**March 5th- Texas Ranch Chicken Casserole**

1 lg onion - chopped

2 celery ribs chopped

1 medium green pepper chopped

1 medium sweet red pepper chopped

1 tbl canola oil

1 garlic clove

3 cups cubes cooked chicken

1 can  cream of celery

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1 can (10 oz) diced tomatoes & green chilies undrained

1 tbl chili powder

12 corn tortillas cut into 1 inch strips

2 cups (8oz) shredded cheddar cheese divided

**Directions:**

In a large non-stick skillet coated with cooking spray

Saute onion, celery & peppers in oil until crisp tender

Add garlic cook one min longer

Stir in chicken, soups, tomato & chili powder

Line the bottom of a 3 qt baking dish with half the tortilla strips, top with half the chicken mixture & 1 cup cheese

Repeat layers

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees 30-35 minutes or until bubbly

Cool and freeze

**Directions: Defrost in frig overnight and reheat at 300 degrees for 30 minutes**