

# Nebraska ***CALLING***



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Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

## **State Director's Message . . . Rob and Joleen Baker Communication**

We looked up the definition in Webster's Dictionary. Two of the definitions are as follows: 1) an act or instance of transmitting an exchange of information; 2) a verbal or written message. The technology today should make communicating an easy task, i.e., texting, email, Face Time, Face Book, Cell Phone, and landlines. Verbally, communicating is not without fail either. Do you remember that game called Gossip where you have people in a line and you tell the first person a sentence and by the time it gets to the other end it has changed to one extent or the other? Well the same thing happens when communicating with each other today.

This is, whether we admit it or not, happening in FCRV from your Chapters all the way up to the National level. If you have heard something and are not sure what it means, or need clarification, please ask. Your question may be the same as one or six other FCRV members. If we do not have an answer, we will go up the chain until we are able to answer your question.

As of this writing, Regional is in a few weeks and probably shorter time period once this article is published. The registration form is in The Calling again this month. If you would like to attend,

please either call or email Hustons as soon as possible.

In closing, and somewhat related, please read The Calling. This is our method of communication with the State of Nebraska as well as visitors to the FCRV Website. There is a considerable amount of work involved in organizing The Calling. Beginning with the people that take time to contribute articles, recipes and other information, to our Editor, Pat Smith, who pulls it together so that we can read it each month.

Happy Camping!!!

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### **2018 Dates to Remember**

August 2-5      Regional Meeting - Missouri Valley, IA

August 19-23    Retiree Rally - Stromsburg

October 5-7     Corn Picking Good Times,  
Double Nickel

### **2019 Dates to Remember**

July 7-13       Campvention, Hutchinson, KS

## Reports. . .

### Regional Director . . .

#### REGIONAL RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEARTLAND

I hope this finds everyone planning to journey to the Regional Campvention the 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> of July in Iowa. They have worked hard on putting together the Regional and I hope that you will support them this year. For those of you that journeyed to Doswell, Va for Campvention this year, I hope that you had a great time! It was good to see many of you there. Big thanks go out to those of you that were able to help with the hospitality promoting the 2019 Campvention. We thank you for that help. I ask that you consider filling one of the many positions that are needed in 2019 on the many committees that it takes to do a successful Campvention. YOU ARE NEEDED. We, as a Region, will need all hands on deck to make this a success. After we complete the 2018 Heartland Regional Campvention, Ivalee and I will be opening up the remaining positions to other regions to help fill the teams for Campvention 2019. It is our desire that Region 3 members fill the positions for Campvention as we are the ones responsible for hosting. We know that we have the talent as a Region to do the jobs, and we believe in the people of Region 3 to show the FCRV family that we can and will do a great job with the task ahead. *Many hands make light work of a task.*

Congratulations go out to those that entered posters for Camping Is.

Jernaile Morgan-Baker: Your Poster took 1<sup>st</sup> place in your age category and, as your Regional Director, I am very proud of you. I would like to thank you for your poster. You did a great job. I look forward to taking your poster to Kansas next year.

Haylie Bake: Your poster took 2nd place in your age group. As Regional Director, I am very proud of that. Again, I look forward to

taking your poster next year to Campvention in Kansas.

Camrick Hoagland: Your poster took Honorable Mention in your age category and I am very proud of your entry. I, as Regional Director, look forward to taking your poster to Campvention in Kansas. Thank you for your entry.

To the members that entered the essay Contest, I am very proud of you and we will have the results soon.

To the Chapters that entered the Chapter of the year contest, Congratulations to the Explorers on your award in the Chapter of the Year contest.

Congratulations to the States that showed growth and received mention this year. Let's make a clean sweep next year for all of our states to be on that list.

We have some staff changes. First, I would like to Congratulate Dale and Karen Huston in becoming the new State Directors for Iowa. They have stepped up and have been approved by the Trustees as the new State Directors. They have taken the reins and I know that they will lead Iowa forward in the years to come. They will be installed at Regional and the appointment was official on July 17, 2018. Iowa, you have good leaders. I ask that you give them your full backing and move Iowa ahead in membership and as a leader in FCRV. I am very pleased to make this announcement.

JeAnne Selby has taken on Minnesota as the State Director and now has North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. This was a move that makes good sense as many people in both North and South Dakota have family there and can help to expand FCRV. Sherry McGuire: congratulations on becoming the Assistant State Director for the Dakotas. Your stepping up will be a great help for JeAnne, and lighten the load that a State Director carries.

And thanks to Rob and Joleen Baker for the great job that they are doing in Nebraska.

You have come a long way. Keep up the good work.

See you camping!  
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### **State Chaplain's Message . . . Mert Feikert**

We really enjoyed the weekend camping with members of the Triple F group at Pawnee Lake. Hopefully we will be able to do it again in the future. The weather was terrific and on Saturday we were treated to a tour of our State Capital Building. This is something Janene and I were never able to do even though we lived in Dorchester for 12 years and made many trips to Lincoln during that time. So, I want to thank our hosts for a very enjoyable weekend.

Today, even in this great country in which we live, we sometimes find ourselves feeling a little uncertain about the future of our nation. We find that throughout history, nations have come and gone. It has gotten to the point that we sometimes don't know who to believe in this world today. I thank God that I am a member of a kingdom that will last into eternity. As Christians we know who is in control and He will always be with us in any situation in which we find ourselves.

*Colossians 1:17*

*He is before all things and in Him all things hold together*

Despite all the lies being told on the earth today, we know where we can find the truth. All we must do is open it up and read the words left to us by God.

### **State Photographer . . . Janene Feikert**

On July 13-15; the Heartland Runabouts and the Triple F camp clubs met at Pawnee Lake for a joint campout. On Saturday,

members of the Runabouts enjoyed an informative tour of the State Capital building.

A baked potato bar was served on Saturday evening and spectators enjoyed watching the Jousting games that evening.  
*(Janene Feikert took the photos.)*



#1 - Ken & Sandy Kendall, Jim & Mary Kay Hackett, Dennis & Debby Hoagland, Mert Feikert, Marj Young, Gary Sander, Gene Young, Linda Sander with John Mueller, Tara Mueller and Anita Mueller in the back row.



#2 - Eric Mathews on the left, Lucas Mathews on the right



#3 - JR, Jessica Baker



#4 - Dennis Hoagland, Claudia Gaibler, Mary Brashaw, John Brashaw, and Allen Gaibler

## Chapter News . . .

### Courageous Ramblers

#### Camping Notes July 14, 2018

We camped at Wilbur, NE American Legion Campground. It was very hot, but with shade and a mild breeze, we had a nice time.

Our craft this month was a solar light in a clay flowerpot, and artificial flowers. Each individual decorated their own, so the variety was wide-ranging and gorgeous.

We met a couple from Florida who recently became full timers, and had a good visit with them. One of our members shared her potato salad with them.

Hamburgers on the grill, and other foods we shared, made a great evening meal.

At our meeting, we reviewed our activities coming up at Weeping Water, and are looking forward to having our State Directors as our special guests.

After the meal, we had a rousing game of YardZee, and enjoyed the fun and fellowship.

*Judy Dickey  
Secretary*

### Triple F

Triple F camped at Pawnee Lake near Lincoln the weekend of July 13<sup>th</sup> where we were joined by the Runabouts. This made for a very large group and a really good time.

On Saturday part of our group took a tour of the Capitol building. Another group toured the Blue Blood Brewery and Robbers Cave where they tasted a craft beer and saw how beer is brewed. A few even drove to the Baker's candy outlet near Greenwood. That was a little farther away, but going to the candy store is always worth the drive.

Saturday evening we had a potato bar and potluck for dinner. The meal was followed by a jousting tournament using inflatable weapons. The participants took the game very seriously and in the end the game pieces were pretty well destroyed.

We had a great time camping with the Runabouts and hope to camp with them or other clubs again in the future.

The last weekend of July will find Triple F at Pine Grove RV Park for Christmas in July and the weekend of August 10<sup>th</sup> we will be at Lewis and Clark Lake near Onawa, Iowa.

*Mary Brashaw  
Secretary*

### Rollin' Turtles

The Rollin' Turtles held their July campout at Louisville State Recreation Area. For a change, the weather was very pleasant, at least for July in Nebraska. The brand-new water obstacle course has already been installed, but was not yet open. We are not sure us old-timers will be interested in it, since it is both extremely active, and rather expensive. The only open camping space in the whole area was actually reserved and paid for by one of our couples, that was unable to attend due to health issues. Twenty-five members, plus numerous (uncounted) guests, enjoyed our Saturday potluck. As usual, we could have fed twice that number! Our next campout will be at Two Rivers SRA, Aug. 17-19. In addition to our potluck, the next campout will feature our annual ice cream social.

*Allan Smith  
Secretary*

**"THE GATHERING"**  
**"CORN PICKING GOOD TIMES"**  
NE. FCRV'S end of the season campout & planning meeting.  
**OCTOBER 5 - 7 2018 Double Nickle Campgrounds, Waco, Ne**

**Friday evening:** Campfire w/hot dogs & chips

**Saturday morning:**

8:00 - Flag Ceremony

8:15 - CAMP walk

8:45 - Breakfast

9:30 - Crafts

**12:00 - Lunch on your own**

1:00 - Hayrack ride

2:00 - Ice Cream Floats - Scholarship Committee

3:00 - Games

5:30 - Supper - catered - NANA'S

6:45 - Planning meeting

CAMPFIRE after meeting.

9:00 - **Sunday** morning service with Coffee/juice & rolls.

**THANKS FOR COMING! DRIVE CAREFULLY!**

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**Registration for "The Gathering 'Corn Picking Good Times"**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or Email (for confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

Fees for camping & breakfast will be collected at the campground. Please send your registration to Jim & Janet Staehr, 301 Kansas St, Utica, NE 68456. We would like to hear from you by July 1 so we can plan how many places to reserve and amount of refreshments to acquire. Thank you!

# Heartland Regional

## August 2 - 5, 2018

## Fairgrounds, Missouri Valley, Iowa

Join us for a fun time!

Activities, games, hospitalities & MORE!  
Saturday night meal (tickets sold at reg.)

Pre-registration cost \$15.00/\$20.00 at gate  
Camping cost \$18.00/night

Send Pre-registration to:

Dale Huston, P.O. Box 25, Albion, IA 50005

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_ Teen \_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking \_\_\_\_



# FCRV RETIREE RALLY STROMSBURG, NE

Buckley Park Camp Ground

AUGUST 19-23, 2018

**Registration fee \$4.00 per person. The parking fee is by donation and will be decided by all at our general meeting.**

**SUNDAY 5.00 PM Leave for Benedict for evening meal. Devotions when we return.**

## **MONDAY**

9:00 Registration begins with Coffee Time, A thru F bring something to share

Sign up at Senior Center for lunch on Tuesday (individual donation required to Sr. Center)

12:00 Lunch on your own

2:30 Games

5:30 Supper, main dish provided. Please bring salads, veggies, pickles, olives dessert etc.  
Bring your own dishes.

7:00 Get acquainted night

8:30 Hospitality

## **TUESDAY**

9:00 Coffee Time, G thru S bring something to share (initials of last name)

11:00 Leave for Senior Center for thrift shop and lunch

3:00 Crafts

5:30 Dinner on your own

7:00 Dominos, Cards, Board Games, etc.

8:30 Hospitality

## **WEDNESDAY**

9:00 Breakfast provided (bring your own dishes)

12:00 Lunch on your own

2:00 Ice Cream Social, bring toppings to share

4:00 General Meeting

5:30 Pot Luck

7:00 Fun Night, crowning of the New King and Queen

8:30 Hospitality

## **THURSDAY**

9:00 Coffee Time, T thru Z bring something to share

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!!**

Please bring your own cup for coffee time and dishes and utensils for meals.

Also bring books for sale or exchange, money to benefit our Retiree group.

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