



July 13, 2025

Summertime...and the Livin' is Easy

So the song says...and recent activities attest to it. The July 4th weekend was fun-filled and patriotic with all it's red, white & blue garnishment. Friday's festivities began with two delicious summertime treats — freshly squeezed lemonade in the morning (served up by the management of Pendaries RV Park), followed by free snow cones (thank you TC Haynes & Jerri Hudson). After everyone had an extra helping of sugar-charged energy, 25 decorated golf carts lined up for the parade and wound their way through the park sharing patriotic music and tossing candy to the spectators.

Saturday's events included a well-attended Crafts Fair (we really have some talented crafters in our midst) alongside rousing shuffleboard and pickleball games. In the evening folks enjoyed a pulled-pork meal at the PLOA dinner followed by the July meeting where the new board members were elected.

Sunday brought us even closer together as a community with a spiritual service, sharing our love of country and remembering those in our Pendaries family who were lost this year.

The weather was lovely with just a hint of rain threatening the parade, but sunny skies won out. In fact the weather this summer has been very moderate — with only a few days reaching the high 80s and cool overnight temperatures leading folks to toss an extra quilt on the bed. A few monsoonal rain storms have kept the forest green and the wildflowers lush.



PLOA Dinner & Meeting

About 90 folks attended the July PLOA dinner. The meal included pulled pork, potato salad, beans and dessert. A good time was enjoyed by all as folks caught up with friends and neighbors. A big “thank you” to the PLOA board members and other volunteers who helped plan and prepare the meal, set up and clean up.

At the PLOA meeting the following Board Members were elected:

TC Haynes, President
Vivian Culbertson, 1st Vice President
Melanie Sweet, 2nd Vice President
Leslie Conrad, Secretary
Jamie Bevan, Treasurer

Thank you to these volunteers for their service.

Photo Below: Jamie Bevan, Leslie Conrad, Melanie Sweet, Vivian Culbertson and TC Haynes.



As her first official act as President, TC Haynes offered up the new “Complaint Department” communication device. Look closely and you’ll see a very special “red button” — ouch!

Parade Pics

Just a few photos of the 25 colorful golf carts in the parade. Thanks to all who participated to make this event so fun and special.







Celebrating, Honoring & Remembering

Sunday's events included a flag raising ceremony (by Johnny Shelton & Gene Strouse) including honoring the veterans of Pendaries, followed with patriotic songs led by Lonnie Kirk, Vicki Hicks and Larena Torres. Then a stirring message from Mike Cosgrove followed by TC Haynes dramatic, sign-language presentation of "The Star Spangled Banner". Finally, we remembered those Pendaries family members (Nadine Armstrong, Mary Bruskas, Margaret Carnahan, Marie Hill & Robert MacMillan) who have passed during the last year and placed a plaque for them on the Memorial Board.



Crafts Fair Photos

So many talented folks with an awesome assortment of items. Below photos include Norma Farkash's quilts, Johnny Hick's jewelry, Larena Torres' decorated caps, Gene Strouse's woodwork designs, Bennie Gonzales' 3D printed critters and Jerri Hudson's beaded hummingbirds.



Other Happenings



Above: Chris Williams ordering lemonade from Laney Gregory, one of Pendaries RV Park's managers. The park management set up a Lemonade Stand on Friday, July 4th with freshly squeezed lemonade drinks. So refreshing on a warm day.

Below: Free snow cones with assorted flavors including Tiger Blood, were provided by TC Haynes and Jerri Hudson as a "thank you" to the Pendaries community. Here Jerri Hudson, Vicki Hicks and Scott & Gina Richardson enjoying the treats.



More Happenings.

- * Birthdays & Anniversaries were celebrated at the June Pot Luck.
- * TC Haynes taught "Boots on the Ground" line dance.
- * Dime Bingo had to move outside when the power went out leaving the Clubhouse in the dark.
- * Clark & Rhetta Riley won the Pendaries RV Park coffee raffle.
- * A bear has been visiting the park and the Averett's finally got a photo on July 12.
- * Chuck Harbit got a photo of some mighty big, bear paw prints.



Upcoming Happenings

Pendaries Parade of Diners — Group restaurant visit to Razz Cafe on Friday, July 18.

Dance/Karaoke/Music & Birthday Celebration — Wednesday, July 23

Christmas in July (Thursday, July 24 - Saturday, July 26)

Thursday — Movie Night “Elf”

Friday — Pot Luck, Carols, Santa Visit, Gift Exchange and Parade

Saturday — Cookie Decoration, Traditional Christmas Dinner

Book Club — Wednesday, August 13 — “The Kitchen House” by Kathleen Grissom

Culbertson Ranch Tour — Tour their working cattle ranch on Saturday, August 16.

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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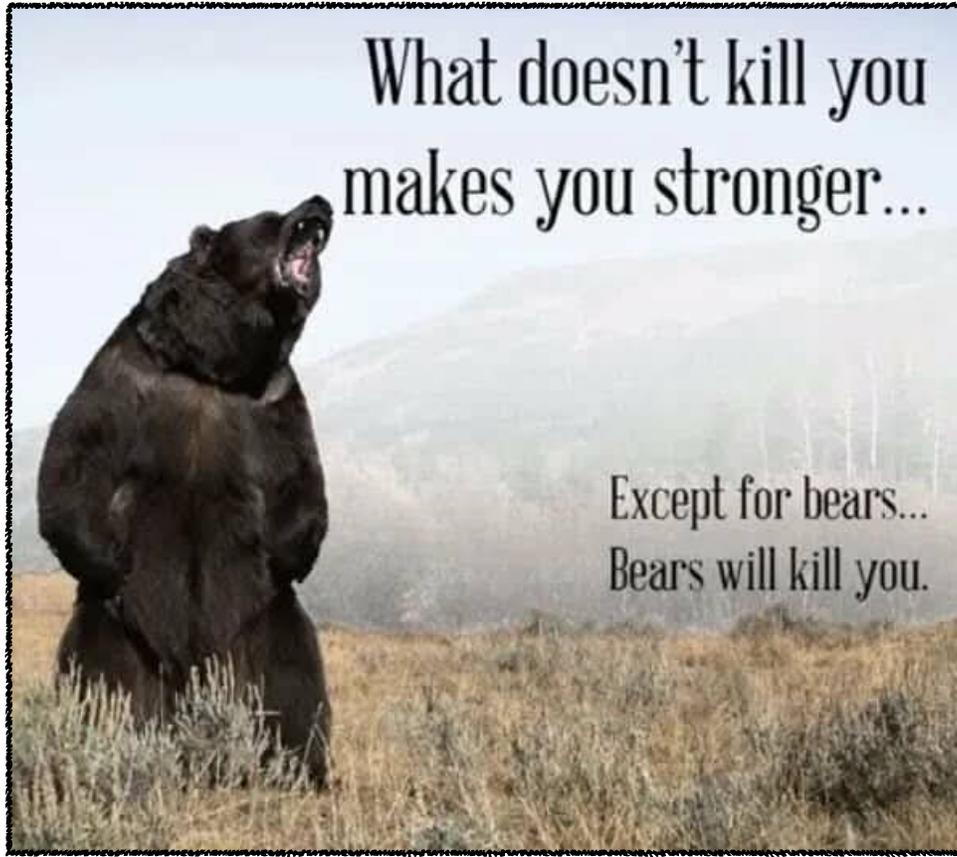
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BLACKENED CHICKEN RECIPE



- 1. Clean Chicken**
- 2. Place Chicken in Oven**
- 3. Go check your Facebook**

**The meteorologist
who devised the wind
chill factor has died.
He was 86, but he felt
like 75.**

  After having a few glasses of wine at lunch, two elderly women were driving home in a large car. Being short, like many elderly women are, both of them could barely see over the dashboard.

As they cruised along, they came to an intersection. The light was red... but they drove straight through. 😬

The woman in the passenger seat thought, "I must be losing it. I could've sworn that was a red light."

A few minutes later - another red light. And again, right through it.



Now nervous, the passenger sat up straighter and paid close attention.

At the next red light, they again drove right on through! 🤯

She turned to her friend and said,
"Mildred, did you know we just ran through three red lights in a row?! You could have killed us!"

Mildred looked over and said,
"Oh geez, am I driving?" 🤯🤪