

# The Scoop

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **32nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament**  
**Monday, May 6th**  
Diamondback Golf Club  
**Sponsorships Available**
- **Abilene Gives**  
Tuesday, May 7th
- **2024 Sporting Clays Classic**  
Saturday, August 24th

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## I thought you would like to know....

It's hard to believe that summer is almost here. Because of the mild winter it is possible that this summer will be long and hot. That is a worry as so many of the people enrolled on Meals on Wheels are among those disproportionately affected by extreme heat. Included are older adults (age 65+), those living on a low income and those who have chronic medical conditions.



Betty L. Bradley

The Meals on Wheels fund to buy electric fans for our clients this summer is empty. Electric fans aren't the best solution when it's extremely hot, but it's better than nothing. There is a great need for donations made specifically to purchase electric fans for the most needy of our more than 1,500 clients.

Meals on Wheels America (MOWA) recently released some alarming statistics about the escalating issue of Senior Hunger. Some of the facts are:

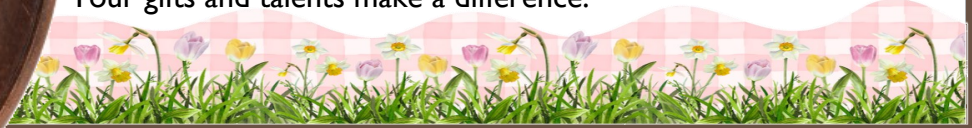
- Older Americans are living longer with less money
- 1 in 2 Seniors living alone lacks the income to pay for basic needs
- Older adults are already at higher risk of malnutrition due to decreased appetite, mobility issues, prescription medications and more.
- Meals on Wheels can serve meals for an entire year for roughly the same cost as a day in the hospital or 10 days in a nursing home.

Although MOWA focuses on seniors, and does not include younger adults with disabilities, it is possible that the stats for adults with disabilities are even more alarming.

Meals on Wheels Plus is struggling to meet the growing need. Last year we added Lawn and Aspermont to our delivery area. This year we are adding Tuscola. Some of our challenges are:

- Lack of funding to pay for meals
- Difficulty recruiting and retaining volunteers
- The rising cost of everything from food and meal packaging to insurance and utilities.

Please join us by making a monthly donation as you are able. By signing up to deliver meals. By remembering Meals on Wheels as you work on your estate plan. You can play an important role in making sure that this life giving service will be here for all those who need as now, as well as those who will need us in the future. Your gifts and talents make a difference.



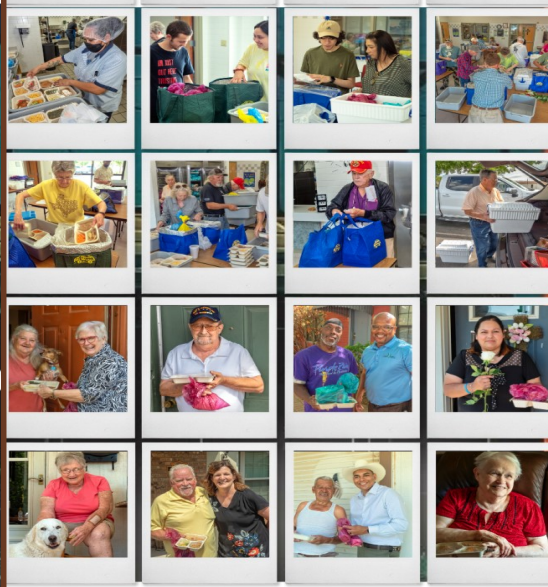


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MEALS ON WHEELS

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JOURNEY

Be a Part of Something Extraordinary.

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→ or call our Volunteer Coordinators  
Nancy Ruelas or Maria Jimenez  
at (325) 672-5050



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**Driving away hunger one meal at a time!**

*"The Mission of Meals on Wheels is to enhance the quality of life for seniors and other eligible adults by providing nutritionally balanced meals and supportive services."*

How can you help?

\*DELIVERING MEALS\*



\*GROCERIES ON WHEELS\*



PET SUPPORT PROGRAM  
PETS TO THE VET • PET FOOD ON WHEELS

VOLUNTEERS  
OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 2024



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MARCH 2024



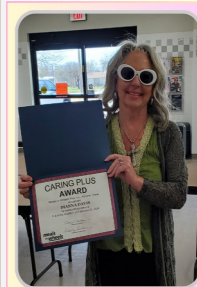
DWIGHT & PATTY WILLIAMS

"Care Plus" Awards  
Compassion to Action

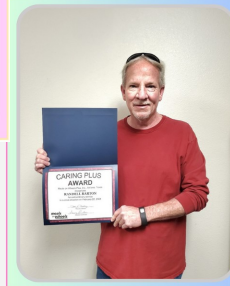
Honoring Volunteers who found a  
Meal Recipient in a crisis situation

Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, financial status, race, national origin, gender, creed, disability, religion or political belief. Special emphasis is given to frail/ at risk senior adults and/or younger adults with one or more disabilities.  
Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc. receives partial funding from the Texas Health & Human Services Commission. Meals on Wheels Plus is classified as a charitable 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS.

Randell Barton



Dianna Davis



Mary Lou Sipe





# 2024 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

## MAY 6, 2024

MONDAY

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

8:30 am  
1:30 pm  
Flights

2024 Sponsorships are now **AVAILABLE!**



\*\* INDIVIDUAL GOLFERS WELCOME \*\*

REGISTER NOW!

### PRIZES

- 1st & 2nd Place Teams for both morning & afternoon Flights
- Longest Drive Challenge for Men & Women
- Closest to the Pin
- Hole-in-one prizes at Hole 2 / Hole 8 Hole 12 / Hole 14

### Signature Sponsors

Dian Graves Owen  
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JUD POWELL

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HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSORS



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Per Person



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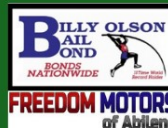
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Get More Info :

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Contact JoAnne or Betty / e-mail  
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BARBER FOUNDATION

Sign-up to be a Volunteer at the Golf Tournament

Signature Sponsor	Platinum Sponsor	Diamond Sponsor	Blue Chip Sponsor	Gold Sponsor
\$7,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
	Hole Sponsor	Name Sponsor		
	\$300	\$200		



RICHARD & CAMMIE  
PETREE

Monday, May 6, 2024 - Two Shifts Available  
7:30 am to 12:30 am  
12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

- Registration Table
- Golf Hole Monitors
- Runners for Event
- Plinko Board Hosts
- Raffle Ticket Tables
- Set-up / Take Down
- Mulligan & String Theory
- Anywhere that is needed



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## In Loving Memory

Memorials for December 31, 2023 to March 14, 2024



### James David Adams

David & Paula Cason  
Stephanie Murillo  
Patsy Patterson

### Bob Ake

Sterling & Linda Robertson

### Matt Albaugh

Vance & Chris Goodard

### Liandra Alcorta

Peter Agnell

### Aunt Loretta

The Weaver Family

### Loretta Alexander

Carol & Vic Corley

Lydia Couch

Nan Egger

Barry & Linda Hoefler

Darrell & Miriam Parrish

Curtis & Susan Pittman

Michael Stroope

### Paul Arnold

Robert & Brenda Grant

### Veronica Aviles

Gary & Evanet Gallant

### Brenda Balkum

Mickey Balkum

### Jimmy Beasley

Cheryl Lewis

### Virginia Glynn Breland

Joyce Middleton

Sterling & Linda Robertson

### Barbradon Brooks

Bonnie Miller

### Al Camp

Robert & Brenda Grant

### Sam Carroll

Grace Carroll

### Ruby Carter

Kathy Conklin & Family

Cheryl Lewis

Paula Rodgers & Family

Charlie & Terry Shira

Claressa & Gary Thornton

### Richard Casey

Hazel Casey

### R.B. Choate

Larry & Suzanne McMillon

### Wanda Collett

Larry & Suzanne McMillon

### Sylvie Conner

Dorothy A. Davidson

### Elizabeth Lee Cook

Bill & Gena Brown

Marty & Lesli Frey

Rodney & Debbie Gordon

### Thomas Cranor

Dorothy A. Davidson

### Steve & Kay Dawson

Martin & Lucy Dawson

### Gene Ditmore

Ernie & Maryanne

Anderson

Betty Casteel

Robert & Brenda Grant

### Bobye Eagleston

Ginda Abraham

Kate Cornelius

Michael Joseph Franko

Sylvia Priest

Glenn Pruitt

Susan & Mark Russell

Scott & Michelle Senter

Steve Senter

White's Chapel United

Methodist Church Chancel

Choir

### Lyndy Edwards

Martin & Lucy Dawson

### Gordon Elford

Lou Dorich

### Bruce Elmore

Sterling & Linda Robertson

### Suzanne Ferguson

George & Gene Stovall

### Doris Freeman

Carlene Spicer

### H.L. Futch

Betty Casteel

### Norma Garza

David Garza

### Maudene Gilbreath

Mary Jo Crowder

### Pamela Glover

Gregg Abbott

Sara Graham

Brian Taylor

### Tom & Gloria Gonzales

Rose Branch

### Dr. Gary Goodnight

Linda & Scott Crocker

### Robert & Joyce Hailey

Norman Hailey

### Cecil Halfmann

Marty & Lesli Frey

### Clifford Halfmann

Alan & Debbie Prachyl

Bernie Prachyl

### Robert Leo Harris

Connie Harris

### Collette Henderson

Margaret Peters

### Phillip Homer

Bill & Gena Brown

### Lois Mae Hood

Lou Dorich

### Dr. Dean Horton

Ace Air Conditioning

### Ina Howell

Juddi Gilmore

### Casey Huff

Martha Kiel

### Jeff Huffine

Patti Miller

### Kathy Johnson

Frank & Jackie Johnson

### Frank Juarez

The First National Bank of

Ballinger

### Steve Kapuscinski

Sterling & Linda Robertson

### Sheryl Koltermann

Jane Hartwell

### Pat Korzenewski

Ace Air Conditioning

### Rebecca "Rebbie" Lange

Rodney & Debbie Gordon

Vernell Kleypas

### June Ledbetter

Susan & Dan Leamy

### Emily Christine Lomax

Patti & Josh Ensor

Jimmy Walker

### Jan Long

Barbara Sojourner

### Sarah & Billy Lucas

Connie Harris

### Patsy Luper

Robyn Sloan

### Lester Ray Martin

Don & Marti McKee

### Mike Martin

LaNell Grigsby

### Ray Martin

Jami Bunnell

Betty Casteel

### Kelly Matschek

Vernell Kleypas

James & Lema Rose

### Cathy Harris McCleary

Robert & Brenda Grant

### Jerry McCutchen

Ernie & Maryanne

Anderson

### Kay Merridith

Linda Taylor

### Ronald Miles

Mary Miles

### Sara Miller

Daniel & Patty Rogers

### Dorine Moeller

Art & Elena Casarez &

Family

Tracie Davis

Marty & Lesli Frey

Mae Dell Jurecek

Vernell Kleypas

Anna Kubenka

Carolyn & Roy McNelly

Paul & Monica

Minzenmayer & Family

### Wanda Moore

Tina Bednar

### Evangalina Morales

Charlie & Terry Shira

### Athlene Mullins

David Ballard

### Rick Mullins

Larry & Suzanne McMillon

### Don Neal

Heather Ake

### Carol Newberry

Ace Air Conditioning

### Betty V. Novak

Frederick V. Novak

### Mr. & Mrs. E. Oliver

Michele Herod

### Herb Patterson

Lynda Goble

### Ylario Perez, Jr.

Lupe Castillo

### Ylario & Mercedes

Perez, Sr.

Lupe Castillo



**In Loving Memory, Cont.**

**Diana Prock**  
Rickey & Pug Parris

**Jim Rea**  
Vance & Chris Goddard

**Marian Reeder**  
Sterling & Linda Robertson

**Sandra Demler Reeves**  
James & Lema Rose

**Jane Rhodes**  
Cindy Rhodes

**Bill & Suann Roberts**  
Donna Bullock

**Tex Robin**  
Leonard & Cynthia Whitfield

**Julie Rodriquez**  
Robert & Brenda Grant

**Jessie Odelia "DeDe" Schmitt**  
Irma Fulbright  
Marion & Glenda Simpson

**Roy Lee Schultz**  
Connie Harris

**Bill Sides**  
Chris & Vance Goddard  
David & Jan Klassen

**Bennie Lou & Jr. Smith**  
Joyce Rhone

**Margaret Trigg Sparks**  
Sterling & Linda Robertson

**Glenda Stringfellow**  
Benjamin Alexander

**Luther Summers**  
Priss Springer

**Toby Taylor**  
Tom & Dianne Hawkins

**William Lee "Bill" Thompson**  
Shae, Taras and Kane, Kaden  
Linda Rutledge

**Joni Trevino**  
Ace Air Conditioning

**Samuel Joed Vallery**  
Larry & Suzanne McMillon

**Arlen Aldis Vaughan**  
Rodney & Debbie Gordon  
James & Lema Rose

**Janie Lou Wade**  
Sherri & Randy Chapman  
Mike & Peggy Dankworth

**Janie Lou Wade cont.**  
Debra & Conner Frankhouser  
Marty & Lesli Frey  
Deborah Jennings  
Carolyn & Roy McNelly  
Linda & Jim Stubblefield

**Martha Watts**  
Cheryl Lewis

**James Lawrance Weston**  
Norma Weston

**Emogene R. Whaley**  
Bernard L. Whaley

**Nicholas Whitaker**  
Martha Kiel

**Doris Williams**  
Robin Burrow

**Barbara Womack**  
Betty Casteel

**Robert Wood**  
Marty & Lesli Frey  
Phillip & Donna Springer



*In Honor of*

**Bill Alexander**  
Bill & Suzy McMaster

**John & Mary Barton**  
Bob & Betty Hale

**Beckie Cox**  
Carlton & Sally Villers

**Beverly Guerra & All the Hamil Volunteers**  
Cheryl Lewis

**Tom & Dianne Hawkins**  
Marjorie Flasher

**Meals on Wheels**  
Jesus Martinez

**Billy Sellers**  
Vicki Harris Sconce

**Gary & Cindy Steen**  
Jimmie & Shannon Caughron

**Marcus Wiley**  
Michael & Melissa Bailiff

**Ila Mae Grisham**  
Margie Wheeler

*Happy Birthday*

**Delorez Castro**  
Patti Miller

**Abby Parham**  
Keith & Tonya Benfer

*Happy Birthday*

**Betty Bradley**  
Jaime Pena

**Fred Novak**  
Denise Zink

*Don't forget!*

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**ABILENE GIVES**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

What a difference a day makes

Tuesday, May 7 • 8a.m. – 8p.m.  
[abilenegives.org](http://abilenegives.org)

**Abilene Gives** is a 12-hour online giving event designed to empower every person to give back to their community by supporting local nonprofit organizations and causes they care about on one easy-to-use platform.

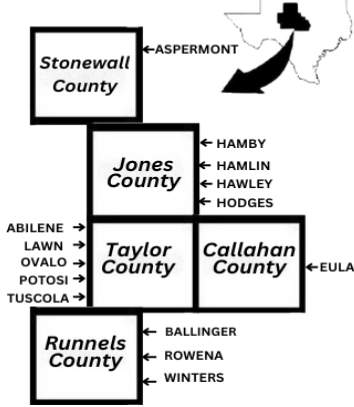
Giving to Meals on Wheels Plus has never been easier and this year we have a Matching Challenge, so let's make this the most successful Abilene Gives fundraiser we've ever had?

On **May 7, 2024** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. go online to [www.abilenegives.org](http://www.abilenegives.org) and make your donation to **Meals on Wheels Plus**. You will make a difference!

For questions contact [jglantz@mealsonwheelsplus.com](mailto:jglantz@mealsonwheelsplus.com).

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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

*"THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GIVING"*

**My great-grandmother raised five children after the sudden death of my great-grandfather and she remained single all her life. This must have been around 1890, and in the early years the family lived in a half dugout a few miles from Big Springs, TX. During one winter some of the children playing outside spotted a side of beef hung on a fencepost. My great-grandmother came to understand that it was an anonymous gift, left by a caring neighbor.**

**My way of paying that forward in gratitude is to donate, when I can, to Meals on Wheels Plus Abilene. This non-profit organization delivers about 1350 to 1370 meals per day in our city and surrounding communities to those who are homebound, frail or ill, and often isolated. These meals are delivered with a smile and a kind word.**

**I understand there are many fine organizations all over the world one can donate to. I have chosen to support our local Meals on Wheels because of the quiet generosity of one neighbor, one winter, so many years ago.**