



May 25, 2025

Welcome Back!

Sending respectful thoughts and prayers on this Memorial Day holiday to all those who have lost loved ones who died protecting our country. Hoping you'll spend time with family and friends and remember and honor those who gave their all.

Well, the park is hopping and folks have returned in record numbers for the official start of the season. 30+ folks showed up to play shuffleboard on Saturday morning and nearly 80 people attended the PLOA dinner. The Activity Meetings will resume on Monday mornings at 10am in the Clubhouse and all regular activities will commence this week. The Activity Schedule will be emailed after this Monday's meeting.

The weather has been lovely for the start of the season, but afternoon thunderstorms are forecast for the upcoming week. I keep an unofficial log of the winter storms and this year Pondaries got about 99" of snow — more than usual (average 50" - 80") with much of it arriving in two huge storms — one of 40" in November and 24" in April. The rest of the winter was mild with an occasional bit of snow and many sunny days with t-shirt weather. Early May brought a whopping 4" of rain (much needed) that helped to "green-up" the forest and get the wildflowers blooming.



PLOA Dinner & Meeting

A great group of folks (about 76+) signed up for the May PLOA dinner. The meal included hamburgers and hot dogs. A good time was enjoyed by all as folks caught up with friends and neighbors. Thanks to the PLOA board members and other volunteers who helped plan and prepare the meal, set up the dining room and clean up.

This year, the PLOA celebrates its 15th year anniversary. Originally started to support lot owners in negotiations with Pendaries management, it now serves to keep lot owners informed of all kinds of information, collect dues and provide funding for projects around the park and coordinate dinners and meetings. It has collected funds to make many improvements around the park including two bocce ball courts, lot address signs, security cameras around the Clubhouse, tables and chairs in the Clubhouse, a projector system for meetings, fresh gravel in the Clubhouse parking lot and upgrades to kitchen appliances and supplies. During the July meeting, there will an election for new Board Members. If you are a lot owner, please consider volunteering.



Photo left: Melanie Sweet & DJ Sword (Activity Director) checking in diners while Cathy Flowers hard at work in the kitchen.







Neighbors Helping Neighbors

One of the greatest attributes of Pendaries People is their willingness to help others. We're blessed with folks volunteering to clean the Memorial Garden, rake pine needles, dog sit, cook meals, repair electrical/plumbing, fix golf carts and even build a wheelchair ramp for someone in need. There are too many folks to name, but here are photos of a few projects and the people in action.



Left: The flagpole in the Memorial Garden took a beating in the November "big snow", but volunteers fixed it this weekend. I'll have to get a photo later.

Below: Rakers — Laura Lee Isom, TC Haynes, Johnny Hicks, Rory Bevens. Jamie Bevan and Vicki Hicks. Frank Williams next to ramp built for the Isoms by Johnny Hicks & Gene Strouse.



Lot Improvements

Over the past several months, a few changes and improvements have been made around the park.



Above: Glen & Cindy McCullough (1 Swallow) and Joyce Ransom (59 Blue Sky) each got new Puma destination trailers. It was a tight fit for both set ups, but thanks to plenty of pre-planning and expert maneuvering it happened.

Below: Anthony & Corina Chavez (53 Blue Sky) spent many weekends over the winter getting their pad cleaned up and the lot set up with a trailer and a new shed. Wayne Whipkey got his 2nd lot (53 Clubhouse) cleaned up and moved a trailer there and also got a new shed. That lot belonged to Ken & Donna Reed, but they lost everything in the fire and decided to sell.





Above: Barry & Debbie Lowrance (75 Clubhouse) and Melanie Sweet (77 Clubhouse) each got new destination trailers.

Below: Scott & Gina Richardson (15 Ponderosa) added a large deck next to their trailer. Frank & Chris Williams (54 Blue Sky) are almost done adding carport. Janis & Gene Chaney moved from their Maggie lot to their new lot on 6 Spruce and have made it so beautiful with lots of colorful flowers.



BOOK CLUB

The Pendaries Book Club is organized by Sharon Colson and typically meets the second Wednesday of the month (June, July & August) in the Clubhouse. If there are time/location changes, they will be reflected in the weekly Activities Schedule. This summer's selections are:

"The Worst Hard Time" 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 their 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 tool for sharing 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". It is possible to join the group without a Facebook account, but that is still being researched. Contact Larena Torres for more details or to be added to the group: (505) 350-8280

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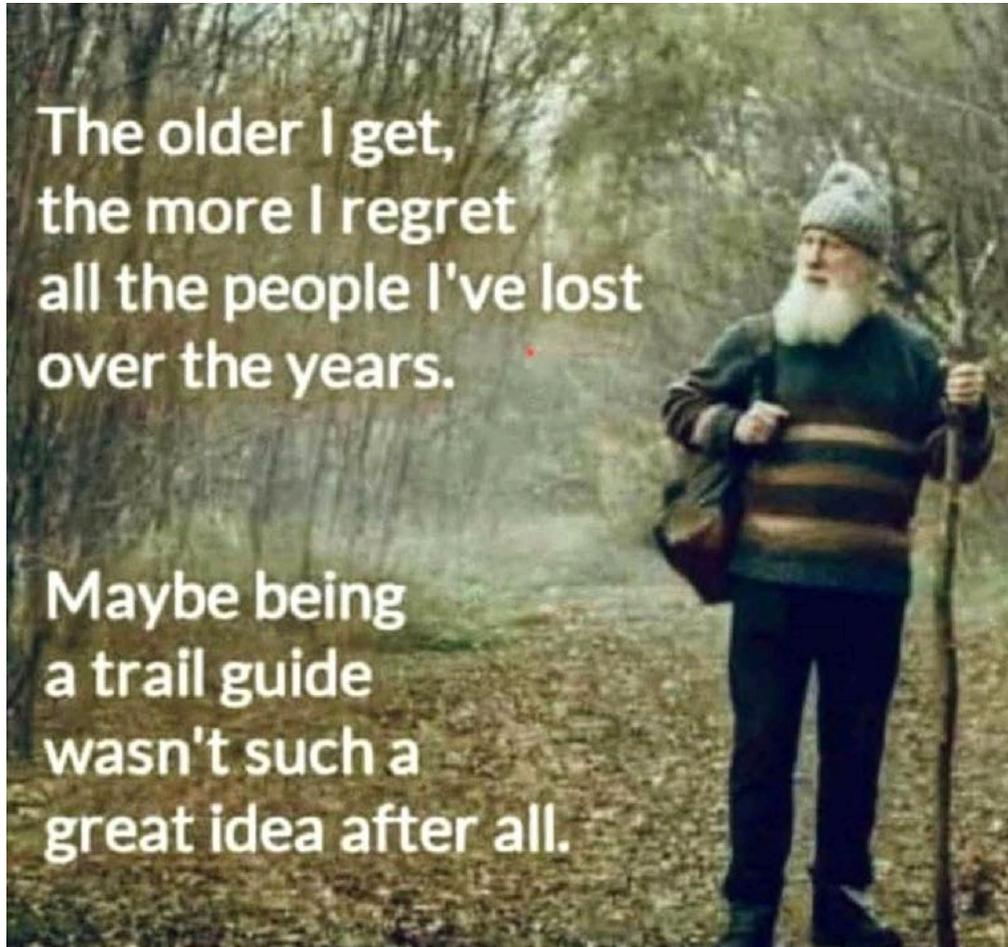
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To Brighten Your Day



**I went to an antique
auction yesterday...
Three people bid on
me.**

**I do all my own
stunts.
But not
intentionally.**

**April showers bring
~~May flowers.~~
Mud. They bring mud.**



I think it's funny that they're now putting jokes on the back of bacon packages.

Listen to this one:
Serving Size: 2 slices

It's a shame nothing is built in the USA 🇺🇸 anymore. I just bought a new tv and it says "built in Antenna." I don't even know where that is.