

Nebraska **CALLING**



October 2019

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message Rob and Joleen Baker

Welcome fall! Unfortunately, the camping season is nearing an end. Some of our members are making plans to head south for the winter, and some are well on their way. We wish you all safe travels in your journey south, and back to Nebraska in the spring.

State/Fall Workshop at York was a success! Teresa Mathews and Jessica Baker planned and coordinated the event and did a great job. Thank you to all the volunteers who supported Teresa and Jessica in assisting with cooking, games, auction, Sunday morning service, building set up and clean up. Your help is appreciated, and we could not have pulled this off without all of you. The notes from the meeting are included with the *Calling*.

We are working with Gerry Pfirsch in planning 2020 Regional at York Fairgrounds. This is scheduled for May 29-31. We will be communicating with you via email during the winter months with

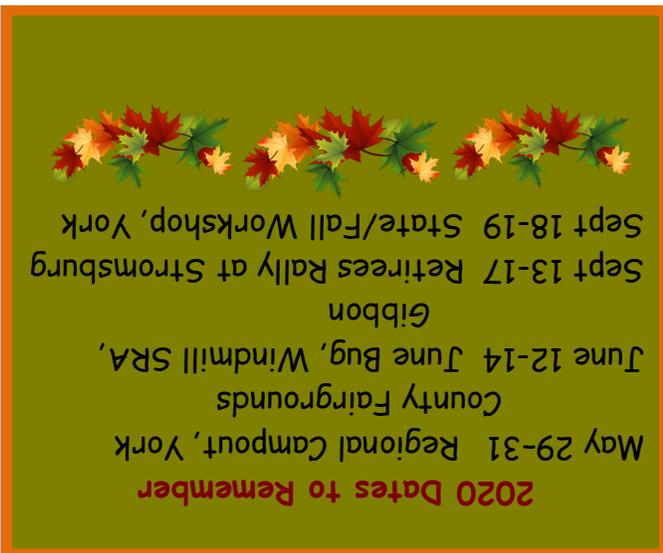
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more information on Regional as the plans develop.

As your planning meetings approach, please provide a schedule of your campouts to Pat Smith so that the schedule can be included in the final issue of the *Calling* in November. Also, please provide a contact person so that our membership can verify that the schedule has not changed should they decide to join your chapters

State Chaplain . . Mert Feikert

I usually consider myself a pretty good driver here in the central part of our state, but it seems to be a whole different story when I have to drive into one of the larger cities. I always seem to be in the wrong



lane when I get close to the right exit and always have to turn around or take another exit. The only thing that usually saves me is the little voice I hear coming from my GPS that tells me where to exit and eventually get me to my destination.

Our Christian lives are much like driving in the big city. We know the pathway to our eventual destination but we often find ourselves in the wrong lane because of the many distractions we can encounter in the world today. Those distractions usually come from the one whose only goal is to lead us away from our heavenly father. Peter warns us in 2nd Peter, verse 1, about the false prophets that try to divert us from our final destination:

*But false prophets also arose among the people,
just as there will be false teachers among you,
who will secretly introduce false heresies, even denying the Master who brought them,
bringing swift destruction upon themselves.*

I believe that many of us are aware of the false prophets we have in the world today and the false teachings that have led many away from our loving Father. The main thing we have to remember is that God gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and it serves as that little voice in our head that says "RECALCULATING." Peter finishes the 2nd chapter in vs 17 and 18:

*You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand,
be on guard so that you are not carried away
by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,
but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen*

FCRV Retiree Rally . Linda Sander August 18-22, 2019 Buckley Park, Stromsburg

Sunday night the Retirees gathered at the campfire for hot dogs on a stick. Everyone added their own condiments. Devotions were lead by Donald Haresnape with a tribute to Harry Sprague.

Monday morning registration was during coffee time. Thanks to Gary Sander for making the coffee for the Retirees every day. Donald Haresnape provided afternoon games.

Donald Haresnape constructed a "chariot to be pulled behind a riding lawn mower." One member of a team drove the lawn mower blindfolded and received instructions from the other member riding in the chariot as they traversed an obstacle course. The fastest successful team was declared the winner.

For Monday night supper, Jan VanArsdall provided sloppy joes, and the rest of the retirees provided dishes to complete the meal. Judy Dickey entertained with her keyboard. Bob Dorn played his guitar and sang. William Weiner demonstrated his talent, playing solo numbers on the keyboard.

Tuesday morning we enjoyed coffee with pastries and fruit furnished by the group. We enjoyed a Tuesday noon meal at the Stromsburg Senior Center. Donna Hansen led the crafts in the afternoon. Donna supplied hot pads, glue guns and ribbons to make a scissors holder.



Everybody was on their own for supper, and an ice cream social was

provided by Judy and Mahlon Dickey. After supper, we played card bingo with prizes donated by the group.

For breakfast Wednesday Mary Kay and Jim Hackett served waffles, sausage, and fruit. During the 10:30 am business meeting on Wednesday, Vesta and Bob Dorn were selected as Nebraska Retiree King and Queen for 2020. Shirley Rippe



Nebraska Retiree King and Queen for 2020 announced that she was stepping down as President.



The Retirees elected Mary Kay Hackett as president of the FCRV Nebraska Retirees. Everybody was on their own Wednesday lunch. Wednesday Supper was potluck furnished by everyone,

followed by the crowning of the king and queen. That was followed by a round of card bingo.



After coffee on Thursday morning, everyone began their journey home. Stay tuned for details about the 2020 Retire Rally to be held at Buckley Park, Stromsburg, on September 13-17, 2020. Special thanks to Jim Hackett for a great job as Wagon Master.



Front row: Donald Haresnape, Carol Haresnape, Bob Dorn, Vesta Dorn, Ina Carricker, Donna Hansen
Back row: Gary Sander, Linda Sander, Shirley Rippe, William Weiner, Mary Kay Hackett, Jim Hackett, Mahlon Dickey, Judy Dickey
Rally was attended by 9 units, 3 adult guests, 2 children guests.

Those attending were:

Ina Carricker, Carol and Donald Haresnape, Judy and Mahlon Dickey, Shirley Rippe, Vesta and Bob Dorn, Linda and Gary Sander, Donna Hansen, Jan Van Arsdall, Mary Kay and Jim Hackett. Guests were: William Weiner, Robyn and Josh Yankus and children, Dominic and Aurora.

Don Hetrick, a longtime camper and member of Courageous Ramblers, passed away Sept. 2, 2019.

He married Norma Jean Roth in Lincoln, Nebr. on July 30, 1953. They had 6 children 3 boys and 3 girls.

They went on many camping trips. Grandpa's Woods and Alexandria were two of their favorite parks.

He enjoyed fishing and family get-togethers. He was a member of the Vagabonds camping club

as well as the Ramblers. He thought of his fellow campers as family.

He will be greatly missed as he had many friends.

With Love,
His Wife Norma Hetrick.

State Meeting . Jan VanArsdall

Nebraska FCRV Fall Meeting was called to order by State Directors Rob and Jolene Baker at 1:00 pm Saturday, September 14, 2019 in York Fairgrounds. *DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2020*

1. *Regional Campout, May 28, 29,30 2020, York Fairgrounds York, Ne.*
Hosts: Rob & Jolene Baker
 2. *June Bug Campout , June 12, 13, 14 2020, Windmill SRA, Gibbon, NE*
Hosts: Mary Brashaw and Jolene Baker
 3. *State Fall Workshop September 18, 19, 2020, York Fairgrounds, York, Ne.,*
Hosts: Jan Van Arsdall & Shirley Rippe
- John and Anita Mueller reported on

June Bug banner, had a sample of sign material, and approximate price of \$100.00. The new sign was approved and a new sign stand was approved. Work will be done by Rob Baker and Eric Mathews.

Janene Fiekert made a report on photos that have been on Snap Chat. If there is no activity, the account is closed. Discussion on a Facebook group being a better possibility of sharing pictures. Administrators will be Janene Fiekert and Dawn Morgan-Baker, and the work will be done by them. Further information

will be available later.

Mert Fiekert reported on extra church equipment: 2 large speakers, cassette deck, keyboard, miscellaneous items, and songbooks. Was decided that Mert will sell what he can and replace with newer equipment later. Mert will talk to Ina Carriker about the songbooks with possibility of donation to church, etc. Judy Dickey was given the keyboard because of all the years of providing music for church services.

Allan Smith was presented the traveling Purple Cow award for 2019.



Steve Witmer presented the Purple Cow Award to Allan Smith

Certificates for years of membership were given to those who were present:



Teresa and Eric Mathews family - 5 years



Marcia and Steve Witmer – 15 years, Lifetime Members



Lynna and Leonard McKenney – 35 years, Lifetime Members

No more business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Van Arsdall, State Secretary



Dennis Hoagland and Mary Brashaw won the trophy for the Corn Hole game presented by Teresa Matthews.

We had a Shuckin' good time at the state meeting "Kountry Korn Karnival. "

People dressed up as hillbillies for the "Possum Stew" on Saturday night, and enjoyed skits and an auction. Many thanks to Teresa Mathews and Jessica Baker for organizing the events.



Steve Witmer looking on with Jessica Baker

Below are some pictures that show how much fun we had and what ya'all missed if you weren't there. Sorry we don't have pictures of everyone that attended.



Teresa and Eric Mathews



Rob Baker and Steve Witmer singing "Where oh where are you tonight? How could you leave me here all alone?"



Jolene Baker and Marcia Witmer



Pat and Allan Smith



Jan VanArsdall



Mert Feikert, Judy Dickey, Sandy Kendall skit



John and Mary Brashaw



Dawn Morgan-Baker, Marcia Witmer, Jessica Baker skit



Anita Mueller and Jessica Baker skit



Rob and Jolene Baker, Ken Kendall skit

Chapter News . . .

Courageous Ramblers

We held a short meeting at York on Sunday morning. Dickeys and Hansen were the only members present due to the death of Don Hetrick. We plan to meet on October 12 or 13 to make plans for our winter meeting, and set up a schedule for 2020.

I enjoyed seeing many friends that I haven't seen yet this year. It was a good time. Enjoyed the skits and special tour to Wessel Farms. Thanks to all who worked to make this workshop happen.

Donna Hansen, President

Rollin' Turtles

Fifteen Rollin' Turtles camped at Rock Creek SRA Sept. 19-21. They enjoyed the weather, other than the lightning and thunderstorm Saturday night! Business included determining dates for next year's campouts, and locations for three of them. We look forward to our October 17-20 campout at the American Legion campgrounds in Wilbur.

Allan Smith, Secretary

Triple F

In September, Triple F camped at Viking Lake in Iowa. The weather was starting to cool down which made for a nice weekend despite some rain Saturday night.

The campout was hosted by Farbers, who provided delicious pulled pork sandwiches for dinner. Everyone else chipped in with sides to create another wonderful meal.

The high point of the weekend was sitting outdoors watching the Huskers pull off a last minute win against Illinois after trailing most of the game.

Another welcome surprise was discovering that Moe, the swan, is still at the lake. Most of us first met Moe at our Viking campout last summer. He had lost his mate and was waddling around the campground alone getting handouts from all the campers. This year we are happy to see that Moe has a companion who apparently is his new mate.

October 11-13 will find Triple F at Wilber, Nebr. with Brashaws hosting.

Mary Brashaw, Secretary

NEBRASKA CHAPTER CAMPOUTS FOR 2019

<p style="text-align: center;">HEARTLAND RUNABOUTS</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;">TRIPLE F</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 & 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;">ROLLIN' TURTLES</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;">REPUBLICAN VALLEY SODBUSTERS</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>

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