## Nebraska CALLING







September 2020

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

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Seems like I just wrote this article and now it is time to do it again. This issue of *The Calling* is the last one before our State Meeting. That meeting is scheduled for the weekend of September 18, 19 and 20, 2020. We are planning on staying at the York Fairgrounds.

Between now and then, please think of things that we could be doing to get people involved in our State activities. This has been a rough year on all of us, we need to remember that we are all in the same situation. COVID-19 has made a mess of our plans. The only way out is to try and

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make things better. I have said this before, that Rob and I cannot do it alone. This is your organization not Rob and Joleen's. Membership is going to make or break us. We need to pull back together and get back on track.

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

We hope to see as many of you at State as possible. If you are not attending, please send an email with suggestions. We look forward to seeing you in September. This will be the only outing we will have this year with all of Nebraska and hope to see you there.

Take care everyone!

### State Chaplain . . . . Mert Feikert

During the past 2 weeks of August we have been seeing and hearing both the pessimistic and optimistic opinions of the directions this great country of ours is going. It is true that we have had some terrible things happen over the past few months, but as a nation we have always survived.

Personally, I believe one of the main reasons for this is because we are still a nation that was originally formed under the guidance of God. The Bible tells us of the many miracles performed by our Savior during the short time He was with us here on earth. When one thinks of the many times we have survived when we have been threatened as a nation, we still have Him watching over us performing the same miracles. As long as God is with us, we need to remain optimistic no matter what happens in the world. After all, we won't be here forever, and have the promise of a home that will be so much better than the one that we're living in now. I would like to leave you this month with two of my favorite verses.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

### Retirees..... Mary Kay Hackett

Just a reminder that the Nebraska Retiree campout for 2020 will be Sept 13-17 at Buckley Park in Stromsburg. See the registration form on page 5.

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We may get to see our missing members. They have finished their business in Texas and are hoping to be home by Labor Day for a short time. Then they will go back for the winter.

We are still praying for Dickey's granddaughter and hoping her cancer is getting better.

Mickey Hetrick went to the hospital for more testing and we hope to get some answers this time. It has been a long wait.

Pearl Shaw was getting better after her fall but is back in the hospital again. She moved to Omaha with her daughter Judy.

Paul, Mickey and some of our friends are going to celebrate Norma's birthday on the 19th of Aug. with a picnic in the park. It will be a nice break. Hope we can see some friends again soon.

Norma Hetrick, Field Director

#### Heartland Runabouts

The Heartland Runabouts weekend campout at Pawnee SRA had 15 members and three guests attending. It was a pleasant relaxing weekend. Several members and

guests went to East Campus, enjoying the Backyard Farmer's Garden and the International Quilt museum.

We ran into mutual friends at Pawnee and enjoyed visiting with them. Jim Hackett provided and smoked the BBQ ribs for supper. Special thanks to Jan VanArsdal and Carolyn Hruby for joining us.

Mary Kay Hackett,

#### Rollin' Turtles

Rollin' Turtles Camping Club camped at Two Rivers SRA on August 20 -21 and it turned out to be a very hot breezy weekend. It was only in the 90s. We did a lot of quiet activities that didn't require much activity. Played some Rummikub and cards when we could keep cool. We had to keep moving the picnic tables to stay in the shade.

On Saturday morning we played Bean Bag Baseball, there was Team 1 and Team 2, right now I can't remember who won. But it was fun! We haven't played baseball for a long time. Thanks for bringing the game along, Bruce.

Next month, since we are doing a Tailgate dinner, we are going to have another baseball game cause there is isn't NU football to watch.

Although it was a hot, sunny, windy weekend, I think everyone had a good time.

SEE YOU AT BRANCHED OAK SRA n September. HAPPY CAMPING.

> 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.

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Camping fees \$18.00 per ni	ght. No. of nights
·	this will help with expenses.
Name	
Address	Chapter
Number attending	
Send registrations to Shirl	ey Rippe, 133 Lawrence Rd., Hebron, NE
68370 by Sept 6, 2020.	

# Retiree Rally

# Sept 13-17

# Buckley Park, Stromsburg

Sunday - arrive, no scheduled events

Monday - Morning, registration & coffee time. Lunch on your own.

Registration is \$4.00 per person. (exact change is preferred), Exercise time. Evening meal furnished by Linda & Gary Sander.

Tuesday - Morning coffee social. Crafts by Donna Hansen.

Lunch on your own. Afternoon ice cream social by

Mary Kay & Jim Hackett. For supper, fix your food plate
in your unit and gather to eat at the shelter,

### Afterwards

Card bingo w/gifts.

Wednesday - Breakfast by Donna Hansen and Shirley Rippe.

Lunch on your own. General meeting. Evening, potluck supper, fun night and crowning of King & Queen for 2020.

Thursday - Coffee social. Depart

We will attempt to observe recommendations for covid issues. We will not be going into town. The Senior Center is closed.

Submitted by Linda Sander, Secretary, Retirees

### **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:

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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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