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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

Hello Camp Family,

Well, we have survived Thanksgiving, and now the Christmas Season is upon us. As I do every year I will share the "First Christmas Story" From Luke 2:1-20.

Next is the New Year's, if you make resolutions, may they be attainable, as for me, I'm looking forward to getting the Camping Season back to full schedule.

Until we share a campfire again, God Bless, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's.

Harlan Nigh 🙏😊☩🙏

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.





From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

I hope everyone had a wonder Thanksgiving holiday. We hosted my mom's side of the family on Thursday and the Shaneyfelt's (plus some) on Saturday. Family is simply the best, take time to enjoy your family on this "off" camping season.

I'm not going to repeat Campvention information until it gets closer. I will repeat that **if you wish to order a Campvention Shirt or a Regional shirt, the order needs to be sent to Connie by January 30th.**

I will also repeat just one more time that Nationals is looking to fill positions on the Trustees. The nominating committee is looking to fill: Vice President of Planning & Development, Comptroller and Vice President Operations. If you know of anyone interested, or if you are interested yourself, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the persons on the nominating committee.

Short and sweet article until next year's events get closer.

Have a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year.**

Angie Shaneyfelt



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

I hope everyone survived your Thanksgiving holiday and gatherings. If it was like ours there was plenty of good food to be had by all.

I am writing this with a somber heart as we lost our girl dog Kate today.

Now it is time to get ready to make your Christmas list for Santa to bring you what you ask for. Hopefully you're not getting coal in your stockings. When you get together with your families over the Holidays remember the real meaning is giving instead of receiving.

As you meet with your clubs for next year's schedule don't forget to include the state campouts. We have a full slate for next year so be thinking about possibly hosting one in 2024. You can find the schedule elsewhere in the chatter.

Snowbirds that will be heading south for the winter please have safe travels. Think of us when there is that white stuff all over the ground.

Have a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

Until next time

Ed Shaneyfelt



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'Tis the Season to use Reason!

DASAT Thoughts

Marilyn Rausch



This is a reprise of an article from the December issue of the CHATTER in 2012. Things really haven't changed much, it seems, and it seems wise to consider again the Reason for the Season... and how to get through it unscathed!!

Christmas is one of the most anticipated holidays of the year, and the expectations can create as much stress as joy. Recent economic problems and supply-chain worries have created new problems to cope with. It is possible to get through the season without becoming overly exhausted physically and emotionally. Here are some random thoughts to consider during the days before and after the holiday.

BE REASONABLE

For some, shopping is part of the joy of Christmas, and for some it is full of dread. Too much emphasis on gift buying can create physical, emotional, and financial turmoil.

Setting guidelines and limits is one way of handling the stress. Think back to past Christmases. Do you really remember specific gifts that were given? For most, the memories are of the time spent together. Gifts are tokens that represent what is within. What you give is not as important as HOW you give.

Don't overcommit. Holiday get-togethers can occur after as well as before the holiday. Alcohol and fatigue can create situations that would otherwise be kept in control.

Avoid regrets by eating reasonably. Having a well balanced meal before going to a party will help curb the desire to overindulge in sweets or other foods that may thwart a healthy diet.

BE SAFE

Holiday decorations involve many hazards. Rarely do we at any other time climb ladders to awkwardly perch on rooftops. We pull out electric lights that are used only once a year but for year after year, twisting and contorting them to fit into our designs, possibly weakening the wires and creating potential shorts. We overload our outlets and run extension cords to trees and cotton coverings and who-knows-what else. We burn candles for "atmosphere." And we do that with little concern about the potential fire dangers that all of these situations can hold.

Am I suggesting we be Scrooges and say "Bah, Humbug?" Of course not. Just be aware of the dangers and use common sense when decorating!

Shopping also has hazards. Not everyone is in a giving mood, and economic circumstances put some in a more "taking" mood. Some guidelines include the following:

- * Never shop alone.
- * Stay in populated and well lit areas. Try to park away from larger vehicles which could block the view of someone breaking into your car.
- * Keep your valuables out of sight.
- * Do not carry a large purse that could be grabbed or cut easily.
- * If your items are so large or so numerous as to prevent you from easily seeing what is going on around you, enlist help from the store personnel or others in carrying purchases to your car.

If you are traveling for the holidays, do not leave an open invitation to someone who might like what you have in your home. Arrange for newspapers and mail to be picked up daily. Leave lights on in the home and a radio or TV for sound. Keep curtains drawn so that it is not obvious that you are not home. Use voice mail so that your phone doesn't go unanswered, but do not leave word that you are gone until a specific time. Leave Facebook and twitter messages for after you return home. Thieves can follow social messaging (probably on stolen electronics!)

The Christmas holidays are hyped up from Halloween and even before. Christmas sales begin before Thanksgiving is even over. We are told that such-and-such is the perfect gift for someone with whom we would not otherwise even hold a decent conversation were it not for this time of year. Really????

It's time to put the holidays into perspective. Joy does not come from being stressed into credit problems, forced into awkward social situations, or becoming out of control because of indiscretions in time or intake. The need for financial and physical recovery can be a terrible memory that lingers. Christmas is so much more than all that. A little thought ahead of time can make the time and the memory one of a truly

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Make it so.

Recipes worth Sharing!

EASY CRANBERRY CAKE

Ingredients:

3 eggs
 2 cups sugar
 3/4 c unsalted butter (cut into chunks)
 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
 1 tsp salt
 2 tbsp whole milk
 2 cups flour
 Extra flour to coat cranberries
 2 1/2 cups (12 oz) cranberries (fresh or frozen...do not thaw)
 Powdered sugar for garnish

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour a 9x13 pan. In a small bowl, toss cranberries with a handful of flour to coat completely.
2. In large bowl, beat eggs and sugar for 5-7 minutes (eggs increase in volume and stream into ribbons when you lift the beaters).
3. Add butter and vanilla, beat until incorporated. Beat in milk and salt.
4. Stir in flour just until moistened. Fold in cranberries by hand. Pour into prepared pan.
5. Bake 40-50 minutes (do not overbake.) Tester will come out clean except for some possible cranberry juice.
6. Cool on a wire rack completely before cutting it into slices. Garnish with powdered sugar.

You may need to tent the cake with foil in the last 15 minutes to keep the top from browning.

PEANUT BUTTER "BUCKEYE" PRETZEL BITES

Ingredients:

1 cup creamy peanut butter
 3/4 c brown sugar
 2 tbsp softened butter
 1/2 c powdered sugar
 Miniature pretzels
 1 bag of chocolate chips or melting wafers

Instructions:

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment or wax paper and set aside.
2. Beat peanut butter and butter until smooth and combined.
3. Add sugars and mix well (you should be able to roll the mixture into small balls without sticking to your hands. If necessary, add more powdered sugar until it is easy to roll).
4. Make small balls and press between two miniature pretzels. Place on prepared pan.
5. When done, stick pan in the freezer for a few minutes while you melt the chocolate.
6. Dip each pretzel bite halfway into the chocolate and return to the parchment or wax paper until set.



CROCK POT CHOCOLATE PEANUT CLUSTERS

Ingredients:

24 ounces dry roasted peanuts
 4 ounces German chocolate bar
 12 ounce bag semisweet chocolate chips
 20 ounces white almond bark.



Directions:

1. Add all ingredients to slow cooker *in the order listed above.*
2. Place a paper towel over the crockpot and place the lid on top of the crock pot.
3. Let cook on low for 1 hour (NO PEEKING).
4. After one hour, stir to combine everything.
5. Put the paper towel back on top of the crockpot and replace the lid.
6. Cook for 15 more minutes.
7. Drop by spoonfuls onto parchment paper and allow to cool completely (may be 2-3 hours)

NOTES: The order of ingredients into the slow cooker is important to prevent burning. The paper towel under the lid is important to prevent condensation in the chocolate mix and to prevent "lumps."

Chapter Campouts

We invite any chapters who have planned their upcoming campouts and would like to invite others to join them to list them here in the CHATTER. Likewise, if you are looking to camp with friends (or people who will become friends), check out these listings!

We also welcome any reports and/or photos from your campouts. What a better way to advertise the heart of Indiana's Family Campers and RVers???

Contact the Editor at hoosierchatter@hotmail.com.

2023 Campout Schedule For Fireflies and Coffee pots

- April 21-23 Richmond State (work weekend)
- May 19-21 Clifty Falls (wagon master is Ron Cohee)
- June 9-11 Summit Lake (wagon master is Brad Davis)
- July 7-15 Campvention Richmond (Nationals)
- August 11-13, 2023 Indiana Summer Campout Location TBA
- Aug 18-20 Cornerstone New Castle (wagon master is Denise Weiss)
- Sept 15-17 White River (wagon master is Terry Lane)
- September 27-28, 2023 Retirees campout Amishville Campground
- September 29-October 1, 2022 Indiana Fall Invitational Amishville Campground
- Oct 13-15 Johnson Country (wagon master is Rick Lucas)

2023 schedule For The Happy Glampers

- April 21-23 FCRV Spring Campout - Wayne County Fairgrounds
- May 5-7 White River
- June 22-25 Prophetstown
- July 7-15 FCRV National Campout - Wayne County Fairgrounds
- Aug 11-13 FCRV Summer Campout - Terre Haute
- Aug 15-20 Shishewana Campground N
- Sept 15-17 White River
- Sept 27-28 Retirees Rally - Amishville
- Sept 29-Oct 1 FCRV Fall Campout - Amishville
- Oct 13-15 Johnson County Park

Submitted by Gaye Bex

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Early Bird Days: July 7 & 8, 2023 @ \$30/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check)

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Registrations deadline: June 1, 2023

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Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes ___ No ___ Send my confirmation letter in PDF: Yes ___ No ___

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Please list the names and ages of all Teens and Youth:

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Richmond, Indiana, 47374
April 21-23, 2023
Location of Campvention, 2023

2023 *Indiana Summer Campout*
Location TBA
August 11-13, 2023

2023 *Indiana Retiree Rally*
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September 27-28, 2023

2023 *Indiana Fall Invitational*
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