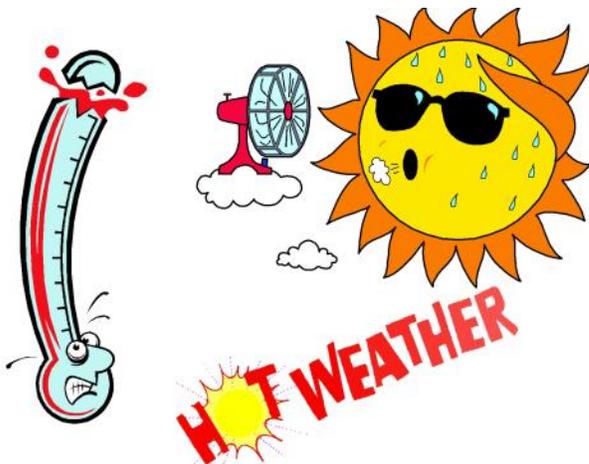


# SAHNOAN STAR

*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*



Stay Hydrated! Drink more water!



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Just when you thought the Ranch Season was half over...  
WAIT!  
There are still FOUR MORE BIG WEEKENDS!



**Parrothead Weekend - August 5-7**

Calling all Parrotheads for a weekend of FUN! A Parrot Head simply refers to **someone who is a fan of Jimmy Buffett's music and the lifestyle that he promotes....**and they are EVERYWHERE! Flocking around and enjoying life, these crazy hat-wearing folks are always smiles from ear to ear. Spread the word!!!



**Labor Day Weekend – September 2-5**

The day celebrates the American labor movement and the contributions and achievements of the American worker. In the United States Labor Day is the three-day weekend ending the summer season. **Lots of towel-winning events!**



**Star Ranch 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash – September 24<sup>th</sup>**

Come join the Star Ranch gang as we celebrate 65 years of existence. Lots of things being planned, so please come enjoy!



**Chilly Cheeks 5K Fun Run – October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Star Ranch is the final stop of the 2022 AANR Southwest Nude Racing series but you need not have participated in any other race to run here. Enjoy a rural run through the Ranch, as the course winds its way around pastures and through woodland trails for approximately three kilometers before entering the developed portion of the ranch. The final two kilometers are on the sand and gravel paths connecting the cottages and cabins owned by our members. The race finishes at our gorgeous pool, where you can enjoy a light meal off the grill while awaiting race results.

# This & That

## If You See Something, Do Something

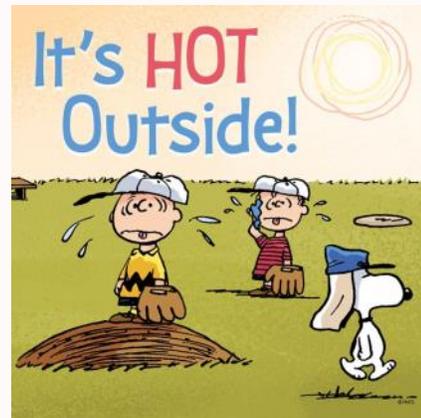
by Larry S

As you drive or walk around Star Ranch, have you ever said to yourself, "Somebody ought to do something about that?" Well, that somebody could be YOU! Yes, we have maintenance staff whose job is to fix things. But those folks are generally up to their tutus (Roy) in water leaks, septic blockages, electrical outages, road repairs, tree removal, pool maintenance and...well, you get the idea. They are busy with big stuff that keeps the Ranch running. Little stuff always gets pushed to the bottom of the list. Sure, "somebody" ought to pick up that beer can on the side of the road. "Somebody" ought to pick up the trash the crows and cats pull out of the dumpsters. "Somebody" ought to pull those weeds around the pool. At Star Ranch everybody is somebody. So, if you see something, do something. We will all appreciate it.

(Reprint—Article originally run in July 2018)

## Hear ye, hear ye!

Quick reminder that Star Ranch will have a float in the McDade Watermelon Festival parade this Saturday, July 9. Parade starts at 10:30. For other events at the festival, see full schedule in this newsletter.



## July DJ Dance Line-up

7/9/22

Summer Dance Party

DJ Sweet T

7/16/22

70s/80s Dance

James Martin

7/23/22

60s Dance

DJ Diver Dave

7/30/22

Karaoke

KJ CM

Wow!

What a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend here at the Ranch. Thanks to all who turned out for the fun, and a special thanks to all of our volunteers who made it happen!

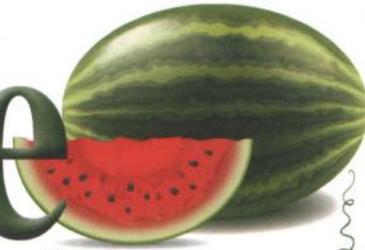
Lots of games, and here are the results:

<b>Petanque</b>				
SATURDAY			SUNDAY	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Barbara K.	SuperDave		Byron M.	Alvin G.
Gopal A.	Alvin G.		SuperDave	Gopal A.
Jason	Byron M.		Barbara K.	Marvin K.
<b>Pickleball</b>				
SATURDAY			SUNDAY	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		No tournament, but a good time was had by all who participated.	
Phil C.	Kim D.			
Jack W.	Sabrina W.			
<b>Water Volleyball</b>				
SATURDAY			SUNDAY	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Travis L.	Jamie M.		Travis L.	Mark S.
Chris A.	Ron H.		Jason S.	Oualid
Akira	Bonnie M.		Jordan P.	Ron H.
Jack W.	Ray M.		Ray M.	Conor
Byron M.	Phil C.		Kim D.	Mike K.
			Tim V.	Mo V.
<b>Washers</b>				
SATURDAY			SUNDAY	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Byron M.	Nancy R.		Alvin G.	Mike K.
Mike K.	Phil C.		Teresa S.	Tim V.
<b>Cornhole</b>				
SATURDAY			SUNDAY	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Byron M.	Bart W.		Byron M.	Alvin G.
Alvin G.	Gopal A.		Teresa S.	Gopal A.
<b>Sand Volleyball</b>				
SATURDAY			SUNDAY	
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FREE ADMISSION TO FESTIVAL GROUNDS

# McDade Watermelon Festival



[www.mcdadetexas.com](http://www.mcdadetexas.com)

..... **Friday, July 8, 2022** .....

8:00 pm - 12:00 am **STREET DANCE** with **LIVE MUSIC** by **KENNY ORTS & NO CHANCE BAND**

..... **Saturday, July 9, 2022** .....

6:30 am - 7:15 am **SWEATING' MELONS 5K - PACKET PICKUP**  
7:00 am - 9:00 am **MELON WEIGH IN - DOWNTOWN McDADE**  
7:30 am - **SWEATING' MELONS 5K**  
8:00 am - 1:30 pm **CAR SHOW**  
9:00 am **McDADE JAMBOREE - DOWNTOWN McDADE**  
9:00 am **VENDOR BOOTHS**  
10:30 am **GRAND PARADE - DOWNTOWN McDADE**  
11:00 am **BBQ PLATES, SAUSAGE WRAPS, HOT DOGS**  
**KIDS ZONE, T-SHIRT SALES**  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm **LIVE MUSIC on the GROUNDS**  
11:30 am **WASHER TOURNAMENT**  
12:00 pm **BINGO**  
12:30 pm **WATERMELON EATING CONTEST**  
2:00 pm **RIDING MOWER RODEO - No Registration Fee - Pre-register 30 minutes prior**  
2:00 pm **SEED SPITTING CONTEST**  
4:45 pm **QUEEN AND PARADE MARSHAL PRESENTATION**  
5:00 pm **PRIZE MELON AUCTION**

**FREE MELON FEAST AT 4:30 P.M.**

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**SPONSORS:** Bluebonnet Electric Company, Elgin General Store, Elgin Funeral Home, First National Bank Bastrop-Elgin, Solid Ground Storage, Direct Propane Services, Brannen's Inc, Burgh's Septic & Wastewater, Johns Plumbing, Frontier Bank of Texas, Darling Ingredients, Quad-M Inc., In Memory of Franklin Pohler, Aqua Water, Bastrop Veterinary Hospital, Parobek Plumbing LLC, Star Ranch, Paige Tractors, Providence-Jones Family Funeral Home, Lone Start Mulch & Compost, Winkler & Co. Realtors - Menley Group, Forrest & Alice McDavid, Roadhouse Bastrop/Paige, Pallet Systems & Recycling Co., Rising Sun Vineyard, David Fenske Sand & Gravel LLC, Edward Jones - Jay Sutton, McStorage Rentals, Siegeler/Wellmann Insurance Agency, AbleEasy LLC, In Memory of Victor Dube, Judith Maiewski, Black Cat Metalworks, Bare Bottom Signs, Mundine Sand & Gravel, Wilson Services



# BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

## JULY BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, July 15, 2022

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: TBD



## July, August, & September Birthdays

July	
7/1	Mark S
7/4	David S
7/4	Scott T
7/7	Shala S
7/7	Jim P
7/7	Richard T
7/8	John S
7/10	Melody T
7/15	Jana F
7/15	Linda G
7/17	Jim A
7/17	Angie R
7/22	Dick L
7/23	David Mcg
7/25	John M
7/26	Abegail M
7/27	Gary A
7/29	Megan S
7/31	Sierran S

August	
8/1	Phyllis Z
8/1	Catherine W
8/2	CM J
8/4	Stephen C
8/5	Jonathan T
8/7	Jennifer M
8/7	Christina T
8/8	Eduardo G
8/13	Robert N
8/24	Mike M
8/24	Ardeth S
8/31	Genie C
8/31	Myrl F. S

September	
9/1	Shepard S
9/6	Jennifer H
9/6	Crystal W
9/9	Belinda A
9/10	Mark B
9/10	Kim D
9/12	Slayter S
9/13	Dina P
9/15	Craig B
9/16	Thomas L
9/18	Jamie M
9/19	Joe W
9/21	Brandi T
9/23	Adam C
9/25	Mike W
9/26	Cathy M
9/28	Pat W

# *In Loving Memory*

## **Gary and Pam and “The Breath of Life”**

By David P.

“...The Lord breathed into his nostrils the breath of life...” (Genesis 2:7)

This quote from Scripture provides at least a metaphor for our remembrance of Gary and Pam.

The breath which we involuntarily employ in life is a powerful and necessary force.

“Breath” can also refer not just to individuals, but also to relationships between persons as well.

Gary and Pam’s relationship took on a life of its own. It became a living, breathing dynamic for both of them. They anticipated cruises and trips in their RV. Gary’s technical expertise balanced Pam’s bright smile and laughter, which were refreshing to everyone with whom she



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Then that life was overtaken by the unyielding, overpowering breath of illness. Pam’s passing left a void in Gary’s life which robbed him not only of his relationship with Pam, but also, eventually, of his own life.

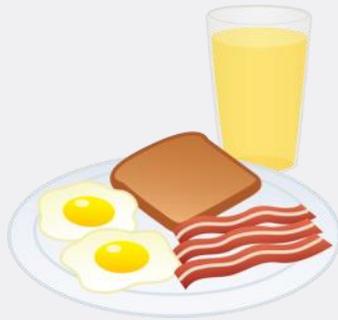
The passing of this couple who meant so much to the life of Star Ranch demonstrates that the vitality of life itself is the core of our existence. When the campsites are empty, when there are no activities, when there are no sounds of laughter emanating from the pool--those times do not carry the “breath of life” for our community.

The same is true of neighborhood schools and colleges, whose very existence and mission are to provide an atmosphere for the awakening of a life of learning. and encountering new paths and relationships. Humans breathe “life” into these communities so their members can encounter new paths and relationships.

Simply put, that is why Star Ranch exists. As long as there are members like Gary and Pam, the Club will receive and reflect the “breath” of all the members of our community.

# Tidbits

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 16, @ 10am @ Tara Hall



Are you an early riser on Saturdays or Sundays? Why not volunteer at the Nekkid Parrot serving or preparing breakfast! It's a great way to get to know everyone.

We are looking for volunteers for Saturday and/or Sunday each weekend. If interested, please text Kate at 512-550-0601.



Friendly Reminder—Bastrop County is under a Burn Ban. NO fires, fireworks, etc.

**WELCOME**  
new members

Mike & Linda G  
Jesus & Sonia T  
Fred B  
Charles & Betty N  
Austin & Abby M  
Stephen & Teresa T



## COMING ATTRACTIONS/EVENTS

(As always, check the online calendar for the most current schedule of events and activities)

**\*\*\*ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\***

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

<b>Friday, July 8</b>	
7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
<b>Saturday, July 9</b>	
INTERNATIONAL SKINNY DIPPING DAY <a href="#">MCDADE WATERMELON FESTIVAL</a> (click for more details)	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	
2:00pm Snacks @ the pool	
5:00pm AANR Celebratory Photo!	
<b>Sunday, July 10</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	
10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting	
<b>Friday, July 15</b>	
6:00pm Birthday Dinner	
7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
<b>Saturday, July 16</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	2:00pm Snacks @ the pool
10:00am COG Board of Directors	2:00pm Homemade Ice Cream Contest @ the pool
<b>Sunday, July 17</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	
<b>Friday, July 22</b>	
7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
<b>Saturday, July 23</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	2:00pm Snacks @ the pool
12:00pm Water Volleyball Tournament	8:00pm DJ Dance with DJ Diver Dave
<b>Sunday, July 24</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	
<b>Monday, July 25 - 29</b>	
Christian Naturist Retreat	
<b>Friday, July 29</b>	
7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
<b>Saturday, July 30</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	2:00pm Snacks @ the pool
11:00am Frozen T-Shirt Contest @ the pool	8:00pm KARAOKE with KJ CM
12:00pm Super Soaker Contest @ the pool	
<b>Sunday, July 31</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	

<b>Friday, August 5</b>	
7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
<b>Saturday, August 6</b>	
PARROTHEAD WEEKEND	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Parrot Head Contest @ the pool 3:00pm Frozen Drink Contest - BYOB - @ the pool	6:00pm Cheeseburgers @ the pool 8:00pm Jimmy Buffet Dance @ the pool
<b>Sunday, August 7</b>	
PARROTHEAD WEEKEND	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	
<b>Friday, August 12</b>	
7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
<b>Saturday, August 13</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Pete's Bikini Cart Wash - on the court 11:00am Disc Golf	2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 8:00pm Dance @ the pool
<b>Sunday, August 14</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Sahnnoan Council Meeting	
<b>Friday, August 19</b>	
6:00pm Birthday Dinner 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
<b>Saturday, August 20</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am COG Board of Directors 1:00pm Indoor Games @ Tara Hall	2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 8:00pm DJ Dance @ the pool
<b>Sunday, August 21</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	
<b>Friday, August 26</b>	
7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
<b>Saturday, August 27</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 8:00pm KARAOKE with KJ CM	
<b>Sunday, August 28</b>	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	

# Mark's Musings

## **Thank You**

As July 4 approaches, I am taking stock of my life. I know what you are thinking, what an odd thing to do on July 4<sup>th</sup>. You see 7.4 is our wedding anniversary, 2022 will be two years since Sandi agreed to be my wife. We dated for two years prior to getting married not because we were not ready but rather she thought her students would make fun of our name. Imagine that: honey I want to marry you but I can not take the mocking associated with my new last name. Smile. She was worth waiting for.

So it all began on Match.com. You see when you are a busy adult and past the bar phase of your life how do you find a mate? You complete the profile, take the selfie and hope for the best. Somehow fate brought us together and we decided to meet for a drink. I broke a cardinal rule and agreed to meet her on her turf. Typically, I insist on neutral territory. We order drinks and the bartender asks Sandi "do you want alcohol in that?". I am thinking I have found a woman who drinks Shirley Temples, this is not going to work. To my surprise, she says yes give me alcohol. One date leads to two days, three dates and now it is time to have the talk. You see, I was a nudist living full time at a resort. That detail was left out of my profile for obvious reasons.

I am debating, I kinda like this lady, do I risk telling her? Should I ride it out a bit? I decide honesty is the best policy so I just tell her. Sandi doesn't believe me and thinks I am pulling her leg or trying to shock her. I ask her to visit the web site of the place I was living to validate what she is hearing and in John Wayne fashion, I leave and tell her to let me know what she thinks. I get to the end of the block, my cell phone rings: "you are serious". Sandi came out the next weekend and started her journey into public nudity.

You might think that is where the story ends, not so fast. I am not done entertaining you. Living at a nude resort was not enough for this modern couple. We decided to park our fifth wheel at a resort outside Tulsa. We began to travel to OK each weekend. Life was good. Sandi was about to retire and all seemed to be solid. However, I was not feeling particularly good on the job front. We talked about it and decided I needed to make a change. That is when we moved to the Hill country and became members at Star Ranch. Star has been nothing short of an awakening for both of us.

So many things simply rock at Star: member owned, not for profit, willing to grow, 30 miles from Austin. More important than anything is the willingness of the members to accept us. So as I reflect on this journey called life, I just want to say thank you. Thank you for listening, thank you for talking, thank you for allowing us to join the team. You all mean the world to us. If you ever need anything, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mark S

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 Mark & Sandi S  
 Mike W & Jennifer M  
 John M

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Maintenance	Patrick L
Housekeeping	Kiara

*Thoughts*

*Wanda H.*

*Rod Mc.  
Pat W.*

*And*

*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](mailto: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.

**The next Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 10, at 10:00am.**

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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](mailto:jkm8765@gmail.com). Jennifer M.