



# THE NUGGET

January/March 2021

**Naja Potentate  
2021**

**Illustrious Sir  
Keith Hanson  
& Lady Julie**

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and Tenderly  
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# Naja's Newsletter Promoting Fun and Fellowship

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## Quick Note from the Pote



I was instructed to write a note for the Nugget and wasn't sure what I was going to say. The Chief Rabban suggested I write about what I'd like to see Naja do this year. It got me thinking of all the reasons I joined the Shrine in the first place. As far as I knew, my family members were never involved in a Masonic organization or the Shrine. In the last few years, I have found out my great uncle was a member of the Cedar Branch Lodge in Buffalo in the early 1900's. I have also discovered other relatives who are members of lodges in Canada. As a kid, my parents took me every year to the Shrine Circus in Lemmon. Like most kids, we couldn't wait to get that last school report card and get a free ticket to the circus with it. That little ticket was like a gold nugget, and you never lost track of it until you gave it away to get into the circus!

I joined the Masonic Lodge and the Shrine to have fun! Going to parades as a youngster, I was always excited to see and hear the little cars with the goofy guys in the funny hats. Those guys always had a huge smile on their faces, waiving and having the time of their lives. Little cars racing around a strange looking green and yellow huge car, reminded me of a bunch of clowns. Many of the nobles driving these cars are no longer here with us today, but I can still see them smiling and laughing as they raced down the parade route. Nobles that many of you remember have been stuck in my mind and I will never forget the faces of Nobles such as Delvin Palmer, Howard Millet, Emmett Palmer, Merele Kopren, and Merle Lein—all still laughing and smiling. They may have had a little something to help get those smiles so big, but no one cares. As a kid, it just made you feel good to see them having the time of their lives while at the same time making those around them smile too.

That's my main goal in 2021—to "Have Fun!" Unit meetings can get pretty boring, especially when there isn't any old or new business. This year I would like every Unit to have a party or event or fundraiser, a reason to get together, socialize and have a goal to have some fun. At installation this year, we tried to give the units the praise they deserve for the work they do and have done in the past year. The unit officers were installed and the first Unit Parade of Glory was held. A representative from each unit got up and gave a report of the funds they raised and donated to various causes in 2020. The total given was very impressive, and I hope we can make this a tradition well into the future. In closing, thank you to all Nobles and Ladies for all you do and "Have Fun in 21!"

Yours in faith,

Keith Hanson  
Potentate, Naja Shrine 2021

# The Shrine Circus is Back!

Now, more than ever the Shrine Circus needs your support.

After missing the Shrine Circus for the first time in over 70 years, the citizens of the Black Hills and Western South Dakota will see the return of tigers, elephants and acrobats in 2021! See page 16 for more details!



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## Divan Meetings

- **February 10th at the Shrine Center in Rapid City. Meeting starts at 6:30.**
- **March 10th at the Shrine Center in Rapid City. Meeting starts at 6:30.**
- **April 14th Stated Meeting. At the Masonic Lodge in Deadwood. Finance meeting at 4:30, Ladies Auxiliary Dinner at 6:00, Stated Meeting at 7:00.**

## Covid Time Spent for Naja Patients

Custer Man Spends His Time Sheltering To Make Build-Your-Own Snowman Toys for Naja Patients—THANK YOU!

Introducing Tom Abbott of Custer, SD. In the fall of 2019, Tom spent an afternoon at Black Hills Orthopedic and Spine Center in Rapid City for a medical appointment. At the same time, Shriner's Childrens - Twin Cities was holding an outreach clinic at Black Hills Ortho and Tom spent some time visiting with the kids, their parents and with the Shriners who were there to help. Tom expressed a desire to do something to help the kids, something to help them smile and stated he made toys in his spare time since his retirement. Rick Holloway gave Tom his contact information and promised they would stay in touch.

Then the pandemic struck the world and many things changed. The outreach clinics were suspended and many people resorted to tele-medicine to see their doctors. Tom spent the winter and early summer of 2020 in his shop - hoping to make something to brighten their day.

Last summer, Tom contacted Rick and said he had 50 gifts for Naja patients he wanted to donate. He spent his time creating Snowman kits, each individually wrapped and ready to give to the children we transport back and forth to Minneapolis for treatment. Each kit contains buttons for his belly, carrot nose, coal for his eyes and mouth, and of course - a corn-cob pipe. Tom said he had a great time while in his Covid-lockdown, and attributed it all to making these special snowman kits.

Tom continues to make toys and work in his workshop. But Shriner Kids helped make that time in his shop just a bit more special during troubling times in 2020.



# SHRINERS CHILDRENS



## STUDY REVEALS NEW LINKS TO ARTHRITIS

A new study by investigators at Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis suggests the damaging effects of obesity are not due to body weight but rather come from something much smaller – biochemical signals released by fat cells. The study focuses on the link between overweight or obesity and the development of osteoarthritis, a painful disease of the joints. The investigation was led by Farshid Guilak, Ph.D., director of the St. Louis Shriners Hospital Research Center. “We’ve shown here that it’s not overloading of the joints that is responsible for osteoarthritis, but, more likely, a factor given off by fat cells that makes cartilage susceptible to degeneration,” said Guilak, who also serves as the Mildred B. Simon Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Washington University, a partner of the St. Louis Shriners Hospital.

While historically regarded as an unavoidable part of aging, osteoarthritis is now appearing more commonly in children. This is due in part to widespread increases in childhood obesity, coupled with injuries that commonly occur in adolescents, such as knee ligament tears. Little scientific research had been done in the past on the connection between obesity and osteoarthritis because, Guilak said, it was simply dismissed as a byproduct of overloading the joints with increased body weight. But the new study by investigators at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital and the Washington University School of Medicine shows that weight gain alone isn’t the cause.

### Inside the research

The researchers used a unique type of mouse that has no fat cells anywhere in their bodies. Even when they were fed an unhealthy, extremely high-fat diet, these mice did not develop osteoarthritis in any of their joints. The researchers were surprised to find that even with a knee injury that normally causes rapid degeneration of the cartilage, fat-free mice were protected from getting osteoarthritis. Then, the researchers implanted a tiny piece of fat under the skin of these mice, so small it had no effect on their body weight. The mice became susceptible to osteoarthritis, even though there was no weight gain. This showed researchers that fat outside the knee joint plays a critical role in cartilage health.

The study was published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. It was designed and executed by the lead author Kelsey Collins, Ph.D., a postdoctoral fellow in Guilak’s laboratory. “This study demonstrates that factors outside of the knee joint can affect cartilage health, which opens the door for a wide range of new osteoarthritis treatment targets we can investigate,” Collins said. “Once we identify the factors given off by fat cells that are responsible for these effects on the joint, we hope to develop new drugs to target them.”

In the meantime, Guilak, who also co-directs the Washington University Center for Regenerative Medicine and is a professor of biomedical engineering and of developmental biology, said that a healthy diet and weight loss are the first lines of prevention for osteoarthritis. “Something like this could take years to develop, but we’re excited about its prospects for reducing joint damage, as well as many of the other unhealthy effects of obesity,” Collins said.



**DEADLINE**

April-June Nugget **03/15/21**





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The latest Blood Drive was January 18th through the 31st. Many Shriners and Masons showed up to help donate their life-saving blood to others in the community who needed help. Even if you did not make it to the blood drive this month, you can stop in at Vitalant any time and donate on behalf of the Temple and your Lodge. When you give, make sure you tell them

you are a  
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**R1MS4KIDS.**



Watch for the next blood drive in  
March!





Kick Up your Heels  
and Have Fun  
in  
'21

# INSTALLATION 2021

2021 Installation in Deadwood, SD, brought out the best in Naja Shriners and the Temple. The weekend was packed with events, ceremony and of course FUN—in 2021!

The Masonic Lodge and Temple is under major repairs to fix and upgrade the roof of the 121-year-old building, but that did not stop everyone from having a great time bringing in our new Potentate Keith Hanson, and Lady Julie, and also thanking Illustrious Sir Jack Johnson and his Lady Natalie for their leadership in 2020. Attending the events of the weekend were dignitaries from Yeldez Shrine, as well as Ill. Sir. Dennis “Fluff” Sand, Potentate El Zagal Shrine, and Lady Tammy.

Friday night was filled with pomp and circumstance, beginning with an amazing beef and lamb dinner supplied by the SD Beef Counsel and the SD Sheep Producers. During dinner, toasts were given to Ill. Sir Dan Arnio, PP 2014, and Wally Evans, PP 2002, who could not be at Installation.

Naja also held a Presentation of Units to Potentate Jack Johnson and Chief Rabban Keith Hanson prior to the Installation. Units, as well as the Daughter’s of Nile and representatives from some of the events in 2020 made formal presentations reporting the funds donated to various Shrine causes totaling over \$150,000 (see below). Ill. Sir Jack Johnson was also presented with this new Fez case on behalf of a grateful Divan. As always, Will Larson’s leather work thoroughly impressed everyone!



Four Rivers Shrine Club: \$10,000 to Naja Operations; Naja Clown Patrol: \$10,000 to Naja Operations and \$3,000 to the Children’s Fund; Cowboys: \$10,000 to Naja Operations, and \$3,000 to the Naja Christmas Party; Rapid City Clowns: \$15,000 to Naja Operations; Black Hills Shrine Bowl: \$1,895 to Shriners Children’s Twin Cities; Outhouse Races: \$10,182 to the Transportation Fund; Outdoor Expo: \$28,915 to Naja Operations; Moyle Petroleum Golf Tournament: \$39,735 to Naja Operations; Backlask Motorcycle Poker Run: \$2660 to Naja Operations; Daughters of the Nile: \$650 to Naja Operations; Naja Show and Sell: \$2,100 to Naja Operations, \$1,400 to the Hillbillies, and \$1,300 to the Ladies Auxiliary; Black Hills Meat Fest: \$13,530 to the Naja Patient Camp Program; Black Hills Shrine Club: \$3,000 to the Naja Celebration Weekend.



## INSTALLATION (CONT.)

After the Stated Meeting, everyone was invited into the lodge for Installation of the Divan, the Potentate and the Officers of the Units in attendance.



Illustrious Sir. Jack Johnson was fitted with his Past Potentate Fez and Presentations were made to the new Potentate from the newly installed Divan, Naja Brewers, and Ill. Sir. Dennis "Fluff" Sand.



## INSTALLATION (CONT.)



The most meaningful gift was presented by the new Potentate's brother and sister-in-law Kevin and Linda Hanson. On behalf of their late father and Naja Shriner, Keith Hanson, Sr., a check was presented in the amount of \$1,000 to assist the new Potentate in having a successful and fun year.

Lady Julie was also presented gifts from her fellow Divan ladies, Past Potentate Ladies, Lady Sand, and others. The fun continued into the evening and next day. Everyone was grateful for the events and fellowship we were able to have in 2020, and we are all looking forward to getting back to normal and having FUN IN 2021.



# NAJA Shriners Chief Rabban Keith Hanson & his Lady Julie present their Cruise in 2021 – The Magic of Alaska

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# JULIE'S LADY'S PROGRAM

**Nobles and Ladies:**

**Thank you to all who joined us in Deadwood for a fun filled installation. It was wonderful to share some laughter with so many of you, even though we had a little construction to work around. If we learned anything in the last year, it is to be flexible and diverse with our planning.**

**As many of you know, we are trying to raise funds to have a Shrine Kids Camp here in the Black Hills for our local patients. I have made this my project for this year. The camp may be only a day or two, but would like to keep these camps going for many years to come. The profits from selling charms and socks will go towards the kids camp. The socks I have for sale can be purchased to take home with yourself or be left for patients. It's win or a win/win situation.**

**If you would like to purchase a charm, please contact me.**

**Keith and I are blessed by you and your support. Let's have 'Fun in 21'!!**

*Lady Julie*



# NOBLE SPOTLIGHT

AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR NEW POTE AND LADY

Kristi Wagner



The new year brings a new Potentate and someone special to lead Naja. So how might I describe our 2021 Naja Potentate, Illustrious Sir, Keith Hanson aka Junior? As I was thinking of our friend, here are some of my thoughts: the gentle giant, someone large and strong but has a quiet and gentle nature, like Ferdinand the Bull. In a gentle way, you can shake the world, said Gandhi. Our new Illustrious Sir is content with who he is and well suited to lead our organization dedicated to helping children.

Keith was accepted into membership of the Pasque 214 (Bison) Masonic Lodge in November of 2010. Randy Kopren is credited for being the instigator and mentor for Keith's journey becoming a mason. Keith held the highest office of Master of the Pasque Lodge in 2014-15 and held various chairs leading up to that moment. Keith shared that it was not until later in his Masonic life that he learned that many other members of his family were Masons, and our First Lady, Julie's dad, was also a Mason in Lavern, MN.

In December of 2010, Willis Kopren (PP) recruited Keith into Naja, and over the next 10 years Keith served as the West River Shrine Secretary/Treasurer, Circus Secretary/Treasurer, and a proud member of the Cowboy unit. In 2013, Past Potentate's Lady Cindy Kopren enlisted Keith to be Willis' driver to various Divan events. At an outdoor circus in Deadwood, Jeff Schroeder (PP) pulled up to Keith in a side by side and said get in, that is where his Divan journey began.



The Hanson's have been a team for almost 25 years in everything they do. They operate a cow/calf ranch near Reva, SD, on the Perkins, Harding County line. They both giggled when they said they loved living off the land, and in these times, it is a normal lifestyle for us to social distance. Keith and Julie have one son, a daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren who live in Pennsylvania. In the past few years, they have hosted two foreign exchange students, welcoming them into their home as their own.

When Keith was growing up on the ranch, he always wanted to become a veterinarian. When he graduated from high school he was accepted into college; however, he quickly realized that he missed the land, the animals, and the ranch way of life. Graduat-

ing with an Associate Degree in Animal Science, he headed back to the ranch. He has served his community as a EMT and as an incident command for the US Forest Service Type 5-IC Engine Boss (volunteer fire fighter). He enjoys creative welding, woodworking in his shop, hunting, fishing, camping, and long rides on his Harley Davidson.

Julie enjoys working right alongside Junior. She enjoys the many friendships that have been development through Naja Shrine with the Nobles and the Ladies. A memory that really sticks out for her is when they were attending Oriental Guide training in Tampa, FL, and were able to tour the Tampa Shriners Hospital for Children. Meeting the individual needs of the patients, building the artificial limbs one at a time is truly a labor of love, she says. Julie's passion for our Shrine Children and the determination to have fun has inspired her project of creating Kids Camps here in western South Dakota. Julie has served as the Naja Auxiliary Representative to the Women's General Auxiliary of the Twin Cities for the past 3 years.

As they look forward to gathering and strengthening our fraternity in the next year, the Hanson's said, "The greatest strength and growth potential of Naja Shrine is how all the nobility works well together."

A big man with a kind heart and four names; Junior – JR – Keith, and now Illustrious Sir.



# February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Rapid City Clown Meeting  Blast & Cast T's Meeting	2 Air Patrol Mtg	3	4	5	6
7 <b>SUPERBOWL PARTY</b> Old MacDon- ald's Brigade Mtg	8	9	10 Finance/Divan Mtg in Rapid City—6:30 pm	11	12  <b>OUTDOOR EXPO</b>	13 <b>WINTER MSA ZOOM Mtg</b> <b>OUTDOOR EXPO</b>
14 Valentines Day  <b>OUTDOOR EXPO</b>	15 President's Day  Provost Mtg	16	17 Black Hills Shrine Club Mtg	18 Naja Clown Patrol Mtg	19	20 Cowboy Mtg
21 Four Rivers Indoor Fishing Tournament	22	23	24	25	26 West River Shrine Mtg	27 <b>NEMO OUT- HOUSE RACES</b>
28 <b>SNOWMO- BILE RIDE</b>						



# March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Rapid City Clown Meeting  Blast & Cast TT's Meeting	2 Air Patrol Mtg	3	4 Fall River Shrine Patrol Mtg	5	6 Sip N' Shop Shrine Ctr
7 Old MacDon- ald's Brigade Mtg	8	9	10 Finance/Divan Mtg.—Rapid City 6:30	11	12	13 <b>NAJA LEARNING FAIR Rapid City</b>
14 Daylight Savings	15 Provost Mtg	16 Hillbilly Clan Mtg	17 Black Hills Shrine Club Mtg	18 Naja Clown Patrol Mtg	19	20 Cowboy Mtg
21	22	23	24	25	26 West River Shrine Unit Mtg	27 <b>KIDS EAST- ER PARTY</b>
28 Palm Sunday	29	31	31			



# April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Fall River Shrine Patrol Mtg	2 Good Friday	3
4 Old MacDon- ald's Brigade Mtg  Easter	5 Rapid City Clowns Mtg  Blast & Cast Mtg	6 Air Patrol	7	8	9	10
11	12 Greeters Mtg	13	14 Finance/Divan Stated Mtg— Deadwood 4:30 Finance 7:00 Stated	15 Naja Clown Patrol Mtg	16	17 Cowboy Mtg
18	19	20	21 Black Hills Shrine Club Mtg	22	23 West River Shrine Unit Mtg	24 Sip N' Shop Shrine Center
25	26 Provost Mtg	27	28 Patient Ser- vices Board Mtg	29 Circus Set-up	30 <b>RAPID CITY SHRINE CIRCUS</b>	





Social Media  
Networking Naja  
Advertising  
Promotion

The SNAP Unit is charged with bringing all the communication within NAJA to the next level. This unit will work on The Nugget, the NajaShriners.com site, pushing out PSA's, updating the calendar online, keeping a current presence on social media, bi-weekly communication with nobles and their ladies, taking pictures at events, helping units advertise their events, and promoting NAJA to the community.

New members are welcome. This is a working group that needs people who have experience with websites, social media, and writing/editing articles. If you are interested or have questions about this unit, or have some ideas for information in The Nugget, contact the SNAP Unit at [NajaSnapUnit@gmail.com](mailto:NajaSnapUnit@gmail.com)



## *Memorial Gifts and Donations*

### **Miscellaneous Donations**

Dennis and Nancy Bridenstine  
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In Memory of Brian McKay  
Ron and Diane Johnson

In Memory of John Rhynard  
Ron and Diane Johnson

In Memory of Patricia Kelley  
Tal and Fay Lockwood



# UNIT FUNDRAISER

Your Unit has the opportunity to raise some money by helping with one of the Sip 'N Shop's scheduled at the Shrine Center throughout the year. Help with set up and clean up - Sell food from the kitchen - or Both!!! Your unit will then collect funds raised from either the vendor registrations, food sales, or Both!!!

If your unit is interested in this fundraiser, contact Christina Cole at (605) 545-6682.

## Sip 'N Shop Spring Show

Saturday, March 6th 2021

9am-3pm

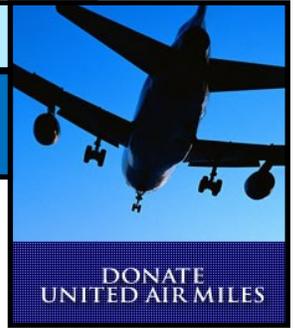
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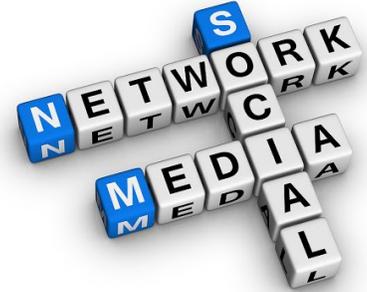


While some of us are more tech savvy than others - Naja Shriners are connecting through our social media sites!

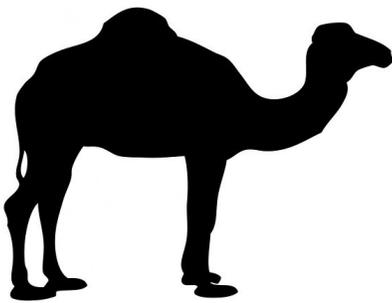
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*No better relation than  
a prudent and faithful  
friend.*

~Benjamin Franklin

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Steven L. Asher



# Are You Ready for a Circus?

## SHRINE CIRCUS 2021

That's right! The Naja Shrine Circus will return to the Black Hills and Western South Dakota in 2021. As you all know, we missed out on the fun and magic of the Shrine Circus in 2020. While it was financially hard on Naja and our operations, can you imagine the impact to Jordan Circus, who brings the circus to Naja every year? As we survived 2020, so did Jordan Circus! They are ready to get back on the circuit and eventually come to Rapid City, Deadwood, Wall, Lemmon and either Bowman, ND, or Buffalo. The fans in our area are also ready for the Shrine Circus to return. The 2021 Shrine Circus could be one of the largest and most attended circuses in our history. So, mark your calendars (1st weekend

May Rapid City and End of June) and

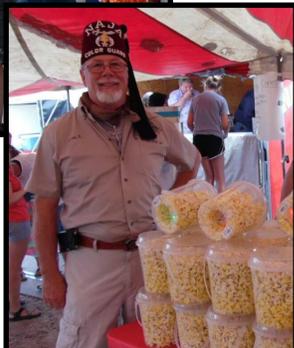
Wall Shine Circus

enjoy these great memories of Naja Shrine Circus events of the past.

2016



2017



# Rapid City Circus Memories

**2014**



**2016**



**2017**



**2018**



**2019**



# Deadwood Circus Memories

2014



2016



2017



# Northern Circus Memories

2014



2016



2017



2018



# 2nd Annual East West Shrine Bowl Watch Party



## Polar Cornhole Tournament

**EAST WEST**  
SHRINE BOWL  
More than just a game

The 2nd Annual East West Shrine Bowl Watch Party was held with great success, despite the fact there was not a national game played this year in Tampa, FL. Rather than scrapping the event, the Membership Committee decided to hold the event with a chili tasting competition, raffle items including; many great donations from Naja Units and the community, trips to Las Vegas and the Caribbean, as well as NFL Jerseys.

The winner of the Chili tasting competition was the Naja Brewers with their Boilermaker Chili (See the recipe next page).



The Polar Cornhole Tournament drew over 40 participants and resulted in 8 cash prize winners. One winner, Ed Beyl of Miles City., MT, donated \$60 back to the event. He stated he travels to tournaments like ours where the proceeds go to great causes or organizations. He plans to return again next year.



## Boilermaker Chili

### Ingredients

2 Pounds Cubed Beef (Smoked)  
 1 Pound Spicy Italian Sausage  
 3 Cans Chili Beans (you pick style)  
 1 Can Spicy Chili Beans  
 2 28 Oz Cans Rotel Tomatoes w/Juice  
 1 6 Oz Can Tomato Paste  
 1 Lg Yellow Onion (Smoked)  
 2 to 3 Poblano Chilies (Smoked)  
 1 Yellow Bell Pepper (Smoked)  
 1 Red Bell Pepper (Smoked)  
 1 Pound Thick Cut Bacon Bits Cooked  
 4 Cubes Beef Bouillon  
 1 Bottle Dark Beer (your choice)  
 1 Shot Irish Whiskey  
 1/4 C Chili Powder  
 1/4 C Brown Sugar  
 1 T Worcestershire Sauce  
 1 T Minced Garlic  
 1 T Dried Oregano  
 1 T Ground Cumin  
 2 t Hot Pepper Sauce  
 1 t Dried Basil  
 1 t Salt



### Directions

#### Step 1

Heat a large Dutch Oven pot over medium-high heat. Crumble the sausage and garlic into the hot pan, and cook until evenly browned. Remove sausage, retaining grease and cook beef.

#### Step 2

Pour back in the sausage and the chili beans, spicy chili beans, diced tomatoes and tomato paste. Add the onion, poblano and bell peppers, bacon bits, bouillon, whiskey and beer. Add chili powder, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, oregano, cumin, hot pepper sauce, basil, salt, pepper, cayenne, paprika, and sugar. Stir to mix, then cover and simmer over low heat for at least 2 hours, stirring occasionally.

#### Step 3

After 2 hours, taste, and adjust salt, pepper, and chili powder if necessary. The longer the chili simmers, the better it will taste. Remove from heat and serve, or refrigerate, and serve the next day.





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# OUTHOUSE RACES

*& Chili Cook-off Contest*

NEMO, SD ★ AT THE NEMO GUEST RANCH ★ FEBRUARY 27, 2021

## A FREE & FUN EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

**The Races**

**THREE DIVISIONS**

**CHECK IN AT 10 A.M.**

**RACE STARTS AT 1 P.M.**

**Cousins Pub & Pizza**

**'ZORB' Ball Will Be There**

**KIDS! BRING YOUR SCOOP**

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