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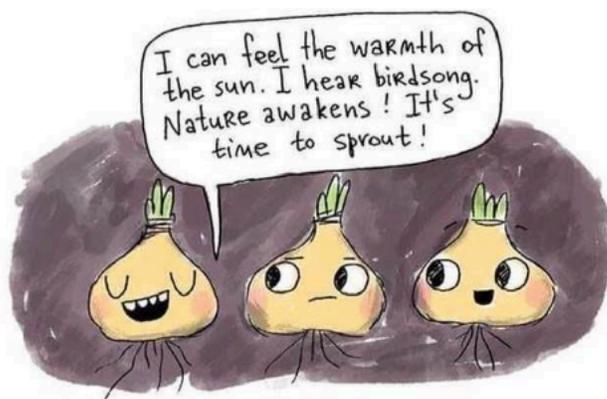
## Welcome March

Well, it's been awhile since the last PAP — mostly because not much has been happening in Pendaries, but today we finally got some much-needed snow, so a good time to post some photos. Thanks to all the roving photographers in the park for sharing their pics.

The weather has been unusually mild this winter and, other than the big snow last November, it has been very dry. So, today's 14" of fluffy white snow is a welcome sight. We had a big wind storm on Thursday, March 6 and the power was out, but only for about 45 minutes. I only saw one small tree down, but lots of small branches scattered about and a whole new layer of pine needles and pine cones. Oh goody — time to rake again.

I've included pics from two of the Pendaries Luncheons (Lubbock and Albuquerque). Remember, there is still one luncheon planned in Amarillo on Thursday, March 27.

Don't forget that tomorrow is Daylight Saving Time — set those clocks forward (i.e. Spring Ahead). March 17 is Happy St. Patrick's Day for all those who celebrate. And I think that, despite all this snow, Spring is just around the corner.



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## Pendaries 2025 Mid-Winter Get Togethers

### Amarillo Area Pendaries People (AAPP) mid-winter meeting

**When:** Friday, March 27, 2025, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Where:** Route 66 Family Buffet

[2221 S. Soncy Rd., Amarillo TX](#)

(Click address for map)

**What:** Wide Selection Buffet (No menu available)

Gary Flowers Coordinator- **RSVP by March 23** to:

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

## Lubbock Luncheon

Below is the note and several pics from Jackie Shelton for the Lubbock Luncheon that was held on January 24. Thank you Jackie for all the photos. There are so many that I'm leaving the captions blank and letting you dear readers fill in the names — it's good practice for your memory cells that you all will need come summer when returning to Pendaries.

*We had our Lubbock Pendaries Gathering yesterday at Harrigan's Restaurant. Thirty- nine attended. We had a private room from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Several were there before 11:00 and still there at 2:00. Everyone was so excited to see each other. Lots of hugs and great conversations. Everyone received a sweet gift of pecans from Art and Wanda. Thank you guys* ❤️









## Albuquerque Lunch

On February 26, the Albuquerque Area Pendaries Luncheon was held at the Sunnyside Up Breakfast Cafe. There were 27 folks in attendance and a good time was had by all. Thank you to TC Haynes for providing the pics.



Above L->R: Jamie Bevan, Vicki Hicks, TC Haynes, Robert & Michele Wright, Lela & Damian Lusch, Harry & Barb DeLap, Karen & Mike Cosgrove, Jerri Hudson, Johnny Hicks, Rory Bevan.

Below L->R: JJ & Judy Marshall, Matthew & Leslie Conrad, Randall Pierce, Anna Hasenbank, J.R. & Larena Torres, Jolene & Christine Gonzales, Kathy Fehlberg, DJ Sword, Mike Blackledge.



## Winter Pickleball

You can't keep the pickleball players away for long. On February 28, a few players were in the park and since the weather was delightful, they got together to enjoy a game. They all had fun, but said that the pickleball muscles were a bit sore the next day.

Photo: Wayne Whipkey, Jerri Hudson, Rory Bevan, Vicki Hicks and Jamie Bevan.

I'm at that age where  
the next day my body  
whispers to me  
"Don't do that again"



Finally, SNOW!!!





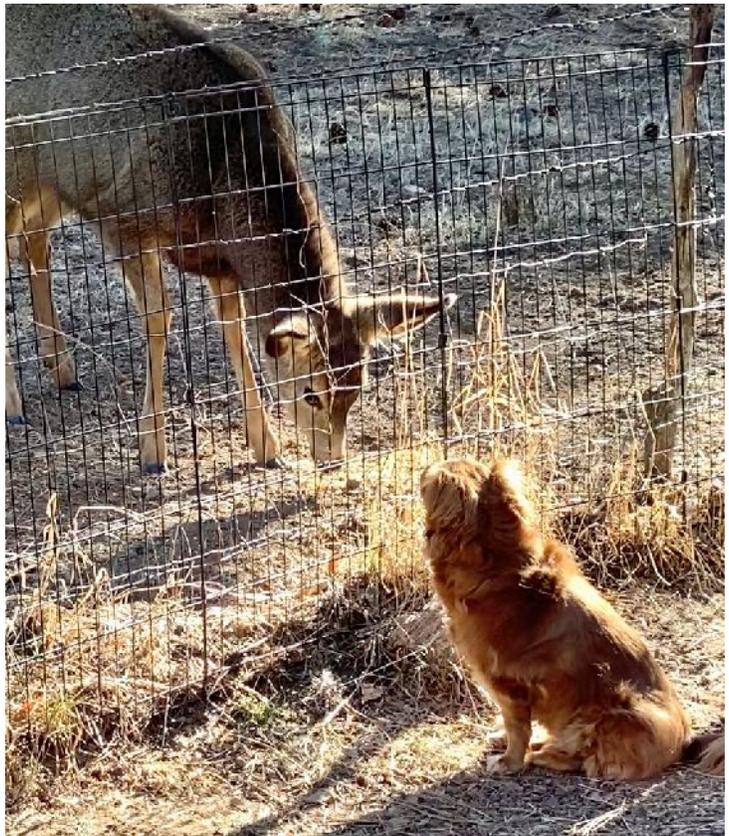
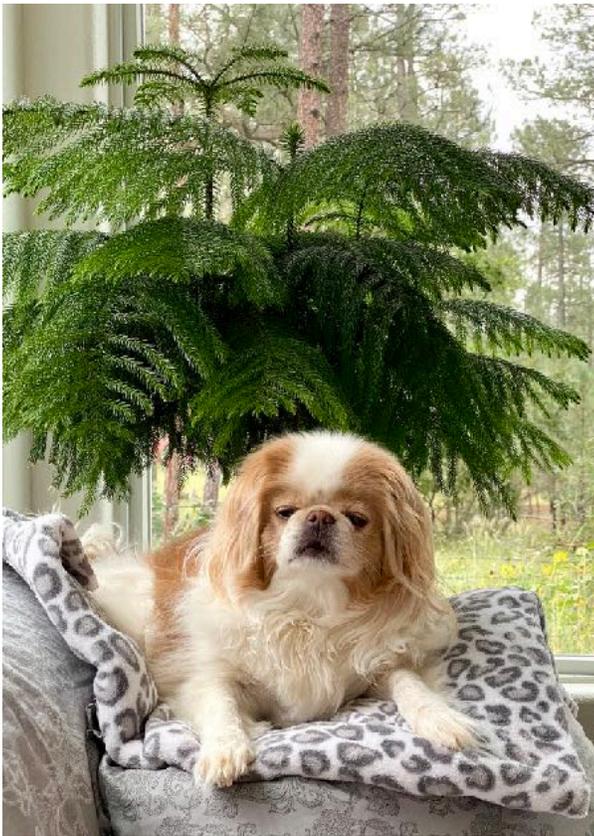




## Goodbye Louie

Normally, I wouldn't include something this personal, but since Louie was in our lives for the past 10 years and was regularly seen walking through the park, I thought it was okay to share. We had to say goodbye to Louie in January. He had a long, happy life and made it to almost 15 years old. Our other dog, Red, has been a bit lonesome but has been trying to make a new "friend" with a young fawn. (See pic) I was sent this lovely story after Louie's passing and thought I'd share. All of us pet owners understand.

*It's a risky thing, giving your heart to a dog, I said, staring at the leash still hanging by the door. Because you know, right from the start, that they won't stay forever. You sign up for an ending before you even begin. But you do it anyway. You let them in. You let them take up space in your home, in your routines, in the parts of you that you didn't even realize needed filling. And before you know it, they've got a piece of you - one you won't ever get back, even long after they're gone. The funny thing is, you never regret it. Not even when the end comes, not even when it wrecks you in ways you weren't ready for. Because somehow, the love they give outweighs the pain. Every single time. So you do it anyway.*



## Book Club

The Book Club usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month in June, July and August. Contact Sharon Colson if you'd like to be included in the group's mailings;

[sharon.colson@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon.colson@yahoo.com)

This summer's reading list:

**The Worst of Hard Times** by Timothy Egan  
Non-fiction with stories of survivors of the Dust Bowl .

**Pilgrim's Wilderness** by Tom Kizzia  
Non-fiction focus of an unusual family with 16 children who lived off the land around Mora & in Alaska.

**The Kitchen House** by Kathleen Grissom  
Fictional tale of Irish orphan living on southern plantation.

## PENDARIES DISCUSSION GROUP

There is an unofficial discussion group for folks wanting to communicate with Pendaries friends and neighbors. It is accessed via Facebook Messenger and is called "Friends of Pendaries". You will need a Facebook account and then can request to be added to the group. It was established in 2022, during the fire, and was a very useful method to share information. It is used for informal comments and communications that are interesting and useful to the Pendaries community.

Use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/messages/t/4089937507787069/>  
Or search on the Messenger App for "Friends of Pendaries"

NOTE: You may be able to be added to the group with just a phone number instead of a FB account. You'll need to contact Larena Torres, the group's moderator to find out the way to do that:  
[lst724@yahoo.com](mailto:lst724@yahoo.com)

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PLOA Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfm5OjIV49PIOUTpBTfJm3FQxh8yH5LXQ>



To Brighten Your Day



When I was a kid, bedtime was 9 pm. I couldn't wait to be a grownup so I could go to bed anytime I wanted.

Turns out that is 9 pm.

I bought my blind friend a cheese grater for his birthday. He later told me it was the most violent book he'd ever read.

Time for My Microwave to Mock Me:



IT'S DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

