

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Greetings” once again from the southern part of New Mexico!

Hopefully all of you are well. Please continue to isolate yourselves as much as possible and be very careful when it is necessary to mingle with the general public. Also, it can't hurt to ask the good Lord to assist our medical and scientific personnel in their quest for a vaccine.

Some of our New Mexico members met at Bonito Hollow during the period that would have been our OES Campout. Nothing was scheduled or formal and all campground rules were observed. The weather was cool and rainy. Some might say the weather was delicious! I managed to get three paperback novels read and it was rumored that several hands of cards were played. It was also great sleeping weather!

WGP Don, PGP Wayne and members of the current campout committee met with Bonito Hollow management and scheduled the OES Campout for 2021. Next year's campout will begin on July 11 (Sunday) and will end July 15 (Thursday). The rationale for this was that there might be fewer people in the park because it will be the first part of the week, but that is only a possibility. **I WOULD URGE YOU TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEIR CONTACT NUMBER IS 575-336-4325.** They are very good at returning calls so don't hesitate to leave a message. Most of those having current reservations are on the creek side of the park. We hope to see you there next year. There is also the possibility that Bonito Lake will be open by then. For those without campers, there are cabins close by at Alto.

On the lighter side, because of the need to isolate ourselves, I was able to save a little money this year by not having to buy a 2020 planner. However, the days do seem to run together. It is hard to keep up with what day it is. When we were kids, we had underwear with the day of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now!

We all strive for a long and productive life. An elderly, but hardy cattleman from New Mexico once told a young female neighbor that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpower on her oatmeal each morning. She did this religiously and lived to the age of 103. She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren and a 40-foot hole where the crematorium used to be.

Respectfully, your brother

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