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### Fall is Nipping at our Heels

Geez, where does the time go? I blinked and 7 weeks went by and I neglected to get out an issue of the PAP last month, so this one will be extra long. There have been plenty of activities in the park and I apologize for not staying on top of them. I have been a bit busy with several home improvement projects, so that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Typically, the Pendaries summer season begins winding down after Labor Day, but the park is still filled with folks, The secret seems to be out that September and October are lovely months in Pendaries and many folks plan to stay here until the first snowfall.

This summer's near record-setting rain (nearly 18" compared to the usual 10"-12") has brought us fields of green grass and wildflowers aplenty. The sunflowers are having a super bloom this year and are filling the roadsides with tons of happy yellow flowers. The photo below is one of my favorites — taken before the wildfire — a scene we probably won't see again for decades.

For those who have left for the season — happy trails and we'll see you next year. And for those still in the park — enjoy the beauty of Pendaries in the fall.



## Christmas in July

July 24th ushered in another fun-filled weekend celebrating Christmas in July. On Thursday, the kids enjoyed movie night with a showing of "Elf". Saturday's cookie decorating was a hit for kids and adults alike with Judy Marshall supplying all the ingredients along with lots of fun.

On Friday evening, carols were sung and afterwards Art Smith read the "Night Before Christmas". Then, Santa & Mrs Claus made an appearance and passed out gifts to kids. A festive golf cart parade topped off the evening.

Saturday brought us a scrumptious traditional dinner served up by Tim & Sue Johnson (with some helpers). All agreed it was as delicious as ever and are grateful for their catering culinary skills. Amongst the diners was an entire table filled with the Marshall Family.

The park had many decorated lots and the winners of this year's contest were: First Place: Marty & Vicki Sena, Second Place: DJ Sword & Kathy Felberg, Third Place: Bennie & Mary Gonzales.







## Labor Day Events

The weekend began on Saturday with a Crafts Show with plenty of items hand-made by talented folks. While that was happening, Gage (grandson of Leslie & Matthew Conrad) offered up Pup Cups for the doggies in the park. Bailey Weber (in below photos) especially enjoyed her treat.

In the evening, there was a PLOA Dinner (yummy tacos) with festive checkered tablecloths set with fresh wildflowers picked that day from the park.

After the PLOA Meeting, the bucket brigade began moving items from the Game Shed to the Clubhouse in preparation for the next day's Garage Sale.

Sunday's Garage Sale brought in over \$1,700 in sales that will go to support the PLOA. This year, lot owners voted to donate some of the proceeds (\$1,000) to the Rociada Volunteer Fire Department.







## Labor Day Tournaments

On Monday, two tournaments were played — Shuffleboard and Cornhole. The winners received cash prizes.



## So Many Activities, So Few Photos

As I said before, I was a bit pre-occupied this summer, so I was unable to take as many photos as usual. Other events that were enjoyed, but not captured in photos were: a Pancake Breakfast; a Pendaries Diners trip to the Razz Cafe; two Music/Dance Nights; several Social Hours; many Pot Lucks; Book Club Discussion groups; and a tour of the Culbertson's Ranch.

While I didn't get pics of the Pancake Breakfast (which was a fundraiser for the Memorial Garden), I'm sharing a few pics of the garden taken this year. It's been described as the "best it's ever looked" thanks to the efforts of Johnnie Strouse (and her hubby Gene who helped a lot too) and several other volunteer gardeners who cleaned, weeded and planted new flowers.



## Other Activities

Luckily, a few roving photographers got some event pics that I missed, they are: Concert night with Emily Peterson and her parents (John & Tammy Peterson.) Home-made Ice Cream pot luck (Carley Snider, Wayne Whipkey, Jerri Hudson, Tammy Peterson & Gene Strouse) and the Cleveland Roller Mill Tour.

And lastly, Mother Nature gave us a special event when she sent a mama deer around to show off her two spotted fawns.



## Thank You Carol Anderson

Many folks volunteer to make Pendaries special, but one notable person has been contributing for longer than most — even after she sold her property in Pendaries . A special “Thank You” to Carol Anderson, who has gotten grants to match donations in support of Mike Mateo Sena Elementary school in Sapello. For 15 years, she applied for Rotary Club grants to help the school and each year over \$2,000 was raised to purchase supplies for the kids and teachers. Carol is now retired from her grant seeking role, but her contributions will not be forgotten.

Photo below: Carol and Tom Anderson



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