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Fireflies

Chapter 200

The Fireflies hosted the State Summer Campout at Summit Lake State Park.

We started the weekend with nachos on Friday night. Saturday, we had carnival games such as washer toss, corn hole, ladder golf, frisbee golf and pong. Thank you for all who came out and played even with the heat!

The Fireflies have two new members that we would like to welcome, Chuck and Paula Stalay. [The Fireflies are officially a chapter!](#)

Once again, we wanted to thank everyone for coming and hang out with us! See you in October at Johnson Co. Park. Until next time!

Stacy Davis



2020 Summer Campout

Thanks to Denise Weiss for the photo memories!

See more photos on page 6.



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

Finally in all this COVID world, we got to have the summer campout. Thanks to all the Fireflies for stepping up and putting on a great campout. Such a new club to host a state campout and they did a wonderful job.

We had a very good turnout with many new faces thanks to Denise Weiss doing a wonderful job as Indiana Membership Chairman. Keep it up Denise!

It was also great to see Matt/Marla Mantia (VP Planning & Development), Doug/Connie Black (Great Lakes Regional Director) and Rhonda O'Neal (Illinois State Director) and her daughter Beth (now from Michigan). We also missed a lot of friendly faces at this campout. Sometime we will all reunite again!

If you were not able to attend, you missed a great time under the Big Top (loved the music) at the carnival games. After winning tickets at the games you were put in a drawing for some very nice prizes.

The evening announcements included presentation of two Charters from National office. I presented the Charters to the *Fireflies* and the *Happy Glampers*. Congratulations on both of these new clubs. We look forward to watching both clubs grow and participate in our Indiana campouts, Regional and Campventions in the near future.

Talking about the remainder of this season and into next year, everyone should be making plans to attend the Fall Invitation hosted by the Indiana State Trustees. Their theme this year is "Mask-arade." It sounds like they are planning activities for a fun campout. Contact Johnson County Park (see article elsewhere in the Chatter) today to make your reser-

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I would like to thank the Fireflies for hosting such a wonderful weekend for our Summer Campout. I believe a good time was had by all. It was nice to finally get together with everybody and see familiar faces and all the new members that attended. As a reminder remember to welcome them in. Remember our motto..."where strangers become friends and friends become family."

I would like to invite you all to the Fall Invitational October 2-3-4 at Johnson County Park. You will need to call the park at 812-526-6809 to reserve your spot. The Trustees have planned a fun weekend for you. Our theme will be "Mask-arade." On Friday evening we will have Popcorn and a Mask Decoration Station. Please see article regarding the Mask Decoration Station elsewhere in this Chatter. We will do Bingo in the afternoon and Ice Cream Social-distancing with the awards, business meeting and board meeting to follow. When that is over, stick around for our "Mask-arade Ball" to dance the night away.

Next year's schedule will be upon us soon and hopefully back to normal. So, get with your clubs (or by yourself) and think about hosting one of our state campouts for next year. We will determine dates at Johnson County unless we receive a bid before then.

Until next fire,
Ed Shaneyfelt

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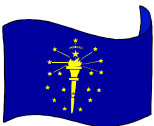
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Membership News



Indiana State Association FCRV
Membership Director
Denise Weiss

It was great to see everyone at the Summer Campout at Summit Lake. Some of the new chapter members of the Happy Glampers were able to make it and were able to see what FCRV is really all about. Other new members, Chuck and Paula Staley, attended also.

During the campout Christopher Weiss, National Membership Director, presented our State Director, Angie Shaneyfelt with the award for largest membership growth for a small state. Thank you to all of those who volunteered to help me at the RV Expo to make it possible: Ron and Pat Cohee, Brad and Stacy Davis, Mike and Chris McCarthy, and of course Christopher. We couldn't have done it without teamwork.

The names of the new members who signed up had been entered in for a door prize of a beautiful blanket that Pat Cohee handmade and donated. We held the contest at the campout. Nancy and Jeff Craig were not able to be there so Matt and Marla Mantia, VP of Planning and Development, were kind enough to be stand ins for them. The Mantia's must have been good luck as Jeff and Nancy were the winners!!!! Congratulations. We will get the blanket to them as soon as we can get together with them.

We have been able to start 2 new chapters, the Fireflies and the Happy Glampers. Angie presented both of them with their charters.

While at the campout we signed up another new family from Richmond and talked to several others who saw what a great time we were having and are very interested in joining.

I would like to say big Thank you to the Fireflies for their generous donation to the membership fund. I know I do not say it often enough but I do appreciate all of the support I have been given to since taking over as State Membership Director from my fellow chapter members (that are a true blessing), the state of Indiana members of FCRV, the state level officers, the State Directors, who trust me enough to do this job, and the National Level Officers as well. I could not leave out Christopher who puts in long hours and effort to help me. Thank you so much everyone. Let's continue to keep our membership growing and spreading the word of what a terrific organization that FCRV is.

Denise Weiss

International FCRV Teen Queen

Macey



Hey yall!

It's officially my senior year! I am pretty bummed about all that has been taken away from me due to Covid, however, I am thankful for what portions of my senior year are still able to be "normal" or as similar to normal as possible.

PLT is an FFA camp for District Officers and Section Directors. Due to the current circumstances I will be attending virtually this coming weekend. I truly cannot wait until everything can get back to normal.

Best wishes!

Queen Macey

Collections Coordinator +



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

Hi there,

As most of you that attended the campout know, it was a great weekend. The ones that did not attend were missed dearly.

We got the walk in early on Saturday so we could enjoy the shade trees later in the day. There were 17 people that walked and 4 dogs. Three of our campers decided to go golfing instead. Some people still had extra energy to burn so 6 of them went kayaking on the lake.

Thank you to all the people who brought caps and tabs, and anything that was brought for Riley. If you missed this campout there is always the one in October.

So that is all for now so until I see you
around the fire

Patti Thieme



Retiree director

Patti Thieme

Just so every one knows, the retiree rally is on. It will be September 30 thru October 2, 2020 at the Johnson County Park. We will have a carry in on Thursday for lunch. I will supply the sloppy joes.

After the retiree rally, you can stick around for the state camp out hosted by the trustees. It will also be at Johnson County Park in Nineveh, In.

The number to call is 1-812-526-6809 to make your reservations. So hope to see you soon.

Patti Thieme



Youth and Teen News

Indiana State Association FCRV
Youth and Teen Director
Misty Stuckswisch

After an interesting summer, the Fall camping season has begun! That seems like such an odd thing to say but nothing is a surprise in 2020!

Our fall campout is at Johnson park. I would like to plan an activity for our youth and teens. If you know of any attending please let me know so I have enough supplies.

A scavenger hunt has also been planned and everyone can participate, age is never a factor!

It was awesome to see Indiana so well represented throughout our virtual Campvention! Great job to everyone! I am so proud of our Indiana members!

Looking forward to seeing you in October!

Misty

STATE DIRECTOR (Continued from page 2)

vation.

Next year: Make your reservation for the Great Lakes Regional to be held in Shipshewana August 5-8, 2021. Many people picked up a registration form this past campout. I am still stressing to get your reservation in now! We will probably fill up this campground and I don't want anyone to miss out!

The 50th FCRV Retiree Rally will be March 23-28, 2021 in Mineola, TX. Watch the Camping Today for more information.

Also, next year will be the Campvention held in Elkhorn, WI. This will be hosted by the National Trustees. This will be held July 11-16, 2021. The National Trustees have reduced the price to \$305.00

Fall Invitational Activity



Mask Decorating Station

Come to the Mask-erade!

FRIDAY Night during Hospitality we will have supplies to decorate your masks set up at stations (social distanced of course).

Paper surgical masks will be provided, but you are more than welcome to bring your own mask to decorate! We will be wearing our masks for the MASK-erade Ball on Saturday! Can't wait to see your decorated masks!!!

Paige Longberry
Vice President



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

Hello camping family.

I'm writing this at Summit Lake Summer Campout. I'm pleased to see the park is pretty much full. Nice to able to get back out in the Lord's Nature. We have some new members and I want to welcome them to our gathering.

On a sad note. Francis Dale Idlewine passed away August 11th. I only had the pleasure to meet him once. He was a Kentucky Colonel and a Korean War Veteran.

I pray to see of our family before the season's end. Till then keep the campfires burning!

Harlan Nigh

for the week of festivities if you pay before December 31, 2020. After that date the price increases to \$335.00. There are many attractions in the area for sightseeing. Ed Shaneyfelt, Campvention Director discussed some of the attractions at the campout and one of our new members, John Stock (from the Happy Glampers) also help discuss the area. Thanks John!

Mark your calendars and make these reservations!

Hope to see everyone the first weekend of October at Johnson County Park.

Angie Shaneyfelt

More Summer Campout memories...

Summit Lake Campground
August 21-23

Thank you to Denise Weiss for the photos.





Francis Dale Idlewine 1931-2020



Francis Dale Idlewine, 88, of Greensburg, passed away at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at his residence. He was born on November 18, 1931 in Decatur County, the son of Adam and Ruth (Belt) Idlewine.

Francis was a lifelong resident of Decatur County and graduated from Sandcreek Township High School in 1950. He retired from Cummins Engine Company in 1997 after 35 years of service. He also worked in the paint and sporting goods departments at Walmart in Greensburg for 19 years. He was a member of the Westport Methodist Church and had been attending Lifeline Wesleyan Church of Greensburg. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge #927, Greensburg American Legion #129, Family Campers and RV's, Good Sam's Club, and he was a Kentucky Colonel.

Francis was a veteran having served in the U.S. Army and had been stationed in Japan during the Korea War. He enjoyed traveling and camping.

He married Blanch Louise Blanton on March 13, 1965, at the Methodist Church in Westport. She preceded him in death on March 22, 2015.

Survivors include his daughters, Debbie (George) Zimmerman of Elizabethtown and Cathy (Dave) Summa of Coopersville, Michigan; his step son, Eddie Garrison of Kentucky; his sister, Elnora (Harvey) Sturdivant and his brother, Norman (Shelia) Idlewine both of Westport; 8 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; sons, Dale and Jeff Idlewine; brothers, James Joe Idlewine, Adam S. Idlewine, Jr., Gerald Edward Idlewine and sister, Donna K. Marshall. Funeral services were be conducted on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at the Bass & Gasper Funeral Home in Westport with Pastor Doug Preston officiating. Burial followed at the Westport Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Our Hospice of South Central Indiana through the funeral home.



From Francis' memorial card:

"Every minute someone leaves this world behind. We are all in "the line" without knowing it. We never know how many people are before us. We cannot move to the back of the line. We cannot step out of the line. We can not avoid the line. So while we wait in line:

- Make moments count.
- Make priorities.
- Make the time.
- Make your gifts known.
- Make a nobody feel like a somebody.
- Make your voice heard.
- Make the small things big.
- Make someone smile.
- Make the change.
- Make love.
- Make up.
- Make peace.
- Make sure to tell your people they are loved.
- Make sure to have no regrets.
- Make sure you are ready."



2020 Fall Invitational Campout Mask-arade

Hosted by Indiana Trustees

Johnson County Park

2949 North Street, Nineveh, IN 46164

- Please contact Johnson County Park at the number listed above to re-served your site for the 2020 Fall Invitational, October 2, 3, 4. Tell them you are with FCRV.
- Email Valerie Semper at valeriesemper@hotmail.com and let her know what site number you have. Name and site number are all we need to know.
- If you want to mail in the pre-registration (form below) fee, you can put a **\$10.00** check in the mail payable to **Indiana FCRV**:

Valerie Semper
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 DeMotte, IN 46310

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August 5-8, 2021

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You will need to CALL the campground and make your own reservation

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
Decatur, IN 46733

If you book a site and are not mailing in the Activity Fee at this time,
please email 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

Retiree Rally 2021

Mineola, Texas
March 22-28, 2021

Campvention 2021

Elkhorn, Wisconsin
July 11-16, 2021
Hosted by the National Trustees

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 Retiree Rally

Johnson County Park
2949 E North Street
Nineveh, Indiana
September 30-October 1, 2020
(Call 812-526-6809
to make reservations)

2020 Fall Invitational

Johnson County Park
2949 E North Street
Nineveh, Indiana
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October 2-4, 2020
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