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## 2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan		Colorado Retiree Luncheon	CANCELLED
Feb TBD		Colorado General Membership & Planning Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Mar 23rd - 28th	NA	FCRV International Retiree Rally	Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, TX
Apr TBD	NA	Colorado Field Staff Meeting Dependent on COVID 19	TBD
May 13th - 16th	NA	Colorado Spring Fling Dependent on COVID 19	TBD
Jun TBD	NA	Colorado Retiree Rally Dependent on COVID 19	
Jul 11th - 16th	NA	2021 International Campvention	Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI
Sep 20th—24th	NA	<b>Southern Colorado Retiree Rally</b>	<b>Pueblo South KOA, Colorado City, CO</b>
Oct TBD	NA	Colorado Fall Campout	TBD

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## **EMBERS CUT OFF DATES**

<b>Jan - Feb</b>	<b>Dec 15th</b>
<b>Mar - Apr</b>	<b>Feb 15th</b>
<b>May - Jun</b>	<b>Apr 15th</b>
<b>Jul - Aug</b>	<b>Jun 15th</b>
<b>Sep - Oct</b>	<b>Aug 15th</b>
<b>Nov - Dec</b>	<b>Oct 15th</b>

Article submission is for chapters, program chairmen and members who have news or interesting articles or classified ads that they would like to share with the membership.

***ARTICLES MUST BE TYPED, PHOTOS MUST BE SCANNED INTO THE WORK DOCUMENT OR EMAIL INCLUDE YOUR CHAPTER NAME & YOUR NAME***

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*Teresa Walorski*

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- Bolo & Regular Horseshoes
- Bumper & Paddle Boats
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- Wading pool—Ends 9/7/2015
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# CHAPTER NEWS

## Adventures with the Camp Stars

Well, COVID has drastically curtailed the activities of the Camp Stars, just like everyone else. We did manage to get in a campout at Golden Gate Canyon State Park in September. We had an excellent turnout, and everyone did a pretty nice job of social distancing, while still enjoying the social part of the equation. There was a beautiful hike near the campground, and most of the members were able to handle that. We were blessed with fantastic weather for the weekend. I had forgotten what a beautiful place that is.



For our November meeting and our December Christmas Party we met via Zoom. It was nice to see everybody and catch up on what's happening, but I hope this doesn't become a common practice in the future. Anyway, we all exchanged greetings and well wishes and then conducted our meeting which was mostly the planning session for our 2021 camping schedule.



November



Christmas Party

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Trailblazers

Our September campout didn't quite go as planned. Our group had originally planned a "Mystery" Campout for September. No one but the hosts would know where we were going. We would have found out the night before. Everyone thought this would be so much fun! Unfortunately, the pandemic changed our plans. In 2021 we'll try again! Luckily, we were able to go to Pueblo South KOA for our campout. Thank you to Mary Bernard for hosting the September campout!

Our first night, due to state wide fire restrictions, we had a glow stick fire! It worked! While sitting around the "campfire" we went around the circle and shared a memory in our life. It was really interesting and entertaining to hear the stories!

With Halloween drawing near, Mary planned an evening of trick-or-treating for our group. Members put two bowls outside their rig. One bowl was filled with treats for the trick-or-treaters. The second bowl was for positive notes that we wrote to one another. We all had a wonderful time laughing and visiting-all while social distancing!

We had a good time playing miniature golf and bocce ball. The weather was beautiful so that we could all be outside.

The highlight of the campout was the game "To Tell the Truth"! Before the campout, Mary asked everyone to send her something that no one in the group knew about you. It was a great evening! Russ Skillman did a fantastic job as MC. He was witty, funny, and quick with the jokes! We have never laughed so hard! And the things we found out about our members! One of our members was on the Price is Right when it came to Colorado Springs about five years ago-she won a washer and dryer. Another member, he was a...can't tell you! We still can't believe it!

We had so much fun!

Another great campout! We are just happy that we can camp and be together-even with the restrictions. Take care and be safe!

Submitted by Cathy Vegvary



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Roadrunners

2020 ended with us staying within our bubbles, keeping safe and healthy and not hosting any group activities, our Thanksgiving and Holiday events were cancelled, of course. Our outdoor camping activities for the year seem like distant memories.

In October, the Roadrunners enjoyed their last event of 2020, which was our annual Fall camp out at Riverview. We enjoyed a sunny and warm Fall weekend, with only one smoke-filled day from the nearby wildland fires. Most of the gang was present for this event and feasted on Nesvold's "brat pot" and participated in Judy Nesvold's craft project-- pumpkins made from wine corks.



With a campfire ban in effect, we still enjoyed the warmth and glow of two propane gas fire pits and told our famous stories and shared our laughter in spite of 2020!

Durango was the destination in August for a few people in the chapter. They were spaced out in their private coach on the Durango/Silverton train (which was unable to travel all the way to Silverton due to previous fire damage) and enjoyed a delicious cowboy BBQ dinner in Durango.



For 2021, most outdoor camping events are scheduled and we'll have to see what the other seasons bring for indoor activities. 2021 camping season can't come soon enough!!

Submitted by--Connie Davidson, Secretary

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Silver Foxes

After several meeting cancellations, our chapter took the plunge and met in LaVeta, Colorado. We collected 17 members and a few former members as guests at a KOA named Circle the Wagons. This pleasant campground is located conveniently to downtown -- we could walk to the main area -- and not far from Walsenburg. With many of our members struggling with health issues, we did not plan any strenuous activities, but met for chatting each day. We caught up on each other's news, and the board held a meeting. We were glad just to see our family.

Submitted by: Helen Stanko



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Mile High Gypsies

Hello to all of our fellow campers. We hope you were able to get a few more campouts in before having to store your units for the winter. We are disappointed that we couldn't get more outings in during the year of 2020. But we know we weren't alone.

We have postponed our winter meetings until we get the go-ahead for them from the governor.

Meanwhile, we have been in contact by e-mail in planning our hoped-for campouts for 2021. Each member family and our prospective member families will submit their top 2 or 3 favorite camping places to our Secretary. Carol will then put together a schedule for us. Thank you, Carol.

We are happy to have Terry and Kelley back from Texas. Terry fulfilled a long-time dream of working for our Lord by working a year, helping to re-hab houses. It was a wonderful experience for them. Now, we know they are as anxious to get out on the campground as we all are. Welcome back, camping friends.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope your Christmas was great.

Submitted by Jan Johnston

## Woodland Wookies

A New Year A New Beginning...Our 2020 Year was certainly a interesting one.. The Wookies did do a few Campouts and felt so happy and thrilled about it that is for sure..

Last February the Wookiee Attended The Ice Festival in Cripple Creek was Grreat! This 2021 Season Cripple Creek Cancelled all together.



With a heavy heart The Glovers had to say farewell to their black Lab Izzy ...Hence the photo of their 12 year old sweetheart.. It is very hard to let go of one's faithful, camping companion, as everyone knows pets are family. Friendships are formed in FCRV to say the least. Camping time is so much better with fellowship along with enjoyment, sharing all of our passions for the great outdoors and everything that it involves!!



With This, The Woodland Wookies Say " Happy New Year All!"



Submitted by: MaryAnn Glover, Field Director

# Slow—Cooker Chicken Pozole

<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a55758/crock-pot-mexican-posole-recipe/>

**YIELDS:**

**4 - 6**

**PREP TIME:**

**0** HOURS **10** MINS

**TOTAL TIME:**

**6** HOURS **40** MINS

## INGREDIENTS

4 c. low-sodium chicken broth  
 3 boneless skinless chicken breasts  
 2 poblano peppers, chopped  
 1 white onion, chopped  
 2 cloves garlic, minced  
 1 tbsp. cumin  
 1 tbsp. oregano  
 2 tsp. chili powder  
 2 tsp. kosher salt  
 Freshly ground black pepper  
 2 (15-oz) cans hominy, drained and rinsed  
 Thinly sliced radishes, for garnish  
 Sliced green cabbage, for garnish  
 Fresh cilantro, for garnish

## DIRECTIONS

- 1** | Place all ingredients except hominy and garnishes into the slow cooker. Cook on low for 6 to 8 hours, until the chicken is tender and cooked through.
- 2** | Take chicken out of slow cooker and shred with two forks. Return to the slow cooker along with the hominy and cook for another 30 minutes.
- 3** | Serve soup into bowls and garnish with radish, cabbage and cilantro.

Did you know...  
 The earliest archaeological evidence for the consumption of soup dates back to 6000 BC, and it was Hippopotamus Soup.  
**NOW YOU KNOW**

**Bacon Wrapped Pretzels:**

<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a34604948/bacon-wrapped-pretzels-recipe/>

**3** DOZEN**0** HOURS **10** MINS**1** HOUR **15** MINS**INGREDIENTS**

1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan  
 1 1/2 tsp. packed light brown sugar  
 1 tsp. sweet paprika  
 1/2 tsp. ground cumin  
 1/2 tsp. ground coriander  
 1/4 tsp. granulated garlic  
 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper  
 Granulated garlic  
 9 thinly sliced pieces of bacon, quartered crosswise  
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 Ranch dressing and fresh dill sprigs, for serving

**DIRECTIONS**

- 1** | Preheat oven to 350° and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2** | In a small bowl, combine the parmesan, brown sugar, paprika, cumin, coriander, garlic, and black pepper.
- 3** | Tightly wrap each pretzel with a piece of the bacon arrange evenly spaced, seam-side down on prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle tops generously with Parmesan mixture.
- 4** | Bake until bacon is cooked through and bites are crispy, 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool.
- 5** | Serve with ranch for dipping and sprinkle with dill.

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## **In Remembrance**

**Len Durbin - 1933 - Oct 28, 2020**

Longtime member of the Gray Wolves

We extend our sympathy to Wanda and their family

**Rick Dunning - Dec 26, 2020**

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**RALLY STARTS: MARCH 23 THRU MARCH 28, 2021**  
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<u>MARCH 9, 2021</u>		
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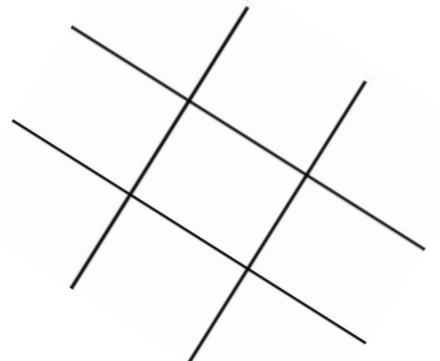
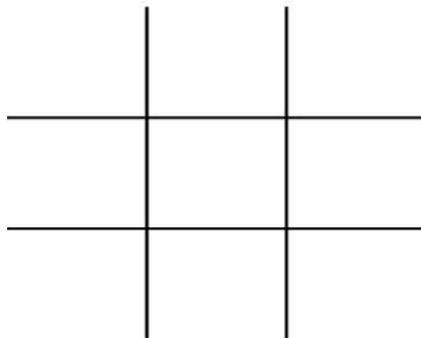
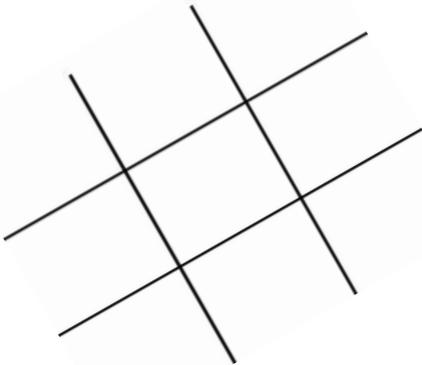
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# KIDS KORNER



## TIC TAC TOE



## RV Winterizing Tips

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Now we can winterize the RV water system to protect it from freezing. Be sure to read your owners manuals for unit specific winterizing guidelines. Follow the steps below that apply to your RV.

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- Drain the fresh water holding tank.
- Drain and flush the gray and black holding tanks. If your RV doesn't have a built in tank flushing system clean the black tank out with a wand, or use a product like Flush King that allows you to clean both the black and gray tanks. Lubricate the termination valves with WD 40.
- Drain the water heater. Remove the drain plug and open the pressure relief valve. **CAUTION (never drain the water heater when it is hot or under pressure)**
- Open all hot and cold faucets; don't forget the toilet valve and outside shower.
- Locate and open the low point drain lines. There will be one for the hot and cold water lines. Using the water pump will help force water out, but turn it off as soon as the system is drained.
- Recap all drains and close all faucets.
- By-pass the water heater. If you do not have a by-pass kit installed the water heater will fill up with antifreeze before it goes through the water lines, wasting six gallons of antifreeze.
- Install a water pump converter kit, or disconnect the inlet side of the water pump (the line coming from the fresh water holding tank). Connect a piece of clear tubing to the inlet side of the pump and put the other end into a one gallon container of non-toxic RV antifreeze.
- Turn the water pump on and pressurize the system. Starting with the closest faucet, slowly open the hot and then cold valves until antifreeze appears. Replace the antifreeze container as required.
- Repeat this process on all faucets from the closest to the farthest away. Don't forget the outside shower, if equipped.
- Flush the toilet until antifreeze appears.
- Turn the water pump off and open a faucet to release the pressure. Go outside to the city water inlet. Remove the small screen over the inlet and push in on the valve with a small screwdriver until you see antifreeze. Replace the screen.
- Pour a cupful of antifreeze down each drain. Pour a couple of cups in the toilet and flush into the holding tank.
- If your water heater has an electric heating element make sure it is turned off. This will protect the element if the unit is plugged in while being stored.
- Make sure all the faucets are closed.
- Consult your owner manuals for winterizing icemakers and washing machines.

The unit is winterized.

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