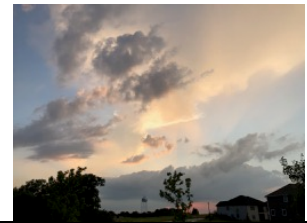


Nebraska *CALLING*



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Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message Rob and Joleen Baker

Hi Everyone!

Our hope is that you are all doing well and staying healthy and safe. Whether it be grocery shopping, dining out, camping, getting together with friends, keep in mind social distancing.

Each trip to the campgrounds, Rob and I have introduced ourselves to a select number of campers. We watch throughout the weekend and decide as to whom we feel would be interested in our organization. We do not hover and spy on fellow campers. **Creeper alert!!!** We observe to see how they interact with other campers, activities, and campground etiquette.

We understand with our declining membership, we cannot be too picky 😊. We ask that each family in Nebraska do the same. Hand out a flyer on Sunday to a family that you have met throughout the weekend. Explain the organization, make sure you get their contact information (which Rob and I often forget to do) and give them your contact information. You never know where our next new member or family could come from.

Regional 2020 was cancelled this year due to the impact of COVID-19. Nebraska is hosting 2021 Regional and we need assistance from our membership. We would like ideas on locations, changing it up a little. We will be requesting assistance from the States in our region as membership is declining throughout the Region and Nebraska cannot get this organized and planned without help.

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2020 Dates to Remember	
Sept 13-17	Retirees Rally, Stromsburg
Sept 18-19	State/Fall Workshop, York

On another note, The Calling is an important aspect of our State communication. A lot of work goes into the publication. Yet there are fewer and fewer articles, ideas, etc. each month. We ask that each of you submit something for *The Calling*. We need to keep this communication going. If there is less and less interest, a determination may have to be made whether it is worth the Editor's time and effort to keep it going. Please support *The Calling!!!*

Rant over! Nebraska needs a shot in the arm to get things back on track. We are requesting all of Nebraska rally together to get the job done!

State Chaplain Mert Feikert

It's getting to the point that I am somewhat hesitant to watch the national news and to find out what is happening in our country today. There seems to be so much unrest in the larger cities that it makes me happy that I live in the great state of Nebraska and away from all of the turmoil happening in other parts of the country.

The apostle Paul found that the church in Corinth, that he had established in his early ministries, was developing problems somewhat similar to what we have happening in our country today. The congregation was composed of both Gentiles and Jews and as a result, turmoil had developed within the church body. This is the reason why he wrote the letter we find in 1st Corinthians.

Today we are a nation consisting of not only Christians but all the other religions we have in the world today. How will we ever make it work? Paul had the answer when he wrote chapter 13. If people of all nationalities would realize that they are just one of God's special creations and that they are to love one another. In this chapter he wrote: beginning with verse 4:

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things endures all things.

Paul wrote the letter trying to bring the church back to teaching believers how to live for Christ in a corrupt society which hasn't changed much since creation. As Christians, all we can really do is to try and make the love we show in our lives as virulent as the Covid virus we are now experiencing.

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

July 9

We are keeping in touch by phone. Mickey Hetrick is still having problems with cancer. We are still praying for Dickey's granddaughter who has cancer.

Pearl Shaw was in Minnesota visiting her daughter when she fell and had to have a partial hip replacement. It seems when it rains it pours. We hope things get better.

We are still hoping they find a way to cope with this virus that is sweeping the country so life can get back to what was. We have a lot of praying to do.

July 19

Camping season is getting shorter and it still a risky trip. Donna Hansen came over for about 2 or 3 min to get some books. We stayed outside and she wore her mask the whole time.

Judy and Mahlon Dickey are still in Texas on business. We talk on the phone. Their granddaughter is still battling cancer, so keep them in your prayers.

Mickey Hetrick is hoping to find out something about her cancer in Aug. Please keep her in your prayers.

Pearl Shaw is back in Omaha and is getting better after her fall. We are still hoping someone can find a way to fight this virus because we are all getting a big dose of cabin fever.

Norma Hetrick, Field Director

Heartland Runabouts

The Heartland Runabouts met in Hebron at Riverside Park on June 26-28. We had our meeting on Saturday afternoon due to Witmers driving down. There was representation from each family membership over the weekend. We had a total of seven units and eighteen members camping and two drive-ins.

Mueller's hosted the campout. John and Tara were practicing piloting John's drone on the ball field when the battery died and it ended up in a tree in the campground. The next hour or so was spent trying to get it out through various means. We also had some fun with ladder golf, corn hole, and a water balloon fight. The Vavra boys also fished at Alexandria and in the creek by the campground. Due to Covid19, we prepared our own meals, but ate together under the shelter at family tables. Mary Kay made an ice cream dessert that she shared.



Tara and John Mueller along with Camrick Hoagland's assistance put together the ladder golf game for some great competition in the afternoon while camping together.

Mueller's started a fire in their fire pit and some members feasted on Smores and/or roasted marshmallows. It was a warm, but nice weekend. Great to be outside and visiting with our friends once again.



Andrew Vavra, Camrick Hoagland, and Aiden Vavra get into a serious water fight with some "rotten egg smelling" balloons. Thank you to Kendalls for the smelly balloons.



Jim Hackett and Ken Kendall hold the slingshot while Tara tries to aim at hitting the drone stuck in the tree



Gary and Linda Sander, Camrick, Debby and Dennis Hoagland enjoying the campfire at Riverside Park in Hebron

Anita Mueller

Rollin' Turtles

The Rollin Turtles camped at Louisville SRA, July 16-18, 2020. There were 9 members and 2 guests present. The Rollin' Turtles have 21 paid members, The club voted in Mike and Sandy Essink as new members to our chapter.

Saturday night the group enjoyed a Walking Taco supper.

Our next campout will be at Two Rivers State Recreation Area, Aug. 20-23 and it is a Pot Luck supper and Ice Cream social. The president will provide the ice cream and members will bring a topping of their choice. –

*Jan VanArsdall,
Acting 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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