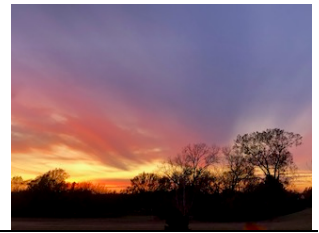


# Nebraska *CALLING*



May 2020

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

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

These are unprecedented times in our State and Country. We have seen devastation in the form of COVID-19 that none of us have experienced in our lives. We ask that everyone stay strong, healthy, and continue to stay cautious. If you are in the middle of the state, hopefully by the time of this publication the curve has been achieved.

Camping activities have been all but suspended. There are a few parks, City and NRDs that are open, but no facilities are available. This has made it hard to stay in touch and Rob and I, like the rest of you, need that camaraderie. Some of our members have participated in an email updating everyone on their lives simply due to the fact we are not able to see each other. If you received that email and do not see someone on the list, please add them to the last email received so that they too can be updated on Nebraska membership. As State Directors, we have attempted to contact as many members as possible or have received calls from membership. We appreciate the updates we have received.

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<b>2020 Dates to Remember</b>	
June 12-14	June Bug, Windmill SRA, Gibbon
Sept 13-17	Retirees Rally, Stromsburg
Sept 18-19	State/Fall Workshop, York

As a reminder, Regional 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID-19. Our next event is June Bug and a decision will be made about mid-May as to whether it will be going forward. This should allow enough time to cancel reservations, if need be, at Windmill SRA. The NGP Department is

cooperative with respect to cancellations, so we are in a wait and see mode for now. If the decision is made to move forward, we would like to change the event to “just camping” with the consensus of Nebraska membership. June Bug is in the final planning stages so if there are opinions out there, please let us know if you would prefer a “planned event” or just a time to gather together, visit, and reconnect with each other.

On the National level, the main office remains closed. There have been no membership updates and minimal communication as the office support remains under quarantine and are working remotely. The National election deadline was April 15, 2020 and we are awaiting the results.

Update on our Regional Director, Gerry Pfirsch, he will be leaving Montana and relocating to Colorado due to a job change. Not sure exactly when the move will take place, and we will keep everyone posted once a replacement Regional Director is appointed.

Stay safe everyone! Fingers crossed we can safely gather at June Bug. If you have a preference as to June Bug activities, please drop an email at rojopapio@cox.net or call Joleen at 402-639-4628.

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

How many times in our lifetime have we become afraid of contact with other people around us? We now have more time to sit in front of the TV and

listen to the latest statistics dealing with the pandemic. In some ways I can see why some people decide to escape from the hustle and bustle of the world and become hermits, and in other ways I can see why many may become depressed. As humans, we are quite complex organisms and how we react to the situations in which we often find ourselves, sometimes trigger strange results. If you watch the news, you can see some of those results on a daily basis.

All one can really do is shake our head and thank God that we enjoy the peace he has to offer. There will be times when we question why, but we also know that in this world anything can happen. All we have to do is remain strong in our faith. Again, I encourage you to remember that you have within you a spirit given to you by God that is there to guide you through the difficult times of your life. A spirit that offers the hope, joy and peace that only our heavenly father can offer.

Hopefully, within a month or so, we will again be able to enjoy the time around the campfire. My camper is out of the shed and ready to go. I want to end this article this month with:

Romans 15:13:

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,*

*so that you will abound in hope by the power of the holy spirit*

## Nat VP Programs . George Walters

### Change in Poster Contest

Since many spring campouts are being canceled, and if we have the Campvention this year, all Camping Is entries from all states and provinces will come to Nationals to be judged. In addition, materials will be provided to create an entry at Campvention. There can be multiple entries in an age category from each state/province. If Campvention itself is canceled, we will run a contest using a photo of the poster or coloring page. Create your poster (ages 5-12) or color your page (ages up to 4) Take a picture of the entry and email the picture to [kssnodgrass@earthlink.net](mailto:kssnodgrass@earthlink.net). Deadline would be June 15<sup>th</sup>. Entries should indicate the child's name, state/province, birth date and age. We will still do ribbons or certificates to category winners.

For rules and the 2020 coloring page, go to <https://fcrv.org/programs2/national-programs/youth/>. Please participate!

*Karen Snodgrass,  
Acting Youth Director*

*-From Barb Turner's newsletter April 24*

## Chapter News . . . . .

### Courageous Ramblers

We were glad to welcome our snowbirds back. Judy and Mahlon Dickey had planned a 70th birthday party but, because of the virus, they had to change to a card shower. Judy ask that we pray for her granddaughter, Samantha Bliss. She has cancer. Mickey Hetrick continues to do well with her cancer. She misses all her camping friends. She would love to get cards:

Machelle Hetrick  
2611 So. 10th St .  
Lincoln, Neb. 68502.

We are praying for an end to this virus so camping can resume. I mail copies of the *Calling* and other info to Donna, so,we keep up.

Best to all.

*Norma Hetrick, Field Director*

FCRV STATE MEETING  
SEPT. 18-19, 2020  
YORK, NE. FAIR GROUNDS

State Planning Campout will be held on Friday & Saturday in York, Ne. We will have a campout on Friday eve, with chili & hotdogs/chips/dessert for your evening meal will be available. The evening will be a get-together for fun & relaxation & maybe a campfire with marshmallows.

The meeting will be at the York Library, Saturday at 1:00p.m. We will have a brunch about 11:00 before the meeting. This will consist of sandwiches, salad, chips & dessert.

Camping fees \$18.00 per night. No. of nights\_\_\_\_\_

Meals will be donation only, this will help with expenses.

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Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_Chapter\_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Send registrations to Shirley Rippe, 133 Lawrence Rd., Hebron, NE, 68370 by Sept 6, 2020.

## 2020 CAMPING SCHEDULE (NEW YEAR)

### Heartland Runabouts Camping Dates for 2020

April	24-26	Pioneer Trails, Aurora
May	8-10	Lone Star, Milligan
May	28-31	Regional, York
June	12-14	June Bug, Windmill, Gibbon
June	26-28	Hebron City Park, Hebron
July	10-12	Deshler City Park, Deshler
Aug.	7-9	Hebron City Park, Hebron
Sept.	18-20	Fall Gathering, York Fairgrounds
Oct.	9-11	Superior City Park, Superior
Nov.	14	York Library, planning for 2021
Dec.	TBA	

### Sodbuster Camping Dates:for 2020:

April	4 - 16	Nelson Fairgrounds	Hosts: Gene and Delores Robb
May	12 - 14	Utica	Hosts: Jim and Janet Staehr
June	12 - 14	June Bug Campout	
July	14 - 16	Superior Park	Hosts: Don and Carol Haresnape
Aug.	18 - 20	Hebron Park	Host: Shirley Rippe
Sept.	13 - 17	Retirees Campout	
Oct.	13 - 15	Nelson Fairgrounds;	No Host

### Rollin' Turtles' Campouts and meetings for the coming year:

January	19, 2 pm	Anderson Library
February	16, 2 pm	Anderson Library
March	15, 2 pm	Anderson Library
April	16-18	American Legion, Wilbur,
May	14-16	Victorian Acres, Nebraska
June	18-20	Pawnee SRA/ 22-52,
July	16-18	Louisville SRA/175-199,
August	20-22	Two Rivers SRA
Sept.	24-26	Branched Oak SRA
Oct.	15-17	American Legion, Wilbur
Nov.	15	Anderson Library

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Vacant

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