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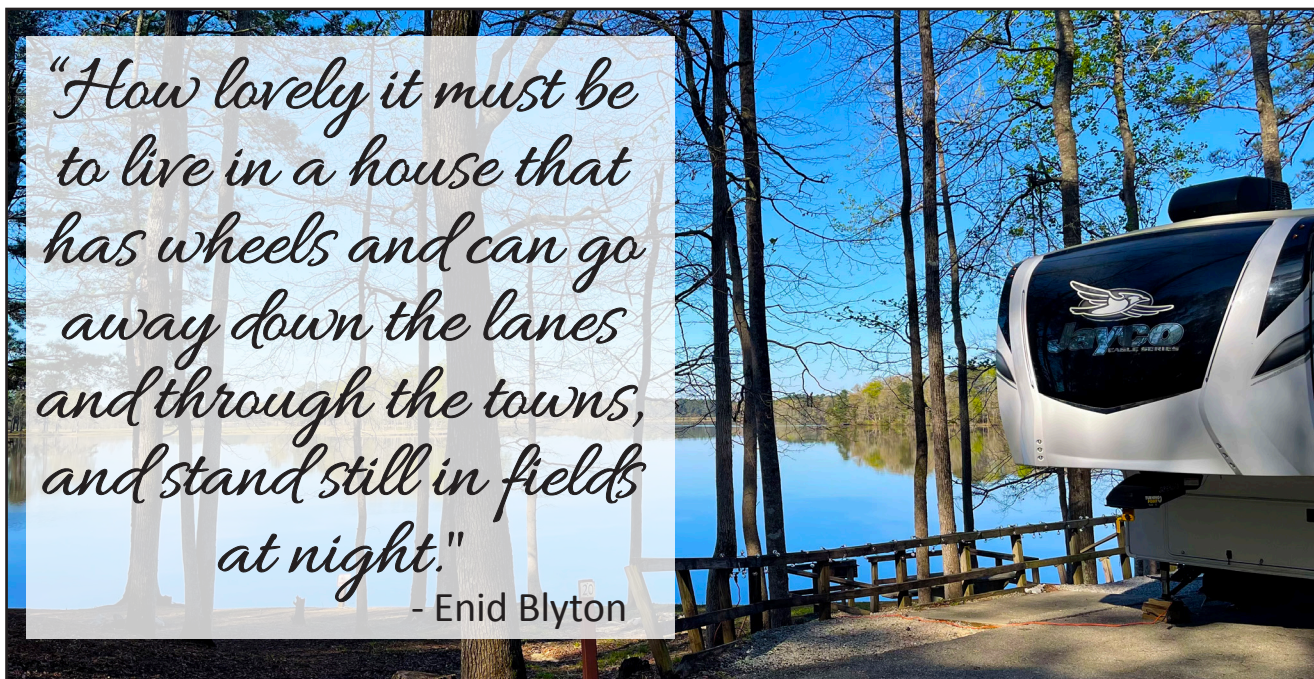
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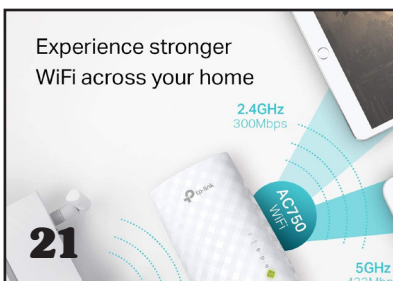
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Editor's Notes

Summer has finally arrived! It's time to hit the road and head out for another great camping adventure. It's time to make memories while sitting around a campfire with family and friends – all sharing news of the day's activities. It's a time to slow down and really appreciate one of the many blessings God has given us – a beautiful country to explore!

Heading to the Texas or Florida area? On page 6, you'll learn about two of Passport America's newest campgrounds one located in Granby, Colorado - River Run RV Resort. In the warm winter Florida sunshine, check out the Southern Leisure RV Resort in Chiefland, Florida.

Barbara Oliver takes us on a trip to Arizona in Biking in the Old Pueblo, see Page 8. For a super-quick and easy breakfast, try the Camping Breakfast Scramble, see Page 11. Then on Page 18, Barbara Oliver shares Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area.

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We wish you safe and happy travels as you travel along our beautiful open roads!

April Fillingim



Feed Back

We arrived in a snowstorm at Grand Canyon Railway Parking in Williams, AZ, and by the time we left, 3 days later it was nearing t-shirt weather. Our neighbors, who had been here for 2 weeks remarked that it had snowed 6 times since they had come and melted away just



as quickly. It was a great place to stay on our way to the Grand Canyon. It is a large RV Park with both pull through and back in sites and can accommodate the largest of RV's and coaches. The sites are all 100% black top with small landscape rock areas separating them. The sites are adequate even with slides extended. There is a fitness trail/ dog walk path circling the park. GC Railway Park is one of the cleanest parks we have stayed in. Other park amenities include: a picnic pavilion with a large fire pit and benches, 2 BBQ's and picnic tables, convenience store, pet kenneling, wifi, cable, playground for kids, basketball and volleyball courts, horseshoes, swimming pool, hot tub, and fitness room. The one thing to keep in mind is that this IS an active train depot. If you don't like trains and the noise they make, this is NOT the place for you. The tracks run directly behind the park and while they don't run 24/7 they do pass through frequently during the day.

- Semmelroth, Cathy

I really liked this park. Friendly people at Pumpkin Patch RV Resort, Hermon, ME. Very clean and well-maintained. Level sites with good spacing. Sites are compact gravel and spacing between sites is grass. Very peaceful outside the



city, but only a few miles to get into Bangor. Wifi is more than sufficient and there are recreation opportunities within the park. I would definitely stay here again.

- Miller, Michael

I accepted a job near Little Bennett Campground, Clarksburg, MD and needed a place to camp while attending work. With the rental and housing market so high, this place along with the Passport America discounts put it in the range of what it cost to rent a room! I've spent time here since January 1 and the staff are welcome and helpful! Great place of 3700 acres with walking trails and still close to the major



highways and amenities. The RV loop is deep inside the park and is accessed via a secure gate. If you are looking for a

place that you can camp in the woods and do a lot of hiking, this is the place for you!

- Long, Daniel

We found our stay at Lakeside Casino & RV Resort, Pahrump, NV wonderful. Staff was so friendly and helpful. The sites were super clean and very well maintained. Gardeners working hard on keeping the rest of the grounds beautifully manicured. Definitely are looking forward to coming back soon.

- Russell, Birgit





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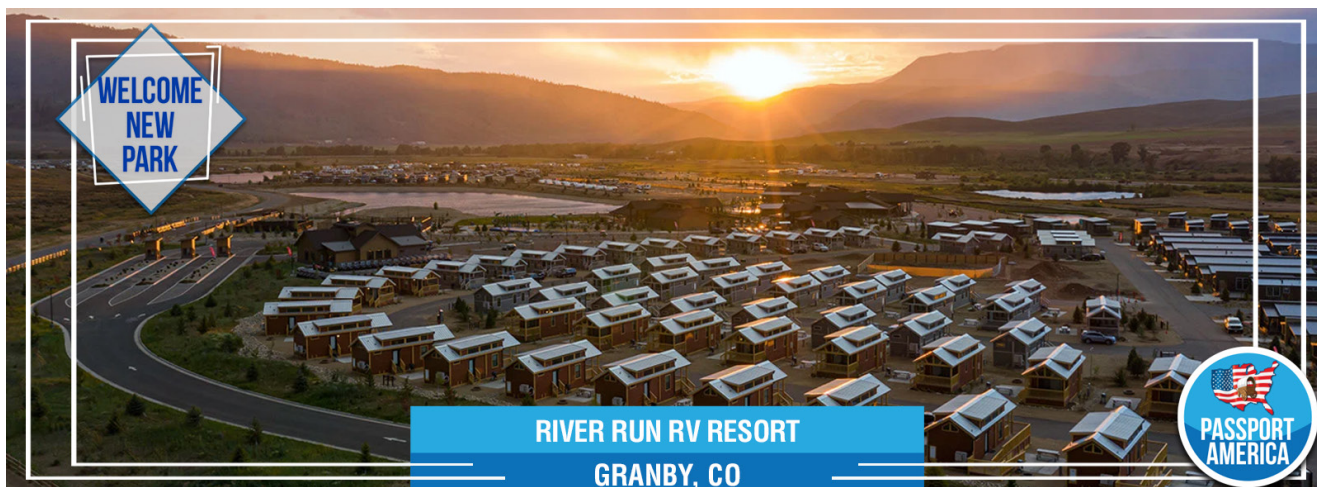






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Biking in the Old Pueblo

Text & Photos
by Barbara Oliver and
Andy By Sportograf

On a recent trip to Arizona we decided to venture off of the interstate and check out the 24-Hours in the Old Pueblo Mountain Bike Rally. Our oldest grandson Andy was one of the 2,000 participating bikers in this event.

This massive bike expo takes place in the Sonoran Desert north

of Oracle, AZ. It is like a city in itself. Vendors, sponsors, volunteers and participants RVs and tents were huddled together where ever space was found and also lined along the dusty roads.

As we wandered through the crowd, the excitement was high. There were bikers waiting in line

to pick up their packets; others getting their tires filled with green slime, friends meeting up with friends and that wonderful smell from the food stands that tickled your nose.

The 24-Hours in the Old Pueblo is presented by the Tucson Medical Center and is one of the largest 24-hour events in the



world. For the past 19 years, after a Le Mans start*, bikers have been riding single track along a narrow 16-mile mountain trail through cactus, over rocks, up and down hills, in the heat of the day and the darkness of night. They ride

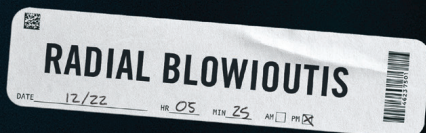
as teams or go it alone as a solo rider. Some have trained diligently and ride to challenge themselves while others have come...to just enjoy the ride.

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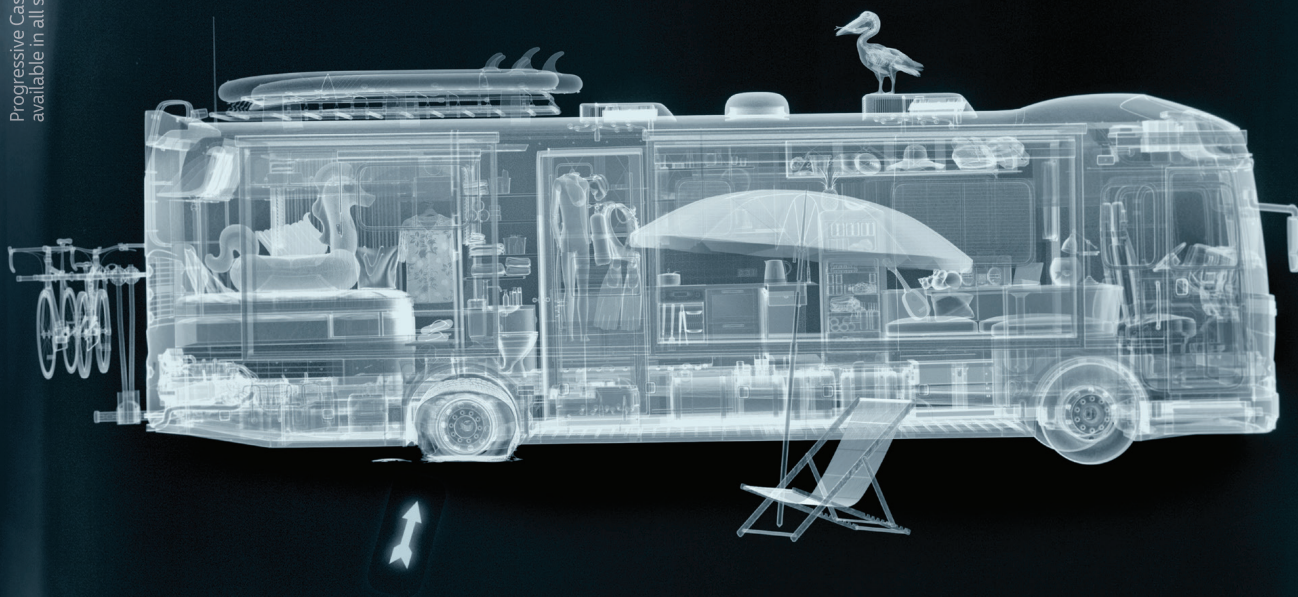
*Author note: A Le Mans start is when the horn sounds, the rider runs a quarter mile to his bike which is at the starting line, jumps on and the race begins.



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This easy breakfast scramble for camping from The Spicy Apron is not your everyday bland and lifeless mound of camping egg. This will be a delectable sublime meal for the entire family, superbly flavored by ground sausage.

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon butter
- ½ white onion, minced
- ½ pound ground sausage
- 8 eggs
- ¼ cup shredded cheese of choice (optional)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper



Instructions

Heat up a large skillet over medium-high heat and add butter and onion. Saute until the onion softens, approx 3-5 minutes. (If cooking over a campfire, place cast iron skillet on the grate over a campfire that has a good coal bed. Always use a hot pad for the handle!)

Add the ground sausage and cook until cooked through and crumbled, approximately 5-7 minutes.

Add the eggs and stir continuously until eggs are nearly cooked through (approximately 5 minutes). A silicone spatula works well for this.

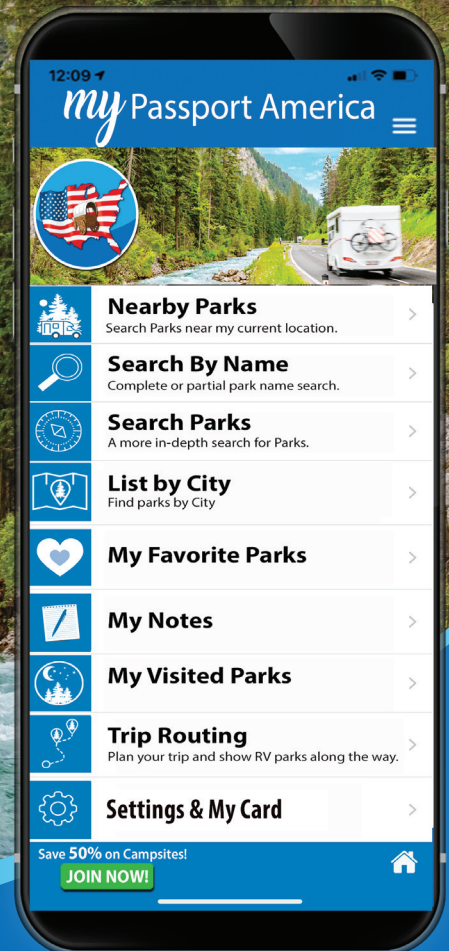
Add the cheese (if using), salt, and pepper and cook another 1-2 minutes until eggs are

Please submit your favorite travel recipes! Include full recipe, photos, and author.

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Inspiration

"A Gunpowder Story"

The Heroism of Elizabeth Zane

By John Esten Cooke

In the autumn of 1777 the English decided to attack Fort Henry, at Wheeling, in northwestern Virginia. This was an important border fort named in honor of Patrick Henry, and around which had grown up a small village of about twenty-five log houses.

A band of Indians, under the leadership of one Simon Girty, was supplied by the English with muskets and ammunition, and sent against the fort. This Girty was a white man, who, when a boy, had been captured by Indians, and brought up by them. He had joined their tribes, and was a ferocious and bloodthirsty leader of savage bands.

When the settlers at Wheeling heard that Simon Girty and his Indians were advancing on the town, they left their homes and hastened into the fort. Scarcely had they done so when the savages made their appearance.

The defenders of the fort

knew that a desperate fight must now take place, and there seemed little probability that they would be able to hold out against their assailants. They had only forty- two fighting men, including old men and boys, while the Indian force numbered about five hundred.

What was worse they had but a small amount of gunpowder. A keg containing the main supply had been left by accident in one of the village houses. This misfortune, as you will soon see, brought about the brave action of a young girl.

After several encounters with the savages, which took place in the village, the defenders withdrew to the fort. Then a number of Indians advanced with loud yells, firing as they came. The fire was returned by the defenders, each of whom had picked out his man, and taken deadly aim. Most of the attacking party were killed, and the whole body of Indians fell

back into the near-by woods, and there awaited a more favorable opportunity to renew hostilities.

The men in the fort now discovered, to their great dismay, that their gunpowder was nearly gone. What was to be done? Unless they could get another supply, they would not be able to hold the fort, and they and their women and children would either be massacred or carried into captivity.

Colonel Shepherd, who was in command, explained to the settlers exactly how matters stood. He also told them of the forgotten keg of powder which was in a house standing about sixty yards from the gate of the fort.

It was plain to all that if any man should attempt to procure the keg, he would almost surely be shot by the lurking Indians. In spite of this three or four young men volunteered to go on the dangerous mission.

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Colonel Shepherd replied that he could not spare three or four strong men, as there were already too few for the defense. Only one man should make the attempt and they might decide who was to go. This caused a dispute.

Just then a young girl stepped forward and said that she was ready to go. Her name was Elizabeth Zane, and she had just returned from a boarding-school in Philadelphia. This made her brave offer all the more remarkable, since she had not been bred up to the fearless life of the border.

At first the men would not hear of her running such a risk. She was told that it meant certain death. But she urged that they could not spare a man from the defense, and that the loss of one girl would not be an important matter. So after some discussion the settlers agreed that she should go for the powder.

The house, as has already been stated, stood about sixty yards from the fort, and Elizabeth hoped to run thither

and bring back the powder in a few minutes. The gate was opened, and she passed through, running like a deer.

A few straggling Indians were dodging about the log houses of the town; they saw the fleeing girl, but for some reason they did not fire upon her. They may have supposed that she was returning to her home to rescue her clothes. Possibly they thought it a waste of good ammunition to fire at a woman, when they were so sure of taking the fort before long. So they looked on quietly while, with flying skirts, Elizabeth ran across the open, and entered the house.

She found the keg of powder, which was not large. She lifted it with both arms, and, holding the precious burden close to her breast, she darted out of the house and ran in the direction of the fort.

When the Indians saw what she was carrying they uttered fierce yells and fired. The bullets fell like hail about her, but not one so much as touched her garments. With the keg hugged

to her bosom, she ran on, and reached the fort in safety. The gate closed upon her just as the bullets of the Indians buried themselves in its thick panels.

The rescued gunpowder enabled the little garrison to hold out until help arrived from the other settlements near Wheeling. And Girty, seeing that there were no further hopes of taking Fort Henry, withdrew his band.

Thus a weak but brave girl was the means of saving strong men with their wives and children. It was a heroic act, and Americans should never forget to honor the name of Elizabeth Zane.

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Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area

Text by Barbara Oliver
Photos by Barbara & Mike Oliver

“*Stewardship of the natural world begins with awareness, understanding, and appreciation of birds and other wildlife, species, their habitats and their connection to people.*”

It covers 1,500 acres, is open 24 hours, 7 days a week and located in Southeastern Arizona near the little town of McNeal. Whitewater Draw is typically

thought of as a major roost site for the Sandhill cranes and also offers excellent water fowling, as well. Many people visit the area each winter to experience the memorable sights and sounds of more than 20,000 Sandhill cranes. They fly in the beginning of October and stay until mid-March depending on the weather. Whitewater Draw is claimed to be the best viewing for Sandhill cranes in the state

of Arizona.

We were not disappointed when we visited the site. Trails led us around the water where the reflection of the sun, peeking through the clouds, cast shadows upon the water and transformed it. A scarlet vermilion flycatcher sat atop one of the trees and a little Black phoebe, also of the flycatcher species, sat on a lower perch scanning for insects. From one of the viewing decks



we watched an American coot, also known as a mud hen, swim nearby looking for a tasty aquatic plant and a little farther out on the water, we saw several beautiful Northern pintail ducks.

But we, too, like the other visitors, had come to see and hear the sounds of the Sandhill crane. And there they were...tall, heavy-bodied with long necks and long

legs. Drooping feathers formed a “bustle” around their back end. Most were gray overall with some tan feathers. They had broad wings but the most notable feature was that red crown. There was one loud, rattling bugle and honking sound as thousands lined the outer edges of the marshlands foraging for insects and other

flew in to join them. No, we were not disappointed.

The Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area is managed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and is open to the public. There is no admission fee and there is dry overnight camping available up to 3 days. For more information check it out on the Internet or call 520-642-3763.





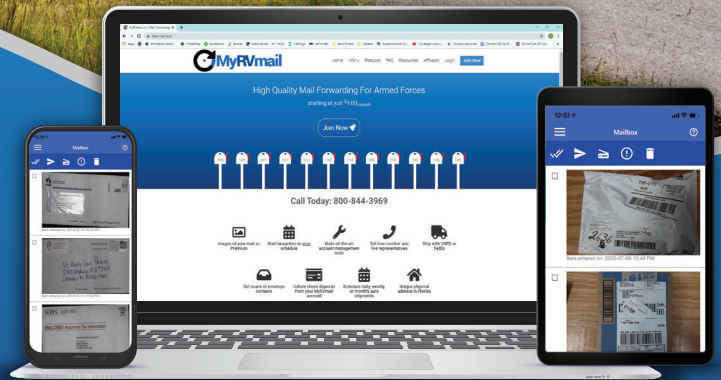
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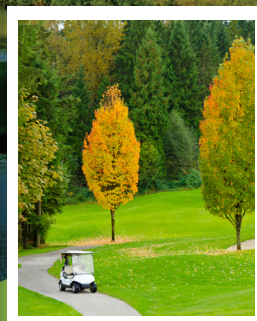
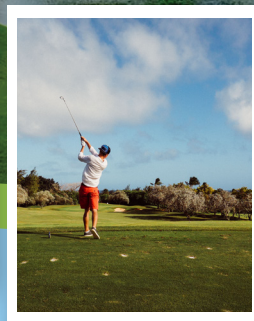
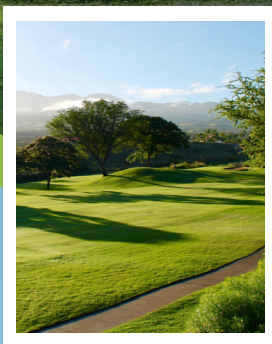
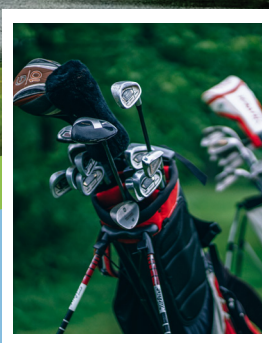




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JUNE

National Papaya Month

6/2	- National Rocky Road Day	6/19	- Father's Day
6/7	- National Chocolate Ice Cream Day	6/20	- Ice Cream Soda Day
6/11	- National Hug Holiday	6/25	- Log Cabin Day

JULY

National Ice Cream Month

7/4	- Independence Day	7/12	- National Pecan Pie Day
7/5	- Workaholics Day	7/24	- Amelia Earhart Day
7/9	- National Sugar Cookie Day	7/28	- National Milk Chocolate Day

AUGUST

National Catfish Month

8/4	- Twin Day Festival	8/12	- Middle Child's Day
8/5	- National Mustard Day	8/19	- Potato Day
8/10	- Lazy Day	8/22	- Be An Angel Day

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