

NATURES TALES

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Very Sad News

You have probably heard by now that the medical problems which Sandy had battled bravely for many years won out on June 30th. Sandy passed away peacefully in her sleep, and she will be greatly missed by all of her Natures family. A Memorial Celebration of Life was held for Sandy at Natures on July 7th. We extend our sincere condolences to all of Sandy's family.

When Sandy and Bill bought into Natures Resort they both added their individual touches to the park. Although the things that Sandy did for Natures might not be as obvious as Bill's sculptures, they played a huge part in creating the friendly, caring atmosphere which pervades the park today. Her plants, palm trees and the orchard will be constant reminders of her. Her cheerful personality, smile and kind words to everyone that she came in contact with will always be missed.

From Nature to Natures Resort – A History.
by Mary Sue H. Rosenberger

Chapter Two

Phase II at Natures began in the summer of 2002. The south portion of the property was cleared of its share of vegetation, including trees so dense they had to be removed branch by branch. Additional caliche roads were laid out creating a complete rectangle of accessibility within the park. Sixty more sites were created in the newly-cleared area.



Clearing the Vegetation

This was Natures Resort's third season in operation so it was time to organize the human nature within the park for the development of a friendly and active community. A constitution and by-laws were developed and approved by club membership creating the "Natures Resort Fun Activities Association." This group is governed by an elected board of residents and is responsible for all community activities.

With the rectangle of roads completed, development of the in-field continued. Four pétanque courts had been an early addition there. Over the years horseshoe pits, and shuffleboard were added. A garden with an inviting gazebo was planted there and now

contains several lovely memorial markers. A Wi-Fi system was also installed in the park.

Natures Resort was also interested in developing relationships beyond its own privacy fence. In June of 2004, the club hosted the SWSA Convention. (In 2005, the name of the organization was changed to AANR-SW.)



Paving the Roads

Three years later, in March of 2007, they sponsored the first annual “Fun-in-the-Sun” weekend. All AANR-SW club members were invited to come to enjoy themselves sunning, swimming, or visiting. Friendly competition in pétanque, water volleyball, pool, horseshoes, shuffleboard, euchre and other past-times is also an important part of the week-end.

Tidbits from Speckles, Natures Proud Cat.

Those pesky baby bunnies are keeping me busy – but I’m still finding time to relax in our wonderful sunshine. The park is quiet, but the people here still have lots of fun. They always seem to be eating!

- There were 45 people at the Memorial Day Barbeque, and the food was delicious. Dan and Jan did a great job with the chicken!

- The Volleyball Pool was emptied, and all the flaking plaster was chipped out. Then it was re-plastered. Misty took photos of all this to show you, but she never checked her camera between shots and none of them came out! So you will just have to take my word for it – it looks great!
- You should have seen all the food at the July 4th picnic organized by Carolann & Chuck! Everyone had a great time – and came back on the 5th for root beer floats and leftovers!
- A couple of killdeers built their nest in the Memorial Garden, and made a big noise when anyone came near. All four eggs hatched and the babies looked so cute. Mom & Dad Killdeer made such a racket when I came too close to them that they scared me half to death. All four babies are fully grown now and you can see them running around the park.



Look carefully and you can see the eggs under Mrs. Killdeer’s chest

- Although we had no damage from Hurricane Alex, all the rain caused the Rio Grande River to flood its banks, and Falcon Dam had to release millions of gallons of water to prevent it from

overflowing. The result of this is severe flooding along the Rio Grande River, and the crops planted in the floodways are under water. Jim took photos to share with you.



Pepe's IN the river. Photo courtesy of Jim.



Floodway Photo courtesy of Jim

- Denny, Raqualla, Richard and Bill S. spent many, many hours working on the guest room balcony. Bill and Richard put up new deck boards, and Denny, Raqualla and Richard put up new railing and covered the ugly wood. They also added stairs from the balcony to the

pool area. It looks awesome. Thanks guys!

- Art & Terry bought a new house for Tabetha. Tabetha is allowing them to live in it too. It looks great!



Art & Terry's New House

- The owners, together with everyone at Natures, celebrated the 3rd anniversary of the "New" Natures.
- On July 10th everyone jumped in the pool so that they could be counted for the annual AANR Guinness World Record Skinny Dip. I'm not allowed in the pool so I couldn't get counted. The youngest person was Dan & Marty's granddaughter who was 5 months old – and the oldest person was Al V. who is 80. The total count was 32 people which was 9 more than last year. After the count everyone had root beer floats, cake and ice cream. See, I'm right. Everyone is always eating!

That's all from me. I hope you're having a purrrfect summer!

