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Dates to Remember

March 19 – 24, 2019 48th

National Retiree Rally-
Houma, LA

June 7 - 9, 2019 ND/SD

State Campvention -
Brown County Fair-
grounds, Aberdeen, SD

July 8 - 12, 2019 59th

National Campvention-
Hutchinson, KS

July 2020 60th National

Campvention - Ontario,
Canada



North and South Dakota FCRVers receive four awards at 2018 National Campvention

by JeAnne Selby

Primarily because of the time, effort and creativity of the Roaming Buffalo FCRV Club members, North and South Dakota FCRVers brought back four national awards from various awards ceremonies during the July 8 - 14, 2018 National Campvention in Doswell, VA.

National recognitions going to North and South Dakota FCRVers include one of two national conservation awards, a national Wildlife Refuge Grant, an award in the site decoration contest and a national pet parade award.

Roaming Buffalo receive 2018 Best Chapter Conservation Project Award: In presenting the 2018 Best Chapter Conservation Pro-



The Roaming Buffalo received the 2018 Best Chapter Conservation Project Award. Unable to accept it during the National Campvention awards ceremonies, ND/SD State Director JeAnne Selby (far left) presented the plaque to Roaming Buffalo Field Director Sherry McGuire (second from left), Deb and Ted Kapp at the 2018 Regional at Missouri Valley, IA August 4. The plaque recognizes the conservation program presented at the 2018 ND/SD State

ject Award, National Conservation Director Mary Lehnerd of Cabot, PA

cited the well-received conservation program the Roaming Buffalo had scheduled for the 2018 State Campvention at Ashley in early June. Scheduled by State Campvention 2018 Chair Sherry McGuire, Guest Speaker Kristi Ebel of Ebel Organic Farm detailed the requirements to be designated a USDA-certified organic farm as well as the health benefits of eating organically grown foods during her 1 1/2-hour-long presentation.

National Wildlife Refuge Grant awarded to Bismarck's Dakota Zoo: Dakota Zoo, in Bismarck, ND, recently received a \$1,000 FCRV wildlife refuge grant following the July 2018 National Campvention in Doswell, VA. Submitted in May by State FCRV Director JeAnne Selby, Bismarck, on behalf of the Dakota Zoo, the grant request sought national FCRV wildlife funds for the Zoo's raptor rehabilitation program.

According to Zoo Director Terry Lincoln, the \$1,000 award will go toward the installation of privacy mesh on four flight pens used to house injured and orphaned raptors brought to the Zoo for treatment and rehabilitation.

The FCRV Wildlife Refuge program offers financial grants to governmental and private organizations to assist them in wildlife conservation projects. The grant requests must be submitted to the national FCRV Wildlife Refuge Director by an FCRV member and be accompanied by a letter of concurrence from an agency/organization.

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Dakota Zoo Director Terry Lincoln introduces one of the Zoo's newest raptor patients, an adult red tail hawk with a broken wing, to State FCRV Director JeAnne Selby. Selby wrote a grant request on behalf of the raptor rehabilitation program at the Zoo and recently presented a \$1,000 check to Lincoln. Lincoln and Selby stand in front of one of the flight pens previously supported in part by National FCRV Wildlife Grant funding.

Deb Kapp receives top award in the 2018 site decoration contest: Roaming Buffalo Deb Kapp received the award for the "best overall site" in the 2018 site decorating contest, this year acknowledging Doswell as the home of thoroughbred Triple Crown racing legend, Secretariat. In the execution of the horse theme, Deb's prize was a stuffed horse filled with a roll of silver dollars, again donated by contest sponsor Geneseo Campground of Illinois.

Ted and Deb Kapp's poodle wins a national pet parade award: One of Ted and Deb Kapp's two teacup poodles, Ladie, was recognized as the small-

est dog entered into the 2018 national pet parade. Again, deepest thanks to the Roaming Buffalo who contributed so significantly to bringing National FCRV recognition and first rate (conservation) programming to North and South Dakota FCRV!

In addition to Ted and Deb Kapp, their daughter-in-law Kim Kapp and Grandson, Assistant State Director and Roaming Buffalo Field Director Sherry McGuire and State Director JeAnne Selby of the Roughriders also attended the 2018 National Campvention in Virginia.



Roaming Buffalo Deb Kapp received the award for the "best overall site" in the horse-themed site decorating contest at the 2018 National Campvention at Doswell, VA.



THE 2019 NATIONAL CAMPVENTION: BEHIND THE SCENES PREPARATIONS

by JeAnne Selby

Planning for the 2019 National Campvention, to be hosted by Region 3 Heartland Region July 8 - 12 at Hutchinson, KS, began in earnest during the 2019 Kansas State Spring Camp-out May 4 - 6. Kansas FCRVers had extended an invitation to their Fiesta-themed May State Camp-out to all Region 3 FCRVers late last winter, in order to provide an opportunity for Campvention 2019 committee

chairs and members to see the buildings and grounds where the 2019 National Campvention will be held. State Director JeAnne Selby and Assistant State Director Sherry McGuire attended the three-day Kansas State Spring Camp-out.

In addition to touring the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Campvention Principals and Team Leaders met with Campvention Co-chair Ivalee Vanderhoff and de-

cidied the color of the Campvention 2019 work tee-shirt -- mint green.

They also decided on 2018 National Campvention hospitality give-aways, a 2"x3" 1/8"-thick yellow craft foam likeness of the state of Kansas, with all major Kansas highways and interstates drawn in and a rhinestone designating the location of Hutchinson. On the back side of each was written the

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2019 Campvention theme, "All roads lead to Kansas." The design and template for the give-aways were created by ND/SD Assistant State Director Sherry McGuire and approved by the assembled group in Kansas. The 500 give-aways were hand-crafted by North Dakota, South Dakota and Kansas FCRV's prior to the 2018 National Campvention.

In addition, the group decided to serve round sugar cookies decorated with either "2019" or "Kansas" in mint green buttercream frosting, along with lemonade and water, for their Regional hospitality at the 2018 National Campvention in Doswell, VA. The plain round sugar

cookies were ordered and baked at Doswell, but decorated by Kansas and North Dakota FCRV's the morning of the hospitality.

Most 2019 Campvention committee positions have been filled, however a few more volunteers are needed to assure activities are adequately staffed. If you are willing to assist with any of the committees or activities, please let Sherry or JeAnne know. Watch future issues of *Camping Today* for Campvention 2019 updates and opportunities to volunteer. Compared to some FCRV regions, Region 3 is considered a "small" region, with fewer members, consequently somewhat limited staffing for a week-long National Campvention. We would welcome additional assistance, wherever you feel comfortable volunteering!



North Dakota FCRV's welcoming guests to the hospitality hosted by Region 3 at the 2019 National Campvention included (from left to right) Roaming Buffalo Deb Kapp, her daughter-in-law Kim Kapp, and Assistant State Director Sherry McGuire. The receiving line was composed of about 25 FCRV's from Iowa, Kansas, Montana and North Dakota.

2019 NATIONAL CAMPVENTION SLATED FOR KANSAS

by JeAnne Selby

"All roads lead to Kansas" for the July 8 - 12, 2019 National FCRV Campvention. The Kansas State Fairground, in Hutchinson, is the site of the 2019 event, being hosted by our own Region 3 Heartland Region.

If you're thinking about attending the 2019 Campvention and aren't already registered, don't delay too long! The first 211 registrations will have full hook-ups, with 20/30/50-amp electricity, water and sewer. Additional registrations will have electricity and water only. Camping will be hobo style.

The pre-registration fee of \$300.00 per unit covers Sunday through Friday; the fee increases to \$310.00 at the gate. A second family in the unit will pay \$150.00 (or \$160.00 at the gate). A drive-in pass for the week is \$175.00 (or \$185.00 at the gate). Early bird days are July 5 and 6, at \$25.00 per night. Wi fi is available, for a nominal fee.

All buildings, including the Encampment Building, where most activities will be held, are air-conditioned. All evening programs and entertainment will be held in the Hansen Auditorium, a 749-seat theater with comfortable seating and good views of the stage.

The National Campvention parade will be a traditional outdoor parade on-grounds and routed past

shade trees. The theme of the 2019 National Parade is "Best Road Trip Ever."

Our FCRV vendors, Dale and Karen Huston of Iowa, will be on grounds throughout the week to engrave your new badges and provide FCRV merchandise.

This year's site decoration theme is "**Kansas is...**". The theme for the pet parade is **Construction Zone Ahead.**"



Kansas FCRV's Garold Smith (left) and Vern Failor take a turn staffing the 2019 National Campvention pre-registration booth during the 2018 National Campvention.

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An FCRV Marketplace, offering hand-crafted items or other merchandise for sale by FCRV chapters or individual members, is scheduled for Thursday morning.

Region 3 Campvention Co-chairs Ivalee Vanderhoff of Kansas and Gerry Pfirsch of Montana encourage FCRVers attending the 2019 Campvention to come early and/or stay late to explore Hutchinson and the surrounding area.

A few of my personal favorite Hutchinson attractions over the years have been the Cosmosphere (a Space Museum affiliated with the Smithsonian), Stratica (the underground Salt Mine Museum), and the nearby Yoder Amish community. If you have time, there are so many more neat Hutchinson attractions to explore and fun restaurants to try!

Please continue watching future issues of *Camping Today*, or checking the FCRV website (www.fcrv.org) for additional Campvention 2019 information, as it becomes available.

Pre-registration forms are available in all recent issues of *Camping Today*, as well as on the FCRV website.

JeAnne Selby appointed to National FCRV Scholarship Committee: National FCRV Scholarship Director Carl Wood of Ontario (center front) announces the



2018 national FCRV scholarship winners and the appointment of two new national FCRV scholarship committee members during

the 2018 National Campvention at Doswell, VA. Wood announced the appointment of ND/SD State Director JeAnne Selby to the National Scholarship Committee, effective immediately, as well as scholarship awards to Katie and Elizabeth Kiburski, both Michigan FCRVers and college students (at far right), as former National FCRV President Jack Smye, Ontario, (far left) and Vice President of Programs George Walters, Florida, (second from left) look on. The full formal name of the national scholarship committee was recently changed to the NCHA Hank Nathan Scholarship Committee, a tribute to the organization's founder.



REGIONAL RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEARTLAND by Gerald Pfirsch, Region 3 Director

Well everyone here we are at the sad end of another great camping season. We are about to close another chapter in our camping adventure as 2018 winds down. This is a time of the year that we often look back and think about the camping trips that we did not get to take. I say that it is also the time of the year that we look back on the trips that we had a great time like Regional Campvention in Iowa. It was great to see each of you that were there. If you missed Regional you missed a great time. For me this was a great time with the State Directors again this year and this was a special year as this is the first Regional Campvention that we have a full slate of State Directors. I had the great time of camping with the Two new State Directors Dale and Karen from Iowa and Rob and Joleen From Nebraska. A special Thanks go out to Dale and Karen for the great job that they did in putting together the

Regional Campvention They did a great job in putting together and a big thank You go out to them for the job that they did this year. We will not be doing a Regional this coming year 2019 as we are hosting the National Campvention. Nebraska will host the Regional Campvention in 2020 and Rob and Joleen have been looking for a location and have started some of the planning for that.

With the camping season drawing to a close for many of us or is closed for others we will be continuing on the preparations for National. We still have positions that need to be filled. If you have already volunteered for a position thank you and let's make this a great Campvention. All of you are needed and we look to seeing you there.

I am going to ask each of you to think about what campout was your best campout this year. Then I would ask you to write an article for

your news letter and share it with everyone. Camping is not only stories around the camp fire it is sharing adventures with all of your camping family. Each of you are my camping family and I enjoy the few campouts that we get to join in together as a Region. You know this holds true with National as well.

When you go to a National you will meet people that you will only see at a National Campvention but they are none the less your camping family. At your first Campvention you will meet someone that you will form a friendship with possibly at the first timer meeting that you will see at Camp-ventions over the years to come and the friendship will be an ongoing and will grow with each Campvention.

What is your Chapter planning for recruiting this year? RV Show? Inviting that new neighbor on the block with the camper on a camp-

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ing outing with your chapter? Inviting that co-worker that just bought that new camper along on a Chapter outing. Whatever it maybe, always be looking for that possible new member that you can share FCRV with. Whatever it is don't be afraid to share FCRV with them they could just be interested in getting involved with your Chapter. This is a good time to sign up new members.

When you sign them up and they pay for the first year they will get an enhanced membership. That is, they will pay for 1 year and will get 6 months free. That is 18 months for the price of one year. This will give your Chapter two camping seasons with that new member and a far

better chance of getting them involved in FCRV. This is a great tool that we have been given, so put it to use and sign up some new members. If each of us were to go out and sign up 1 new family this year FCRV would double in size. So, I ask do you think you could find one new family in this year to come? If each of us can let's see what we can do. Let's make it happen.

Well as we close this wonderful camping season, let us look forward to the next season and smile at the memories from the season that we bring to the close. I hope that all of you have good health and good cheer in the year to come.

I will see you at National, if not before, so until then, smile and enjoy time with your families and with your camping family as well.

FOUR ND/SD FCRVERS ATTEND 2018 REGION 3 REGIONAL IN IOWA

by JeAnne Selby

Four ND/SD FCRVers attended the 2018 Region 3 Regional Campvention at Missouri Valley, IA August 2 - 5, taking advantage of all the usual FCRV programming that campventions offer, but also squeezing in a few free hours to explore Missouri Valley and the surrounding Loess Hills area.

The FCRVers participated in 1-mile daily walks, attended the Power-point conservation presentation on the origins, fauna and flora of the nearby Loess Hills, 200 miles of wind-blown silt up to 250 feet high deposited along the western border of Iowa, and the DASAT presentation on human trafficking by Missouri Valley Chief of Police Ed Murray. The North Dakota FCRV ladies also learned how to make a drawstring fleece jewelry bag during the craft session. The weekend also included evening musical entertainments and hospitalities; it concluded with a Saturday night pot luck supper.



Roaming Buffalo Deb Kapp and Sherry McGuire watch the turtles sunning on logs and fish swimming in the waters of the Missouri River at the DeSoto Wildlife Refuge

Participants also brought items for both silent and live auctions, with the proceeds going to replenish the Regional coffers.

During their free time, ND/SD FCRVers Ted and Deb Kapp and Sherry McGuire of the Roaming Buffalo Club and JeAnne Selby of the Roughriders

spent most of their first day touring the nearby DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose of the Wildlife Refuge is to serve as a stop-over for migrating ducks and geese. The Refuge's Visitor Center also contains an archeological collection of over 250,000 artifacts excavated from the buried wreck of the Steamboat Bertrand.

The Bertrand sank on April 1, 1865; the Missouri River quickly buried the cargo -- tools, equipment, food items and clothing, all headed for the new Montana Territory gold mines, logging camps and farms. The sternwheeler was discovered in 1968; it and its cargo were unearthed the following year. In addition to viewing the surprisingly well-preserved cargo at the Visitor's Center, the ND/SD FCRVers also drove to the excavation site along the Missouri River where the Bertrand's hull still lies buried.

The ND/SD FCRVers also toured the Watson Steam Train museum, viewing the numerous model trains, railroad equipment and the fully functional steam train, all located on the Missouri Valley Fairgrounds, site of the 2018 Regional Campvention.

The FCRVers enjoyed lunch one day at the highly recommended Loess Moose Bar and Grill,



North Dakota FCRVers (from left to right) Ted and Deb Kapp, Sherry McGuire and JeAnne Selby enjoyed lunch at the highly-recommended Loess Moose Bar and Grill, located in downtown Missouri Valley, IA during the 2018 Regional Campvention.

State Campvention 2018 Highlights

by JeAnne Selby

Deepest thanks to the Roaming Buffalo FCRV Chapter and State Campvention Co-chairs Sherry McGuire and Ted and Deb Kapp for planning and hosting yet another excellent State Campvention June 1 - 3, at Lake Hoskins RV Park & Campground, three miles west of Ashley. This was a new State Campvention site for North and South Dakota FCRVers.

Eighteen member families from the three Dakota FCRV chapters attended the 2018 State Campvention.

The Roaming Buffalo members provided a baked potato bar for supper for early arrivals Thursday, May 31, followed by an evening campfire.

FCRVers walked 1 mile on Friday and Saturday, as part of the CAMP program. The DASAT program was combined with a service project, for which 24 FCRV members each spent 1 1/2 hours making nearly 300 of the 500 hand-crafted 1/8"-thick yellow craft foam give-aways for the 2018 National Campvention hospitality hosted by Region 3 FCRV members in July in Virginia. The DASAT program consisted of safety reminders from the craft designer and chair, Sherry McGuire; this



State Campvention 2018 Co-chair Sherry McGuire chats with Conservation program presenter Kristi Ebel, Zeeland, following her presentation on organic farming at State Campvention June 2.

Kristi Ebel of Ebel Organic Farm, near Zeeland, presented the conservation program on Saturday morning, June 2. She explained the requirements needing to be met to be designated a USDA-certified organic farm, addressing farming practices, seeds, care of machinery used in planting and harvesting, and crop storage. Kristi also briefly spoke about the health benefits of eating organically grown foods and answered numerous questions from FCRV members during the 1 1/2 long presentation.

was followed by tornado safety tips from a McIntosh County Commissioner, in the face of a tornado warning issued for the Lake Hoskins area.

Saturday afternoon allowed time to shop and explore Main Street in Ashley. Saturday evening featured the traditional (and always wonderful!) pot luck dinner, followed by the coronation of the 2018 State FCRV Retiree King and Queen, Al and Shirley Storksen of the Roaming Buffalo, and reception in their honor. Look for the executive summary of the Saturday, June 2, annual state business meeting elsewhere in this issue.

In appreciation of the outstanding volunteer efforts of the ND/SD FCRV leadership, State Director JeAnne Selby entertained 10 program directors, field directors and chapter presidents at a "Soup or Salad Soup-er Volunteers" noon luncheon and mini-training on Saturday, June 3. Training this year covered a variety of leadership topics, including membership recruitment.

The annual leadership appreciation luncheon is hosted in lieu of certificates and plaques, and is intended to thank, recognize and inform the state's dedicated leaders. This year's honored guests included Priscilla Paul, State Secretary and Roughrider Field Director; Jim Paul, State Newsletter Editor and Roughrider Field Director; Alice Schott, State Treasurer; Bill Schott, Legislative Director; Marv Huschka, retiring State Retiree Director; Dan and Jennifer Kapp, State Youth Directors; Sherry McGuire, Assistant State Director, Roaming Buffalo Field Director and Club President; and Ron and Mary Dietz, Night Owls Club Presidents and newly-appointed State DASAT and Retiree Directors.

Other officers unable to attend included Regional Director Gerry Pfirsch, State CAMP Directors Tim and Leslie Heisler, Night Owls Field Directors Sandy Kriesel and Ron Frey, and Mike and Arlyce Malarkey, Roughrider Club Presidents.



State Campvention 2018 Co-chair Ted Kapp cooks the "omelets in a bag" for FCRV members on the final morning of the 2018 State Campvention.

The three-day State Campvention concluded with a short non-denominational worship service led by Pastor Larry Kukla of the Roaming Buffalo, followed by an "omelet in a bag" breakfast.

State Campvention 2018 Business Meeting Highlights

by

JeAnne Selby

North and South Dakota FCRVers hold only one formal business meeting each year during the annual State Campvention. The reports and actions from the 2018 annual statewide business meeting, held Saturday afternoon, June 2, are summarized below.

The Treasurer's report reflected an ending balance of \$1,324.83. The full financial report is available from State Treasurer Alice Schott.



Aberdeen Night Owls Presidents Ron and Mary Dietz accept a framed certificate marking the 5th anniversary of their club's charter, July 17, 2013, from State Director JeAnne Selby (left) during the 2018 State FCRV business

The 2018 State Campvention at Lake Hoskins RV Park & Campground at Ashley hosted 18 units (9 Roaming Buffalo, 7 Roughriders and 2 Night Owls), plus 1 guest.

State Director JeAnne Selby distributed copies of the FCRV member recruitment brochure. The Aberdeen Night Owls hosted member recruitment booths at two RV shows in Aberdeen this past winter.

JeAnne presented a framed certificate recognizing the 5th anniversary of the Aberdeen Night Owl's charter to Club Presidents Ron and Mary Dietz. The Night Owls were chartered on July 17, 2013.

State Legislative Director Bill Schott announced that State Parks & Recreation has recently sustained financial cutbacks, which will affect services provided to RVers.

JeAnne presented Marv Huschka with an engraved plaque and thanked him and Gerri (posthumously) for their 8 years of service to ND/SD

FCRV as State Retiree Directors.

She went on to announce the appointment of Aberdeen Night Owl Mary Dietz as the new State Retiree Director and the appointment of her husband Ron to the position of State DASAT (Disaster and Safety Awareness Training) Director. Both appointments are effective immediately.

Assistant State Director Sherry McGuire, Chair of the 2017 Regional Campvention presented brief wrap-up comments on the 2017 event, spearheaded by the Roaming Buffalo and hosted by North and South Dakota FCRVers at the LaMoure County Park August 3 - 6, 2017. She reported a total of 28 Region 3 families (12 Roaming Buffalo, 6 Night Owls, 4 Roughriders, 5 Kansas and 1 Montana) attended the event. Her committee turned over a net profit of \$71.18 to ND/SD State FCRV Treasurer Alice Schott.

JeAnne passed around a copy of the new Campvention 2019 logo, selected from among 10 de-



Roughrider Marv Huschka accepts an engraved plaque from State Director JeAnne Selby for the 8 years of service he and Gerri gave to ND/SD FCRV as State Retiree Directors during the 2018 State FCRV business meeting June 2.

signs submitted for consideration in the fall of 2017 by popular vote of Region 3 FCRVers. The winning entry was created by ND/SD State Director JeAnne Selby.

JeAnne reminded members that they will need to provide hand-crafted or solicited items to be donated as door prizes at the 2019 National Campvention.

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Roughrider Bill Schott offered to solicit free sunflower seed packets as North Dakota-South Dakota FCRV's contribution to the 2019 Campvention welcome bags. Each host state has been asked to provide an insert representative of the state.

A motion was made and approved to use state funds to purchase a new FCRV flag featuring the newly re-designed FCRV logo. (JeAnne purchased the new flag at the 2018 National Campvention in Doswell, VA in mid-July.)

Al and Shirley Storkson crowned 2018 State FCRV Retiree Royalty

by JeAnne Selby

Roaming Buffalo FCRV Chapter Members Al and Shirley Storkson, Jamestown, were crowned 2018 ND/SD FCRV Retiree King and Queen during evening coronation ceremonies Saturday, June 2, at the 2018 State Campvention at Ashley.



New 2018 ND/SD State FCRV Retiree King and Queen Al and Shirley Storkson of the Roaming Buffalo Club pause for photos following their coronation June 2 at the 2018 State Campvention.

The Storksons have been members of the Roaming Buffalo FCRV Club since August 2015.

Both Al and Shirley are now retired, but Al does maintenance work at their church and participates in a group Bible Study. When they're not camping, the Storkson's family keep them busy. They have 12 children, 30 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. In their leisure time the Storksons enjoy camping (of course!), pinochle, board games and outdoor activities.

The Storksons will serve ND/SD FCRV as retiree royalty until June 2020,

when their successors will be elected.

HELP WANTED!

State Conservation/Wildlife Directors

State Historians

State Teen Directors

For additional information or written job description, contact JeAnne Selby, State FCRV Director

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Ron and Mary Dietz named new State DASAT and Retiree Directors

by JeAnne Selby

Aberdeen Night Owls Members Ron and Mary Dietz were appointed to fill two state FCRV leadership positions in early June during the 2018 State Campvention.

Ron was named ND/SD State Disaster and Safety Awareness Training (DASAT) Director, while Mary was named State Retiree Director, succeeding Marv and Gerri Huschka. The DASAT position had been vacant since September 2009.

Ron and Mary joined the Aberdeen Night Owls as charter members in July 2013. They have served as club presidents and treasurers. They currently continue as Night Owl Club Presidents.

When Ron and Mary aren't camping with the Night Owls, they attend many of their grandchildren's activities. Mary also belongs to a local knitting club.

Both Ron and Mary enjoy camping. In her free time, Mary also enjoys knitting, sewing and baking, while Ron enjoys woodworking, gardening and brewing home-made wines.

Ron and Mary have been married 44 years and have three adult children and six grandchildren. When asked what keeps them involved in FCRV, Ron and Mary responded with "This group is our extended family!"

We warmly thank Ron and Mary for stepping forward and assuming additional leadership responsibilities for North and South Dakota FCRV!



Aberdeen Night Owls Presidents Ron and Mary Dietz were appointed State FCRV DASAT and State Retiree Directors, respectively, during the 2018 State Campvention.

Retiree Rally 2019 to be held in Louisiana

by JeAnne Selby

If you need an excuse to check out the Cajun and Creole culture and foods in Louisiana, the 2019 National FCRV Retiree Rally could be it!

Retiree Rally Coordinators Dal and Barb Dodson of Missouri promise a fun-filled busy week, but the Houma, LA area is a tourist draw in and of itself! Downtown Houma has been designated as an historical district. Attractions include Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum, Folklife Culture Center, the Regional Military Museum and Southdown Plantation. Cajun menu items are featured in the numerous local restaurants and eateries.

The 2019 Retiree Rally is being held at the Houma Terrebonne Civic Center in Houma March 19 - 24, 2019.

The format of this year's rally is similar to that of previous years, in terms of activities and entertainment. Rally participants will again be able to attend nightly entertainment and participate in board games, sports competitions, crafts, the rally choir, hospitalities, and the election and coronation of the new 2018 National FCRV Retiree King and Queen.

Pre-registration fees are \$235.00 for two people per unit or \$260.00 at the gate; \$200.00 for one person per unit (\$225.00 at the gate); or \$100.00 for camp passes (or a second family in the unit). These fees include water and electricity. Early bird fees are \$25.00 per night for March 15 - 18.

Watch future issues of *Camping Today* for 2019 Retiree Rally updates. Pre-registration forms are avail-

**LET NO ONE SAY
AND SAY IT TO YOUR SHAME
THAT ALL WAS CLEANZINESS
UNTIL YOU CAME.**



Roughrider member George Masseth seriously cleans his campsite at Lake Hoskins RV Park and Campground, three miles west of Ashley, ND the morning of June 2, during the ND/SD State Campvention.

(Photo courtesy of Deb Kapp)

Taking Care of Business

by JeAnne Selby

The following are a few administrative highlights from recent issues of *Camping Today*, the 2018 National Executive Board meeting during National Campvention in Doswell, VA July 8, National FCRV President Shari Weber's monthly Executive Board e-communications, and state administrative reminders.

Introductory Membership: The long-running Cadet Membership Recruitment program was replaced in July by a new 18-month membership for the annual price of \$35.00 per family, covering the members' first 18 months of membership rather than the standard 12 months. Members are asked to destroy old Cadet Membership Recruitment program information. Those members recruiting new families are encouraged to continue including their names and membership numbers for credit toward Ambassador Club membership, if they are working toward that goal.

Contributions to 2019 National Campvention Welcomed: Any members considering attending the 2019 National Campvention are encouraged to offer to help out with one of the committees. Let JeAnne or Sherry know of your interest in volunteering.

In addition, clubs and individual families are encouraged to contribute door prizes, to be given away during the 2019 event. Items may be solicited from local RV dealers or merchants or may be hand-crafted. Make the door prizes you give something you would like to receive. If you are not attending the 2019 National Campvention, please send your contribution with your club president, field director, Assistant State Director Sherry McGuire or State Director JeAnne Selby.

FCRV logo clothing: FCRV clothing with the new FCRV logo is now available for purchase on line; the website for viewing styles and placing orders is included in all recent issues of *Camping Today*.

North Dakota/South Dakota FCRV staffing: Deepest thanks and congratulations to Sherry McGuire who stepped up to fill the Assistant State Director's slot a year ago and to Ron and Mary Dietz who filled the State DASAT and Retiree Directors'

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positions respectively last June! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We continue searching for a willing FCRV family or individual to step forward to assume the positions of State Conservation/Wildlife Director, vacated in January 2012 and State Historian, vacated in June 2013. The State Teen Director's position has also been open since May 2011; however, we currently have no teens

among our membership.

Anyone interested in additional information or written job descriptions for either position may contact State Director JeAnne Selby at 701-400-1322 or fourjs3@q.com

Potential Re-order of ND/SD

"State Uniform" Polo Shirts: A second order of the recently-printed state polo shirts may be submitted to Pure Country (our t-shirt vender) this Spring, if at

least 12 more shirts are ordered (in an effort to get the price per unit down near that of the June 2015 order). We currently have orders for seven tees, needing only five more to get prices into the \$16 - \$18/unit price range. Members interested in placing orders may contact State Director JeAnne Selby at 701-400-1322 or fourjs3@q.com by May 1, 2019.

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The format of this year's rally is similar to that of previous years, in terms of activities and entertainment.

"If you need an excuse to check out the Cajun and Creole culture and foods in Louisiana, the 2019 National FCRV Retiree Rally could be it!"

Rally participants will again be able to attend nightly entertainment and participate in board games, sports competitions, crafts, the rally choir, hospitalities, and the election and coronation of the new 2018 National FCRV Retiree King and Queen. Pre-registration fees are \$235.00 for two people per unit or \$260.00 at the gate; \$200.00 for one person per unit (\$225.00 at the gate); or \$100.00 for camp passes (or a second family in the unit). These fees include water and electricity. Early bird fees are \$25.00 per night for March 15 - 18.

Watch future issues of *Camping Today* for 2019 Retiree Rally updates. Pre-registration forms are available in all recent issues of *Camping Today* as well as on the FCRV website, www.fcrv.org.

DSAT Report: Be Prepared!

by Ron Dietz, ND/SD State DSAT Director

Hello to all. My name is Ron Dietz, I am a member of the Night Owl camping group in Aberdeen SD. I am also the club President. So when Jim sent out an e-mail asking for any club news I sent him some information about our club. The next day another e-mail showed up from Jim. He asked. Do you have any Disaster and Safety Awareness Training, news(DSAT) ? I sat for a moment looking at his e-mail. Then the light turned on, oh that's right, I'm that guy.

I thought about what I could possibly tell people about a disaster that they don't already know. Anyone who has watched the news, turned on a computer, or a radio has heard all the news, in Florida, about Hurricane Michael. Even before Michael made it to Florida, the officials in and around the area were warning people how dangerous this storm was going to be. They advised people to evacuate the are.

I have never been through a hurricane, And I don't ever want to be. So, I thought about what could I say to camping friends about a disaster that might affect them personally. As I was thinking about this, I was working on my camper, getting it ready for winter. I was in and out of the door time after time, and then near the floor, by the door, was a fire extinguisher. I went into the garage to get tools, there was a fire extinguisher by the door.

I have a camera security system outside my house, while inside I have smoke and CO2, detectors. I change batteries every 6 months in them. So I am prepared. Right?

Wrong! I don't have a single fire extinguisher in my house, none, zip, zero. I hope you all have fire extinguishers in your homes. If you have one get, it checked out at your local fire department or by a safety equipment dealer.

Conservation Concerns:

Pollinators : A Look at the Future

Polinators: Insects are a crucial food source for wild-life species. Many insects also pollinate the food that humans eat. Unfortunately, recent indications are that some populations of pollinators such as bumble bees may be declining. Several insect species have recently been listed, or are petitioned to be listed, under the Endangered Species Act. Perhaps most notable is the monarch butterfly. Scientists are still trying to understand the cause of their decline and if they are indeed are at risk of extinction. There are actions North Dakotans can take to help conserve insects, which will also benefit other wildlife and wild-life habitat.

A pollinator is any animal that moves pollen from one part of a flower to another plant. Pollen fertilizes the plant, and only fertilized plants make seeds or fruit. Without pollination, plants cannot reproduce and our food supply and habitat would be reduced.

In North Dakota, the principal pollinators are insects such as native bees, butterflies and some moths. North Dakota has about 150 species of butterflies, more than 1,400 moths, and an unknown number of bee species (probably hundreds). Bats and birds, while important pollinators in other states, are not considered significant pollinators in North Dakota. Honey bees, although not native to North America, are vital agricultural pollinators and will benefit from pollinator conservation in North Dakota.



Monarch butterflies: Monarch butterflies are perhaps the most easily recognized butterfly. However, the population has declined from a high of almost 1 billion monarchs in 1996 to a low of 35 million in 2013. It is estimated that at least 225 million monarchs are needed to sustain the population for the long term. In 2014, the monarch was petitioned to be listed under the Endangered Species Act. There are many ways citizens can help monarchs in North Dakota. Help scientists learn more about the distribution and abundance of breeding monarchs by signing up for the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project.

Monarch Larva Monitoring Project - monitor larval monarch populations and milkweed habitat <http://mlmp.org/>

Monarch Watch Tagging - tags for adult monarchs <http://www.Monarchwatch.org/tagmig/tag.htm> Journey North - track the monarch migration each spring and fall <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch/index.html> Project Monarch Health - Tracks the spread of a common monarch parasite <http://www.monarchparasites.org/>

North Dakota Monarch Butterfly and Native Pollinator Strategy:

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department and numerous other partners developed a North Dakota Monarch Butterfly and Native Pollinator Strategy in 2016. It was revised in spring 2018 and includes partner updates on pollinator conservation progress. This strategy describes the efforts - habitat conservation, education and outreach, and research and monitoring - that have recently been implemented or are proposed to be implemented for monarchs and other native pollinators in North Dakota. The strategy will be a "living document" for the next 5 years, or until 2020, to implement conservation efforts and demonstrate success so that the monarch and other important native pollinators are not listed as threatened or endangered.

Gardening for Monarchs and Pollinators:

You can grow a butterfly garden of any size, from a few square feet to an acre or more. These gardens benefit monarchs and other pollinators while beautifying your yard or landscape.



Monarch Butterfly

Additional information for this article is available at <https://gf.nd.gov/wildlife/pollinators>

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2019 ROUGHRIDER CAMPING SCHEDULE

May 17-19--- Sibley Park and hosted by Rick & Betty & Paxton.
June 8 -10 ----State Campvention. Aberdeen hosting. Site to be determined.
June 14-16---Downstream and hosted by Mike & Arlyce
June 28-30---Graners and hosted by Bill & Alice.
July 7-13---National Campvention at Hutchinson KS
July 19-20---Medora and hosted by Jim & Priscilla

August 1-4---Grahams Island (Devils Lake) and hosted by Tim & Leslie
August 16-18---Fort Stevenson and hosted by Gerald
September 6-8---Jamestown Roaming Buffalos may be at Sibley and we are usually invited to camp with them. More information needed.
September 13-15---Beaver Bay and no hosts volunteered

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Stutsman County Park Board Discusses Campground Expansion Plan

October 2, 2018 by: Warren Abrahamson (NewsDakota.com)

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) –

The Stutsman County Commission heard the latest on the Lakeside and Pelican Point Campground expansion plans for the future Tuesday afternoon.

Stutsman County Auditor Nicole Meland informed the Stutsman County Park Board of the plans compiled by KLJ Construction for future expansion of the campgrounds.

“We got a grant through Tourism to do a master plan for Lakeside expansion,” Meland stated. “We as a park committee met with Bobby Keplin from Barnes County who brought KLJ with him to meet at the park

where we want to do this expansion.”

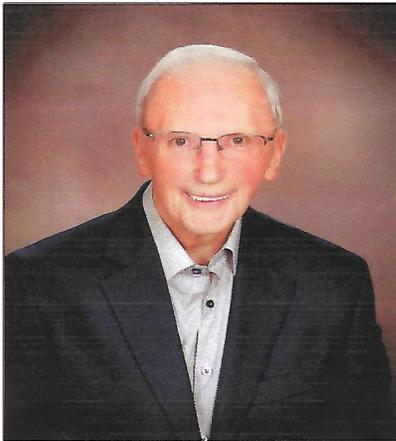
A professional service agreement with KLJ brought together a conceptual agreement as well as a wishlist for what the county would like included.

Other proposed items include trail connection, small cabins, parking areas, registration booths, restrooms/shower houses, and more. The master plan includes four different phases of proposed projects, but Meland says cost may force the county to break it down into more phases.

Meland says while it is a proposal, the county can begin applying for grants and more in order to find funding for the project.

IN MEMORY OF . . .

Carroll Burchinal



Carroll Burchinal, Bismarck, died Nov. 23, 2018,

An avid camper, he was a member of the National Campers and Hikers/Family Campers & RV Association. He served on the organization's executive board and trustees and held several offices, including national vice president.

Carroll and Darlene provided a home for children with disabilities, children who had experienced abuse or neglect, and children with behavioral challenges and they opened their hearts to all of those kids in meaningful ways

Over more than 37 years, the Burchinals cared for and supported more than 260 North Dakota foster children.

William (Bill) Schott



Bill Schott died Saturday, December 30, in Mesa, Arizona.

Bill lived a life of dedicated service to his community and state. He was a longtime member of NCHA/FCRV and the Roughriders.

Bill retired from Basin Electric in 1993, but his involvement in

community development never ceased. He helped to start many organizations including the Abused Adult Resource Center, the Displaced Homemaker program, Marketplace, and the Energy Wheel- an energy conservation program, home-based manufacturing and small business start-ups.

Over the years, Bill received many awards and honors and served on many Boards. Some of his most cherished were the Rural America Association, the National Rural Economic Developers Association, and re-

Leon Nesja



Leon Albert Nesja, died Sept. 5, 2018.

Leon taught math and science at Mandan High School for 31 years.

He also enjoyed fishing with his buddies, hiking in the Tetons, and hunting. He was a member of the Roughriders Camping Club, a member of the Muzzleloaders Club, and served his church in many capacities.

Leon was well known for his endless repertoire on Ole & Lena jokes.

*May they rest in peace
as their memories live on.*

ceived the Presidential Award for working with the elderly in housing and Title III programs. He also helped to develop industries such as fisheries to utilize warm water from power plants, solar and wind programs and the regional self-help housing program.

Bill was involved in many local community organizations including First Lutheran Church in Mandan, Bismarck-Mandan Elks Lodge #1199, The Elk's Chorus, The Lincoln Corral of Westerners, Family Campers and RVers, The Germans from Russia Society, The Sons of Norway, the Mandan Historical Society, the Mandan Lions Club, and a board member of the Mandan Heritage Park. Most recently, Bill was appointed by Governor Bur- gum to the ND Committee On Aging.

In 2000, Bill began working with the North Dakota State Historical Society Foundation to spearhead the Heritage Center expansion project. He served as advisor, lobbyist, and coordinated the efforts of the Foundation's Trustees. He was instrumental in raising the funds for the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center.

CHAPTER NEWS & VIEWS



The Camping Season is Over !

by: Sherry McGuire - Roaming Buffalo President, of Roaming Buffalo Camping Club.

Well, the camping season is over, and the RV's have been winterized, and stored. At least until some go south later in the winter season, or spring arrives in a few months.

My summer went way to fast! Of course when I take 2 weeks out of state to go out to the National Campvention, then another week for Regional Campvention, and keeping up with everything at home, plus camping with my herd on the weekends, summer will go fast. Our Roaming Buffalos did have a good camping summer, we camped at a couple of new to us places and many of our much preferred campgrounds.

We completed our last highway cleanup on Sept. 15, as our contract was fulfilled at the end of 2018. Considering our aging membership, we're thinking of not continuing with this project. A final decision will be made at our fall meet-

ing.

Due to 6" of very wet, stormy, snow that arrived on Oct. 10th, and then froze, the Roaming Buffalo's Freeze Out got cancelled. Some of us did get down to Aberdeen, SD the weekend before to help the Night Owls complete their Freeze Out at Mina Lake State Park. We helped them clean up the campground, and spread woodchips under the playground equipment, however it was too cold down there to do the painting the Park Ranger had wanted us to do. We did have a delicious chicken and dumpling supper, provided by the Night Owls, with potluck additions.

It looked as though our winter was going to start early, but temps have gone up and the snow melted within a week, so outdoor cleanup activities are underway.

As we move into our winter activities, the Roaming Buffalo's continue to collect paper products and can/box foods for our food pantry project. We will also ring bells for the Salvation Army, the first part of December. And, some of us will help make Kuchens for a fundraiser project. I hope we get to sample too!

Stay warm, stay dry, and stay safe!

Roaming Buffalo Report

by: Clint Tompt, Club Reporter

Another camping season is over, except for those who go south. The season started out cool in the spring and ended cold in October with a snow storm. We had to cancel the last campout - the Freeze Out due to the weather.

The Roaming Buffalo's hosted the ND/ SD State Campvention held at Lake Hoskins near Ashley ND,

We once again did the "Adopt a Highway" clean up this year. Our area covers three miles of Highway 281 south. Our contract with NDDOT has expired, so we need to decide if we want to continue with this commitment. We have been doing this for over 25 years, In that time we have all aged and walking ditches has become much more difficult.

We mostly camped in the usual familiar places as in past years. There aren't many new areas to pick from in the area. I hope we all have another great year of camping in 2019.

THE NIGHT OWL REPORT

by: Ron Dietz, Night Owls Past President

Hello to all, from the Night Owls.

I am like most of you, wondering where the time has gone. It seems like we just got our campers ready to go, and now it's time to put them away. Even if we put them away there is still much to do.

The Night Owls will be hosting the 2019 State Campvention this coming June. Lots of information will be coming out later about that. Also in 2019, we will have the FCRV booth set up at two RV shows, trying to invite some campers to join us.

The Night Owls went on many camping trips, this summer. Two of those outings were at state parks we had never been to before - Fort Sisseton State Park, and

also Oakwood State Park near Brookings SD. Also in September a few of us went to SVACA days, craft fair in Fort Ransom ND. We had a great time as always.

The Night Owls held their Freeze Out at Mina Lake State Park. This camp out is where we get together with the park staff at Mina Lake, and help them with any projects they might need help with. Also, again this year, some of our FCRV camping buddies from Jamestown ND. came down to help us out with the work. A big thank you to them for helping.

Well that's about it from the Night Owls. We will see you all down the road some day.



Roughrider Ramblings

by: Tim Heisler, Roughrider President

It is fall; many trees have lost their leaves. Others are hanging onto their leaves as if trying to put winter off a little longer. Leaf-raking, pulling up garden plants, cutting back some flowering plants, last time mowing, and putting away lawn chairs, tables, grills, etc. are necessary to prepare for winter. On the farm, there is additional work. And we can't forget about winterizing the camper and parking it until the next camping season. There is a touch of sadness when putting away your summer home, but it is a comforting feeling when winter is here to know that the falls work is done and the camper is tucked away nicely, ready for the next season.

The Roughrider snowbirds are making plans to leave or have already gone south. The chilly weather this fall has made some wish they would have left earlier. Our fall planning meeting was a good time to say goodbye to them until next season. We look forward to winter get-togethers to keep us in touch with each other and to get us out of the house!

Conversations on some Saturday mornings over coffee include reminiscing about the season and remembering friendships, campfires, potlucks, and places with special appeal. The Roughriders had a great Travelong in August through Minot to Metigoshe State Park and the Peace Gardens and home. Thank you to Priscilla and Jim Paul and Audrey and Larry Heinle for researching and leading the trip. The fishing was good at Beaver Bay; the catching could have been better. Wind kept many off the water. However, freshly-made donuts were a hit again this year, thanks to the efforts of Arlyce and Mike Malarkey.

And we think about next season. The Roughriders have set the summer 2019 camping schedule. We look forward to getting back to familiar campgrounds and to some different places. A three-night stay at Graham's Island State Park near Devils Lake will include fishing, boat tours, the play at Ft Totten Little Theatre, and some in-camp laziness.

For Leslie and me, the falls work is done, the camper is tucked away, and we've had a few campfires at home to enjoy the stars and listen to the wind rustling the cottonwood leaves. It has been a great camping season with friends in the club, and on our own, mostly in Minnesota. For the second year we have camped 30 nights. Looking back, it seems to have gone in the blink of an eye, but the memories of good friends and new adventures feed our enthusiasm for the next season. May we all enjoy the winter season, wherever we are. As this is written, the spring shakedown campout is only seven months away!!

Flu Myths

MYTH: You can catch the flu from the vaccine. The flu shot is made from an inactivated virus that can't transmit infection. So people who get sick after receiving a flu vaccination were going to get sick anyway. It takes a week or two to get protection from the vaccine. But people assume that because they got sick after getting the vaccine, the flu shot caused their illness.

MYTH: Healthy people don't need to be vaccinated. While it's especially important for people who have a chronic illness to get the flu shot, anyone — even healthy folks — can benefit from being vaccinated. Current CDC guidelines recommend yearly vaccination against influenza for everyone older than 6 months of age, including pregnant women.

MYTH: Getting the flu vaccination is all you need to do to protect yourself from the flu. There are a number of steps you can take to protect yourself during flu season besides vaccination. Avoid contact with people who have the flu, wash your hands frequently, and consider taking anti-viral medications if you were exposed to the flu before being vaccinated.

MYTH: The flu is just a bad cold. Influenza may cause bad cold symptoms, like sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, hoarseness, and cough.

But in the United States alone, 36,000 people die and more than 200,000 are hospitalized each year because of the flu. During the 2017/18 flu season, flu activity has significantly increased throughout the majority of the country with the A(H3N2) viruses predominating so far, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). A(H3N2) virus-predominant influenza seasons have been associated with more hospitalizations and deaths in people age 65 years and older as well as young children. It's not too late to get a flu shot. Even if it doesn't prevent you from getting the flu, it can decrease the chance of severe symptoms.

MYTH: You can't spread the flu if you're feeling well. Actually, 20% to 30% of people carrying the influenza virus have no symptoms.

MYTH: You don't need to get a flu shot every year. The influenza virus changes (mutates) each year. So getting vaccinated each year is important to make sure you have immunity to the strains most likely to cause an outbreak.



ROUGH RIDER TRAVELONG 2018

by: Jim & Priscilla Paul, co-chairs - Travelong 2018

For the past several years, the highlight of the Roughrider camping season has been the Travelong. The travelong is a week long excursion, usually involving from 19-12 families.

Since it's inception, the Travelong has given participants the opportunity to visit places that, in some cases, they didn't even know existed. Thus far, the Roughriders have visited all four corners of North Dakota, plus the central corridors, which included US Highway 83 North and South. And, who could forget the majesty of Itasca State Park in Minnesota or the rich history of the Black Hills of South Dakota.

This year's adventure took the Roughriders up the north central corridor (US Highway 83 north). Thanks to the diligent research of our co-chairs, Larry and Audrey Heinle, we had a myriad of experiences and visited some amazing places. The rendezvous point for this year's trip was at Totten Trail near Coleharbor. From there we spent three days seeing the sights of Minot. One of the many stops in Minot included a tour of Terhorst Manufacturing, a manufacturer of Injection molds and custom tools and dies. The Roosevelt Park Zoo, the Minot Railroad Museum, and the Scandinavian Heritage Park.

Another must see place in Minot is the Dakota Territory Air Museum. The museum is rich in aviation history and features examples of both military and commercial air craft that helped forge the history of North Dakota and the nation.

To go into detail, about all the places we visited would take considerably more space than this newsletter can



Roughriders participating in the Travelong pause for a group photo opportunity while visiting the Dakota Territory Air Museum in Minot. Pictured from left are: George & Ursula Maaseth, Marv Huschka, Alice & Bill Schott, Audrey & Larry Heinle, Sherry & Frank Ziemann, Bionnie Ziemann, Gerald Hoff, Jim & Priscilla Paul, Rick & Betty Wolf and their grandson Paxton, and Dale & Judy Nabben (photo by Jim Paul)

provide. Instead I'll just mention some of the sites we visited, many of which we didn't realize existed prior to the travelong.

If you ever get in the vicinity of Mohall, I would encourage you to visit the Prairie Bistro and The Flower House Garden Center. It offers a unique dining experience with an extra twist.

Located in Rolette County near Rolla, ND, is a hidden abandoned castle known as the Coghlan Castle. When you

think of castles, you probably think of far off or imaginary lands with great, towering stone structures that some royalty might live in. North Dakota is probably one of the last places you would think would have such a thing, but believe it or not,



Coghlan Castle:
(Photo by Audrey Heinle)

there is a small castle hiding here, and it's pretty awesome. No trip to the north central part of North Dakota would be complete without a visit to the International Peace Gardens. In this photo we find Audrey & Larry Heinle taking a break while viewing the myriads of flower arrangements at the Peace Gardens.

The Dale & Martha Hawk Museum was another stop for the Roughriders. What makes this museum so unique is the fact that is

house in the various buildings of a farm.

By word of mouth, we learned about the Corregidor Bar & Grill in Wolford, ND. The Corregidor is widely known for "the best steak around". Far be it from us to pass up the opportunity see for ourselves. The Corregidor lived up to it's reputation as most of enjoyed a delicious steak dinner.

The Prairie Village Museum in Rugby offers a variety of displays that will



Audrey & Larry Heinle: pause for a picture while visiting The Internanial Peace Gardens.



Sherry Ziemann is dwarfed by the life size 8ft, 7 in statue of Clifford Thompson. (photo by Jim Paul)

take you back in time to the good ol' days. Perhaps one of the most unique displays in the museum is the replica of Clifford Thompson. In the main building of the Prairie Village Museum is a wall display on the life of Cliff Thompson, "the tallest salesman in the world" -- also billed as "the world's tallest Norwegian schoolteacher."

Born in Silva, North Dakota in 1904 to normal-size parents, Cliff grew to a height of 8 feet, 7 inches. He only lived in North Da-

kota until he was seven, when his family moved to Wisconsin.

This story could not be complete without mentioning Rugby ND, the Geographical Center of North America

