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A response from Black Pine Animal Sanctuary:

I'm sorry for the lateness of my response, I have been busy getting ready for conference in Tennessee. But I wanted to make sure you know how wonderful your donation was, and what it means for Black Pine. As you may know, we are collecting for 3 benches to have in our park at the opening of next season. That is 1200 pounds of caps that we need, so your caps are greatly appreciated.

I told your husband and mother-in-law that I would keep in touch to make sure you would know when we will be presenting the benches. It is my hope to have as many people as possible to share in this success with us. I will follow up as I can with updates.

Thank you again for your kindness, and support of our cause.

Marsha Archbold

Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

What does it take to make a difference?



Nothing more than removing the plastic lids from your disposable bottles and saving them until the next campout. Bring them to Patti Theime, who will eventually deliver them to a deserving charity. These caps are then recycled into benches to benefit the community!



Ed Shaneyfelt took Patti Thieme to the Black Pines Animal Sanctuary on October 29th to deliver the "caps" that the state organization turned in for the 2018 camping season. Black Pines Animal Sanctuary is located in Albion, Indiana. Black Pine's mission is stated: "We exist to provide refuge to displaced, captive-raised exotic animals for the REST of their lives and to educate people about responsible animal care and conservation." Check them out at www.blackpine.org for more information. They were excited to receive the caps as they have a goal this year to get 3 benches made.

Thank you to everyone that turned in caps this year and please save your caps all winter! We can help Black Pines again next year, or if you know of any place in your community that is collecting the caps for their location, please let Patti know.

Submitted by *Angie Shaneyfelt*

(Secretary for Ed & Patti)



From the State Director

Cindy James

Hello Indiana,

Brrrr...the weather outside is definitely feeling like winter here in Indiana: 29 degrees with a wind chill of 16! Well, just wait, in a couple of days it will be in the low 50's. That is Indiana folks!

I hope that most of you have filled out your camping schedules for 2019. Remember while camping to strike up conversations with those camping nearby about our organization and invite them to sign up! Also display any banners or flags with the FCRV logo; these could help with getting a conversation started!

Thanksgiving has come and gone. It was a blessing to spend time and to share good food with family and friends. December is just around the corner, be careful out there going from store to store for those bargains. Remember the true "Reason for the Season"!

Take care folks, have a safe and healthy winter!

Cindy James



From the National Office

Greetings Everyone:

We will be placing an order for another round of the 3' x 5' flags bearing the new FCRV logo. If there are any members, or State/Provincial associations who wish to purchase flag(s) at this time, they are \$60 for single-sided flags, and \$135 for double-sided flags PLUS shipping, which typically ranges from \$7 to \$14 dollars, depending on your location. A picture of the flag is included here for your reference.

The order will be placed next week. Please send me an email message indicating which format (single or double sided) and quantity, **no later than Tuesday, December 4th.**

Thank you!

Happy Holidays!

Pat Wittmeyer

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Editor's note:

Did you know that the new FCRV logo was designed by Indiana's own Emily Rausch Kidwell!

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Youth News

Indiana State Association FCRV
Youth Director
Misty Stuckswisch

It's a cold and snowy evening as I sit by the wood stove and dream of the next camping season. I've been working on Christmas crafts and thinking of putting up the tree. We enjoy adding to our ornaments every year and making a few homemade ones makes it all the more special. I made two little Christmas trees this week out of old salt and pepper shakers that had lost a lid. It's great to use old things as something new and recycle something that might be thrown away otherwise.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We enjoyed a beautiful weekend with perfect weather and family close by. I'm very thankful for our blessings and look forward to what the new year brings.

Our spring campout will include a fun activity for the little campers involving seed planting. We may get a little dirty but it's always worth the fun! We will also be working on our "Camping Is" posters and conservation also. I'm trying to stay positive and think of warmer weather! The winter months are a great time to plan ahead and make our camping plans. If you have any suggestions, please let me know!

I pray your holiday season is full of blessings and the new year brings you joy.
Until we camp again,

Misty

Teen Queen

Macey



Hey everyone! Hope y'all are surviving Mother Nature's ups and downs: 60's one day and snowing the next!

Well excluding that I have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Some things I'm thankful for are my family, friends, and FFA.

In FFA fruit sales this year, I hit my goal of 100 boxes by selling 106. I'm very excited and thankful to announce that my chapter parly team placed 1st at district and is moving onto section!! I'm competing at the district forestry contest Thursday, November 29, so hopefully my studying will help me to place. I'm always so busy but I guess I'd rather be busy than bored!

Hopefully you're surviving the winter, and when you're cold just remember *Kansas will be hot this summer!*

Macey

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Melvin Coy

More than just a day off...



Reflecting on the REAL Meaning

There are ten Federal holidays in a year recognized by my last occupation as a rural carrier for the United States Post Office. Five of them fall within a three month period.

Veterans Day is November 11. It was originally called Armistice Day, celebrating the end of WW1, and recognizing all who have served in the United States Armed Forces to protect our freedom.

Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday of November when we gather to be thankful for the blessings God has given us. The holiday commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621. A similar holiday is held in Canada in October.

Christmas is December 25 remembering the birth of Jesus and that He came to pay for our sins.

New Years Day is January 1. On this day we start a new year when we recall all the events of the past and gives us a chance to make a new start with our resolutions.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated the third Monday in January. He was a minister and activist and visible leader in the civil rights movement 1954 to 1968.

We need to remember what these days commemorate as most of us take a day off work to spend with our friends and family.

Melvin Coy

DASAT MOMENT by Marilyn Rausch

When all does not seem Merry and Bright...

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD), or seasonal depression, is a mood disorder that can express itself in ways that range from just being out of sorts or irritable to symptoms that interfere with all aspects of life, including the ability to work or relate to others.

SAD usually begins early in adulthood, affecting women more than men. Though the actual cause is not known, some feel that certain brain hormones (serotonin) respond to the lack of adequate sunlight to cause the symptoms. The usual symptoms include

- ⇒ Decreased energy
- ⇒ Difficulty concentrating
- ⇒ Fatigue, increased need to sleep
- ⇒ Increased appetite, weight gain

A medical professional should be consulted if this diagnosis is suspected, since other medical problems can cause similar symptoms and should be ruled out. In addition, other medical problems can be made more difficult to manage when SAD is added to them.

There are medications that can be specifically used to treat seasonal affective disorder. Another recommendation is to get outdoors early in the morning to get more natural light exposure. When this is impossible, light therapy (phototherapy) can also be used.

Another thing to remember is that for many people, holiday time is especially stressful. It may be because of the death of a loved one or another personal loss, because of financial stress, or just because the holidays create an overload of work, time, and emotional commitments that are difficult to handle. A few suggestions may be as follows:

- ⇒ Acknowledge your feelings...it's okay to be sad, upset, even angry.
- ⇒ Be realistic...things don't have to be as "perfect" as your expectations suggest.
- ⇒ Recognize the differences in people...everyone handles grief, stress, anxiety in a different way. Try not to take their reactions personally.
- ⇒ Stick to a reasonable budget. Don't try to replace your presence with your presents.
- ⇒ Learn to say "no" when things get too busy.
- ⇒ Maintain healthy habits (exercise, rest and relaxation, diet)
- ⇒ Avoid self-medicating with alcohol or drugs.
- ⇒ Take a break when you need it.
- ⇒ If things seem out of control, seek professional help.
- ⇒ Remember that you are not alone in this feeling.

The history of this iconic song as taken from the following website:
<https://allaboutromance.com/the-story-behind-the-carol-silent-night/>

silent Night, Holy Night



On Christmas Eve of 1818 the young priest of St. Nicholas parish church in Obendorf, Germany, faced disaster. The organ had been incapacitated by mice. The chance of fixing the instrument before the evening service was nil.

Father Joseph Mohr was not a man to just give up however. He pulled out a poem he had written several years before called "Stille Nacht". Mohr took his poem to the schoolmaster and organist of a nearby town, Franz Xaver Gruber. He asked that Gruber write a melody to accompany the poem on guitar. In several hours, Gruber had the music done and the carol was played for the first time that night at the Christmas Eve service. Mohr played the guitar and sang the tenor, while Gruber sang the bass.

The song was not translated into English for another 50 years. Episcopalian bishop John Freeman Young published the English translation that is most frequently sung today in 1859.

The writing of the song is unique enough but one other interesting factoid makes this carol special. In 1914, during the Christmas Truce of World War I, the song was sung in French, English and German simultaneously. It was apparently the one song that all the soldiers on both sides knew.

Recipes worth Sharing!

Submitted by Deena Felver. The Whoopie Pies are great to leave out for Santa. The Seasoned Crackers are good for snacks during that big Football Game on February 23, 2019 (and other times as well!)

WHOOPIE PIES

2 cups sugar
2/3 cup coco
1 cup shortening
2 eggs
2 tsp vanilla
1 cup sour cream
1 cup cold water
4 cups flour
2 tsp soda
2 tsp salt



water. Mix in flour salt and soda. Drop by spoonfuls on cookie sheet and bake for 10 to 12 mins. in a 350 degree oven. Cool on wire rack. when completely cool down spread filling between two cookies to make a pie.

FILLING: 3 beaten egg whites
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups powder sugar
1 cup crisco

Combine sugar coco and shortening together. Then add eggs sour cream and

Beat egg whites till frothy, add rest of ingredients. Spread between 2cookies.



SEASONED CRACKERS

24 oz. package oyster crackers
1 cup oil
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. dill weed
1 pkg. dry Hidden Valley Original

In large bowl mix all ingredients until crackers are well coated, let stand overnight in a sealed container. Serve.

ROLO TURTLES (Submitted by Marilyn Rausch)

Tiny Twist Pretzels
Rolo candies (unwrapped, enough for 1 on each pretzel)
Pecan Halves

Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper or waxed paper.
Place the pretzels in a single layer on the paper.
Place a Rolo Candy on top of each pretzel.
Place in oven for no more than 5 minutes (Rolos will be soft but will maintain their shape.)

Remove from oven and immediately press a Pecan half onto the Rolo, smashing the candy into the pretzel as noted in the picture. Allow to cool completely.



Note: If you have a recipe that you think others might enjoy, send it to the CHATTER editor at the following address hoosierchatter@hotmail.com. Any submissions are due by the 25th of the month prior to publication.

It's not too early to start thinking about next year's camping season. Plan ahead to join in the fun at the following campouts planned for 2019.



2019 CAMPOUT INFORMATION

FALL INVITATIONAL

The Indiana State Trustees are hosting the Fall Invitational on October 4-5-6 at **Bill Monroe's Memorial Music Park and Campground** in Bean Blossom, Indiana (just 5 miles North of Nashville on State Road 135). The exact address is 5163 St Rd 135, Morgantown, IN.

The sites we have reserved are: 43-53, 60-64, 93-97. You can make reservations by calling Rex: 812-327-0680 or Ben 812-361-3595. You may need to leave a message as these are cell phone numbers (since they don't man the office daily this time of year).

Retirees will be holding their Rally from Wednesday (October 2) - Friday that week at this location also. So, call an make your reservations!!!

At this campground is a walking trail, fishing lake, canoe rental (you can take your own kayaks). There will be a new shower house and a new playground, completed by next fall! Bill Monroe's Museum is located at the entrance (there is a \$4.00 fee to walk through, \$3.00 for seniors). The campground has a lot of history!

Submitted by:

*Ed & Angie Shaneyfelt
Carl & Deena Felver*

SPRING CAMPOUT

Angie Shaneyfelt will be hosting the Spring Campout on May 3-4-5 at Ouabache State Park in Bluffton, Indiana.

You can go on-line to make your reservations at www.reserveamerica.com We want you to reserve sites 41-59, 21, 23, 25 (or either side of the road) around the restrooms and shelter house (that we are hoping to use).

If you have any problems or questions regarding reservations, call me at 260-728-9848 or email angishaneyfelt@hotmail.com.

More information will be provided as the campout gets closer.

Angie Shaneyfelt

**ALSO,
DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT
THE CALENDAR ON THE LAST
PAGE FOR
NATIONAL AND REGIONAL
CAMPOUTS!!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

International Events

Retiree Rally 2019

Terrebone Civic Center
Houma, Louisiana
March 19 - 24, 2019

Campvention 2019

Hutchinson, Kansas,
July 7-13, 2019

Great Lakes Regional Events

Regional Campout 2019

Watseka, Illinois
July 31-August 4, 2019

Indiana State Events

Booth at Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Hobby Show

February 15-24, 2019
Volunteers Needed!

2019 Indiana Spring Campout

Ouabache State Park
Hosted by Angie Shaneyfelt
May 3-5, 2019

2019 Indiana Summer Campout

Cornerstone Campground
N75 W CR 500 S
New Castle, IN 47362
Hosted by Skeeter Beaters
August 16-18, 2019

2018 Fall Invitational

Bill Monroe's Campground
5163 State Road 135
Morgantown, Indiana
Hosted by Indiana FCRV Trustees
October 4-6, 2019

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