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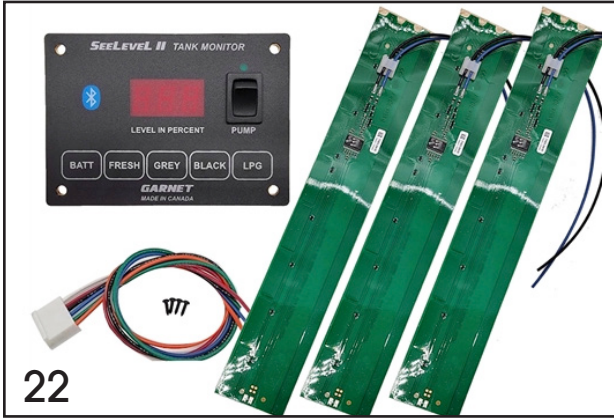


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of place impart new
vigor to the mind."*

- Seneca



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It's hard to believe that it's September already; where did the summer go? The days are getting shorter, and cooler temperatures are a welcome change. It's a great time to start making plans for your next RV get-a-way.

Check-out our Campground Highlight that welcomes two new campgrounds, Page 7. Be sure to visit if in the area of Oak Harbor RV Village in Haines City FL, and Octollio RV in Borrego, CA.

On Page 8, Barbara Oliver shares with travels to the ghost town at Sego Canyon. Then on Page 18 she shares with us "A Tall Tale" of the gun slinging-tornado riding cowboy known as Pecos Bill.

Check out a hearty, satisfying dinner recipe that has all the flavors of an authentic jambalaya with little effort on Page 11.

The holidays will soon be upon us. If you are attempting to find the perfect gift for a special person or persons in your life, you've found that gift here at Passport America. This holiday season, give the gift of 50% savings at 1,200+ Quality Campgrounds and Resorts found nationwide. Give the gift of a Passport America membership; visit www.passportamerica.com for more information, see Page 18.

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If you have suggestions, comments, feedback, photos or articles you would like to submit for the magazine, please contact us. We are always happy to serve you. Please send your photos, feedback, stories, and "tips to share" to april@passportamerica.net.

As the air changes and we experience the smells and soft breezes of fall, and leaves begin to drift to the ground, we, at Passport America, wish you safe and happy travels. Remember — we care about you, and, because of you, we are always happy to serve you.

Happy travels,

April Fillingim



Gone Fishing RV Resort in Gordonville, Texas is a great RV Park. Al is a true gem. He has a lot of great information and is very willing to help any way he can. We had a great stay and found some great hiking in the area.

- Paul Mailman



Gone Fishing RV, TX

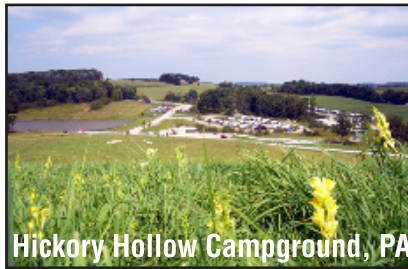
I really like the Pumpkin Patch RV Resort in Hermon, Maine. Friendly people, very clean and well-maintained. Level sites with good spacing. Sites are compact gravel and spacing between sites is grass. Very peaceful outside the city, but only a few miles to get into Bangor. Wi-Fi is more than sufficient and there are recreation opportunities with the park. I would definitely stay here again.

- Michael Miller



Pumpkin Patch RV Resort, ME

Hickory Hollow Campground is a fabulous little campground. What a great find and a super location in the Laurel Highlands area of Pennsylvania. It is very well-maintained, super clean, has



Hickory Hollow Campground, PA

a wonderful office/store and the staff is very helpful and accommodating. This was a last-minute booking for me, and it turned out very well. Great internet! I highly recommend staying here.

- Liz Langdon

Creekwood Gardens in Simsboro, Louisiana is a really nice RV Park. We loved the remote location. There is also a wedding venue on the property that is beautiful. Gary was a good guy and very helpful.

- Paul Mailman



Creekwood Gardens, LA

We stayed at River View RV Park & Resort in Vidalia, Louisiana with the PA discount and it was beautiful. The facilities and service were first class. Gorgeous views of the Mississippi with tugboats and paddles boats and a beautiful pink sunset. The park is impeccably manicured and clean. The tall trees are lovely and little squirrels running around are charming.

- Camperdoodles Olson

Amana RV Park & Event Center in Amana, Iowa was clean, quiet, and well maintained. From the time I booked it to registering with Maureen and being accompanied to the site by Tim. Grounds were clean along with the bathroom and shower. Passport America is the way to go.

- Dom Niro

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- Heath and Alyssa Padgett





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[Oak Harbor RV Village](#) is the antithesis of the over-development that comes to mind when you think of Florida. Their remote setting makes it easy to take it easy, but not at the sacrifice of great amenities, like fast Wi-Fi for sharing stunning sunrise shots with old friends and spacious recreation halls for making new friends.

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Amps: 30/50

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Rated: 7 / 9* / 7

Total Sites: 185 (*full hookups*)

Amps: 30/50

Dump Station: Yes

Reg. Rate: ~~\$55.00~~ - ~~\$95.00~~

PA Rate: \$27.50 - \$47.50

Phone: (760) 561-1370



Sego Canyon

Text & Photos
by Barbara Oliver

The ruins of Sego lie amid beds of coal and clumps of sagebrush. The old, stone general store keeps watch over the ghost town...

As we mounted our ATVs for the days adventure, that ghost town was our destination. A friend had spent part of his growing up years in this area and offered to give us the tour and share its history with us.

Coal mining in Grand County,

Utah dates back to the first decade of the 20th Century when affluent farmer/rancher Harry Ballard found a thick outcropping of coal while out wandering through the maze of canyons adjacent his ranch. Keeping it a secret, he bought up the adjacent land and started a small coal mine.

For several years local people were hired to manually mine the coal and the small coal camp

became known as Ballard. As the mine became more active, the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad built a subsidiary railroad, the Ballard and Thompson, from the town of Thompson to the mine. The spur crossed streams 13 times in the 5-mile stretch. The coal was a good steaming quality, so the railroad bought as much of it for its own use as well as transporting elsewhere.

In 1910 Ballard sold his



property; the new owners formed the American Fuel Company with Richard Neslin as general manager. The town was called Neslin. The company built a store, boarding house, and several homes. Employees were allowed to build their own dwellings. At one time there were 500 people living here. Bachelors lived in the boarding house, families lived in anything and everything, from well-built homes to shacks, shanties and even dugouts in the hillsides.

In 1916 all was not well. Creeks and springs were drying up, there were many accidents and stockholders were upset. The company reorganized, handed Neslin his blue slip and changed the name of the town to Sego, after Utah's state flower the Sego lily which grew profusely in the canyon. The mine's name was also changed to Chesterfield Company.

In 1927, due to financial strain, the company was unable to make payroll so miners were paid in script (a substitute for legal tender) which could be spent at the camp store. In 1933 the miners reorganized under the United Mine Workers Union and



were finally paid regularly. In 1947, production costs were out-stripping income, and the company was ordered to close down and offered for sale. The unhappy 27 remaining employees banded together and bought the mine. It became known as the Utah Grand Coal Company. Although successful the first year, two separate fires later destroyed the tippie and equipment. In 1955 when the railroad converted to diesel locomotives, eliminating the need for coal, the Utah Grand Coal Company sold its holdings. And Sego was no more.

In October of 2017, much

of the historic area of Sego was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Ballard-Sego Coal Mine Historic District.



Foil-Packet Shrimp & Sausage Jambalaya

This hearty, satisfying dinner has all the flavors of an authentic jambalaya with little effort. The foil packets can be prepared a day ahead and cooked right before serving. These are also good on the grill! Makes 6 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 ounces uncooked shrimp (34-40 per pound), peeled & deveined
- 12 ounces fully cooked sausage links, cut into ½-inch slices
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 can (14 ½ ounces) fire-roasted diced tomatoes, drained
- 12 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup uncooked instant rice
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoons Creole seasoning



DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 425°. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients. Divide mixture among 6 greased 18x12-in. pieces of heavy-duty foil. Fold foil around mixture and crimp edges to seal, forming packets; place on a baking sheet. Bake until shrimp turn pink and rice is tender, 20-25 minutes.

KITCHEN TIPS:

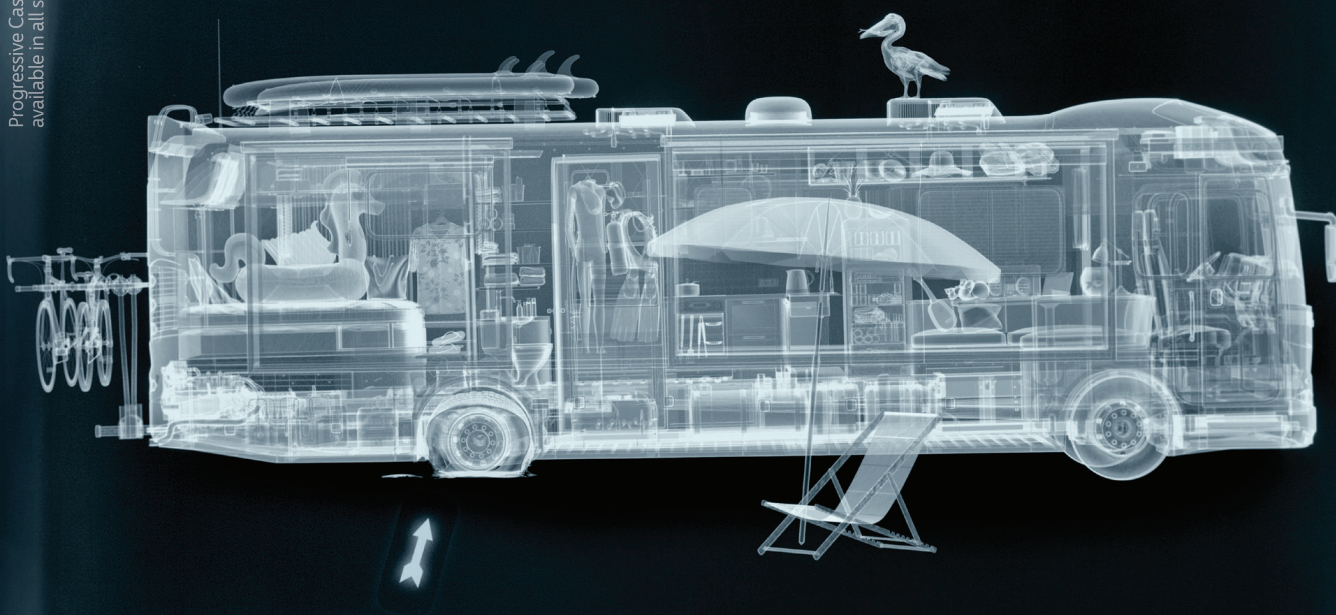
- Make sure to use instant rice. If you use long grain or converted rice, the shrimp will be done long before the rice.
- Wear oven mitts when opening the packets to protect hands from escaping steam.

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

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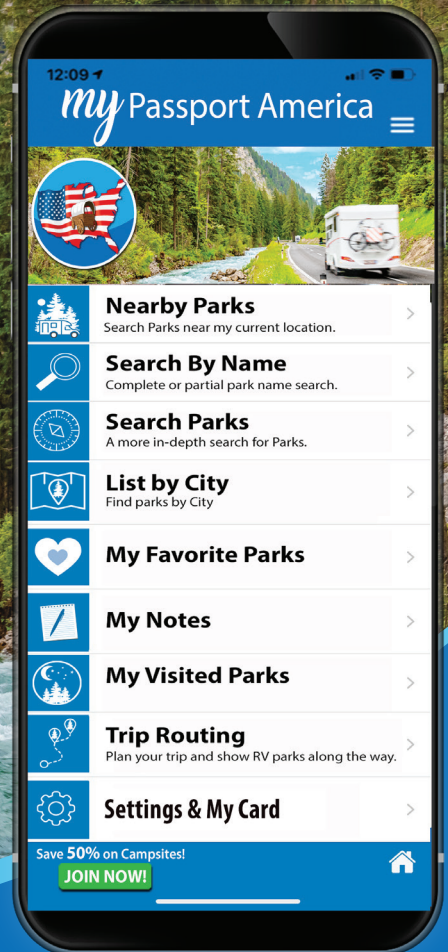


Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks, mindful of
your many gifts and blessings.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to
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a reminder to be generous with others,
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Fort Myers, FL 33908
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Rate: \$64.00, \$32.00

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300 Oak Harbor Camp
Haines City, FL 33844
(863) 956-1341
www.covecommunities.com
Rate: \$50.00, PA Rate: \$25.00

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4907 28th Ave E
Palmetto, FL 34221
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Clyde, TX 79510
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www.lostfrontierrvpark.com
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Sky Valley Resort

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New Rates: \$55.00 - \$78.00
PA Rates: \$27.50 - \$39.00

Sea View Estates Spa & RV Park, LLC
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New website:
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COLORADO**Sun Outdoors Rocky Mountains**

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FLORIDA**Rock Crusher Canyon RV Resort**

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Deerwood Inn and Madison Campground, Madison, FL

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A Tall Tale

Text & Photos
by Barbara Oliver

He's a gun slinging-tornado riding cowboy known as Pecos Bill. A fictional legend that first appeared in 1917.

Legend has it that in the 1830s Pecos Bill was the youngest of eighteen children to Texas pioneers. He was a tough little baby...using a bowie knife for a teething ring! He falls out of a covered wagon and is raised by a family of coyotes. These coyotes raise him as their own and teach him how to survive in the wild.

Growing out of the imaginations of Southwestern cowboys during the American Westward expansion, Pecos Bill personifies the frontier virtues of courage, strength, and humor. Each story was added to and embellished as they sat around the campfire at the end of a long day from heading cattle.

Edward S. O'Reilly published these writings in the form of short stories in 1923 and is an early example of "folklore". And Steven Kellogg, a writer and illustrator has created more than 100 children's books and is known for his classic American characters like Pecos Bill, Paul Bunyan, and Johnny Appleseed.

Disney introduced Pecos Bill, a cartoon character, in 1948 in an animated short from the film *Melody Time* which was a musical anthology featuring seven short musicals that sing, swing and tells tall tales. Roy Rogers, a favorite among children during that time, was chosen to sing and talk about the Texas cowboy named Pecos Bill, his horse Widow-Maker, and his romance with Slue Foot Sue.

In 1995, Disney again

introduced Pecos Bill to movie goers with Patrick Swayze starring as the larger-than-life hero taking us on unbelievable adventures.

So, is Pecos Bill a folklore or a tall tale? And does it really make a difference? I'm thinking that maybe Pecos Bill was created to teach us not to be afraid of difficulties, but to have courage, to be friendly and not to be envious... and maybe to have a little bit of fun along the way!

The West of Pecos Museum features a small area, dedicated to Pecos Bill along with many other exhibits. Across the street at the Pecos Chamber of Commerce / Visitor Bureau is the larger-than-life Pecos Bill Boot, and the sculpture of Pecos Bill riding a tornado.

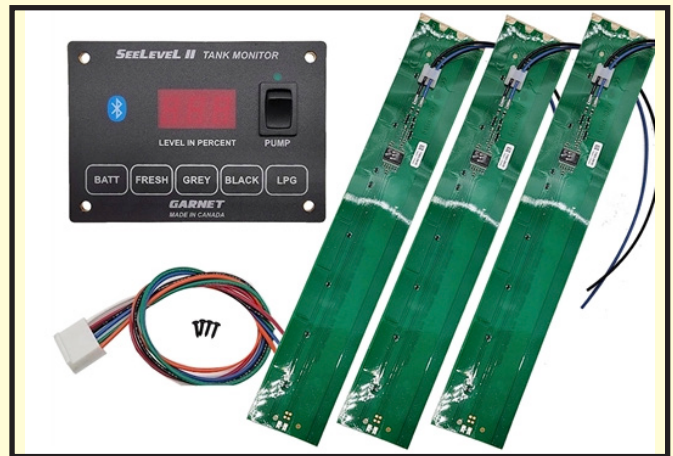
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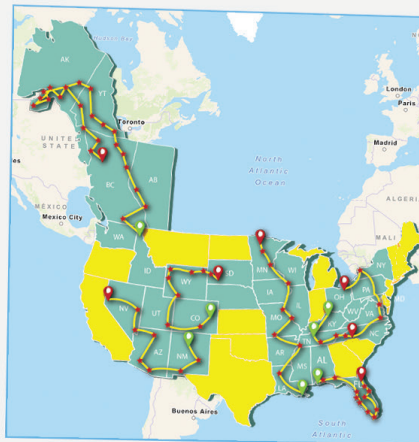
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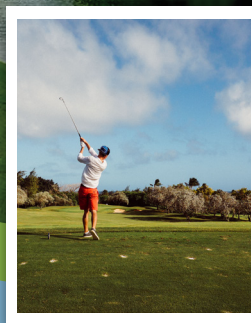
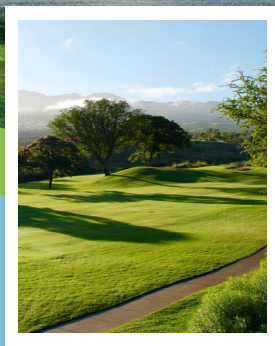
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9/11 - Patriot Day	9/25 - National Comic Book Day
9/12 - National Chocolate Milkshake Day	9/26 - National Good Neighbor Day

OCTOBER
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

10/1 - National Homemade Cookies Day	10/12 - National Gumbo Day
10/4 - National Golf Day	10/17 - Boss's Day
10/10 - Columbus Day	10/31 - Halloween

NOVEMBER
Peanut Butter Lovers Month

11/2 - Deviled Egg Day	11/12 - Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
11/6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends	11/24 - Thanksgiving
11/11 - Veteran's Day	11/28 - French Toast Day



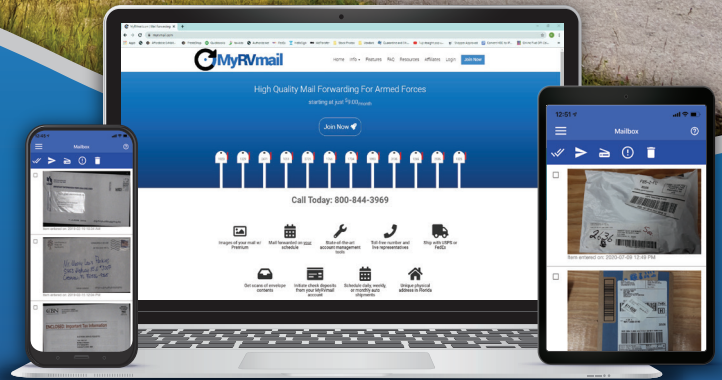
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