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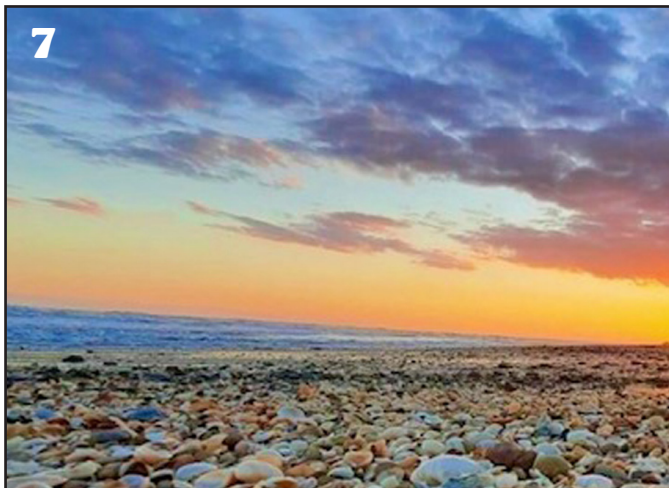
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**I**t's that time of year again. The weather is cooler, the days are shorter, and nights are longer. Winter has arrived. Christmas is just around the corner, so remember to spend time with the ones you love. Don't get so caught up in the rush of the season that you forget the real meaning of Christmas.

Take a look at Pages 6 and 7 that feature our "Campground Highlight" for Bryce Valley Ranch RV in Cannonville, UT and Reel Lucky RV Park in Sargent, TX. These are just two of our newest parks.

Barbara Oliver, Page 8, takes us on an adventure of the Black Canyon of Gunnison National Park, one of the nation's most breathtaking scenic treasures.

Take a look on Page 11 a twist on the loved Pecan Pie, Pecan Cream Deep Dish Pie, Yum.

Still haven't finished your Christmas shopping? Well, look no further! Give the gift that will make a special person in your life "smile big" whenever they "save big" using their Passport America gift membership. See Page 18 for details.

Great news! Our 30th Special Anniversary Edition of the Passport America Camping Directory has been printed and is being shipped to our office as I write. The new directories should start shipping in mid-January 2022. Passport America has over 1,200+ Quality Campgrounds

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Enjoy this season with your loved ones, and be sure to reflect on all the things for which you are thankful. Everyone at Passport America would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*April Tellingm*  
Next Issue: Happy Travels!



**L**akeside Casino & RV Resort, Pahrump, NV — My wife and I found this site while looking for a place to get away from Southern California for a week without having to drive more than a day. This location is really a lot nicer than we expected. The spaces are well placed around a nice small man made lake and lagoon with great views and lots of birds, ducks and geese. A really nice paved walkway all the way around the lake which is closer than the paved roadway which also goes all the way around the lake. The website and the checkin process was fairly simple. Each space has a paved concrete pad and the The Park is dog friendly, on leash of course. The Casino is within walk-in distance and so is the gas station and convenience store. We will definitely stay here again.

**- Victor Ronald Ayala**

Ridgecrest MHC, A Treehouse Community, Ormond Beach, FL — Would like to compliment the manager Mark for being an outstanding individual. He provided me with great customer skills and was pleasant to talk to. The RV Park was awesome, clean and I will visit it again.

**- Dominic Niro**

Roca Azul RV & Resort, Jocotepec, JAL — It's paradise! The sites are huge! The water pressure the best! I just love it! Plus remember, Roca Zzul has the second best weather in the world!

**- Rafael Rafa**

Arizona High Country Campground, Clay Springs, AZ — I'm torn as in I really would rather keep this hidden gem a secret, however, credit should be given where it is due. This is not the overnight spot or the rv resort. This is where you'll spend a few days plus, enjoying a small well kept campground that is off the beaten path with motorized off road trials along with excellent hiking opportunities available immediately outside the campground. With the assistance of the owners and some patience one can get a 40' coach, off road toys and associated trailer tucked in nicely amongst the junipers and enjoy a week long stay as our family does. During our stay in May '21 and again October '21 we found the owners to be very accommodating for large rigs such as ours, as well the smaller rigs we would see come in. They are all ages friendly and off road toys friendly.

**- Steve Larsen**

Camp Sandusky, Sandusky, OH — What a nice campground. We had only one night there, but will do our best to come back and stay a little longer. We understand that there are some excellent fish restaurants in the area which we would like to experience.

**- Christopher Jones**

Terry Bison Ranch, Cheyenne, WY — We had originally booked for 2 nights. Unfortunately we had some major damage to our

tow. We were there for 7 nights. After getting a rental we wandered around this part of Wyoming and saw many things. But the Ranch I can't say enough good about this place. The Steakhouse is great for dinners. Your choice of Beef or Bison. The train ride is full of information on the ranch as well as the critters on the ranch. They have live music 4 nights a week, and we did take advantage of it. The store is full of t-shirts, jewelry, bonnets, and all kinds of sundry. It turned out to be the best part of our trip south to Arizona. Truly can't see why anyone wouldn't want to stop and visit a while.

**- Jean and richard Roen**



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# A Scenic Treasure Story

Text & Photos  
by Barbara Oliver

“Much rocks, big water”....  
This was what the canyon was  
called by the Ute Indians. They  
knew it existed but avoided it out  
of superstition.

The Black Canyon of the

Gunnison National Park is said  
to be one of the nation’s most  
breathtaking scenic treasures.  
Swift waters of the Gunnison  
River and abrasion from the  
sediment it carries are the chief

cutting tools in the deepening of  
Black Canyon. Craved through  
solid granite, the dark canyon  
walls plunge an awe-inspiring  
2,700 feet to the Gunnison River  
below. It has taken two million





years to shape the canyon as we see it today. The canyon's remote and dramatic beauty make it a unique and satisfying destination. There has been more than 300,000 visitors annually.

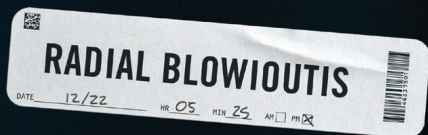
The Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park was first established as a national monument in 1933. It was redesignated as a national park in 1999. It is located in Western Colorado. There are two entrances. The South Rim is 15 miles east of Montrose and the North Rim, 11 miles south of the small town of Crawford. There are 12 overlooks on the South Rim. The North Rim is less developed and less traveled although it boasts even more incredible views. A stop at the visitor center will help you with more information and schedules of activities available.

Although the Ute Indians called it by a different name... it is said that the Black Canyon came by its name because of

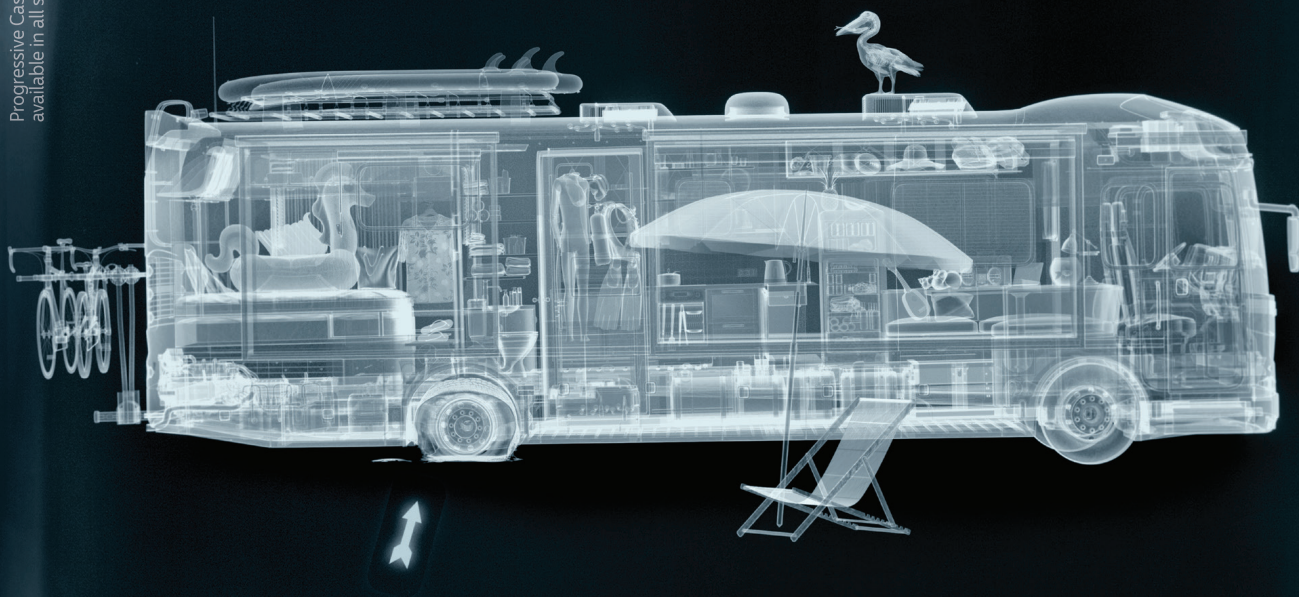
the sheer black cliffs caused in part of the gorge only receiving 33 minutes of sunlight a day.



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An easy dessert recipe with a no-bake filling made from brown sugar swirled with warm melted butter mixed with cream cheese, pecans and whipped topping over a simple pecan shortbread crust. Special enough for Thanksgiving and Christmas but easy enough for anytime!

Recipe and photo from Mandy Rivers - South Your Mouth

<https://www.southyourmouth.com/2021/09/pecan-cream-deep-dish-pie.html>

### INGREDIENTS:

#### Crust:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup butter, at room temp
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans
- Pinch of salt

#### Filling:

- 2 cups finely chopped toasted pecans
- 2 8-oz packs cream cheese, at room temp
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 8-oz tubs cool whip, divided
- Additional chopped pecans for garnish

### DIRECTIONS:

#### Crust:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Combine ingredients with a hand mixer or wooden spoon until incorporated into a dough.
3. Press dough evenly onto the bottom of a 13x9 baking dish (see notes). Bake at 325 degrees for 25-35 minutes or until just slightly browned. Cool completely.
5. TIP: Toast the pecans for the filling in the oven while the crust bakes. Spread pecans on a sheet pan then place the pan on a lower rack; cook for 8-12 minutes or until fragrant and pecans are starting to brown. Cool completely then chop.

#### Filling:

1. Mix cream cheese with an electric mixer until completely smooth.
2. In a separate bowl combine melted butter, brown sugar, vanilla and salt then mix well, breaking up any lumps in the brown sugar if necessary.
3. Add brown sugar mixture to cream cheese then continue mixing until combined.
4. Fold in 1/2 of one tub of cool whip and toasted pecans until mixed well. Reserve other 1/2 of cool whip tub to top the dessert.
5. Gently fold in remaining whole tub of cool whip just until blended (no white streaks).
6. Spread over cooled crust.
7. Spread reserved cool whip over pecan filling or pipe around edges.
8. Garnish with additional chopped pecans.
9. Cover then refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving. Store in refrigerator up to 5 days.

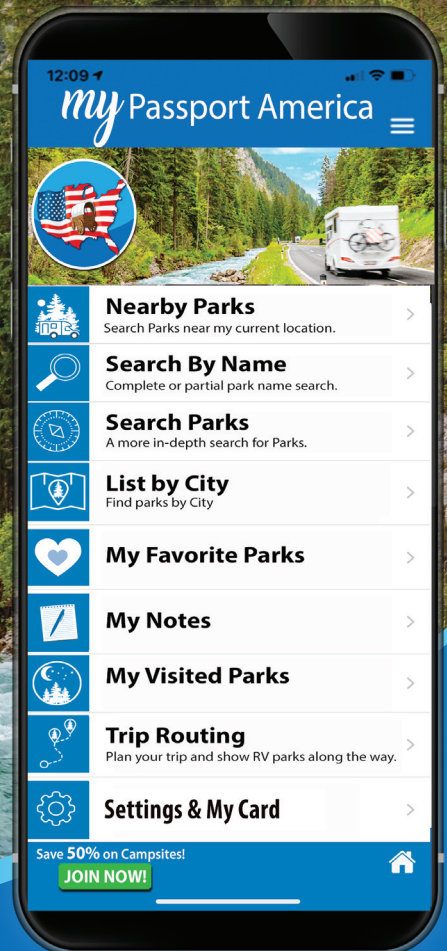


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<https://exchangeclubofalbany.org>  
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### The Shrine Park

222 Shrine Park Dr  
Macon, GA 31206  
(478) 785-5900  
[www.shrinepark.com](http://www.shrinepark.com)  
Rate: \$60.00 - PA Rate: \$30.00

### Wanee Lake Golf Course & RV Park

3821 Georgia Hwy 112 W  
Ashburn, GA 31714  
(229) 567-2727  
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# Remembering The Orphan Train Story

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**T**he orphan train movement was a supervised welfare program that transported poor, homeless and orphaned children from crowded Eastern cities, mainly New York, of the United States to foster homes located largely in rural areas of the Midwest.

The Children's Aid Society, an ambitious and controversial experiment which was the beginning of today's foster care program, sent on an average of 3,000 children by train per year. Totalling approximately 250,000 orphaned children from 1854 to 1929.

Many of the orphaned children came from families that could not

afford to take care of them. Others due to an unregulated influx of immigration, epidemics of infectious illnesses, unsafe working conditions (no child labor laws) and orphanages that were little more than human warehouses...street children selling rags to survive and some ending up in jails with adult inmates.

In the beginning the trains that took children across the country were little better than a cattle car. Conditions improved in later years as more money became available to the organization and in the final years, children rode in sleeping cars.

Most didn't understand what was happening to them but some had been "ordered" by gender and age. Infants went first and teenagers were harder to place. The term "put up for adoption" came from the children being placed on a platform for inspection. It often resembled a livestock auction where teeth were checked and muscles poked.

While being placed free of charge, the families were expected to treat the children as their own by providing food, clothing, a basic education and \$100 when the child reached the age of 21. And once placed in the home, the children were expected to help with farm tasks.



Not all of the orphan children had happy endings. While many were placed in loving homes, some were abused and mistreated. Siblings were separated and in some cases completely lost track with each other. When the program ended in the late 1920's, it was said that 87% of the children had "done well" while 17% had either run away, returned to New York, died or ended up in jail.

In 1951 Norman Rockwell captured it well with his "Little Orphan at the Train" painting. The piece illustrated a story in Good Housekeeping magazine called "Good Boy". The narrator is an old man who remembers being, at age 5, the youngest child on a foundling train that ferries the survivors of an orphanage fire, and their attendant nuns, to cities throughout the Midwest, seeking homes for the boys and girls.

For more information on the Orphan Train Movement, the website is a good place to start. There are books, videos,

documentaries and movies to help you learn more. When out and about with your travels, check out some of these museums:

The National Orphan Train Complex, formerly in Springdale, Arkansas, a museum and research center now located in the restored Union Pacific Station in Concordia, Kansas.

The Orphan Train Museum in Opelousas, Louisiana is the only one of its kind in Louisiana and second in the nation to the Orphan Train Museum in Concordia, Kansas.

The Madison County Museum in Madison, Nebraska has documented the stories of



Orphan Train riders.

And in Michigan, the city of Dowagiac tells the story of the Orphan Train through the exterior mural "Starting a New Life: Dowagiac's Orphan Train Story".



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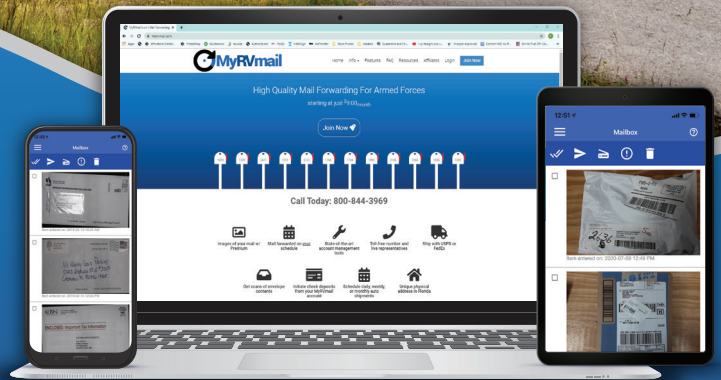


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#### Bingo Month

12/7 - Pearl Harbor Day	12/21 - First Day of Winter
12/8 - National Brownie Day	12/25 - Christmas
12/14 - Roast Chestnuts Day	12/31 - New Year's Eve

### JANUARY

#### National Blood Donor Month

1/3 - Fruitcake Toss Day	1/14 - National Dress Up Your Pet Day
1/4 - National Spaghetti Day	1/17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/8 - Bubble Bath Day	1/23 - National Pie Day

### FEBRUARY

#### American Heart Month

2/2 - Groundhog Day	2/14 - Valentine's Day
2/4 - Thank a Mailman Day	2/17 - Random Act of Kindness Day
2/8 - Kite Flying Day	2/21 - Presidents Day

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