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PRESIDENT’S POST

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I’M STILL HERE,

SPIKE JONES

PRESIDENT BOD



DID YOU KNOW?

There are things to know about The Ranch. Some of these are listed below:

- Speed limit is 10 miles per hour maximum and less is nice when walkers, electric carts, and bicyclers are present. Automatic transmissions selected to low gear will help control low speed driving.
- There is no smoking in any of the Ranch Buildings at any time. Ranch House, office, storage shed, shop, laundry etc.
- There is no cutting thru lots at any time whether the lot is occupied or unoccupied.
- Walkways between lots are for getting from street to street the shortest way when walking. These walkways between lots are for walkers only, no bicycles or golf carts allowed on the walkways.
- When walking your dog pick up all solid droppings, try not to let them wet on someone’s lot since the smell can linger.
- Dumpsters, - please break down all boxes to reduce cubic yards of trash. We saved \$2000.00 in trash collection costs by reducing the cubic yards of trash.

Be a good neighbor as all Ranch Hands are
Bonnie Keefe Welcome Committee Chair

UPDATE TIME

Wally decided he no longer needed his gall bladder, or maybe his gall bladder decided it no longer needed him. After 2 trips to the ER in Artesia it was determined surgery was needed, so on Wednesday 12/ 16 he went in for a simple procedure which became a major surgery. Thursday he was transferred to Lubbock. He had another procedure on Friday morning and was released to go home later that day. He is doing great. Sore but healing well.

Thanks to so many that stepped up to the plate and helped when and where needed. Queens for hauling me to Lubbock and waiting to bring us back. Melody for “Sally” sitting, Jim Fagan for fixing the electric plug that burned up, Gary for capturing Sally when she decided to take off, Marilyn for changing bandages and everyone for their good wishes and I know I’ve forgotten someone but please know you are appreciated.

This is a great place to be and a great family to support those who need it.

Hope your Christmas was merry and the New Year brings good health and happiness.

Hugs
Wally & JoAnn
Lot #26

AS I STROLL AROUND THE PARK

Lago Vista & Pecos Pass
Are the park’s shortest streets,
But these pertinent names
Speak of people who are very elite.

When you put your mind on things so quaint
It brings to mind Quail Trail
On which reside those who
Are not known to ever fail.

Coyotes Pass is enlightened each morning
From the east by the rising sun
You will note when daylight comes
That the darkness now is done

Sunset Lane gives the greatest view
of sunsets glamorous.
It reminds us of the days
When we were more amorous.

Lastly comes Windmill Vista
So wild and breezy
The longest street in the entire park
Those who live there are not wheezy

BY: Orv Schinke Lot #83



AROUND THE RANCH

Life at the Ranch calmed down some after Round-Up, the semi-annual meeting, and Thanksgiving. But soon thereafter winter hit, not only with freezing temperatures but with snow, lots of snow.

I don't know about everyone else but I do love the snow! What a wonderful way to enter December! Of course it was not so good for everyone and many of our Ranch Hands had trips to the hospital for one reason or another. However with the snow most everyone got into the holiday season and decorations showed up. Colored lights were strung across casita porches and fancy wreaths showed up on RV doors and truck bumpers.

Of course we also saw a change in our population. Folks were heading out on winter journeys to warmer climates and others were pulling in for Christmas with their Ranch Family and perhaps to settle right here! There were a few lots sold and bought so we have some new lease holders as well as a couple just waiting to get a lot.

The Ranch House was decked out with the usual trees and lights in preparation for the holiday parties and this year we had many. There was the gift exchange on Dec 22, a Christmas Eve celebration with a special show and tell time and a reading of "The Night before Christmas by Gunnery Sgt, Brian Jones. (Last year we sent 17 boxes of goodies to Brian and his squad stationed in Iraq. And of course we all gathered at The Ranch House for an early Christmas dinner.

Just to let you know nothing much has changed, we finally got someone to take on New Year's but as of this writing who knows what will happen with the midnight bell ringing., as our main competitors left the park. Will it be a race? Will there be a bell rining? Maybe the news will come before publication date.

Hugs
Kasey Jones
Lot 117

UPDATE

It has been a long fall for the Walthers. Soren had two surgeries since returning to The Ranch. The first was to repair a blown Achilles tendon. He is just now getting back on his feet after about 9 weeks. The second surgery found a marble sized calcium growth in his bladder. He has been fighting a UTI since May. This seems to have been the problem all along as he no longer has any pain. So- he is about back to himself. As for me (Barb) I had another procedure in Lubbock just before Soren's first surgery in September. I'm just now starting to feel like there has been some positive result from all those injections. Missy has been my responsibility since Soren has been out of commission. (Frank L, take note!) We go out to the desert most mornings so she can romp and sniff to her heart's content. Many mornings we are out for an hour or more. It has been good for me too. We had a nice Christmas with the SKP friends at The Ranch. Hope everyone out there has a good year and looks forward to 2010 .HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Hugs
Bar & Soren Lot #10

LAS POSADAS (FROM THE PAST) DO YOU REMEMBER?

ART CHENOWITH. When Art moved into The Ranch, he had an organ in his shed. Eventually he brought the organ into The Ranch House so it could be played at Happy Hour. He played at Happy Hour for several years, but began to travel more.

Jerry Vinson then took over the duties and played for many years. Jerry was a professional musician who played with many bands in his younger days. There were even occasions when Jerry played for Ranch House dances. After Jerry and his wife, Bertie, left The Ranch, no one played the organ and eventually it was given away.

SAM DOLAN. For a period Sam lived alone. Of course this meant he had to take care of himself, which included doing his laundry. He decided that when he did laundry, he would DO IT ALL, including the clothes he was wearing. He would announce at Happy Hour that tonight he was doing his laundry, sometime between 12 and 2 in the morning, and suggested that if anyone would be offended by lack of attire, they could avoid the laundry room at that time. So far as I know, no one ever bothered him. (*No one has ever taken his place either*)

BERT WARNER. About once a month Bert would announce at Happy Hour, "I'm having a pizza attack. Who wants to go get pizza with us?" Many dinner menus were quickly abandoned, and about half the park would head to Carlsbad to eat pizza with Bert and his wife, Jackie. (*Could this be what started our old once a month dine-outs at The Pizza Inn?*)

Marilyn Railey
Lot # 30
(Thanks Marilyn for stepping back in to keep all of us up-to date on our Ranch history)

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

JANUARY

Mike Kerr 1
Ceci Neitz 4
Sharon Kerr 5
Rob Levin 10
Spike Jones 11
Helen Abbott 11
Joann Whitworth 12
Doris Gage 12
Roger Heaver 17
Carl Mager 18
Janet Duncan 22
Greg Obst 22
Rosemary Lieberman 25
Bob Gambol 27

FEBRUARY

Marge Schinke 2
Dave Ducan 2
Kasey Jones 3
Roxy Colomb 4
Elaine Simms 4
Joanne Butler 8
Roy Gilbert 14
Ken Shipe 16
Jennie Shubert 18
Thayer Tarvin 20
Pam McMickin 20
Laura Melvin 21
Charles Russel 22
George Keefe 26
Roland Begin 26

HAPPY



ANNIVERSARY

JANUARY

George Brother & Pam McMickin 16
Don & Linda Ranes 8
Chuck & Nettie Hasse 10
Frank & Rosemary Lieberman 18
Les & Elaine Sims 25
Alan & Betty Lugar 29

FEBRUARY

Rudy & Jennie Schubert 4
John & Trudie Tenison 10
Soren & Barbara Walthers 17
Mark & Karen Ireland 19

It was quite an early and exceptionally cold winter here at The Ranch and many of our Ranch Family spent time in the hospital. I will not even try to mention all of them as I am sure to miss someone and don't want to do that. All of them, so far, have recovered from their ordeal except for Tom and I really believe he got what was best for him. He had a very hard year in 2009 since he almost left us at Christmas of 2008. He recuperated somewhat during the warm weather but not enough to get thru the early and cold winter. I truly must thank all of you out there for your prayers which gave us this extra year, even if it was a hard one. Needless to say our Ranch Family was there each time we needed them. There is no way we (I) can ever repay your wonderful help, love and understanding so I will just say THANK YOU and

LUVYA

Roxy



RANCH HANDS RECIPIES

TEXAS SOUP

HAPPINESS SOUP

1 cup kindness
1 cup gentleness
1 cup understanding
1 cup forgiveness
2 cups everlasting love
2 cups unlimited hugs and kisses
Mix all ingredients and stir gently
as often as possible.
Will keep forever.
Marge Schinke

1 lb ground beef (lightly browned)
2 cans beef broth
1 can veg-all
1 can ranch style beans
1 can green chilis
1 can Rotel tomatoes & green chilis
1 can tomatoes
Diced potatoes (optional)
Mix well and stir while cooking
ANONYMOUS

AWARD WINNING ONION CHILI

AWARDED 1ST PLACE AT THE CHILI COOK-OFF AT FALL ROUND-UP 2009

INGREDIENTS

5 LARGE WHITE ONIONS
2 LBS GROUND CHUCK
2-14.5 CANS DICED TOMATOES
2- 15 OZ CANS TOMATO SAUCE
1 TBSP (HEAPED) TOMATO PASTE
2-15 OZ CANS SPICY CHILI BEANS (made with Pinto beans)
4 FRESH JALAPENO PEPPERS (diced)
12 OZ BEER
1/4 CUP WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE
1/3 CUP CHILI POWDER
1 1/2 TBSP TABASCO-TYPE HOT SAUCE
1 1/2 TBSP RED PEPPER FLAKES

DIRECTIONS

Slice onions into long strips about 1/2 inch wide. Place in a large pan and sauté until onions are a light golden brown. This takes about an hour and a half; don't rush it or the onions may burn. Onions will condense to about 1/3 of their original volume and be quite sweet. Save onions in a separate bowl

After removing the onions, brown the ground chuck lightly in a large pan, only until the pink color just disappears. It's overcooking here that makes the ground beef tough in chile. If the beef is already in the pot in which you intend to simmer the chili, then continue and add the onions back in. If not, then transfer both into the final pot. (I prepare the onions and beef separately in a 15 inch iron skillet and then transfer to a stockpot. The large size iron skillet allows steam to escape easily and insures that you will be sautéing these ingredients, not steaming them).

Add all of the other ingredients in any order and then simmer for 2 hours. After simmering, remove to the refrigerator to let stand for 2 days. The flavor will improve greatly in that time.

WARNING:

Dicing fresh Jalapenos is dangerous to your eyes. Most cooks wear glasses to protect from splashing and use plastic gloves to keep the fresh juices from getting under the fingernails and coming back to haunt them when they rub their eyes later.

This makes a Chili that has a fair amount of heat (spice) to it but won't make you run for water. Adjust the heat to your taste by varying the amount of red pepper flakes.

From the kitchen of

Neil & Jolieanne Brunton

(EDITOR'S NOTES: Drinking water when eating spicy hot foods will only make the pallet feel hotter. A sip of wine, hot coffee or a bite of dry bread will kill the spice faster and better. Whenever cutting, chopping or dicing hot spicy foods, wash the hands thouroughly with water and salt to rid the spiciness from them. My Italian grandmother told me this and danged if it doesn't work.)

FOR THE PALAVER

Let me introduce myself. *I am Cheapskate Chili and I am the mascot for the Chili Chapter #23 which makes it's home at The Ranch although it covers all of New Mexico and that portion of Texas just below the New Mexico southern border. I am a stuffed red chili pepper. Every six months (or between rallies) I live with a different member of the chapter and travel with them. At the fall rally, I was won by and now live with an old gray haired gal, her cat and her dog. My home is in a coffee cup that sits on the table and at first I had to watch the cat but he ignores me now. We are not traveling, we are just sitting here at The Ranch but here on the table I sure have a good view of The Ranch. No one ever stays home, trucks, cars, and people (some with dogs) pass here constantly. Some people drive by more often than others. I do enjoy watching the dogs as they walk by, some use the rocks out front to leave their "p mail" for the other dogs.*

Sitting here in the window I have watched The Ranch's weather change from day to day. The sun has been coming up later and going down earlier as the days have gone by. At first the sun was bright and very hot but gradually the sun toned down and the days became cooler. I have watched the snow fall and turn the ground white, very pretty from my coffee cup. She put a little blanket around me for for these cold days and nights. But the rain is more fun to watch because when it comes, the lot next door to me turns into a miniature pond as the rain runs out from under me into that lot. The birds were enjoying that pond but as it has become colder they stay out of the ponds.

The mulberry tree in back of the neighboring lot has changed colors over the season, from green to brown leaves and now it sits bare in the cold winter days. The doves like to sit in it, to me they look like miniature vultures all hunched up there on the tree branches.

The bunnies came by the window, hopping along trying to stay warm. They will sit by the shed in the sunshine and they are fun to watch, they scratch their fleas and shake their ears but when the cat is outside then he chases them off. Little birds hop around looking for food in the gravel and again that cat chases them off. He is on a leash so he can't chase them too far and those bunnies know how long that leash is and stay just out of his reach

My favorite morning is when that old gray haired gal starts her big red truck. I watch the air shake and the air shock roll across the ground. I can see windows rattling in the surrounding rigs. The dog and cat in here run into the bedroom and crawl under the bed covers. Don't know if the noise scares them, or if they are afraid they have to go someplace in that noisy beast.

This is long enough, just wanted to let all you walkers and drivers know that I am in this window watching you go up and down Coyote Run. It is very entertsining! PS her big red truck isn't the only one that goes up and down my road and rattles windows, there are other big diesel trucks who rattle the air.

Cheapskate Chili

The wanderer sitting and waiting for a new ride

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

Another year gone & another starting. Oh MY!

We are presently in Oklahoma. Should I say looking forward to an Oklahoma winter? NOT!!! The good part is that we are with my mom & I like that part. The bad part is the COLD!!! Today it is snowing, blowing and COLD!!!

The day is December 24, 2009

We have a Great Nephew and a Great Niece who send us a Christmas letter called their 25 days Of 2009. I pray they do not mind that I borrow their form this year because I think it will be easier for me to get this letter written.

It all started on December 13, 2008 when we left New Mexico. We are calling our letter "The 12 months of 2009"

January 10 – Our great nephew, Micah Austin, married our new Great Niece Karen. This took place in Alpine California. They had a beautiful wedding. We spent 2 weeks there visiting with Maureen & Wally; Had a great time. We cooked vegan & looked for Vegan restaurants, went to the beach on 3 different occasions, walked on the beach and went biking on the Boardwalk at Mission Bay. We enjoyed shopping @ the market where they sold health food & organic food. We really kind of hated to leave California. Oh yes, our New Year resolution was to become Vegan & we've now been Vegan's for almost one year. Only 6 days to go :). I think we will make it.

February 6, we returned to Lakewood NM. God led us to a church in Artesia NM where we enjoy worshiping with other Christians there. We miss them much when we are gone from NM. We have so much enjoyed meeting the people in this church. We spent February just enjoying Lakewood & our new friends there @ The Ranch. The Ranch has been a fun find for us.

March reminded me that senior years have set in: my thyroid decided to start giving me problems. Nothing serious At least I didn't think so.

April was also spent at The Ranch

May 31 – Our son's wedding on the 31st to Jodi. Their wedding was beautiful & took place in their home. They live in Rio Rancho NM. We had a great time visiting with them. Thus we now have a daughter-in-law, making us now have 4 daughters:) We also spent time with our daughter Heidi, her husband Brian and our grandson Hiatt, who will be graduating high school this fall. Heidi now has initials, NBCT (National Board Certified Teacher). Behind her name that she is very proud of & rightfully so.

June 1 – Our grandson Aaron graduated from high school. He is now attending UMR as is Andrew. These two young men are Lynda's oldest sons. They still live at home.

June 18 We spent a week in Alamosa CO where our great nephew, Tom, lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their 3 sons, Michael, Jordan, & Isaac. Tom is the Women's Soccer Coach plus other things. The boys are all involved in sports big time. Jennifer is the mom, wife and manager of all and does a fantastic job.

June 29 – we arrived at our daughter Lynda's house where we spent all of July and August. We took a trip with Lynda and her children, Austin, Alden & Abby to Yosemite National Park. That was too fun! Then Abby went with us to Crater Lake in Oregon & that was fun☺. Then of course it was just fun being at Lynda and Todd's & interacting with them in their activities & the grand children's activities. The children were in the children's production of 101 Dalmatians put on at the Grand Sierra Hotel. Austin is turning 15 on Dec 28 and will then be able to work a job & he is so excited. Of course 16 just can't happen soon enough for him. Alden became a Christian and was baptized this year in June

September 2 – We left Reno and Jim plotted our trip on all very scenic highways to Missouri. Our trip was a most beautiful one. It took us a whole month. The most exciting part of our trip was stopping in Utah @ Duck Creek National Park & meeting with good friends from The Ranch who were working there. We had such a fun time. On the day we were planning to leave, September 10, I was admitted to the hospital in Cedar Creek & diagnosed with pancreatitis. UCK!! I was released on my 8th day. That was an experience I don't want to ever repeat.

October 3 – We arrived in MO: on the 14th we took mom to Helena OK. She had been there with Dick for doctors' appointments etc. We returned to MO to take care of our Doctor's appointments. My thyroid had decided to take a rest in its old age & I am now taking levothyroxin. My doctor told me she believed my thyroid was the underlying reason for the pancreatitis & that soon all my labs should be normal. We'll see; I'm to be checked again in January 2010. I'm doing fine, have just slowed down considerably. Uncle Dad went into the hospital on Oct 26 and was there for 40 days. Diagnosis on admittance was pneumonia, CHF, and failing kidneys. Well Uncle Dad is a remarkable man & he has pulled thru again. He does sleep most of the day everyday and that is what he wants to do. His family is taking care of him at his farm place.

November 6 – I came to OK to be with mom. Dick was here until I got here. Jim brought me & then went back to MO. Mom and I went to Tina's (my brother Dick's daughter) in Wichita for Thanksgiving. That was a fun day.

December 4 – Uncle Dad was discharged from the hospital & mom was admitted to the hospital w/chest pain, on the same day. Later she was diagnosed with A-fib & later Bradycardia.

Dec 10 – Jim came to OK with the Motor Home; it is way nice to have him here. Our MH is parked right outside mom's back door & doesn't extend into the street. That is a good thing!

Dec 22 - Mom had a pacemaker put in. She is doing great!!!!. She just had to spend one night in the hospital.

Theresa and her husband Alfred are still living in Plano TX, Breanna & Nicholas are attending college, working and staying at home. Hopefully we will be seeing them sooner than later.

God has blessed us with two wonderful families, 4 children =4, 10 grandchildren, (actually I think we have 3 more now) & many friends & we cherish every one of YOU.

Hugs with Love & Prayers
Beverly & Jim

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Happy Holidays

