

# Nebraska **CALLING**



June 2019

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

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

Hi Ya'll. Well hopefully by now you have been able to camp with your groups at least once. It may be a little wet and/or cold but we are campers, we endure and overcome. Hoorah!!!! We hope the rest of the season will be a great one.

Still working out details for State/Fall Workshop. If you have any ideas or would do an activity for the group, please let Teresa Mathews [mathews8010@msn.com](mailto:mathews8010@msn.com) or Jessica Baker [night\\_rose4806@yahoo.com](mailto:night_rose4806@yahoo.com) know your intentions. June Bug is our first statewide event. As always, that one is in reliable hands. All we do is all show up and have fun. I am sure Marcia would appreciate a volunteer or two. Just let her know. Otherwise, come and enjoy the weekend.

We heard about some possible new members with the Runabouts, The Turtles, and Triple F. Fantastic news!!! Keep up the great work. We appreciate your efforts and want you to keep the momentum going.

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### 2019 Dates to Remember

June 28-30	June Bug, Windmill SRA
July 7-13	Campvention, Hutchinson, KS
Aug 18-20	Retiree Campout, Stromsburg, NE
Sept 13-15	State/Fall Workshop, York Fairgrounds, York, NE

As a final note, Joleen has written her own article for this edition. Please find it elsewhere in this publication.

See you all around the campfire!!!

## Reports. . .

### State Chaplain . . . . .Mert Feikert

I think that spring has finally arrived, anyway I sure hope so because I finally got some garden planted and really don't need any frost. It sure has been a busy spring even though the weather hasn't really been the greatest for camping or any outside work. However, we had a nice campout with the members of Triple F in Wilber the weekend of Gene's funeral. It was nice visiting with the members of Triple F, but also a little sad because we had to say goodbye to a

good friend of FCRV.

Spring is also the time for graduations, and I'm sure that some of you have attended these ceremonies during the past few weeks. In one of Max Lucado's studies he refers to the moment of final departure from this earth as a graduation. Just as we look for better things to come when we graduate from High School or College, as Christians we should be looking forward to that time when we take our final breath and graduate into eternal life with our Creator. We really don't like to think about taking our final breath and leaving this world but, with the promises given to us by our savior, we know the best time lies ahead.

An old familiar hymn came to mind as I was writing this and I think that I will briefly share part of it with you:

*Oh, what a wonderful, wonderful day,  
day I will never forget*

*After I'd wondered in darkness away,  
Jesus my savior met*

*Oh, what a tender compassionate  
friend,*

*He met the need of my heart  
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am  
telling,*

*He made all the darkness depart*

The hope, joy, and peace that I experience in my life is due to the fact that I finally met my savior. I hope that during the rest of my life I can pass Him on to others that I meet.

### **Making light of a sad day!**

**Joleen Baker**

We camped at Wilber, NE the weekend of Gene Carriker's memorial service. We didn't plan it that way, it just happened to work out. We had Mert and Janene Feikert join Triple F that weekend as guests. They, along with Rob and me, planned on attending the services for Gene.

Rob and Mert were in the front seat shooting the breeze, and Janene and I were in the back seat. We were all talking about various things – not paying much attention to our surroundings. Next thing you hear is Rob say, "Are they after me?" Mert graciously smiled and said, "I believe so." We got picked up by the local Sheriff for speeding.

Janene and I are laughing in the backseat, Rob was a little nervous (not sure how fast he clocked him at) and Mert just sat there very quietly. The Sheriff was very nice, first thing he said was, "I bet you didn't expect to see me this morning." And, after a few minutes visiting, Rob asked him where he was "hiding." The Sheriff looked at him and laughed saying we met on the road (going opposite direction). Rob handed over the registration and proof of insurance while explaining who we were and why we were on the road so early. Pretty sure he was thinking WOW as he walked back to his car to check us out.

Coming back to the car, he was smiling, just looked at all of us and laughed along with us. Asked what church we were looking for and he gave us directions to make sure we found it okay. We could not have asked for better folks to get pulled over with than the Nebraska Chaplain and the Nebraska Photographer. Someone to pray over us and someone to snap our mug shots.

The part of the story that no one knows about is once we came home and unpacked and put everything away – there it was ... our updated proof of insurance that I had told Rob to put in his truck before we pulled left for Wilbur!!!! We could have been cited for no proof of insurance (thank goodness they have the means to check) plus received a speeding ticket on top of that! Must have been Mert's presence in the truck .

## Communication from National by Shari Weber:

Camping season is in full swing! Hope everyone has had a great start even though it has been rather soggy in many areas. I have seen many of you having fun campouts.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

I have appointed and the trustees have approved the 2020 nominating committee. Positions up for election are President, Vice President Programs and Recording/Corresponding Officer. The committee is being chaired by Dave Ludwig, Past President from Region 2. Other members of the committee are from Region 3, Dale Huston, Region 4, Sue Carlsen, Region 5, Glen Dains and Region 7, Lou Acre. These are the people appointed to this task, however, they need your help. Please contact any of these people with recommendations for qualified people for these positions.

### **BUDGET MEETING**

The trustees met earlier this month to make financial plans for our organization for the next fiscal year. Even though we have a planned deficit, there is no dues increase this year. Our comptroller, Jan Cushing also wants to remind you that all vouchers for expenses for the current year must be received by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Your voucher and copies of supporting receipts need to be sent to the person you report to for approval and sending on to Jan.

### **SURVEY**

In early May you received an email survey regarding preferences for campvention. Many of you have already responded to the survey. Thank you. For those who have not yet responded, your responses are appreciated. We are

looking at necessary and possible changes to campvention to make it more fun for all including our volunteers who are planning and putting on campvention. Your answers to the survey will help determine your desires. This survey is also being sent by email to members for their responses. The questions are simple to answer and will only take you a few minutes to complete. Your help is appreciated.

### **MEETING AT CAMPVENTION**

There is still time to plan to attend campvention and the two day executive board meeting in Hutchinson KS. Many of you have already indicated your plans to be there. Thank you. Those who have not yet notified me of your plans please let me know so we can plan appropriately for you.

You will be reimbursed the early day registration fees for attending. These funds will be given to you at the break Sunday afternoon. If you attend both days, you will get both early day fees. If you are only able to attend one day, then you will only receive the one night. We will also have lunch for you both days. A schedule and agenda will be in the next update.

### **CAMPVENTION 2020**

This campvention is being held in Brigen Ontario. Our Canadian members proposed that the fees for this campvention be in Canadian funds. This was approved by the Trustees and the rate set at \$325 CDN. US members planning to register in Hutchinson for Brigen will need to bring Canadian funds. Because currency changes daily the amount in US dollars isn't certain but should be between \$240 USD and \$260 USD. A notice of this will be in June

“Camping Today”, but feel free to tell other members so they can be prepared.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The good news is we are taking in more new members than we did for the same month last year. The other side of the news is that we are still losing members mostly due to aging and illness. The end of April showed the following increases in membership, by 1 new member California, Indiana, Minnesota, Quebec, Tennessee, by 2 new members New York, Pennsylvania, and by 3 new members Wisconsin. Many of the states and provinces not mentioned have remained the same over March. A lot of you are working hard on follow up gatherings after the RV shows. Thank you to all of you for helping with recruiting new friends.

“Come Camp With Us!”

*Shari*

### **June Bug . . .**

#### **Shirley Rippe & Marcia Whitmer**

We are hoping you are making plans to attend June Bug – “Camping with Hattitudes” at Windmill SRA, June 28-30. Bring your favorite hat, decorate a hat or make a hat never before seen, wild, crazy, colorful or where ever your imagination leads.

There will be Root Beer Floats served by the Scholarship Committee. Water fights are must with Leonard and Rob, games, craft making, and an auction with baked goods, crafts and other items.

Mert will have a Sunday morning service.

Everyone is asked to bring a baked good or a craft to be auctioned off. The proceeds from the Food/Craft auction will be going to the Make -A-Wish foundation.

It would be nice to have an idea how many will be attending. You can RSVP

Marcia at [switmer@neb.rr.com](mailto:switmer@neb.rr.com) call or text 402-366-1918.

Come join the fun!

### **Fall Workshop . Donna Hansen**

September 13-15, 2019

York, Nebraska

Bring an old T-shirt and scissors if you are interested in making a tote bag from it for the craft. See the schedule on page 8 for the time to participate, or check when you arrive.

### **Chapter News . . .**

#### **Triple F Campers**

Triple F met at Wilber, Nebraska for our May campout. We were joined by our new members, Luke and April Kling as well as Mert and Janine Fikert. It's always good to see new faces among our group.

We took advantage of the annual city-wide yard sales taking place that weekend and brought home some great finds. The rest of the time was spent doing a potluck dinner and around the campfire in the evenings. Sunday morning we all headed over to the American Legion building for the great breakfast they serve every week.

All together this was a very enjoyable, laid back weekend to start off our new season. Next month will find us at Double Nickel near Waco, Nebraska.

#### **Rollin' Turtles**

Twelve members and two guests participated in our club campout at Victorian Acres in Nebraska City on May 16-19. Our next campout will be at Branched Oak June 20-23. It will be a Walking Taco dinner with campers bringing toppings and desserts.

*Jan Van Arsdall, Substitute Secretary*

## NEBRASKA CHAPTER CAMPOUTS FOR 2019

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEARTLAND RUNABOUTS</b></p> <p>January 5 Exeter Fire Hall            February No Meeting            March 9 Perkins, Grand Island            April 26-28 Fort Kearny, Kearney            May 10-12 Pawnee SRA            June 28-30 June Bug, Windmill, Gibbon            July 19-21 Branched Oak SRA            August 9-11 Hebron City Park            September 13-15 Fall Gathering, York Fairgrounds            October 11-13 Lake Shore, Geneva            November 9 York Library            December TBA</p> <p>Contact: Sandy Kendall (308) 380-8872</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRIPLE F</b></p> <p>January 12 Pizza Ranch, Papillion            February 9 Papio Bowl            March 9 Prehistoric Putt on Q St.            April 13 Halleck Park Shelter            May 3-5 Wilber American Legion Park            June 14-16 Double Nickel, Waco            June 28-30 June Bug at Windmill            July 7-12 Campvention, Hutchinson, KS            July 19-21 Branched Oak            August 7-11 Lewis &amp; Clark, Onawa            September 13-15 Fall Gathering at York Fairgrounds            September 20-22 Viking Lake            October 11-13 Wilbur American Legion            November 2 Planning Meeting at Meinstad's            December 14 Christmas Party at Meinstad's</p> <p>Contact: Mary Brashaw (402) 561-9018</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROLLIN' TURTLES</b></p> <p>January 20 Anderson Library, Lincoln            February 17 Anderson Library, Lincoln            March 17 Anderson Library, Lincoln            April 18-21 Double Nickel, Waco            May 16-19 Victorian Acres, Nebraska City            June 20-23 Branched Oak SRA            July 18-21 Louisville SRA            August 22-25 Two Rivers SRA, Omaha            September 19-22 Rock Creek Station SRA            October 17-20 Wilbur Sportsman Club, Wilbur            November 17 Anderson Library, Lincoln            December 1 - Christmas Party</p> <p>Contact: Jan Van Arsdall (402) 904-4955</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REPUBLICAN VALLEY SODBUSTERS</b></p> <p>April 16 – 18 Nuckolls County Fairgrounds at Nelson            May 14 – 16 Crystal Lake            June 28 – 30 June Bug at Windmill Campground            July 16 – 18 Hebron City Park            August 18 – 22 Retirees Campout at Stromsburg Park            September 17- 19 Hunters Cove            October 15 – 17 Nuckolls County Fairgrounds</p>

**COME CAMP WITH US**  
**PRINT THIS PAGE AND TAPE IT ON YOUR FRIDGE**  
**IF YOU WANT TO HANG OUT WITH ANOTHER CHAPTER**  
**HERE ARE THE SCHEDULES WE HAVE RECEIVED**

**June Bug 2019**  
June 28-29  
Windmill State Recreation Area

**Camping with Hattitudes**

Registration \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 13-17 years of age, children 12 and under free.

**Friday**

8:00 p.m. Gather together to get reacquainted. A CAMP walk to follow so bring flashlights.

**Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Flag Ceremony  
Breakfast  
Registration

9:00 a.m. CAMP

10:00 a.m. Craft

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. Auction with proceeds to be donated to Make -A-Wish

2:30 p.m. Root Beer Float time

3:00 p.m. Game time

6:00 p.m. Supper Walking Tacos

7:30 p.m. Hat Parade & Judging  
Movie Night

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Service  
Meeting following services

Please bring your own dishes, cups and utensils. We are an environmentally conscious camping organization.

Times/Activities are subject to change

## **FCRV RETIREE RALLY STROMSBURG, NEBRASKA**

Buckley Park Campground

August 18 – 22, 2019

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

Parking: Jim Hackett

### **MONDAY**

- 9:00 Registration begins with Coffee Time. A thru H bring something to share.
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 2:30 Yard Games-Bring games you have.
- 5:30 Supper, main dish provided. Please bring salads, veggies, pickles, olives, dessert, etc. Bring your own dishes.
- 7:00 Get acquainted night. Share your musical talents.  
Volunteer snacks

### **TUESDAY**

- 9:00 Coffee Time. I through Sa 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 Card Bingo  
Volunteer snacks

### **WEDNESDAY**

- 9:00 Breakfast provided (bring your own dishes)
- 10:30 General meeting
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 2:00 Ice Cream Social, bring toppings to share
- 5:30 Pot Luck
- 7:00 Fun Night, crowning of the New King and Queen  
Volunteer snacks

### **THURSDAY**

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

Each person attending is asked to bring an item for door prizes (Please no "White Elephants.") Please bring your own cup for coffee time and dishes and utensils for meals. Please bring books for sale or exchange, money to benefit our Retiree group.

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NEBRASKA CHAPTERS OF FCRV  
2019 STATE MEETING/FALL WORKSHOP  
Sept 12-13-14  
**Tentative Schedule**

**Friday afternoon**

- Registration \$10.00 per unit Teresa Mathews/Jan VanArsdall
- Hobo parking (no parking on the concrete pad outside the building please)

**7:00 Friday Evening**

Hillbilly mixer Triple F (Scavenger Hunt)  
Board games/card games and puzzle Triple F  
State Awards  
Campfire Singalong (as we get closer, a determination will be made about campfires at the location)

**8:00 Saturday Morning**

Flag Raising – outside building

8:15 – 9:00 Breakfast – Jan Van Arsdall, Linda and Gary Sanders

10:00 Camp Walk/Wessels Farm Tour No admission

Youth/Teen Activities – Dawn Morgan-Baker

11:30 Cornhole Tournament - John and Anita Mueller

Saturday 12:15 lunch on your own

1:00 State Fall Workshop Meeting-Reports will be required from Program Directors

2:00 Cornhole Tournament (Continued if necessary)

2:30 Scholarship Committee Root Beer Floats

3:00 Hillybilly Skiing Contest (Teams of 4) Need volunteers

3:30 Crafts – Donna Hansen; bring old t-shirts

5:00 Supper – Triple F provides main dish, A – M to bring a side dish or salad, N – Z bring a dessert.

Clean up

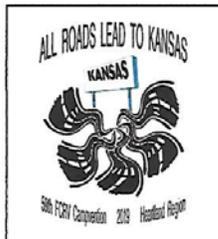
7:00 Evening activities – Auction - New Items, Crafts, Baked Goods, proceeds will be given to the Wessels Living History Farm

9:00 Sunday

Social time

Prayer Service

Room Clean up



**59<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION  
 FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers**  
 Hosted by the Heartland Region # 2  
**“ALL ROADS LEAD TO KANSAS”**  
 Kansas State Fairgrounds, 2000 North Poplar St.  
 Hutchinson, KS 67502  
**Campvention Days:** July 8 – 12, 2019 fees covers  
 July 7 – 12 (6 nights)



**Early Bird Days:** July 5 & 6, 2019 @ \$25 / night (pay @ registration – cash/check)

**Registrations are needed by:** June 1, 2019

There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute.  
 Just bring this registration with you. We want everyone to come see us!!!

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse/Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST/PRV:** \_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first Campvention? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Send my confirmation letter in PDF: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Number of people in your unit:**

# Of Adults: \_\_\_ Teens: \_\_\_ Youth 9 – 12 \_\_\_ Youth 5 – 8 \_\_\_ Young Adults \_\_\_ Total number of people in Unit: \_\_\_

Please list the names and ages of all Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

**CAMPVENTION PARKING:**

The gates will be open all days from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The first 211 registrations will be parked in the full hook up sites. All others will be parked with water & electric. If you are not registered prior to arrival, you will be in a water & electric site. The full hook up area has paved streets and gravel parking sites. The water & electric sites are in grass areas. Tent sites are available in grass with shade and close to the shower house.

**Special Needs Information:**

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: \_\_\_ There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.

**REGISTRATION:**

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds should be US currency of checks or money orders. NO CREDIT CARDS.

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$300.00	\$310.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$150.00	\$160.00
Week Drive-in Pass (July 7 – 12)	\$175.00	\$185.00
Walk-in Camp Pass (per day)	\$35.00 Per Day	Same
Motor Home ___ 5 <sup>th</sup> Wheel ___ Travel Trailer ___ Pop-Up ___ Want in shade trees ___		

**THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND HUTCHINSON:**

Cosmosphere (Smithsonian-affiliated Space Museum), Stratataca (a salt mine museum), Yoder (a Amish community), Hutchinson Zoo, Dillon Nature Center, Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial, Reno County Museum, Kansas Kids Museum, Reno County Veterans Memorial, Salt Discovery Site & Memorial Marker,

**Make checks payable to:** 2019 FCRV Campvention

**Mail to:** Keith Koontz  
 2224 Woodland St  
 Wichita, KS 67204-5938

**Refund policy:** If you are unable to attend, all except \$ 25 will be refunded

**Contact them at:** 316-655-2970 or [k.koontz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.koontz@sbcglobal.net)

**We would like to volunteer for:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Vacant

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