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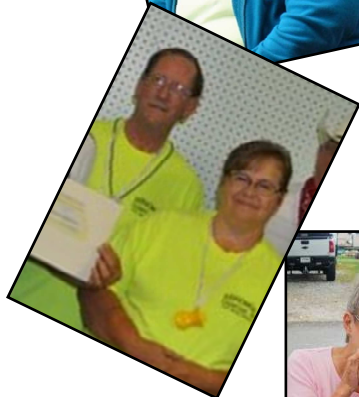
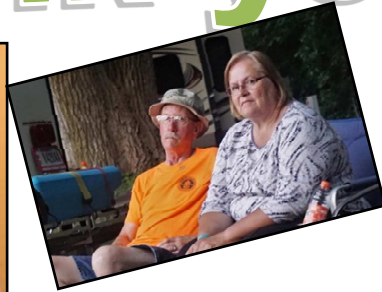
# HOOSIER CHATTER

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## Thank you, Cindy!



Hello Indiana,

The time has come for me to step aside as the Indiana State Director.

My attention needs to be with my husband Dennis, as his health issues are progressing I feel he needs my reassurance and guidance and my complete focus in helping him cope with what is happening to his world.

I wish you all an abundance of good times camping and I hope you all get to enjoy getting together again soon

...  
I extend my heartfelt gratitude to so many of you who have helped me, been by my side and have stepped up to help me with whatever was needed! I truly was blessed with so many great friends who feel more like family and I will miss the good times with you all!

Please join me in welcoming Angie Shaneyfelt to the position of Indiana State Director. She will be a great leader! Thank you Angie for being there for me!

I do hope to be camping down the road but it may be a little while before we get to camp again.

Thank you for all of the thoughts and prayers and please continue to keep us in your prayers!

*Cindy James*



### From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Cindy James has made the decision to step down from the Indiana State Director position and National office has appointed me as your new Indiana State Director. I want to thank Cindy for all that she has done since she has held the office and I know she will be here if I have questions. Thanks again Cindy. What is going on at the National level?

I am sure by now everyone knows that the Canada Campvention was cancelled and is going virtual. Opening ceremonies are being planned for "The True North Strong & Free" virtual campvention. Band director, Craig Weber, is working on songs with his band members and there is a shoe box parade and pet parade also. Unfortunately, the shoe box parade and pet parade deadlines will be over by the time you read this. Other activities are being planned also. Make sure you monitor [www.fcrv.org](http://www.fcrv.org) or the Facebook pages for Family Campers & RVers (FCRV National FB Group) and Indiana FCRV to keep up with upcoming virtual events.

In addition to upcoming events, there have been interviews posted on our Indiana Facebook page. Macey was interviewed along with our National Teen King and the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up to the queen. Also, Macey did an interview with our incoming National President, Gerald Pfirsch. On another note: Congrats to Macey for representing Indiana at the national level for another year, let the reign continue!

#### What is going on at the State level?

Since the Spring campout and the Regional campouts were cancelled, our first state campout will be held in August. One of our new clubs, the Fireflies will be hosting at Summit Lake in New Castle the weekend of August 21-23. I am hoping this is a good turnout since some of us have not seen our

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### From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

As we get ready to enter the last phase for the state to re-open, it will be nice to get back to normal. whatever the new normal will be.

We are looking forward to the first campout of the year August 21-23, 2020, at Summit Lake, hosted by the Fireflies. It will be nice to see everyone again and I am sure that the Fireflies will have a good time planned for us.

I would like to welcome Angie Shaneyfelt as our new State Director. I would also like to thank Cindy James for all she has done over the years for our state. Cindy commented she will be here to help with any questions Angie may have.

The Fall Invitational will be October 2-4, 2020, at Johnson County Park, hosted by the Trustees. **You will need to call the park to make your reservations.** They are on a first come basis and they were wide open as of this writing. The number is 812-526-6809. As far as a theme, the Trustees will let you know that after they meet at the Summer Campout.

I have some quotes on the sound system to discuss with the Trustees in August. Some are for new and some for just pieces we need.

I wanted to thank everyone for the wonderful job on collecting plastic lids for the bench in memory of Mike Simmons. With the rule change at the factory, Brenda will be able to get 2 benches to sit at in their town in honor of Mike. She is picking them up at the end of July and hopefully I can get her to bring them on to the summer campout for everyone to see. Great job and keep collecting so we may be able to help someone else in the future. If you have any question or suggestions, please let Patti Thieme know.

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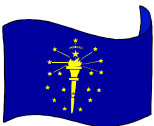
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camping “family” since last October. Make sure you get your reservation in. Please look elsewhere in the Chatter for more information on this campout. If it indicates to let the club know you are attending, please do so. This helps in their preparation for their camping schedule.

Fall Invitational campout will be held the weekend of October 2-3-4, 2020. This campout will be hosted by the Indiana Trustees. The location will be announced soon as we cannot camp at Bill Monroe’s this year due to them rescheduling a concert that weekend. The trustees will be meeting (by phone) to get their location and theme planned. Look elsewhere in this Chatter for more information that may come out after my article was written.

Just like “Covid19” we are “all in this together” also applies to FCRV. Please let me know if you have any questions or issues with our state organization. We are all here to make our organization stronger.

See you camping soon,

*Angie Shaneyfelt*

STATE PRESIDENT (Continued from page 2)

I hope everyone is staying safe and their families are healthy.

Until we see you around the next campfire,

*Ed Shaneyfelt*

Indiana State President

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](http://camp.in.gov)

or

by calling 866-622-6746

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

## International FCRV Teen Queen

*Macey*



As you already know, Campvention has unfortunately been moved online. There will be activities, crafts, music, entertainment, parades, and much more.

I have had the honor to work with many of the amazing people that are hard at work to make this all possible. I have helped conduct interviews, participated in the pet parade as well as the shoe box parade, and I have recorded videos that will be used during campvention.

Even though I am still sad that we can't come together in Canada for campvention I am excited to venture out into new territory of an online campvention. I also look forward to continuing my reign as Miss FCRV for another year.

I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy as we continue pushing forward toward the ultimate goal of getting our daily lives back to each of our versions of normal.

FCRV International Teen Queen, *Macey*

## To get your refund from Amishville

If you made reservations for the cancelled Spring Campout.

I just wanted to let anyone know that, if you have not heard from Amishville or called them here is what she sent me:

The owner of Amishville has asked that each of you contact her regarding your refund. She commented she will need the last 4 digits of the card you reserved it on. Call her at **260-589-3536** for your refund.

Hopefully we can camp with the Fireflies at Summit Lake in August and can have our “Cinco de Mayo” camp out next year.

Thanks,

*Deena Felver*

# Recipes worth Sharing!

## SLOW COOKER REESE'S PEANUT BUTTER AND CHOCOLATE CAKE

Prep Time: 5 minutes Cook Time: 2 hours Total Time: 2 hours 5 minutes Yield: 10 servings

### Ingredients for Cake

- 1 box devils food cake
- 1 Stick Melted Butter 1/2 cup
- 3 Eggs
- 1 cup water

### Ingredients for Peanut Butter Frosting

- 1 cup Peanut Butter
- 4 tbs confectionery sugar
- Reese's Peanut Butter Cups for toppings

### Instructions for cake

- Mix together cake mix, water, eggs, and melted butter. (The batter will be lumpy)
- Stir in Reese's
- Spray bottom of slow cooker with cooking oil. Spread batter in the slow cooker.
- Cook on high heat for 2 hours

### Instructions for Peanut Butter Topping

- Place 1 cup peanut butter in the microwave for 1 minute until melted
- Stir in sugar.
- Spread over top of the cake.
- Top with Reese's cups

Submitted by Deena Felver.

Nutrition Information: Yield: 10 Serving Size: 1

## Membership News



Indiana State Association FCRV  
Membership Director  
Denise Weiss



You have all heard the expression “when given lemons make lemonade.” We need to do the same when it comes to FCRV. Even though Covid 19 has had us all isolated, I have heard from several sources that camping is on the rise because of it, a lot more campers are being sold more and more families are camping. WE need to embrace this and help to keep our membership growing.

Yes, I said WE. Over the last several years our membership has been declining and now it the perfect opportunity to increase our membership. How often when you are camping do you talk to other

campers and promote FCRV? It is our job as members to help the organization grow or it will cease to exist.

What are some of the reasons that you enjoy FCRV? Tell other people the reasons you stay and what the organization does for you, the reason you joined, the friendships you’ve made, the activities we offer etc. The more members we have the more fun we can enjoy.

If you need flyers I have them and can get them to you to pass out. Never miss an opportunity to make friends and turn them into family. Remember our motto “**where strangers become friends and friends become family**”. Chris and I have found that to be very true of this organization and have made lifelong connections not only in Indiana but across the United States.

Help our family to grow and spread the word.

*Denise Weiss*

**DASAT MOMENT** by Marilyn Rausch**SUMMER FOOD SAFETY**

The summer is here, and we can finally start thinking about camping and picnicking. This is a time to reconsider food safety. A few safety tips can help keep you and your family from being part of the one in six people who will become sick because of improper handling of foods.

**Wash your hands.** We've been hearing that a lot because of the recent pandemic, but it applies with equal importance in preparing food and before eating. Particularly wash your hands after handling raw meat and before touching any other food.

**Separate raw and cooked foods.** Keep raw meat separate from vegetables and other prepared foods during transport. Bacteria can be transferred on utensils and preparation surfaces such as cutting boards. Use one set of utensils for raw products and another set for cooked products, and wash utensils often, avoiding using the same utensil for different foods. Ice that is intended to be used with drinks should be kept in a sealed storage container, not in the cooler with raw meat or even vegetables.

**Keep your cooler cold.** As a rule of thumb, at least one quarter of the space in your cooler should be dedicated to ice. Freeze any foods that can be frozen before packing them in the cooler. Include a thermometer in the cooler so you can maintain the temperature *below 40°F*. Keep coolers closed to better maintain stable and cooler temperatures.

**Get it hot.** Have a meat thermometer available to assure adequate cooking. Guesswork can cause food poisoning! Beef burgers should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F and chicken should be cooked to 165°F. Grills and fires may differ. Time and the color of the meat are NOT safe or reliable ways to tell if your food is done.

**Stay out of the DANGER ZONE!** The DANGER ZONE of food temperatures is between 40°F and 140°F. Food that is between the range has the opportunity to let dangerous bacteria grow and harm to those who consume it. Keep foods colder than 40°F or warmer than 140°F. Serve cooked foods when they are still warm, and get left-overs put away on ice. The outside window of time that food can be left out is 2 hours, but less time than that is better!

Enjoy the freedom of being outdoors with family and friends...safely!! Don't let bad food practices ruin what should be a wonderful time together!

**Collections Coordinator+**

Indiana State Association FCRV  
Ronald McDonald House  
And Riley Hospital  
Collections Coordinator  
C.A.M.P. Lady  
Patti Thieme

Hi there,

Well maybe in August we will get to see everyone again. I have been staying busy with the gardening and keeping the sticks picked up so the yard can be mowed.

I am hoping that everyone is still collecting caps for benches, and tabs for Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital.. Bring them to the August camp out.

If you got caught up on your reading, then bring those books to exchange for some other ones.

And don't forget to bring your walking shoes 'cause we will need to walk off the extra pounds that we have put on in quarantine.

So that is all for now and hopefully we will see you around the camp fire

*Patti Thieme*

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

By Harlan Nigh

Hello FCRV Family. Well I guess it's time. We're able to get back to campgrounds! Prayers are answered. So now can share our "Survival Stories" .

It's been a different time for us who love outdoors and campsites. But Praise the Lord we made it! May y'all be safe in the travels up coming.

*Harlan Nigh* ☺ ☩

# Great Lakes Regional Campout

**August 5-8, 2021**

**Shipshewana Campground North  
Shipshewana Indiana**



## “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 CALL the campground and make your own reservation**

**[www.shipshewanacampgroundnorth.com](http://www.shipshewanacampgroundnorth.com) you can review sites**

**then call 260-768-7770 and let them know you are with FCRV**

**There are only 52 sites total. Do not miss you chance to camp with us!**

***Shipshewana North Park Amish Log Cabin Lodging & Campground***

***5970 North State Road 5, Shipshewana IN, 46565***

***Ph: (260) 768-7770***

### Pre-registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Teens: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

### Nights attending

\_\_\_ Tues (Early Bird) \_\_\_ Wed (Early Bird) \_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_ Sat

**Activity fee - \$20 Activity fee at gate will be - \$25**

Please make checks payable to: Indiana FCRV State Director  
Memo line: 2021 Regional

Send pre-registration to: Angie Shaneyfelt  
1466 W 750 N  
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If you book a site and are not mailing in the Activity Fee at this time,  
please email [angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com](mailto:angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com)  
and let me know your name and site number, so we will have you on our list. Thanks.

**PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE APPLICATION HAS BEEN CORRECTED FROM PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED FORM!**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## International Events

### **Campvention 2020**

Gone Virtual  
See FCRV.org for ongoing info

## Great Lakes Regional Events

### **Regional Campout 2021**

Shipshewana North Campground  
See registration form in the CHATTER  
August 5-8, 2021  
(Early Days August 3-4, 2021)

## Indiana State Events

### **2020 Summer Campout**

Summit Lake Campground  
Hosted by the Fireflies  
August 21-23, 2020  
(See page 4 for  
Reservation information)

### **2020 Retiree Rally**

Tentative  
TBA

### **2020 Fall Invitational**

Johnson County Park  
Hosted by the Trustees  
October 2-4, 2020  
(Call 812-526-6809  
to make reservations)

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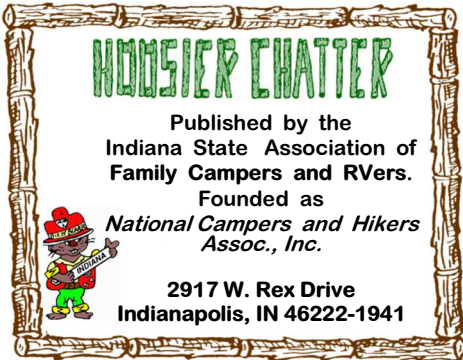
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