Stewart and Robert & Michele Wright. (My apologies, I had to guess at some of the names listed in the photos.)



Above L-R: Beth Averett, Cindy McCullough, Cathy Flowers, Barbara Graham, Michele Wright, Janis & Gene Chaney, Robert Wright, Craig Graham, Gary Flowers, Glen McCullough and Gerry Averett.

Below L-R: Wanda & Art Smith, Myrna Coffman, Shannon Dickey and Jackie Stewart.





Above L-R: Art Smith, Lora & Mike Reeves, Lonnie Kirk (I think), Slim & Linda Evans, Dick Lupia and Tanya Middleton.

Water Issues

Some folks may already be aware of the water issues that the park had this winter. Ever since October, the water pressure would swing up and then plummet down and at times would be non-existent. Almost daily, the folks at the top of the park would have no water for several hours.



Aaron Atencio, the Park Manager, came out nearly every day (often twice) to try an assortment of remedies (bleeding air, bleeding water, checking for leaks, etc.) to fix the problem. Some remedies worked, but then a few hours later the problem would return. Aaron met with the water maintenance crew in The Village on several occasions, but they couldn't come up with a solution either. Then, one day when the problem began affecting the homes in The Village, the maintenance crew finally figured out that it was a faulty pressure relief valve on the water tank in The Village. A special part had to be ordered and then a week later (on February 3) the problem was fixed and the water has been flowing properly ever since.

We're really thankful to have Aaron keeping an eye on things in the park. The winter residents are usually on their own when problems happen, but Aaron stayed on top of this issue and finally got it fixed. Now, if we could just have someone on contract to plow the snow when needed...

Winter in Pendaries

Finally, lots of snow and it feels like winter. Sadly, the burned tree trunks are more visible when contrasted with the white snow. It is very easy to see all the damage from last summer's fire.









Above: Our cabin's living room has two walls of windows looking out to the forest. On snowy days, we feel like we're living in a reverse snow globe.

Right: These three deer (Gigi, Breezy & Zippy) — regularly come around for food — especially on snowy days.



To Brighten Your Day



