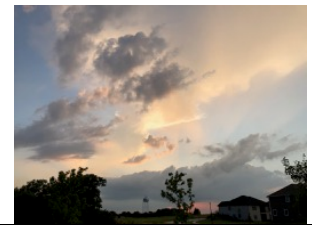


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July 2020

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message Rob and Joleen Baker

Hi Everyone!

Here we are in July. We have had a rough time this year trying to see our chapter members as and State members. We enjoyed seeing those that went to Windmill SRA in June. We maintained safe distances for the most part and had dinner Saturday evening together. Everyone prepared their own meals and we gathered at Hoagland's site for our meal and campfire.

Throughout this pandemic, it has been hard to keep communication going. We urge you to please contact your fellow campers and stay in touch with each other. We hope you are all well and hanging in there during this time.

For the most part, we ourselves have been staying "close to home" with the exception of June when we ventured to Windmill. We look forward to seeing you around the campfire sometime this summer, if possible.

Our next event is the State/Fall Workshop which is planned for September 18-19, 2020 in York, Nebraska. Camping will be available at the Fairgrounds. Our meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020. The registration form is in this issue as well as the June issue.

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Please RSVP to Shirley Rippe as indicated on the registration form. We will ask that all that can attend please do so. We will be discussing the future of NE FCRV and attempting to plan events for 2021 at that time.

Take care everyone!

2020 Dates to Remember

Sept 13-17 Retirees Rally, Stromsburg
 Sept 18-19 State/Fall Workshop, York

National Trustee's Report.

Dear Family,

As the pandemic crisis began, the Trustees decided to give a grace period on dues for all anniversary dates falling during April, May, and June. No member is being dropped during this time. All members will have until September 7 to pay their dues. Recently, the trustees reviewed

this concern again. Our organization has only two sources of income. One is individual and

commercial member dues, and the other is our national rallies. We do not receive grants nor funding from corporations or foundations. Except for two part-time employees, the leadership of FCRV comes from volunteers. Your camping family is also a business that has ongoing expenses. We maintain a website to assist you in understanding our programs and ongoing activities. Insurance still has to be paid. Office expenses and employee payroll still must be met. All of this comes at a cost. The trustees share your disappointment in all the cancellations of campouts. Those cancellations involved our two national rallies which provide revenue to help keep dues lower and pay our ongoing expenses. Dues were last changed in 2016 and set at \$35 and \$45 CDN. The organizations does have reserves to use at times like these. However, we have over the past 10 years consistently tapped those reserves at the average rate of \$30,000 per year. The Trustees reviewed the dues and decided it is not fiscally responsible to do anything at this time. We realize there might be people who have suffered substantially during the COVID crisis. FCRV does have a provision to help members affected negatively by disaster. Please contact any one of the Trustees if you are in need of assistance. The trustees hope you will take advantage of the virtual Campvention which was put together to provide connection among our family of campers.

Sincerely,
 The Trustees
 Shari, Jack, Sue F, George, Matt, Sue C, Jan

State Chaplain Mert Feikert

We all make hundreds of decisions every day. Most choices have no right or wrong attached to them such as what you wear or what you eat. But we always face decisions that carry a little more weight. We don't want to do wrong and we don't want others to do wrong, so how can we make such decisions? In our study of 1st Corinthians, we

found these questions that may be used in choosing a course of action. As you can see, all of them have reference to certain verses in the chapter.

- does it help my witness for Christ? (9:19-22)
- am I motivated by a desire to help others to know Christ? (9:23, 10:33)
- does it help me do my best? (9:25)
- is it against a specific command in Scripture and thus cause me to sin? (10:12)
- is it the best and most beneficial course of action? (10:23,33)
- am I thinking only of myself or do I truly care about the other person? (10:24)
- am I acting lovingly or selfishly? (10:28-31)
- does it glorify God? (10:31)
- will it cause someone else to sin? (10:32)

We know that we are to show love in all that we do but this is perhaps one of the most difficult things to do under all circumstances. Perhaps choosing just one of these questions to remember when making difficult decisions can help us carry out our role as a Christian living in the world.

Retirees. Mary Kay Hackett

Just a reminder that the Nebraska Retiree campout for 2020 will be Sept 13 - 17 at Buckley Park in Stromsburg.

Chapter News

Courageous Ramblers

We are still unable to get together. Our snowbirds have had to return to Texas to handle the death of a close friend. Mahlon was named executor of the family. They will

not be back till in July when the court probates the will. We talk on the phone.

We still need prayers for Judy's granddaughter who has cancer, and Mickey Hetrick who had two new spots on her pelvis. We pray every day for these loved ones.

We also pray for a cure or vaccination for the virus. We pray that sometime soon life can return to normal.

Norma Hetrick, Field Director

Rollin' Turtles

Eighteen Rollin' Turtles gathered at Pawnee Lake SRA June 18-20. Guests included prospective members Mike and Sandy Essink, and Mary Dipple, daughter of Hal and Vickie Dipple. This was the first club meeting since March, and it was wonderful to see our friends again.

There was only one vacant spot at Pawnee Lake, and it had been reserved by the Smiths, who had to cancel.

Thursday evening included several showers, but the weather the rest of the weekend was superb!

The group feasted on pizza Thursday night, cooked individually Friday, and enjoyed a potluck Saturday evening.

During June, long-time member Helen Cain passed away, and the club contributed to a memorial in her name.

Our next campout will be at Louisville SRA July 16-19, and will feature our famous "walking tacos." Hopefully more members will be comfortable leaving home by then!

Allan Smith, Secretary

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.

Name_____

Address_____Chapter_____

Number attending _____

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

2020 CAMPING SCHEDULE

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	Pawnee SRA
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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