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Presidents Notes

The year 2020 continues to be anything but normal. Not sure that we will ever see what we called normal again. We will persevere by doing what we need to do for ourselves and others. We should have had a slate of officers for KCA presented at Spring State in Burlington. COVID 19 made it impossible for us to meet as a group and Spring State was cancelled. With the agreement of KCA's Executive Board, the current officers continue for one more year. New officers will be elected and assume their duties following Fall State 2021. Now is your chance if you would like to volunteer for the KCA nominating committee. Just let me know. KCA Fall State is planned for September 25/27 at the fairgrounds in Winfield. If it is not possible to get together, we will know by August and it will be in that *Kansas Campers* newsletter. Without knowing the words to heal these times, I'll just say that God, love, caring and kindness are always worth sharing. Stay healthy and safe. Don and Eileen Naasz, presidents

State Directors Notes

We have definitely been in a learning curve during the last several months. We have self -isolated, we have shopped by mail/delivery more, we have felt isolated, we have felt lonely, we have lost touch, etc, etc. Will we come back to a "more" normal existence any time soon? We sure hope so but we still want people to be safe, feel safe, and stay well. That being said there are changes happening now and coming down the road.

A major change is the cancelled International Campvention that is now becoming a "Virtual Campvention". Many of you have received bits and pieces from Barb Turner in her notes to all via e-mail. We will address that in a separate letter especially for those that have not already seen them. It sure won't be the same but I hope it is better than nothing. I'm not sure that I can do all of the activities but I'm going to try some. The folks that were doing the planning for us to come visit them have sure been working hard to adjust.

Another change was the cancelling of the District II Campout, District I Campout, KCA Spring State, the Sunchasers Spring Campout, and many chapter functions. We asked everyone to keep in contact with the chapter members even if they couldn't see them. NOW (if you are comfortable doing it) lets try to do some gatherings while still practicing precautions. We know that close quarters is not the best for anyone, but we can still be out in our beautiful world.

Let's really try to support the KCA Fall State, Fall Sunchasers and chapter campouts if possible. We won't know till later if we can have the campouts, but plans are being made to be ready. Let's support the volunteers who are working to be ready. We may be a different structure but that is ok. We sometimes find that the change is for the better.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

AREA I

Campfire Campers:

Since our area has been under the "stay in place" most of the last three months we've not been able to get together for a campout. Currently we're scheduled to have our first campout of the season the weekend of July 10-12 at Bloomington East, Clinton Lake. We have so much catching up to do it will be a fun time. A couple of families have had

major changes, i.e. Don & Lorene Huffman have sold their truck and fifth wheel and Tom & Ilene Young have moved from Olathe out to the country. Don Huffman is doing great and they plan to drive out to our campouts when possible. We hope all our camping friends have been able to avoid the Covid-19 virus and we wish them well.

Linda Smith, Secretary

Dusters: Did not receive report before issue

Mustangs: Did not receive report before issue

AREA II

Kanokliners: Did not receive report before issue

Kansa Travelers: Welcome to another brave new world! Kansa Travelers canceled the activities for April and part of May. By mid May we decided that anyone who wanted to could meet at Fall River as planned for socially distant camping. We camped but did no group activities. The Cleosus's, Bugglen's, Koontz's, Bradley's and Gary and Jeanie Dennett's all went and were joined on Saturday by Bradley's son and Barnett's for the day. By 29 May and at our Osage Hills, Pawhuska, OK campout, we had a few takers - Gary and Jeanie Dennett, Leslie and Barry Bradley, Gwen Hillis, and Bill and Dianne Bugglen made the trip. Mostly socially distancing and one trip to the Mercantile for breakfast for several. By the 12th of June Cross Timbers at Toronto was the destination with a lot of participation. Avis Nelson, Winkleman's, Bugglen's, Maier's, Bradley's, Cleosus's. Gwen Hillis brought friends Paul and Gail Berger, . No meals together but Glenn Maier shared his grill for anyone who wanted to cook. We played cards, ladder golf, corn hole and fastrack. Barnett's visited Saturday and Maier's treated everyone to Ice Cream. Keep thinking of ways to have fun and still stay safe.

Ky O Tees: Did not receive report before issue

Newton Nomads: Did not receive report before issue

AREA III

No Active Chapters

AREA IV

Pratt Fireliters: Did not receive report before issue

Peacemakers: Did not receive report before issue

Sunflower Ramblers:

As many, for the last couple of months our group has been camping as individuals and finding ourselves in the same location as other FCRV members. Being outside and seeing friends certainly made a difference during that time.

The third weekend of June was our first full-fledged campout of 2020. Flooding in May at Elk City cut that one short really before it got started.. Thankfully, the Corp opened their lakes for camping June 1. Nine units, one guest couple and a family visiting from Arizona met at Canning Creek, Council Grove Lake the third weekend of June.

Rough weather had been predicted and most of us has lots of rain at home or on the way. However, after we were there, we had super weather all weekend. Check out Barb Mashak's pictures on Kansas Camper Association or Sunflower Rambler's Facebook spaces.

Friday evening, we were treated to dilly bars or ice cream sandwiches. Saturday morning was a potluck breakfast which turned out to be a feast (Scrambled eggs, sausages, biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns/eggs/sausage skillet, cinnamon rolls, bowls of fruit, more rolls and blueberry buckle).

There was some fishing (but I didn't see any fish), walking around the lake and the Riverwalk downtown, visiting aplenty, playing cornhole and building a "Virtual Shoebox Float" for the 2020 Campvention. We used what we could find in our campers and built it according to the instructions in the June *Camping Today*.

Saturday evening, we had a taco bar with lots of toppings and side dishes including desserts. The evening included a real honest-to-goodness campfire and more visiting.

Sunday lunch was at Saddlerock Café in Council Grove. It's one of our favorites and we were glad they were open. There were fewer tables and lots of precautions but the food was as good as ever, maybe better since eating out together is a treat.

Eileen Naasz, Reporter

STATE WIDE CLUBS

Sunchasers:

Canceled Spring Sunchasers but plan on having the Fall one in Winfield.

Camping Further Out:

Nothing this month.

Kansas FCRV Care Notes:

10 May 2020

To Our Camping Friends,

We want to wish all our Mothers a Happy Mother's Day and hope they have a pleasant and relaxing day. We're sure there will be different celebrations of the day for most of us. We hope this finds you well and looking forward to better days ahead. As we had mentioned before now is a good time to make a call to a shut-in or someone you hadn't talked to for some time. Also, hand written notes are a really nice memento for the recipient. Having said all that we have a couple of notes to pass along.

From the Kansa Travelers: "David Dennett fell on May 1, hitting his head which caused a bleed on the brain. On May 2, he had surgery to relieve the pressure which seemed to help. However, in the days following it has been a struggle and only time will tell. He is at Wesley Hospital in Wichita. Due to the Covid-19 he can only have very limited visitors." David & Sue could really use our thoughts and prayers at this time. Cards can be sent to David & Sue at: 1447 Custer Lane, Augusta, KS 67010-9423.

From Les & Karen Drennon, Campfire Campers – "Karen's Mother, Rosealine (Rose) Swearingen, Age 87, passed away May 1. She lived in Edwardsville, KS. A Private Service is scheduled for Thursday, May 7. The complete obituary can be found at www.dignitymemorial.com." Cards can be sent to Karen at 648 S 110th St., Edwardsville, KS 66111 or e-mail drennonervices@hotmail.com. We extend our sympathy to Karen and Les and their family at this difficult time.

June 19, 2020

To Our Camping Friends,

We want to wish all our Fathers a Happy Father's Day and hope they have a pleasant and relaxing day. We hope that families will be able to celebrate and stay safe from the virus at the same time. We must remember that "this to shall pass" and we'll all get through it together. It's always a joy when we have some good news to pass along so we have the following note to share:

From Sue Dennett, Kansa Travelers today: "David Dennett came home Thursday, June 18, and is doing really well. He is still using a walker and has home health care but for the most part is getting better each day with memory, balance and overall health. They want to say "Thanks" for all the prayers and support." You may recall that David fell on May 1, had a couple of surgeries for the bleeding on the brain, spent some time in rehab so it's been a real challenge for both Sue and David. They can still use our thoughts and prayers at this time. Cards can be sent to David & Sue at: 1447 Custer Lane, Augusta, KS 67010-9423.

FCRV 2020 Campvention is going virtual – For complete updates and information refer to your Camping Today. The entire Campvention Team is to be commended for all the planning, effort and digital & social media knowledge they have drawn on to make this event happen in spite of Covid-19. Just think you can sit in your own living room and take part in Campvention this year without spending any money for gas, camp fees, extra food,

etc. – what a deal!!

If you know of someone that should be remembered in the Care Notes, send us a note so that we might share the information. We also like to get happy news, i.e. weddings, Special Anniversaries, etc. Staying in touch is one way to help keep our organization a little stronger. Please pass the above information on to those that might not have received the Care Notes. Also, it has been called to my attention that sometimes the Care Notes end up in your SPAM file (cyber gremlins) – so check your SPAM folder often. Thanks!

Safe Travels and we're looking forward to seeing you "down the road"!

Linda & Garold Smith, Kansas Care Notes

E-mail: smithmemos@gmail.com or SMITHGANDL@aol.com

Joke:

I'm pretty jealous of those 2 astronauts that got the hell off the planet. Thanks to Tom H.

Trivia:

Neil Armstrong's astronaut application arrived a week past the deadline. A friend slipped the tardy form in with the others.

Worth Pondering:

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." —*Helen Keller*

Buy/Sell Section: (Members Only) (Camping items only)

Snowbird Section:

Items happening at your RV park during the Winter.

ANNUAL FIELD STAFF MEETING 2020

The annual field staff meeting will be held after Fall State on September 27, 2020 at the Winfield Fair Grounds at 1:30 to 4:30. ALL field staff of the state are expected to attend. Others are welcome especially if your chapter field staff person asks you to sub for them. We need everyone. The agenda will be shared at a later time. This is hosted by the State Directors for KS FCRV.

2020 International Campvention, Brigden, Ontario, Canada – Now a Virtual Campvention

VIRTUAL CAMPVENTION

The True North Strong & Free

We are weeks away from our virtual Campvention! FCRV leadership and the campvention team including Camy Hicks, Lynn Acre, and Lorne Douglas (with Jill Serbousek providing technical expertise) put their heads together to create an exciting event that we can all attend while staying at home.

Campvention activities will be held during the original campvention dates of July 13 – 17, 2020. The next issue of “Camping Today” will contain a complete schedule.

The Campvention 2020 Page on the FCRV Web site contains all the information you need to know about rules, deadlines for the parade participation, registration for seminars, and more. From the FCRV Home Page click the button that says “Virtual Due to Covid19” near the middle of the page. Or click this link: <https://fcrv.org/come-camp-with-us/campvention/campvention-2020/>

A list of activities being planned includes:

- Opening ceremonies will kick off our virtual campvention in style with all the state/provincial flags on display, welcome speeches and a virtual ribbon cutting.
- National Awards presentations
- FCRV annual meeting will be held where our new Trustees will be installed
- The FCRV International Band under the direction of Craig Weber already has an exciting concert prepared for us.
- A Shoe box parade is being headed up by Carl & Sue Fromholzer. Entries are due in less than 7 days (June 21)
- Pet Parade is being organized by Beth O’Neal. Again, entries are due in less than 7 days (June 21).
- Kids’ book readings – fun for all ages, we’ll have fun story times with books about camping. We’ve even got an author reading one of her books especially for us!
- Crafts – There will be a couple of craft options, including a paint night where we’ll paint something with a camping theme (small fee will apply and registration is required)
- C.A.M.P – There will be activity videos released each morning to help you get active. You can also submit your miles and minutes from your own CAMP-eligible activities during the week of Campvention. Let’s see how many miles we can rack up in 1 week! Rules and eligibility are on the Campvention 2020 web page.
- Seminars – We have 2-3 vendors who are supporting the organization monetarily or with product donations. You can join the vendors live via Zoom during their scheduled seminars and ask questions when their presentations are over. In order to help us plan, please register for the seminars you plan to attend by July 6. Vendor information and registration links are on the Campvention 2020 web page. Please support these vendors. They have supported us.
- Cornhole - Scott Serbousek is organizing a virtual Cornhole tournament. Participation is open to all. Individuals will need to sign up and teams will be randomly assigned. To participate, you’ll need to have your own cornhole boards and bags or the ability to join a friend who has boards. You’ll also need a device (laptop, tablet, phone) with internet access in order to record scores online and the ability to join a zoom meeting. If you are interested in participating, email Scott as saserbousek@gmail.com by July 6.
- Entertainment – Kiley Joe Masson will be performing for us on Facebook Live (tips will be much appreciated) and a variety show starring past teen royalty is being created.
- Links to videos and events will be posted July 13th – 17th on the Campvention 2020 Page on the FCRV Web site. The opportunity to view the campvention events will be available for approximately another month past the close of campvention. Watch for Facebook posts, You Tube videos, and “Camping Today” for additional information and a schedule. No virus is going to get the FCRV camping family down!
- From Jill Serbousek, Virtual Campvention Coordinator: **"Reminder! Entries for the Shoebox Parade and Pet Parade are due by this Sunday!!"**

Check out YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReTctf13cTc&t=106s> - **Teen Queen Macey interviews Gerry Pfirsch about his upcoming move and talks FCRV presidency.**

CAMPING IN KANSAS JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER (AS OF NOW)

If there are changes, the chapter field staff has not informed the State Directors

M	D	D	CHAPTER	WHERE	CITY	PHONE
7	10	12	Kansa Travelers	Elk City State Park	Independence	316 350 6766
7	10	12	Campfire Campers	Bloomington East, Cedar Cove	Clinton Lake	913 909 9978
7	13	17	ALL	International Campvention	Brigden, Ontario	316-830-2115
7	13	17	Ky-O-Tees	Canning Creek	Council Grove	3163059791
7	17	19	Sunflower Ramblers	Loop D Venango Park at Lake	Marquette	847 337 7037
7	17	19	Dusters	Banner Creek	Holton	785 889 4429
7	17	19	Mustangs	Gun Park	Fort Scott	785 506 6566
7	26	28	Kansa Travelers	Smarsh Creek – Lake	Cheney	316 350 6766
8	13	16	Ky-O-Tees	Spring Lake	Halstead	316 305 9791
8	14	16	Sunflower Ramblers	Bemis Creek at Lake	Eldorado	847 337 7037
8	14	16	Kansa Travelers	Spring Lake RV Resort	Halstead	316 350 6766
8	14	16	Dusters	Michigan Valley Federal Park	Quenemo	785 889 4429
8	14	16	Campfire Campers	Pomona Lake, Michigan Valley	Pomona	913 909 9978
8	14	16	Mustangs	Michigan Valley	Pamona Lake	785 506 6566
8	21	23	Kansa Travelers	Napawalla Park	Oxford	316 350 6766
9	11	13	Kansa Travelers	El Dorado State Park	El Dorado	316 350 6766
9	11	20	Kansa Travelers	Kansas State Fair	Hutchinson	316 350 6766
9	11	13	Campfire Campers	Sand Hills State Park	Hutchinson	785 862 9053
9	18	20	Mustangs	Bloomington East	Clinton Lake	785 506 6566
9	18	20	Dusters	Mill Creek	Paxico	785 889 4429
9	25	27	ALL	KCA Fall State	Winfield	620 727 3482
9	28	10-2	ALL	Fall Sunchasers	Winfield	316 655 4296
10	15	18	Ky-O-Tees	Napawalla Park	Oxford	316 305 9791
10	16	18	Sunflower Ramblers	District IV Smarsh Creek at Lake	Cheney	847 337 7037
10	16	18	Kansa Travelers	Marion County Lake	Marion	316 350 6766
10	2	4	Kansa Travelers*	Kaw Lake	Kaw, OK	316 350 6766
10	9	11	Campfire Campers	Roaring River State Park	Cassville, MO	785 272 6103

Dates to use for planning in 2020 & 2021

Contact the one listed or the Kansas State Directors for more information

Let's make this year a great one and not limit ourselves to just chapters.

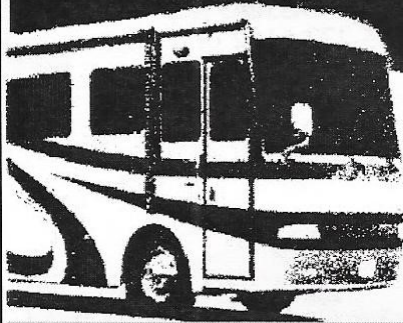
September 25 – 27, 2020 – KCA Fall State at Winfield Fairgrounds, Winfield, KS

September 27, 2020 – Annual Field Staff Meeting at the Winfield Fairgrounds, Winfield, KS

September 28 – October 2, 2020 – Sunchasers Fall Retirees Campout at Winfield Fairgrounds, Winfield, KS

March 23 – 29, 2021 – National Retirees Campout at Minneola, TX – the theme is Fishing for 50 – all who can camp during the week are invited (and it's not that far away)

July 11 – 16, 2021 – International Campvention at Elkhorn, WI – the theme is Wander Wisconsin



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We have two state meets a year and most of the clubs camp one or two weeks a month. Look to www.fcrv.org for information on national organization. See application below for KCA.

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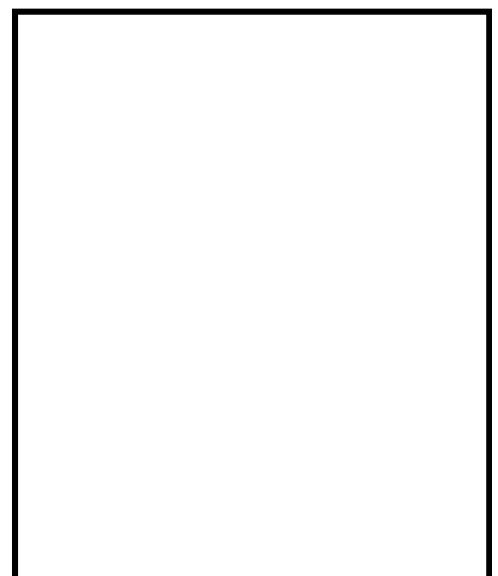
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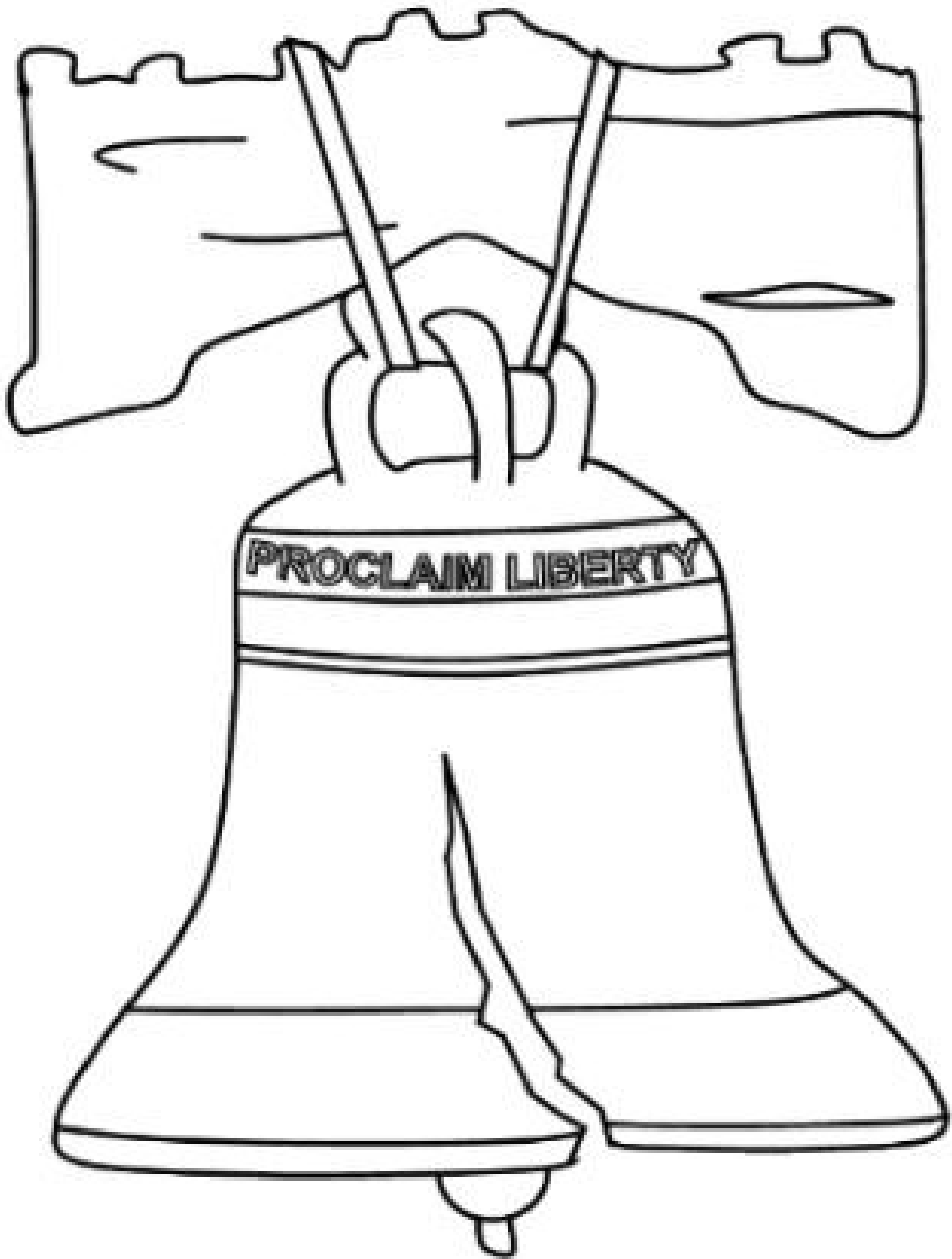
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