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## President's Post

The park has been moving along very well since the first of the year. The second washing machine has been installed and is running well. The top loader machines are going to be lowered. This is being done due to the request of several Lease Holders. This will help them reach the bottom of the machines.

The tractor shed has a new concrete floor, this will make it better for those who are working on our equipment and a better storage area.

We have had the Phone Co. out to help us go forward with improvements to the Ranch WiFi, system.

Weeds are starting to grow already in spite of the fact that it is snowing

today. Lease Holders and Work Campers are starting to work on the weeds.

We have had a steady stream of visitors and Long Term renters and at this time we have a total of twenty in the Park.

The Ranch is going to purchase a few loads of gravel to repair some paths and the lots that need attention.

Every Wednesday night, Rich Baker is calling Bingo and we have had a good turn out and hope this fun will continue.

That's all for now.

Rob Levin,  
BOD President



## From the Editor

Spring is near and I know we will all be glad to see it in its full glory.

Sadly, there have been three deaths in our extended Ranch family since the last issue. Art Singly, lot 15, and former leaseholders Bettie Marquardt and Mickey Burch.

Let's hope we have happier stories in the next issue.

Pam McMickin, lot 65



Sherry Lumb sent in this wonderful Roadrunner picture

## IN MEMORIAM

ART SINGLEY, February 5, 2015.

Art was born February 21, 1928 in El Paso, Texas. His family moved to Galveston, Texas and then to Louisiana. Art grew up there and always referred to Louisiana as his home. After high school he moved to Denver and began working for GTE.

He was drafted in the U.S. Army on February 25, 1954 and served 2 years in the signal corps. After being released from active duty, he returned to GTE. He installed the first central office telephone equipment in Carlsbad, never realizing that he would return to this area in his retirement.

Art met the love of his life, Sandy Goodman, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Sandy was working for General Telephone at the time. They were married June 15, 1965 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Sandy and Art had 3 children, David, Jennifer, and Allen, who predeceased Art.

He worked in several states and retired in 1987 in Chicago. Art was the top salesman in the company when he retired.

After retirement Art and Sandy lived in Louisiana for 5 years. His heart was always in Louisiana and he always had a new "Boudreaux and Thibodeaux" joke to tell. He may have lived in many places but he never lost his beautiful Louisiana speech pattern and his beautiful smile.

In 1992 Art and Sandy decided to go full-timing and traveled extensively. In 2004 they began working at Cochiti Lake Corp of Engineers Campground in New Mexico. They worked there for 8 years, retiring in October, 2014.

Art and Sandy moved to Bernalillo, New Mexico, planning to stay there a few months before coming back to the Ranch. Art passed away in their trailer there on February 5, 2015.

(From Facebook)

Jennifer Singley Hammill

Arthur Leon Singley  
2-21-28 thru 2-5-15

The man I loved first is  
gone.

He was loved by many and  
touched the lives of  
everyone he came in  
contact with.

Rest in Peace Dad, until  
we meet again.



## IN MEMORIAM — Once a Ranch Hand, Always a Ranch Hand

Two long time members of The Ranch passed away recently. These remembrances are from Facebook

**Bettie Marquardt**  
January 26



Milo and Bettie

*Jo Ann Mauck* — a very special lady. Hugs to all her family

*Sally Stribling* — Milo and Bettie were our neighbors at The Ranch. We are sorry to hear of her passing. We are praying for all of you. She is missed.

*Shirley Culpepper* — Milo, I am so sorry for your loss. Bettie was a great person and will be missed by all.

*Jean Stuvell* — We are so sorry. Sure enjoyed playing hand & foot with you two.

**Mickey Burch**  
February 28



*Lisa Runyan* —

Eleven years ago, my grandmother was diagnosed with cancer and we were told she didn't have long to live. Today, we let go of an amazing woman. She wasn't ready all of those years ago, but today she was. She can now rest peacefully and be with Grandpa again. I'm so thankful for my mother Patty Runyan who took such great care of her for all of these years. And for my sister, Sarah Feighner, who was always there to help. RIP Mickey Burch

*Keri Wood* — R.I.P. Aunt Mickey sure gonna miss u even though we didn't see each other much but u were the best now u can be wit uncle Phil n my Poppie. Love n miss u.

*Sally Stribling* — We met Mickey when we moved to The Ranch in NM in 2001. What a wonderful friend and neighbor!

## Ranch Hands Check In

### George and Pam

We've been at Fort Clark Springs since mid-January and we'll be back at The Ranch in a few weeks.

It's old home week here with Ranch folks Dave and Sally Stribling, Bill and Linda Good and Spike and Kasey Jones.

The wild life is abundant and there are lots of trails to walk and ride. There is also lots of history and historical buildings and ruins.

So, even though the weather has varied from Spring to Winter to Summer, we've enjoyed being here.

Pam & George, Lot 65



## Ranch Hands Check In

### Pat Gorsuch and Bill Kukes

Good grief, can't believe it's time for another update already...

January was a low-key month for us at The Ranch with a few trips to Roswell to catch up on movies and weekends spent watching football.

We already had a trip in the truck camper planned to Texas for the end of the month to go visit friends Kay and Andy, who were working an oil gate job, and on the spur of the moment we signed up for the SKPs HOP cruise to Central American that was leaving out of Houston, seeing we were going to be within a few hundred miles of there. Although Kay and Andy had planned on working until at least March on their gate, the second day we were there they got word they were victims of the falling oil prices and production cutbacks and we all had an hour to get packed up and move on. We spent a few more days at the nearest CG before heading our separate ways.

We left the truck camper at a park and cruise motel in Seabrook, TX, while we went to ports of call in Roatan, Honduras; Belize; and Cozumel, Mexico.

There were only two other couples signed up for this HOP and we never even met one of them, so we were more than a little surprised at the light turnout. The weather was definitely warm and humid in that part of the world and we did shore excursions that included a botanical garden, butterfly pavilion and cameo carving factory in Honduras. In Belize we took a bus and then a river cruise to the Lamanai ruins, where we climbed up about 125 feet for an elevated viewing of these ancient courts and temples.



In Cozumel we did a ferry and then another lengthy bus ride to the lost city of Coba, once home to 500,000 inhabitants and site of the Yucatan's highest pyramid (which we opted not to climb since it was quite steep and our legs were still feeling the effects of our previous day's climb!).

This was our first time cruising with Princess and we've decided we prefer smaller ships but it was relaxing and enjoyable to get away to some warmer weather, good food, and entertaining shows.

On our return trip, we spent a few nights at Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville and had a nice visit with more Escapees than there were on the cruise (!) and again enjoyed some beautiful warm weather.

Once back at The Ranch, what I thought was an allergy flare-up turned into a case of the creeping crud and I spent 5 days in bed before some out-of-town company from Arizona came to spend a few days, and then it was time to pack up the car for a month-long road trip.

We've just arrived in West Yellowstone and will be spending the next 10 days in the park attending some wolf and wildlife classes. Snowfall is really down in this part of the world and they've had to close some of the snowmobile trails because of lack of snow but the temps are definitely plenty cold with below zero readings predicted for much of our stay here.

Once we leave here, though, we'll be heading to New Orleans for 2 weeks and are hoping things will heat up a little bit down there. Trying to pack for two totally different climates certainly makes it a challenge but who am I to complain -- that's what makes this fulltime lifestyle so much fun!!

Take care everyone!

Pat Gorsuch and Bill Kukes  
106 Windmill Vista



## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 – Gary Roessler  
 5 – Debra Simmons/Amari  
 10– Paula Carey  
 18 – Orville Schinke  
 20 – Joyce June  
 21 – Lucy Billings  
 22 – Charles Russell  
 24 – Jerry Brous  
 25 – Jack Koontz  
 26 – Betty Lugar  
 27– Dave Norton  
 29 – Margaret Krebill  
 31 – Bob Stuvell

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 – John Tenison  
 4 – Linda Ranes  
 7 – Trudie Tenison  
 11 – Bob Abbott  
 18 – Cliff Dulcich  
 19 – Gil Carey  
 20 – Lola Wood  
 23 – Sheila Miller  
 23 – Bill Pulsipher  
 27 – Mary Ann Obst  
 28 – Bonnie Keefe

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

18 – Loyce & Laney Finch  
 18 – Jim and Joyce June  
 24 – Bob and Caren Collins

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4 – Jim & Mary Gallivan  
 8 – Ro & Al Benish  
 9 – Phil & Gene Sharp  
 29 – Dave and Beth Norton  
 30 – Jim & Beverly Hughes



## Ranch Hands moving in, moving on and moving around

### Moving In

Lot 21— Dave & Vicki McKenna

### Moving On

Lot 21— Orv and Marge Schinke

### Moving Around

## Committee Contacts

**Beautification**—Lucy Billings

**Building & Safety**—Pat Bilberry

**Finance**—Beth Norfton

**Governing Documents**—Nettie Haase

**Library/Video**—Betty Lugar

**Long Range Planning**—Richard Baker

**Lot Transfer—Keeper of the Keys:** Sherry Lumb, Chris Giffin, Debra Simmons-Amari, Beth Norton

**Nominating**—Tony Simmons-Amari

**Palaver**—Pam McMickin

**Promotion**—Lois Boose

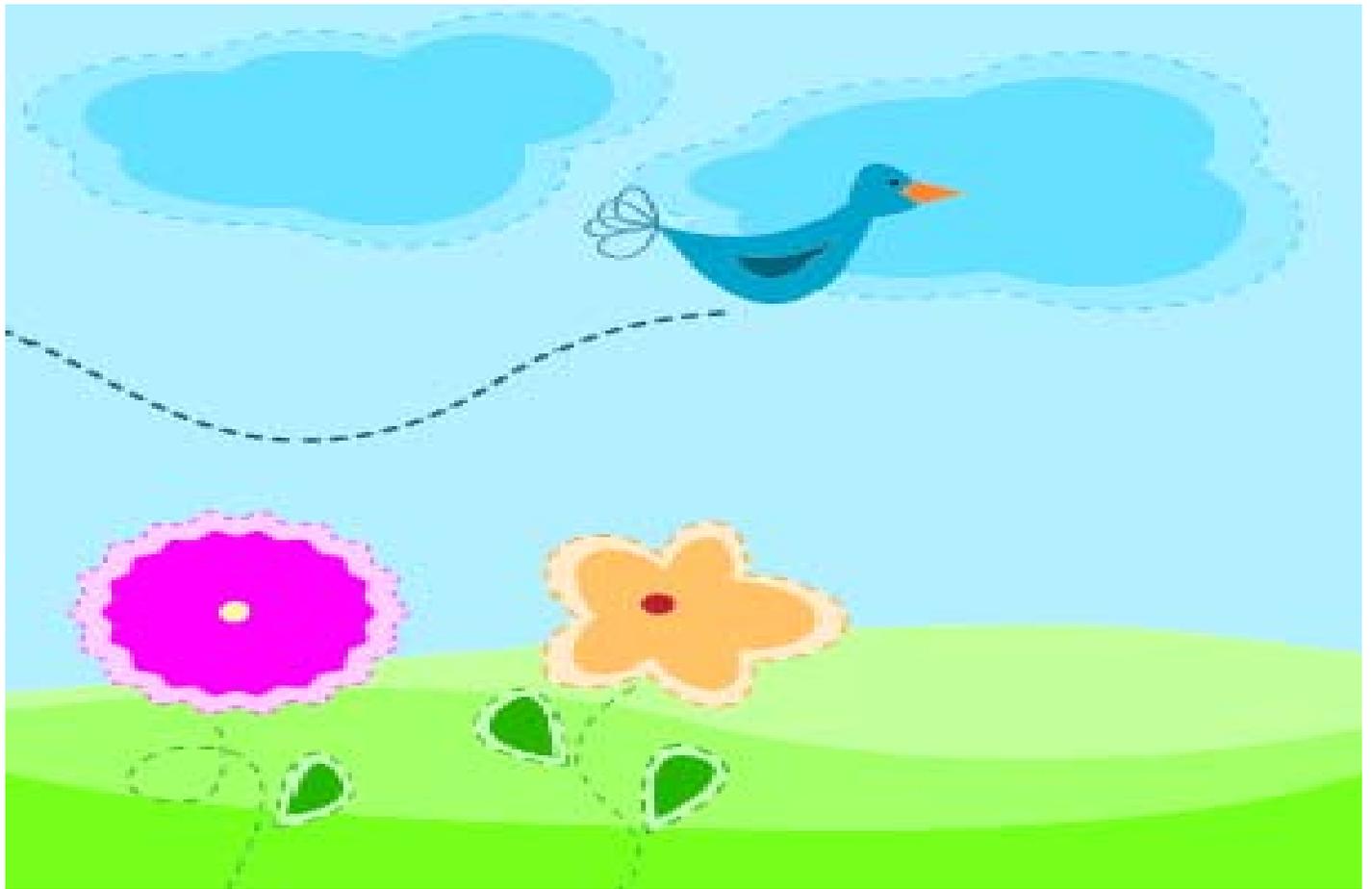
**Ranch Hands**—Marilyn Railey

**Shop**—Dennis Bratcher

**Water**—Richard Wygant

**Welcome**—Susan Crunk

**WiFi**—Pam McMickin



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