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Indiana FCRV

The RV expo is over and camping season is fast approaching. First, I would like to thank the people who helped at the show, Brad and Stacy Davis, Mike and Chris McCarthy, with a special thank you to Ron and Pat Cohee: Ron, for working the show every day with Christopher, and Pat, who made our slide show and door prize. You all truly embrace the motto "Where Strangers Become Friends and Friends Become Family". A BIG Thank you to Christopher, I know how much effort you put into the show for our membership and commercial membership as well.

We have been busy with meeting the families and getting to know them. We had 6 new families join. We are not done yet as we have several others that we still need to meet with.

I am pleased to announce we are starting a new chapter. We are hoping to have it all set and up and running by the Spring Campout.

Please give a warm Indiana FCRV welcome to our new members.

Denise Weiss



Chuck and Paula Staley



Sanger



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From the State Director

Cindy James

Hello Indiana,

DEDADTO

Wow, February is nearly over. Can you believe it? We are that much closer to going camping. The weatherman is predicting SNOW for Northern Indiana; guess winter is still upon us up here in the north.

Please sign up for the scheduled campouts promptly. There is much information on these here in the Chatter. Let us support the kind people who are hosting our State campouts by attending and participating! Everyone attending each of the scheduled campouts needs to call the campgrounds directly to make their reservations and then send their site number along with the \$20.00 activity fee to the host of each campout.

The National Retiree Rally is in Dothan, Alabama, March 24-March 30, 2020. This is for our young-atheart folks. Those who have attended in past years tell of all kinds of fun and exciting things that transpire at the Retiree Rallies!

The Indiana Spring State campout is May1-3, 2020 near Geneva, Indiana at the Amishville USA Campground. Deena Felver and Paige Longberry are the hosts for this campout. Please come and see what fun things they have planned for our enjoyment.

Next will be Campvention July 13-17, 2020 in Brigden, Ontario. Our Friends to the North are busy with making plans for us this summer. They have always hosted wonderful campouts in past years, so send in your registration forms, renew passports if needed, and head to where the fun & fellowships are a plenty! For further information, please go online to the Camping Today website for more details on the 2020 Campvention.

This brings us to the beginning of August, which is when the Great Lakes Regional is taking place in

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From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

The weather seems to be changing for the good. Hopefully that means camping season is just around the corner. Remember to preregister for our camp outs:

The Spring camp out is May 1-3 at Amishville Campground in Geneva. Deena Felver & Paige Longberry are hosting this camp out, look for registration form and/or more information in this month's Chatter.

Indiana is hosting the Regional August 6-9, 2020, at Shipshewana North Campground. Cindy and Angie may be asking for help with this camp out, so let's make sure to get behind them and help if they ask! Call the campground today for your reservation. Registration form should be included in this Chatter. Also, mail that in to Cindy.

The Summer camp out is August 21-23 at Summit Lake and will be hosted by the Fireflies. They have sites booked, so look for more info in the Chatter.

The Fall Invitational is October 2-4 at Bill Monroe's Campground. So mark you calendar and look for more information as time gets closer.

Those planning on going to Canada need to visit the FCRV.org website and mail in your registration form. There is also a golf cart registration form, if you need that. They have set a price of \$255 for the week and you can mail a check! Make sure you have your passport! For more information visit the Indiana FCRV Facebook page.

Until the next campfire,

Ed Shaneyfelt
Indiana State President

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

Greetings Campers,

Well, Spring is just around the corner. So we will be sharing the-off season adventure and start new ones together again. Hope to meet some people who enjoy the fellowship we share of "Family" group.

Speaking for myself, I'm looking forward to some recipes for our group meals . Looking forward to more fun in gathering.

Until then, Peace & Good favor be with y'all.

Harlan & Bernice Nigh



Collections Coordinator +



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Patti Thieme

Hi there.

I hope that everyone had a good Valentine's day and got all kinds of candies and flowers from your Valentine

On that note, don't forget to put your walking shoes into your camper so we can go walking at Amishville in May.

If you do not want to go walking, then you can just bring some of your old books to exchange for some new ones to read.

Don't forget about making that bench for Mike Simmons: find and bring all caps to the camp out so we can reach our goal of 400 pounds to make the bench.

We continue to want to help out Riley, so brig pop tabs and any thing else that the kids at Riley would like. Remember the kids are of all ages so it won't matter what the items are.

So hope to see all around the camp fire!

Patti Thieme

STATE DIRECTOR (Continued from page 2)

Shipshewana, Indiana, August 6-9, 2020. The early bird days are August 4 and 5, 2020. This campout is being held at the Shipshewana Campground North (see the registration form elsewhere here in the Chatter). Folks, you will not believe all the different and interesting things to see and do in and around Shipshewana! Upon arrival each camper will be given a full packet with all kinds of stuff with the" What, When and Where" of things to explore and enjoy! In addition, for your convenience, a very talented coworker of mine will have on display a variety of Barn Quilts he and his wife have painted that will be for sale. He probably can take orders. These Quilts are reasonably priced. **NOTE**: There is an updated registration form with a corrected phone number for the campground in this edition. Please "Come Camp with Us" in Shipshewana!

Now for our Summer Camp out: Indiana's newest chapter, the Fireflies, have stepped up and will be hosting the summer camp out at Summit Lake State Park in New Castle, Indiana, August 21-23, 2020. Please come, meet these new FCRV folks, and have fun! **NOTE:** See important info for this camp out below.

Two camp outs left: Indiana Retirees are camping September 30-October 1, 2020 at Bill Monroe Campground and Event Center in Morgantown, Indiana. The Retirees come in ahead of the rest of us for a couple slow-paced days of reminiscing and relaxing. Then October 2-5, 2020 will be the Indiana Fall Invitational also held at Bill Monroe Campground. The Trustees are the hosts. With nearby Nashville, Indiana just down the road and around a couple curves you can be kept busy visiting the quaint lil shops and eateries!

Take care and stay healthy, hope to see many of you at the Spring campout! Be safe on the roads....see you soon.

Cindy James

The Fireflies Chapter is hosting the Summer Campout at

SUMMIT LAKE CAMPGROUND August 21-23, 2020.

The sites for our group are 1-31, 52-60.

However, the campground has released these sites for general public, so it is important to make your reservations as soon as possible to be sure you can camp with the group in this area.

Reservations can be made online at camp.in.gov

or by calling 866-622-6746

Stay tuned for further information on this campout in future CHATTERS!



Hey y'all!

As always, I've been very busy with FFA. I've been preparing for LDE (Leadership Development Event), contests which are March 7th. I am doing an Ag Business Management demo on Specialization and I am playing the piano to "Fight Song" while one of my friends does a clog dance for the talent LDE contest.

My chapter officer team is also preparing a convocation that we will present to the entire school on March 18th. In addition to everything, this week February 22nd-29th is National FFA Week. Every day we have activities planned: Monday is hat day, Tuesday is America/Mullet day, Wednesday is farmer day, Thursday is mis-matched socks day, and Friday is FFA Day. Monday we hung up FFA themed artwork created by the elementary students, Tuesday we are giving out popcorn, Wednesday we are hosting a staff breakfast, Thursday we are giving out popcorn with ag facts on it and playing corn hole in the cafeteria during IRT, and Friday we are giving out FFA cookies. And everyday during the morning announcements we are playing a song in reverse and the first class to message Mr. Hackman first with the title wins candy. What a week, so much is going on!

In addition to FFA, I've been working in the greenhouse started by my friend. It's called AQuapon LLC. I've always had a love for greenhouses but he has expanded my knowledge of them. The first greenhouse has two waterbeds in it full of plants. And the second greenhouse we just finished building and is already filled with flowers and vegetable plants that will be ready to sell April 18th.

In the barn that is attached to the greenhouses are two 10,000 gallon fish tanks. Currently only one of them is running but eventually both will be. There are tilapia, goldfish, and catfish swimming around and growing in the tank. The fish have dual purpose. Their waste is pumped into the waterbeds which helps increase production and when the tilapia are two pounds they will be sold for food. Being in the greenhouses and feeling the warmth makes me excited for the warm weather to come. Hang in there everyone, camping season is quickly approaching!

Till we camp again-

Macey



Youth and Teen News

Indiana State Association FCRV Youth and Teen Director Misty Stuckswisch

Do you like to plan ahead? Do you like to travel? Decorate? Work with a group? Enjoy cheese in Wisconsin? Then I have just the job for you!!

I am looking for volunteers that will be attending the WI Campvention in 2021 to assist with the Teen Queen Ball. I am the chairman for this event and, yes, planning has already started! Right now I just need a show of hands of those who will be attending and would be willing to help with set up/food prep/ clean-up/supervision/etc.. This is always a fun time for the kids and a great way to give back to FCRV.

Feel free to email me at mistystu21@yahoo.com or text at 812-528-2097 to get on the list or with any questions.

Thanks!

Misty





Indiana State Association FCRV State Secretary Deena Felver

Hi there,

Just a wanted to invite everyone to our CINCO DE MAYO camp out on May 1,2,and 3rd. It will be held at Amishville U.S.A. Campground. The plans are under way. You will have to make your own reservations at 1-260-589-3536, tell them you are want around the circle and you are with FCRV to get the sites where we will be. The price is \$26.00 a night. The sites that we are going to be in are 401 thru 434.

You will pay the activity fee to Deena Felver at the campout.

Hope to see you there!

Deena Felver (cdfelver@metalik.net) Paige Longberry (pashaney@hotmail.com)

> SEE THE REGISTRATION FORM **ELSEWHERE IN THIS CHATTER**

DASAY MOMENY by Marilyn Rausch



We haven't even finished the flu season and there are serious concerns about another virus with potentially lethal consequences. The COVID 19 Virus is still being investigated, and fortunately it does not yet have a strong presence in the United States, but that can change quickly. How should we prepare for and react to this new pathogen?

It will take at least a year for an effective vaccine to be developed. Although antiviral medications are being investigated, the ability of these medications...some already developed and others being studied...to counteract this virus is yet to be determined. So what do we do? The first step is to limit the spread of the illness that the virus causes.

Reducing the spread of such viruses begins with good hygiene practices. Viruses enter the body through the mucus membranes, particularly the nose, mouth and eyes. Avoiding touching the eyes, nose and mouth is particularly important, as is proper hand washing

Proper hand washing is best achieved using soap and water. Hand sanitizers (60% alcohol) do not remove grease or dirt, and are not as effective as proper hand washing. The temperature of the water is not a significant factor in hand washing, but lathering with soap for at least 20 seconds, scrubbing both sides of the hands, between fingers and around fingernails is necessary. Hand washing should be done frequently, especially after coughing, sneezing, using the bathroom, etc. Do not cough or sneeze into your hand, but cover your cough with your sleeve or the crook of your elbow or into a disposable tissue. Throw the tissue away immediately and wash your hands.

When sick, do not share cups, glasses, dishes or silverware and wash such items immediately after use, preferably in a dishwasher or with a small amount of bleach added to the dishwater.

Clean hard surfaces, especially those which are frequently touched (light switches, doorknobs, computer keyboards, telephones, refrigerator doors, car handles, toilet handles).

Avoid shaking hands and other personal contact. Stay away from populated areas (shopping, theaters, workplaces, churches) and even from family and



NO-BAKE AVALANCH COOKIES INGREDIENTS:

- * 1/2 c. mini chocolate chips
- * 16 ounces vanilla candy coating or Almond Bark
- * 15-ounce jar creamy peanut butter
- * 2 cups crispy rice cereal
- * 1 1/2 cups mini marshmallows

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper or silicone liner.
- 2. Place chocolate chips into freezer until used.
- 3. Melt candy coating or bark in microwave at 50% power in 30 second intervals until fully melted.
- 4. Put crisped rice into a large bowl. Set aside.
- 5. Add peanut butter to melted candy coating and stir until combined.
- 6. Pour candy mixture over the crisped rice. Stir until combined. Allow mixture to cool to room temperature.
- 7. Add marshmallows. Mix until combined.
- 8. Stir in frozen chocolate chips.
- 9. Use 2 tablespoon scoop to portion cookies onto prepared cookie sheets. Set into a cool place until firm.

Recipe by Donna Elick.



camping gatherings if you are sick.

Viruses can be shed for a day before illness presents and up to a week following the resolution of symptoms, so absolute isolation may not be possible. In times when there is a concern about the spread of viruses, general precautions, like avoiding congested areas and assuring good ventilation in homes and workplaces, become more necessary, even in the absence of symptoms.

All of the answers are not known, especially with the explosive way that this "new" virus has come into the world. As scientists learn more, it is possible that more specific recommendations will come to light. Until then, however, common sense and basic precautions are the best way for us to keep ourselves and our families safe.



AMISHVILLE USA CAMPGROUND 844 E 900 S, Geneva, IN 46740

Call to make your own reservations at the park 1-260-589-3536

Let them know that you are with FCRV and would like to be around the circle.

Activity fee of \$10.00 will be collected at the Campout.

Let us know if we can count on you!!

Name				
Address				
Phone		email		
	# Adults	#Teens	#Youth	
Send to De	ena Felver			

4336 State Route 81 Willshire, OH 45898 Or email to cdfelver@metalink.net



The Hoosier Chatter March 2020

2020 Great Lakes Regional Campout
Shipshewana Campground -North
Shipshewana Indiana
August 5th – August 9th
A Stitch in Time From Handcrafted Minds



Local activities include

There are opportunities to take a buggy ride, view over 30 hand-painted quilt murals on the LaGrange County Barn Quilt Trail, go to a dinner theater and watch handcrafted oak and cherry furniture being made. There are over 100 different shops, where you can find everything from handmade crafts and quilts to heirloom quality furniture. Purchase and sample unique foods like jellies, fudge, hand-rolled pretzels, and even Amish-made peanut butter. You'll feel as if you've stepped back in time!

You will need to contact the campground and make your own reservation let them know you are with FCRV

> Shipshewana North Park Amish Log Cabin Lodging & Campground 5970 North State Road 5 Shipshewana IN, 46565 Ph: (260) 768-7770

> > Once you have your site number please email it to: comecampwithus@hotmail.com

Pre-registration			
Name:	Email:		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Site Number: Number of Adults:	Teens:	Youth	
Number of nights staying			
Tues (Early Bird) Wed (Early Bird)Thu	rsFriSat		
Activity fee - \$20 Activity fee at gate will be - \$25			
Please make checks payable to			
Indiana FCRV State Director Acct for registration 202	0		
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Decatur, IN 46733			

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International Events

Retiree Rally 2020

National Peanut Fairgrounds Dothan, Alabama Early Days March 20-23, 2020 Rally Days March 24-30, 2020

Campvention 2020

Brigden, Ontario (Further information to come_ July 13-17, 2020

Great Lakes Regional Events

Regional Campout 2020

Shipshewana North Campground (further information to come) August 6-9, 2020 (Early Days August 4-5, 2020)

Indiana State Events

2020 Spring Campout Amishville Campground Geneva, Indiana Hosted by Deena Felver and Paige Shaneyfelt May 1-3, 2020

2020 Summer Campout TBA

Hosted by the Fireflies August 21-23, 2020

2020 Retiree Rally
Bill Monroe's Campground
5163 State Bond 135

5163 State Road 135 Morgantown, Indiana September 30-October 1, 2020

2020 Fall Invitational
Bill Monroe's Campground
5163 State Road 135
Morgantown, Indiana
Hosted by Indiana FCRV Trustees
October 2-4, 2020

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