

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

Parrot Head Weekend, Star Ranch Style

Jimmy Buffett was alive, at least on August 15th at Star Ranch!

What a crowd for a "nothing" weekend. But, just like last year, the Parrotheads came out. Maybe not real card-carrying members of PHIP (the official Jimmy Buffett fan club), but a bunch of fun-loving wannabes. And fun they had.

After a slow morning, the usual parrot-related contests began. STOP. Can't go further without mentioning the Tiki Bar on the far side of the pool and the associated duck pond and the plunder chest. TW and Doug put up a tent with a pond full of rubber duckies, numbers on their bellies. They draw the number for your duck; you win a prize. How neat!

The contests were a hit – best parrot-inspired hat, best shirt, and the parrot on your shoulder. Winners were chosen. But two contests tied for the best – the frozen drink contest and the parrot float race (a new event).

Three entries were vying for the top prize of best frozen drink. And the winner was... TW (and Doug) for their three layer "Mist Behavin'".

The new parrot float race was a hoot! You get on a large inflatable parrot float with your feet on the sides of the parrot's head. You are handed a paddle, only one. Your opponent is beside you at the shallow end. The whistle blows and off you go...in circles. Finally, momentum carries you to the deep end. You round the volleyball poles. You ditch the paddle, lay back and backstroke to the finish line. You had to be there. The winner was Randy Y, the runner up was Sean J.

Breath...

How many types of pork can the Star Ranch folks cook? I think it was four and LOTS of goodies to luau with. What a feast for the pallet and the eyes. Y'all can cook!!!

The evening ended with a Jimmy Buffett-styled dance led by DJ Mike Love. The crowd tried, but you could tell that exhaustion, too much food and drink and sun left our gang ready for an early bedtime.

Way to go Ranchers!

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Letter to the Editor...

To the Star Ranch Management & Community,

Doug and I have talked about writing this for a while, but after this past weekend (Parrot Head), I decided I couldn't put it off any longer.

Since arriving at Star Ranch, so many people have taken the time to stop us, seek us out, or simply catch us in passing to offer a kind word or thank us for something we've done. We certainly never came here expecting recognition for doing the jobs we came here to do, which makes every one of those conversations mean even more.

And at this point, we're not talking about one or two people. We're talking about dozens.

What has struck us most isn't simply the appreciation—it's the genuine warmth behind it. We came to Star Ranch to workcamp and quickly learned that there is the physical place called Star Ranch, and then there is the **community that is Star Ranch**. The camaraderie, the laughter, the willingness to pitch in, the encouragement, and the way people have welcomed us into that community have been something pretty special to experience.

This past weekend especially, we heard so many incredibly kind comments that we finally said, "We really need to say thank you."

So, to everyone who has stopped us at the pool, on the golf cart, while we're working, during an event, or somewhere in between just to say something kind: **please know that we hear you. We appreciate it. And it means more to us than you probably realize.**

We're not going anywhere just yet, so don't mistake this for our goodbye! There's plenty more work, fun, laughter—and probably a little mischief—still ahead.

We simply didn't want to wait until the end of our time here to tell you how grateful we are to have been so warmly welcomed into the Star Ranch community.

Thank you. Truly.

— TW & Doug

Mark Your Calendars for these Big Up-coming Events

PUT IT ON THE FRIDGE

Labor Day Weekend – 9/5

Anniversary Weekend – 9/19

Featuring the X-Factory Band

Chilly Cheeks 5K Race – 10/3

OCTOBERFEST – 10/17

Bring your favorite Beer and Brats to share

Halloween Weekend – 10/31

Thanksgiving – 11/26

Christmas Party/Gift Exchange – 12/12

New Year's Eve – 12/31



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From the Council

All, the Sahnoan Council was tasked by Members to remove children, under 18 years of age from dances by 9:00 PM. Anyone under the age of 18 is required to leave the dance area by 9:00 PM on dance nights. The Council asked the office to get the word out on this new requirement. The Council is able to answer questions about the new policy.

From the Office

We are coming upon the season for lease renewals. Due to the rate changes voted into effect by the board for this year, and next year for some sites, select site holders will be required to sign a new lease. This does not apply to everyone. We will be sending out leases in mid-October this year for the 2027 lease year. This will be done by DocuSign again. That process seemed to work quite well last year. The office will send out a reminder in early October to alert you before the leases are sent.

It has been a busy summer! Thank you for your support. After the first weekend of October, we move into the quieter season. The exact dates we will move to "Winter" hours has not yet been set. If we stay busy after the race, we will remain on "Summer" hours until the number of visitors drops off. Tim V. will determine when we shift to winter hours.

Rob

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, September 18, 2026

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Santa Fe Steakhouse, Giddings



September, October & November Birthdays

September	
9/1	Michael E
9/1	Jordan S
9/2	Melissa Q
9/5	Stan S
9/5	Paul O
9/6	Crystal W
9/10	Kim D
9/10	Mark B
9/15	Craig B
9/16	Thomas L
9/17	Ron E
9/18	Charlene P
9/18	Jamie M
9/19	Joe W
9/20	Ranae M
9/21	Brandi T
9/25	Mike W
9/26	Araceli A
9/28	Pat W
9/30	Kent S
9/30	Bob R

October	
10/3	Glenn G
10/7	Michael B
10/7	Lewis W
10/7	Donna B
10/8	Bill G
10/10	Catherine N
10/10	Brad F
10/12	Michelle F
10/14	Sheri H
10/14	Michelle O
10/14	Lottie H
10/15	Teresa R
10/15	Laura G
10/18	Patrick L
10/19	Ethel M
10/19	Heather K
10/24	Dawn A
10/24	Rob D
10/25	Joshua C
10/26	Mike G
10/29	Steve H
10/29	Randy Y
10/29	Jason A
10/29	Steve O
10/29	Ronald F

November	
11/1	Catherine R
11/1	Russell S
11/3	Mike K
11/3	Dominique D
11/3	Kirby G
11/4	Amanda D
11/4	Bill P
11/6	Brian H
11/8	Rhum M
11/9	Mace T
11/10	Rebecca O
11/12	Jennifer B
11/12	Lynn D
11/13	Scot S
11/14	John C
11/16	Lisa F
11/17	Gopal A
11/18	Jonathan G
11/18	Adam W
11/19	Mike A
11/21	Sabrina B
11/21	Peter G
11/22	Mark W
11/23	Susan F
11/25	Ann D
11/28	Heather M

Join us in celebrating monthly birthdays with cake at the pool area on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)



Friday, September 4

7pm Meet & Greet

9pm Movie @ Pool - "My Cousin Vinny" Rated R

Saturday, September 5

Labor Day Weekend

Hosts - Pete & Dennis

Dunk Tank

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

9am Petanque Tournament

9am Pickleball Tournament

11am Molkky

12 – 6pm ***Food Truck*** Midnight Smokers***

12pm Water Volleyball Tournament

1pm Women in Nude Recreation (WINR) Meeting Tara Hall

2pm Indoor Games Tournament

4pm Cornhole Tournament

4pm Washers Tournament

7pm Sand Volleyball Tournament

8pm – 12am DJ Dance w/ DJ Travis

Sunday September, 6

Labor Day Weekend

Hosts - Pete & Dennis

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

9am Petanque Tournament

9am Pickleball Tournament

11am – 6pm (or until the food runs out)***Food Truck*** Midnight Smokers***

12pm Water Volleyball Tournament

4pm Cornhole Tournament

4pm Washers Tournament

7pm Sand Volleyball Tournament

8pm Special Entertainment by Mark B

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

Friday, September 11

7pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, September 12

Host - Dan

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

9am – 3pm WORK DAY - RACE PREP

6pm The 44th Running at Sahnoan Downs

8pm – 12am KARAOKE! with KJs CM & Jody

Sunday, September 13

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

10am Sahnoan Council Meeting

Friday, September 18

6pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner Santa Fe Steak House in Giddings

7pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, September 19

Anniversary Weekend

Hosts - Lori & Dennis

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

10am COG Board of Directors

12pm Water Volleyball PUG

2pm Celebrate this Month's Birthdays w/Cake at the Pool

2pm Snacks @ the Pool

3 - 4pm Joe W's 90th Birthday Celebration @ Tara Hall

3pm Washers PUG

4pm Jello Shot Contest

5pm Anniversary Picture @ Pool

6 – 10pm X-Factory Band LIVE @ Pool

6pm Potluck w/Anniversary Cake for Dessert

Sunday, September 20

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

Friday, September 25

7pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, September 26

Hosts - Andie & Clif

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

9am – 3pm WORK DAY - RACE PREP

8pm – 12am Karaoke with KJ Mark B

Sunday, September 27

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast



Friday, October 2

7pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, October 3

CHILLY CHEEKS 5k

8 – 9:30am Poolside Breakfast

8:30 – 10:30am Gates Open for 5k-Packet pickup at Runners Roundup (Tara Hall Deck)

10 – 10:45am Runners pickup Timing Chips/Bib #s @ Runners Roundup

11am – 1pm Chili Dogs Meals @ Nekkid Parrot

11am – 1pm Chilly Cheeks 5k Start Time

1 – 2pm Chilly Cheeks Awards Ceremony

2 – 5pm Photo Booth Open by Tara Hall

7:30pm Unless previous overnight arrangements have been made, all runners and visitors (red or green wristband) must depart Star Ranch

Sunday, October 4

8 – 9:30am Breakfast

Wednesday, October 7

12pm Fire Siren & Horn Test

Friday, October 9

7pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, October 10

UT Football Game Viewing @ Pavilion (time TBD)

8 – 9:30am Breakfast

10am Sahnoan Council Meeting

2pm Snacks @ Pool

3pm Molkky PUG

6 – 8pm The 45th Running at Sahnoan Downs

8pm – 12am KARAOKE! with KJs CM & Jody

Sunday, October 11

8 – 9:30am Breakfast

Monday, October 12

Columbus Day

Friday, October 16

6pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner

7pm Meet & Greet

7 – 8pm The Nude Yukes Perform @ Tara Hall

Saturday, October 17

Off-Road Remote-Control Vehicle Race

UT Football Game Viewing @ Pavilion (time

TBD)

8 – 9:30am Breakfast

10am COG Board of Directors

2pm Celebrate this Month's Birthdays w/Cake at Pool

2pm Snacks @ Pool

3pm Cards @ Tara Hall

8pm – 12am Sock Hop

Sunday, October 18

8 – 9:30am Breakfast

Friday, October 23

7pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, October 24

UT Football Game Viewing @ Pavilion (time TBD)

8 – 9:30am Breakfast

10am Decorate Tara Hall for Halloween

8 – 11:30pm Music & Games @ Tara Hall **

Subject to change or preemption

Sunday, October 25

8 – 9:30am Breakfast

Friday, October 30

7pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, October 31

UT Football Game Viewing @ Pavilion (time TBD)

Halloween

8 – 9:30am Breakfast

9am Pickleball PUG

2pm Snacks @ TBD

3pm Cornhole PUG

6pm Halloween Potluck

8pm – 12am DJ Dance

9 – 9:30pm Halloween Costume Contest Judging

Sunday, November 1

Daylight Saving Time ends

8 – 9:30am Breakfast

mark's musings

A Huge Thank You to TW and Doug

I have written often about the many people who give their time, energy, and talent to Star Ranch, and every one of those contributions matters. Some people serve in very visible ways, while others quietly step in wherever they are needed and simply make things better. This article is a heartfelt thank-you to two people who seem to do both: TW and Doug.

I do not know these two as well as some others may, but what I do know is more than enough to be impressed. Around Star Ranch, there are always projects to finish, surprises to manage, repairs to make, guests to welcome, and events to support. TW and Doug have a way of showing up in the middle of all of it with a practical attitude, a sense of humor, and a willingness to help that deserves recognition.

Take the pool aerators, for example. How many people do you know who could look at the Texas heat, look at a warm pool, and come up with a simple, creative way to cool things down? When I say “we,” I mean Star Ranch as a collective, because let’s be honest: when an idea like that first gets tossed around, there are bound to be a few doubters. Hook up sprinklers, move water through the air, and drop the pool temperature? Sure, why not. It may have sounded unusual at first, but the results spoke for themselves. The system worked, and it worked because someone was willing to think differently and then actually do the work to make it happen.

Then there is the hot tub. After months and months of waiting, troubleshooting, and probably more frustration than most of us realized, it is finally up and running. Even at 7:00 p.m. on a Friday night, the technician was there, and Tim, Bob, and Doug were all on site making sure the job got finished. That kind of commitment often goes unnoticed because, by the time the rest of us enjoy the result, the hard work has already happened behind the scenes. But those late evenings, extra trips, and persistent follow-ups are exactly what keep Star Ranch moving forward.

Doug’s list does not stop there. He built the new ice house, has been remodeling a cabin, and seems to have the kind of skill set that makes people say, “Ask Doug—he can probably fix it.” That is no small thing. Places like Star Ranch rely on people who can see what needs to be done and then find a way to do it. Whether the task

is mechanical, structural, practical, or just plain inconvenient, Doug appears to be the kind of person who rolls up his sleeves and gets started.

And while it would be easy to describe Doug only as the guy who can fix, build, repair, and remodel almost anything, that would still leave out part of the picture. His primary job may be serving as TW's assistant, but anyone who saw him making popcorn Saturday night knows that job description can stretch in all kinds of directions. Around here, helping means doing whatever the moment requires, whether that is solving a maintenance problem, supporting an event, or making sure people have snacks and a reason to smile.

TW, of course, refuses to be outdone. She is a dynamo in her own right—comfortable behind the microphone, quick to jump into the fun, and naturally able to bring people together. The Not-So-Newlywed Game, Parrot Head weekend, ducks, snacks that seem to appear out of nowhere, and countless little touches all help create the atmosphere people remember. Those moments may look effortless from the outside, but anyone who has helped plan an event knows there is always thought, preparation, and follow-through behind the fun.

At the same time, TW's contribution is not only about games, microphones, snacks, and laughter. She also takes on real responsibility, including the after-hours phone and the late arrivals who need to be let in. That is a level of trust that matters. It means Star Ranch can keep welcoming people even when the office is closed and the day should already be over. It also means someone is willing to be available when it is inconvenient, which is one of the clearest signs of service.

Together, TW and Doug represent something valuable about Star Ranch. They remind us that a strong community is not built only by big announcements or formal titles. It is built by people who notice what needs attention, who bring energy to ordinary weekends, who stay late when a project needs one more push, and who make guests and members feel cared for in ways both large and small.

We are fortunate to have TW and Doug as part of Star Ranch. To both of you: thank you. Thank you for the repairs, the creativity, the humor, the hospitality, the late nights, the popcorn, the phone calls, the projects, and all the things most of us never even see. Star Ranch is better because of what you do, and we appreciate you more than words can fully capture.

Thanks for all you do

Mark S

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**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, September 19, 2026 @ 10am @ Tara Hall**

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**The next Council meeting
is scheduled for
Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026 at
10:00am @ Tara Hall**

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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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