

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

MEMORIAL DAY RECAP

By Mike W

There are not enough superlatives to describe last weekend's Memorial Day Weekend at the Ranch – great sun, awesome music, plentiful food served in record-breaking numbers, a stupendous crowd, and lots of award-winning games! I started to give a sound-off to each of the wonderful volunteers that turn the Council's vision into reality, but just knowing I would miss someone, just please accept our thanks for what you accomplished.

We kicked off Friday night. Our weekend daytime DJ Pete T had setup the sound system early, so I loaded a playlist for the unbelievable crowd that came for the Meet and Greet. What happened next was totally unexpected - a dance broke out. Oh my!

On Saturday morning, the smell of the grill brought the gang back to the Parrot in huge numbers. Our food crew served up the usual – amazing food at reasonable prices to a long line. At the same time Nancy R and Jean M had corralled a huge amount of merchandise for this year's Garage Sale.

This year's 3rd Annual Doubles Pickleball tournament matched eight teams against each other, while a slightly larger crowd battled for the Petanque prizes. DJ Pete T provided music throughout the day. (Award winners will be posted in next update)

The Midnight Smokers food truck arrived mid-morning, ready to dispense their amazing BBQ to an appreciative crowd.

Water volleyball is always a crowd favorite, and this year's tournament did not disappoint. Three more tournaments rounded out the day – washers, cornhole, then sand volleyball.

We just knew everyone would be exhausted by the sun and all the activity, but Karaoke with Captain Jack went to 1AM!!!

Sunday dawned brightly, and as the saying goes, "Wash, Rinse, Repeat." Breakfast, Garage Sale, DJ Pete T, Petanque, Pickleball Clinic, Jean's wraps, Water volleyball, Washers, Cornhole, Sand volleyball. DJ Travis performed his usual magic and kept the dance floor full til the Midnight Hour.

Monday's departures hung around for the Parrot's serving of tacos and/or pancakes.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS AMAZING WEEKEND POSSIBLE!!!

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COUNCIL ELECTION SATURDAY AT 10AM

Council Election Slots - 2025					
Currently held spots -					
Position	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Type:	Couple	Individual	Couple	Couple	Individual
Slot 1:	Mike G	Pete T	Richard W	Mike W.	Deborah V.*
Slot 2:	Linda G	Rhum	Sherry L	Jennifer M.	Bob R*
* Term limited					
Empty/reelectable spots - Available at June Election -					
Position	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5
Type:	Couple	Individual	Couple	Couple	Individual
Slot 1:				Mike W.	
Slot 2:		Rhum		Jennifer M.	

EXPLANATION—

If you wish to assist with the planning and execution of the varied events and/or have a say in the selection of new members, then the Council is for you! As you can see in the above chart, we have seven slots open to fill in this Saturday's Council Election.

Positions one, three and five will each be for two-year terms, while Pete T is having to run to fill the final year of his slotted position (#2) per the Constitution.

We currently have two couples running for the two Couple Positions (1&3) – Richard W and Sherry L as well as Dennis and Lori M. The two couples receiving the most votes will fill Positions 1 and 3.

Individuals who have declared include Dan H, CM J., Gail P., and Pete T. The three individuals receiving the most votes will fill Position 5 and Slot 1 of Position 2.

Keep in mind that nominations may be made from the floor on election day. Any member in good standing is allowed to vote in this election.

They need your votes!

Council Elections 2025 Candidate Bios

Sherry L & Richard W

Sherry and I have professional backgrounds that are rooted in customer service and working with people from all walks of life. This experience has equipped us with the skills to listen, lead, and serve with empathy and purpose—something we believe is a valuable asset to the members, council, board, and staff. Outside of our roles, we cherish time with family, enjoy traveling, playing pickleball, and embracing the naturist lifestyle. Our focus is simple: the well-being of Star Ranch and its members always comes first. We believe in collaboration, community, and doing what's right for the greater good.

Lori and Dennis M

Dennis & Lori have been married for 33 years. We have 3 amazing children. We both earned Master's degrees in our late 30's. Dennis served 16 years in the Army and 25 years in Human Resources Management. As a volunteer Lori facilitated Court ordered parenting classes for 7 years and treasurer for a non-profit for 14 years. She taught software courses at the local community college for 10 years. We've been nudists for 16 years and have visited resorts and beaches in Mexico and coast to coast in the U.S. We found our home at Star Ranch.

Dan H

Hello Ranch Friends, I'm running for council and hope to get your vote. My main objective is to make Star Ranch the place to be, I will be open to any and all ideas to improve the experience and enhance the enjoyment for everyone. Dan H.

CM J

Hello, this is CM. I would appreciate your consideration and vote to serve on our Council. I served for two years, and after a year away, realized that I enjoyed being a Council member. I also cooked breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot for 2 summers, volunteered for Workdays, 5k Races, and other special activities. Being an active Star Ranch member for 8 years, my Logistics Management career experience and years on the Council provide me with the tools I need to be a good servant to our Star Ranch family.

I would love to serve on our Council again.

Respectfully,

CMJ

Pete T

Greetings Star Ranch Family! My name is Peter Titus.

I have been a member for over 8 years and on The Council going on 6.

I love The Ranch and all the wonderful people that go with it.

I am involved in all aspects of making The Ranch a fun and active place through Council events. Memberships, incident reports, and disciplinary acts I take very seriously. I am open-minded, fair, and understand we are all different.

I am hoping for your vote so I can continue to grow and make The Ranch a destination anybody would be thrilled to join.

Gail P

I have been a member of Star Ranch for about 20 years and a resident for 15 years. My experience includes serving as a historical Council member for about 8 years, 12 years with Telephone Pioneers, and 4 years with a social group. I've served as president and other board positions with the last two.

I can bring experience and historical information to the council. I believe everyone should be treated the same, no special favors, and we all follow the same rules.

I would appreciate your support in allowing me to serve on the Council once again.



Join Us for a Father's Day Celebration!

Get ready to laugh, cheer, and maybe even cringe a little at our Father's Day Friendly Feud! It's like Family Feud, but with a twist — only the guys get to play while the ladies kick back, relax, and enjoy the show (and the questionable answers!).

We're honoring the amazing **DADS** and **MEN** of Star Ranch with an afternoon filled with fun, laughter, and a bit of friendly competition!

📍 Where: Nekkid Parrot

📅 Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025

🕒 Time: 1:00 PM

You won't want to miss the fun—see you there!



JUNE BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, June 20, 2025

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: [El Nuevo Mexican Restaurant, 201 Childers Dr., Bastrop, TX](#) (click name for directions)

[Menu \(click here\)](#)



June, July, & August Birthdays

<i>June</i>	
6/1	Rosemarie G
6/1	Sandi S
6/1	Nathan B
6/1	Larry T
6/2	Frederick P
6/3	Deborah V
6/5	Juan H
6/6	Tracy (Trey) M
6/7	Denise A
6/7	Tara V
6/8	June F
6/8	Sylvia G
6/8	Timothy R
6/9	Destin S
6/12	Debbie J
6/18	Sonia T
6/19	Marietta D
6/20	David T
6/21	Kelly R
6/23	Belinda P
6/23	Jody J
6/27	Gail P
6/28	Stephen T
6/28	Chris A
6/30	Derek A

<i>July</i>	
7/1	Sean J
7/1	Mark S
7/1	Susie V
7/4	Scott T
7/4	David S
7/5	Sandy C
7/7	Richard T
7/7	Shala S
7/9	Kenneth S
7/10	Melody T
7/11	Marvin K
7/15	Linda G
7/15	Jana F
7/15	Tommy S
7/17	Angie R
7/17	Jim A
7/20	Manny A
7/23	Deidra F
7/23	David McG
7/25	Dionita B
7/25	John M
7/28	Thomas P
7/29	Megan S

<i>August</i>	
8/1	Cat W
8/1	Phyllis Z
8/2	Carrie (CM) J
8/4	Vicky I
8/4	Stephen C
8/5	David M
8/5	Jonathan T
8/5	Barbara K
8/6	Melissa C
8/6	Joe R
8/7	Howard D
8/7	Christina T
8/7	Jennifer M
8/9	Deborah B
8/10	Mary Anne G
8/11	Bill B
8/13	Beverly C
8/13	Robert N
8/14	Timothy V
8/21	Don G
8/23	Earl H
8/24	David L
8/24	Ardeth S
8/24	Mike M
8/25	Maureen "Mo" V
8/31	Genie C

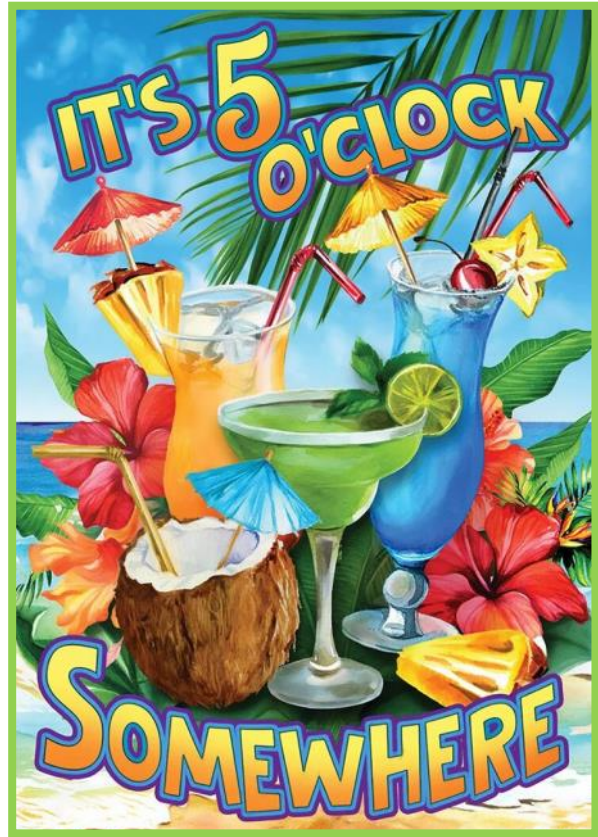
UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Sunday, June 1 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	Saturday, June 21 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10am COG Board of Directors 2pm Snacks @ The Nekkid Parrot 2pm Bingo 3pm Blind Golf Cart Race 4pm Cart Wash 5pm Deck Crawl 8pm DJ Dance @ the Pool
Friday, June 6 AANR-SW CONVENTION 9:30am – 5pm AANR-SW meetings 7pm Meet & Greet	Sunday, June 22 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
Saturday, June 7 AANR-SW CONVENTION 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10am Sahnoan Council Elections 12pm Jungleball 2pm Snacks @ The Nekkid Parrot 3pm Blind Volleyball 4pm Super Soaker Game 5pm Music Trivia - The 60s! 6pm Open Grill - BYOF 7pm Sand Volleyball 8pm DJ Dance @ The Parrot	Friday, June 27 7pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, June 8 AANR-SW CONVENTION 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 9:30am Celebration of Life for Bill Burrows @ the Pavilion	Friday, July 4 FOURTH OF JULY 7pm Meet & Greet 7pm Sprong's Vows Renewal 9pm MOVIE @ the Pool
Friday, June 13 7pm Meet & Greet	Saturday, July 5 FOURTH OF JULY 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 9am Petanque Tournament 9am Pickleball Tournament 10am Meet the President - Tara Hall 12pm FOOD TRUCK! 12pm Water Volleyball Tournament 2pm Ice Cream Contest 3pm Golf Cart Parade & Judging 3pm Washers Tournament 3pm Cornhole Tournament 7pm Sand Volleyball 8pm Glow Stick Dance @ the Pool
Saturday, June 14 FLAG DAY 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10am Sahnoan Council Meeting 1pm Calling All Dads and Men! 2pm Snacks @ The Nekkid Parrot 3pm Molkky 6pm Window Opens for The 31st Running at Sahnoan Downs 7pm The 31st Running at Sahnoan Downs 8pm KARAOKE! with KJs CM & Jody	Sunday, July 6 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
Sunday, June 15 FATHER'S DAY 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 8 – 9:30am FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL	Friday, July 11 7pm Meet & Greet
Friday, June 20 6pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner 7pm Meet & Greet	Saturday, July 12 INTERNATIONAL SKINNY DIP DAY McDADE WATERMELON FESTIVAL 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2pm Snacks @ The Nekkid Parrot 3pm Molkky 5pm Skinny Dip Photo @ the Pool 6pm Window Opens for The 32nd Running at Sahnoan Downs 7pm The 32nd Running at Sahnoan Downs 8pm KARAOKE! with KJs CM & Jody

<p>Sunday, July 13 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10am Sahnoan Council Meeting</p>
<p>Friday, July 18 6pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner</p>
<p>Saturday, July 19 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10am COG Board of Directors 1pm Super Soakers Game 2pm Snacks @ The Nekkid Parrot 3pm Frozen T-Shirt Contest 5pm Deck Crawl 8pm DJ Dance @ the pool</p>
<p>Sunday, July 20 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot</p>
<p>Friday, July 25 7pm Meet & Greet</p>
<p>Saturday, July 26 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 9am Pickleball P.U.G 10am Rock Painting 2pm Snacks @ The Nekkid Parrot 3pm Molkky 8pm KARAOKE w/ Captain Jack</p>
<p>Sunday, July 27 8 – 9:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot</p>



Mark Your Calendars—

On Saturday, August 30th, come
celebrate Parrothead Weekend!!!

Featuring live band

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Courtside with Sherry

WHY I SIT COURTSIDE

Welcome to Courtside with Sherry—your front-row seat to the people, the play, and the peaceful rhythms of life at the Ranch. Even though I have written two articles I thought I would give you a brief introduction.

If we haven't met yet, I'm Sherry—an observer by nature, a storyteller by heart, and a proud member of our small but fun bunch. Whether you're here for the sunshine, the sense of freedom, or the friendships that grow like wildflowers, I'm right there with you—usually with a notebook nearby or using notes on my phone.

This article is my way of celebrating what makes our community so special—where everyday moments become memories, whether it's a volleyball game that turns into a dance party, a newcomer discovering confidence, or simply sharing the thoughts that connect us all. I may even throw in a few things about pickleball—because around here, pickleball is less about the score and more about just having fun, and maybe a few dramatic dives. I'll be sharing stories, member spotlights, events, and maybe even a few reflections about what it means to live life comfortably in your own skin.

I like to think of this space as a little meeting spot—a front porch/deck, a shady bench, or yes, a courtside seat. A place to pause, reflect, and connect.

So, whether you're here year-round or just for a weekend escape, I invite you to pull up a chair (or a towel!), take a deep breath, and join me as we explore life at the Ranch—one barefoot moment at a time.

See you around, minus the extra layers!

- Gidget

ATTENTION ALL COOKS



We are looking for someone or many someones who would like to help cook breakfast on the weekends. We are all volunteers and we all need help getting the meals cooked and served and cleaning up. You get to work with great people, meet new guests and members, plus you get to eat free!

If interested please contact:

Nancy @ nancyredoutey@gmail.com

Jean @ jeanmarx1954@gmail.com

Linda at the office 512 273-2257 or come into the office.

We would like to have as many volunteers cook as possible so that not any one person is responsible for every weekend and you would be able to pick your weekends, so please call or visit one of us so that we may talk about a schedule. We love volunteers. Also, if you would like to help with cleaning or helping in other areas, please let us know.

Thank you,

Linda

Mark's Musings

Jean M

The Memorial Day weekend was full of Star Ranch super stars, but no one did more than Jean M. It all started midweek when she received a call from Brian our BBQ vendor stating he had an unrealized conflict on Sunday and would only be able to provide service on Saturday. In business we call this the curve ball. Anyone can hit that meatball right down the middle but who can hit the curve. Those of you that have been around a while remember the days of burgers and fries on holiday weekends. These events predate me so all I have is hearsay. I am told those events were huge successes for the members but flat wore the team out. Can you imagine deep frying potatoes in 90+ degree heat? Thanks, but no thanks. Luckily, Jean didn't go that route. She likewise didn't decide to skip the Sunday lunch. She recruited the housekeeping team and maybe a few others to serve a lunch of sausage wraps, hot dogs, and nachos.

Keep in mind, life does not happen in a vacuum. Jean's team was obliterated Saturday and Sunday with breakfast service. I obviously mean that metaphorically. Saturday was a revenue record which was quickly eclipsed by the revenue on Sunday. The team was still cooking Sunday at noon. I have no idea what Jean and Nancy told the team on Saturday and Sunday but it must have been one heck of a pep talk. To use a military analogy, the soldiers willingly go into combat on day one. It is a whole different story on day two. To see them show up and hang in for what must have felt like forever speaks volumes about our breakfast team and their leaders.

All of this took place while Nancy and Jean were peddling garage sale items in the park. I am sure they checked in periodically but their team was pretty much fighting the fight based on their training. My boss tells me I only know how good you are Sprong when you are not here. If you have done your job effectively, I will not notice you are gone. Jean and Nancy have done their job well. The team shined without them. If you are on the breakfast team, thank you a ton.

As for Jean and Nancy, they set a garage sale record over the weekend. How did they follow that up? They were both on breakfast duty Monday. I told them both Monday morning that words did not come close to express my thanks. Their reaction: it was nothing, you were out here working all weekend too. Modest, modest, modest.

I asked the board and council to summarize the weekend from their perspective. List a few successes and opportunities for improvement. Typical after-action lessons type stuff. Jean always and I mean 100% of the time, thinks about her volunteers. Sure enough, she thanked her volunteers in her write up.

We are lucky to have you, Jean M. Thanks for all you do.

Mark S

This & That

**Star Ranch After Hours Emergency
Phone Number
512-269-1433**

**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, June 21, 2025 @ 10am @ Tara Hall**

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C.O.G. Board of Directors

President	Mark S
Vice President	Mark B
Directors:	Jamie M
	Jean M
	Bart W
Treasurer	Mary L

Sahnoan Council

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 Bob R
 Mike W & Jennifer M
 Pete T
 Mike & Linda G
 Rhum C
 Sherry L & Richard W

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Linda McC Tim V
Front Office	Sandi S Rob D
Maintenance	Mike M Bruce R
Housekeeping	Mo V Tanna

Thoughts

Bill Burrows Family

Prayers

Classified Ads

The Board recently approved the reinstatement of ads in the Sahnoan Star, our monthly newsletter.

Please send your finished ad as a .jpeg file to Jennifer at jkm8765@gmail.com

Ad rates are as follows:

Full page ad—\$80

1/2 page ad—\$60

1/4 page ad—\$40

Business card ad—\$25

The Sahnoans at Star Ranch is a family-oriented nudist community/club that has been in operation since 1957. Dedicated to maintaining a wholesome and safe environment for the enjoyment of nudist activities, the Club is a member in good standing of the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and AANR-Southwest. You have received this Newsletter because you are either a member of the club or you have opted-in on our website. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive future editions.

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 is scheduled for Saturday,
 June 14, 2025
 at 10:00am @ Tara Hall**

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

Note from the Editor

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. If you have an idea or submission for the newsletter, please email me at jkm8765@gmail.com. Jennifer M.

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