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summer attractions



DASAT MOMENT by Marilyn Rausch

Camping weather is finally here. We can't wait for the campfires, the hiking, the swimming, sharing time with our friends in the great outdoors. But with all the fun comes another summer occurrence: BUGS! And not all bugs are friendly! A bit of precaution can go a long way to prevent the annoyance and possible severe health calamity of bug bites.

As with most problems, prevention is the best solution. Here are a few hints to consider:

DON'T BE AN ATTRACTION!

- * Avoid the sweet scents of soaps and perfumes that attract some insects.
- * Avoid wearing bright clothing (honey bees and hornets aren't smart enough to know that those flowery prints aren't the real deal!

LIMIT YOUR EXPOSURE

- * Avoid stagnant or standing water where mosquitoes breed and heavily wooded areas where ticks are likely to dwell.
- * Resist walking barefoot in the grass. Bees can often be on the ground, available to be stepped upon, and ticks can more easily attach themselves to your skin, since they don't jump very well.
- * Dress appropriately. Long pants, tucked into your socks or shoes, and long sleeves will limit exposure to bugs (and sun).
- * Mosquitoes (which can carry the West Nile Virus, are most active at dusk and dawn, so avoid being out unprotected during those times.
- * Use appropriate insect repellent. The most effective repellents contain DEET, which should be avoided on children under 6 months of age and should not be applied around the mouth and eyes. Those that contain higher concentrations of DEET will protect for longer periods of time.

BE ALERT TO YOUR CONTACT

- * Showering immediately after being outdoors in a buggy environment will wash away unneeded repellent (limiting exposure when the need is

passed is wise) and may wash away unattached ticks.

- * Do a body survey on yourselves and your children after being in wooded areas. Concentrate on "hidden" areas (hair, ears, waist, belly button, arms and legs and the genital areas.) Ticks like warmer parts of the body!

TREAT ANY AFFECTED AREAS

- * Know the proper way to remove a tick. Do not use lit cigarettes or petroleum jelly to kill or suffocate a tick (that may cause the tick to inject its venom into the tissue). Instead, grasp the tick with a tweezers near the head and *gently* pull until it is removed. (Note that a small amount of flesh may be pulled out with the tick). Ticks that have not yet attached to the skin may be removed with sticky tape.
- * Local bites can be treated with ice packs for 10-15 minutes 3-4 times daily and with an antihistamine like Benadryl either orally or topically in a salve.
- * Local bites can become infected, but that usually takes a few days. If the bite becomes red, hot, increasingly more swollen, then you should see a health care professional.
- * Anaphylaxis is a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that susceptible people have, usually to stings by bees, wasps or hornets. It is heralded by hives (swelling of the face, eyes, lips, or welts on the skin.). Throat or chest tightness, difficulty breathing, vomiting or feeling faint are warning signs and should trigger contact with your doctor or even a 911 call.

YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE AT RISK

- * Your pets can also get diseases from insects.
- * Bring and use your pet's flea and tick repellents.
- * Make sure your pet is on heartworm protection (heartworm is spread by mosquitoes.)
- * Alert your veterinarian that you are going camping so that other precautions might be discussed.



From the State Director

Cindy James



From the State President

Rick and Christina Lucas

Hello Indiana,

The Spring Campout will be in full swing in a few days from now as I put this article together. Hopefully many of you will have camped and enjoyed the warm weather that we finally are experiencing.

Folks, the camping season is upon us with the warmer temps. While we are out camping, be mindful of others around you as they will observe how much fun we all are having and just maybe they might join our fine camping organization. Be prepared to explain what FCRV is all about. If you would like any brochures please come look me up at any of the campouts as we carry them in our camper.

Regional news: De Pere, Wisconsin, at the Brown County Fairgrounds is the location for the 2018 Great Lakes Regional. Kip and Jan Cushing have a wonderful event planned for our pleasure. Yes, it is a little ways to go but please consider making the trip, as you will find many interesting and fun things to do and see. You can find more in-depth information in the Badger Banner newsletter that is on the FCRV link. So if there are any Packer fans among us, you'll want to be in attendance, as there will be tours of the Lambeau Field Stadium. Also, the Packer Hall of Fame is nearby in the Green Bay area. Again the dates are Aug 1-5, 2018 with early bird days of July 30th & 31st, 2018.

National news: It is not too late to sign up to go to Campvention. Doswell, Virginia, is the location for this year. Again, another great area to explore. Many places to visit and things for Families to enjoy together. "Come Camp With Us".

Watch for other camping dates and locations here

Fellow Campers,

Spring seems to finally be here. The flowers are popping their heads out and the trees are blooming. The best part, our first campout is coming up this weekend.

By the time this is read, the spring campout at Cornerstone Campground will be a memory. We are expecting a great group of campers (though we will miss some regulars: Mike & Marilyn are attending a wedding and Brenda & Mike Simmons are helping Wilma in her recovery).

Be sure to watch the next Chatter for a location announcement for the Summer Campout, August 10-12, 2018. Also, remember that the Fall Invitational will be a different week this year: September 21-23, 2018.

More next time,

Richard & Christina Lucas



in the Chatter!

Here it is past my bedtime again! So, be safe in your travels and we look forward to seeing you down the road.

Until next time

Cindy James

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Patti Thieme

If any of you went to the retiree rally you will have seen that I did not make it this year. I was still in hibernation and did not get out to go. So if you went I hope that you enjoyed yourselves!

Hopefully you will remember your books, tabs and plastic caps for this year's camp outs. You will need sturdy shoes to walk them to the building to the donation bins. While the shoes are still on you can take the mile hike (while you are still in the mood.)

So think this is all for now so talk to you later.

Patti Thieme

Chaplain's Corner

Exercising... body, mind and soul!

Spring is here. It is time to get out our units and gear and go camping. Some of us came from the warm south hoping to find a warm north. Others of us have been inside more than outside so we can keep comfortable.

When our units are not used they get rusty or don't work right. When our bodies do not get exercise they get stiff. Many doctors say the best exercise is walking. There are many ways of getting walking into a person's routine. Camping groups offer times to walk together. One way to get in extra walking is to park far away from the entrance door at a store.

We lived in our unit for three months, moved it to another spot where it set for a month. When we got ready to move north we had a few issues with it. We volunteer at Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, Florida over the winter. That gives us a chance to get outdoors in a beautiful setting and exercise our bodies.



A Message from

QUEEN MACEY

Hi everyone,

I can't wait to see everyone at the April Camp-out! I'm so excited and ready to get to go camping again, and hopefully we'll have some of that nice weather coming into stay soon!

Recently I've been preparing the piano piece for campvention/nationals and I've been doing a lot with FFA.

Recently in FFA I've been working in the greenhouse, since we're about to start flower sales. I've also been working in the shop, building picnic tables for the park, preparing for livestock judging contests, preparing to compete at State Convention with my speech that won 1st place with at the LDE contest, going to lots of FFA banquets in preparation for our chapter's banquet on April 23rd, and I'm running for an office. I really would like to be treasure this year but we'll see how it goes. Actually I have my interview for that tomorrow and I'm really excited for that.

Other than being busy with FFA I've been super busy with yearbook! Since I am the editor I'm a bit stressed out. We have to have the yearbook completely finished to send off to the company that prints them in less than a month and we're definitely not ready!

On top of everything, I've still been able to keep my grades up, all A's and B's, so I'm pretty happy!

Well I hope everyone is able to come out the the spring camp out! See ya'll there! ;)

Teen Queen Macey

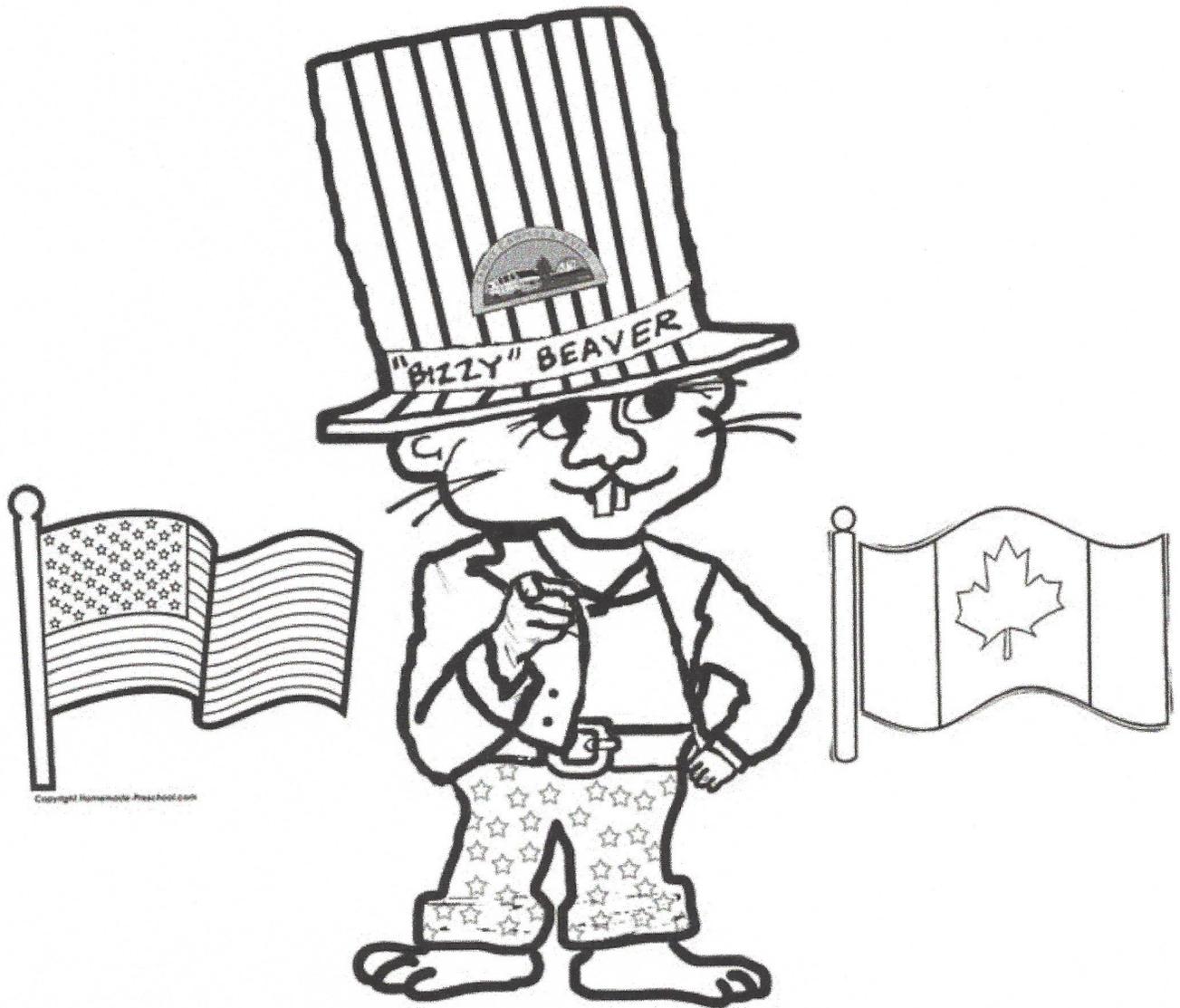
We need also to exercise our brains. Some of us work jigsaw puzzles or word puzzles to keep our minds active.

Another item we need to exercise is our Spiritual being. We do this by attending worship services or Bible studies with others. We also need to keep in communication with God. We must allow Him to talk to us in His Word and we communicate with Him in our prayers.

Our minister recently said "It is better to live life with the belief there is a God then find out there is not when we die than to live with the belief there is not a God, then die and find out there is a God." God wants us to enjoy life.

Memorial Day is the only federal holiday during spring. We need to remember our service personnel and those who have served to keep us free. And we thank God we are free to serve Him.

Melvin Coy



I Want YOU
to go CAMPING

Camping Is... 2018

Teen Queen and King Applications



It is time to consider running in next year's Teen Queen or Teen King competition. If you ask any of those who have run in the past, they will tell you that this is a great opportunity to express yourself, meet new friends, and experience the Campvention in a whole new way!. To run you must be between the ages of 13 and 19 by the Campvention 2019 must be a member of Indiana FCRV on your own or through your parents, and have camped overnight at least twice during the year. Any questions? Ask Ed or Angie Shaneyfelt!

APPLICATION (Due no later than July 1, 2018)
INDIANA FCRV TEEN QUEEN CONTEST



Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____
 Address _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Parents' Names _____ Home Phone # _____
 Parents' Chapter _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Teen Chapter _____
 School Attending _____ Grade _____
 Talent _____

Add a sheet of paper to answer these questions:

- What are your interests in school?
- What are your interests outside of school?
- What are your plans after you finish school?
- Why do you believe you would like to be our teen queen?

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APPLICATION (Due no later than July 1, 2018)
INDIANA FCRV TEEN KING CONTEST



Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____
 Address _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Parents' Names _____ Home Phone # _____
 Parents' Chapter _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Teen Chapter _____
 School Attending _____
 Grade _____

Add a sheet of paper to answer these questions:

- What are your interests in school?
- What are your interests outside of school?
- What are your plans after you finish school?
- Why do you believe you would like to be our teen king?

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER (S) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

BIRTH DATE _____ PARENT'S NAME _____

CHAPTER NAME _____ NUMBER _____

INDEPENDENT MEMBER? YES NO (circle one)

DATE PARENT'S JOINED FCRV/NCHA _____

DATE APPLICANT JOINED FCRV/NCHA (if member) _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

I certify that all statements contained in the application are true and correct,
and I have attached the most recent transcript of my grades

Signed _____ Date _____

Answer the following questions, using a separate sheet of paper if necessary:

1. Date of graduation from high school _____

2. List honors, awards, special recognition received during high school (List college awards etc. if applicable)

3. List activities engaged in during high school years. Include out-of-school activities (scouting, church organizations, etc.) as well as school activities. (List college activities if applicable)

4. What offices/positions have you held in any school organizations or in the FCRV Teen Association?

5. What college or vocational school do you plan to attend or are attending?

6. Give date of admission to the college/vocational school _____

7. Specify field of study you intend to pursue indicating your major and minor subject areas

8. What occupation do you propose to follow upon graduation? _____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

International Events

Campvention 2018
 July 8 – 14, 2018
 Meadow Event Park
 Ashland, Virginia

Indiana State Events

2018 Summer Campout
 Location TBD
 August 10 – 12, 2018

2018 Indiana Retiree Rally
 Jennings County 4H Fairgrounds
 September 18, 19, 20 2018

2018 Fall Invitational
 Jennings County 4H Fairgrounds
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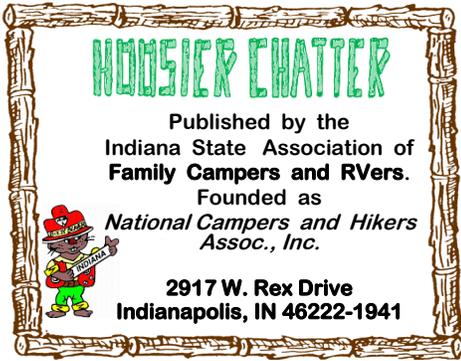
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