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"Where strangers become friends, and friends become family!"



Eleven units, 35 adults and 6 children gathered at Lazy-L Lake Campground in West Terre Haute for our State Summer Campout, in spite of threatened thunderstorms and high temps. (We had no thunderstorms, and the evenings cooled down to allow for good sleeping!)

What did you miss if you weren't among those present? Bocce Ball, a Euchre tournament, Bingo, available swimming from a sand beach, available paddle boats, kayaking, a wonderful trip to St. Mary of the Woods (including tours of the Sacred Spaces and the White Violet Center for Ecojustice), a picnic lunch

(inside because of the heat) and way too much delicious food at the pitch in dinner Saturday Night. We closed on Sunday with an inspirational message from our Chaplain, Harlan Nigh.

Special thanks go to Ron and Pat Cohee for **all** their help, to Marci McIntosh for planning and executing the Euchre tournament (and providing wonderful prizes!), to Marci and Geoff Stringer for providing Faygo Pop from Michigan, to Gaye Bex for providing the delicious cookies for our picnic, and to Brandon, Gary and Gaye Bex' grandson, for taking our group picture!





From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

I would like to thank Marilyn and Mike for a wonderful weekend. It was amazing learning all the history and seeing the beautiful buildings at Saint Mary of the Woods. Angie even got sneezed on from an alpaca to make her feel special.

I believe a wonderful time was had by all at the campground also.

Next up is Fall Invitational at Amishville hosted by the trustees. We have a wonderful weekend planned; the program is on page 12 of this CHATTER. Highlights are

- * Hospitality Friday evening,
- * Breakfast Saturday morning,
- * lunch on your own,
- * Supper Saturday evening,
- * walk for popcorn before the program.

The theme is **Redneck Weekend**, with that in mind we are having games and a costume contest Saturday evening. Come dressed up and enjoy yourself. We are also having plenty of guests and dignitaries coming from the Association.

Rumor has it that there is some talk for bids for next year's campouts, Hopefully we will have that information at the campout. Misty is planning a conservation campout at Bill Monroe's Campground in Bean Blossom. Make sure we try to attend if possible. She will have the information at the meeting.

Have a safe and wonderful Labor Day weekend!
Until Next Time

Ed Shaneyfelt

Didn't we all have a wonderful time at Lazy L Campground. Marilyn and Mike and all the help she recruited did a wonderful job.

The tour of Saint Mary-of- the-Woods was absolutely wonderful, such a beautiful place with their gardens and alpacas! Thanks for the great weekend of fun and games also. Bocce ball was a hit and the euchre tournament was well attended also (maybe I liked euchre because I won a gift)! I wouldn't mind going back to that campground again to have more time in the water.

At Lazy L when I did my State Directors speech, does everyone remember what their "project" was? Have you found an institution for your wild-life grant? Just pick a location and I will have more information to follow soon.

Before we know it, the Fall Invitational will be here. Everyone get ready to get your Red-Neck on! We have a really good turnout of FCRV members coming from 4 other states! It's going to be a good time. Games are being planned with red-neck prizes! Ya'll come and join us September 29 at Amishville Campground in Geneva, Indiana. Make sure Deena knows you are coming. We need a good people count for food. Look for her reminder in this CHATTER on page 11.

Angie Shaneyfelt

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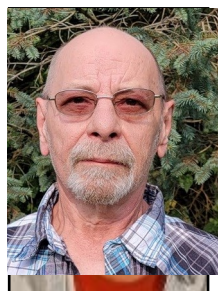
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Conservation/Wildlife Director
Misty Stuckwisch

If you missed the Indiana Summer camp out, you missed a great time! We had a great turnout, and it was so nice to see everyone eating and playing together, enjoying the weekend with our camping families. I believe another warm summer weekend will have to be scheduled next summer.

During the camp out, Angie encouraged each of us to complete a wildlife grant to submit to FCRV next year. Angie has done this at least twice and has plenty of experience if you have questions. A quick Google search revealed more than 20 wildlife rehabilitation centers in Indiana. There is help available for just about every animal out there. Skunks, birds, turtles and more! Think of how much help we can provide just by being proactive.

The grant form & more information can be found on the FCRV website at <https://fcrv.org/programs2/national-programs/wildlife-refuge/> I would encourage each of you to find an organization that is in your area and calls to your heart, go visit them and see what they are all about. After you have chosen an organization, I would like to see each of you do a small review of them in the CHATTER. We can encourage each other in this process.

Until we camp again,
Misty



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

Fall is coming on. Mike and Marilyn Rausch did Great on the Summer Campout Thank you and Thank you.

So now we can start thinking about next year's schedule. And the best way is by a nice campfire with club family. We're growing, so it should be a great experience to open up discussions on the activities desired.

Collections Coordinator +



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

I want to thank everyone who brought tabs and caps to our Campvention in Richmond. We had a total of **475 pounds** of CAPS! That is more than enough to make 2 benches!

The TABS grand total was **446 pounds**. That total includes the blue barrel of tabs (from Wayne/Barb Lopolillo & Reggie/Brenda Price) that weighed 157.5 pounds! Joe Boswell also donated \$14.90 in cash from his sale of tabs.

Thanks again to everyone for the huge response to this program.

Patti Thieme



Well, for now, I'm praying for ease and comfort for all; and may God be with the families of those ill and afflicted. In Jesus Name 🙏 Amen 😊 🙏

Until we share a campfire, God Bless.

Harlan Nigh ☩ 🙏 😊 🙏 🙏 ☩

Thinking about thunderstorms...



DASAT Thoughts
Marilyn Rausch

(NEXSTAR) – When pounding rain and lightning force you to take cover inside, a warm shower might be an inviting thought, but experts warn it could be more dangerous than you think. Lightning can travel through plumbing, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.

It's not just showers that should be avoided, but all activities that use water from the home's pipes, including bathing, washing dishes and washing hands. "The risk of lightning traveling through plumbing might be less with plastic pipes than with metal pipes," the CDC says. "However, it is best to avoid any contact with plumbing and running water during a lightning storm to reduce your risk of being struck."

Lightning blows up toilet after traveling through apartment building's exhaust vent

Just to illustrate how powerful lightning can be inside your home, in May 2022, lightning traveled through the exhaust vent of an Oklahoma apartment building and shattered a toilet in one of the units, leaving the walls and ceiling above it covered in soot.

Here are some other precautions to take when a thunderstorm approaches:

- * Take shelter in a fully enclosed building and stay away from windows.
- * Do not use a corded phone. (You can use a cordless phone or a cell phone.)
- * Do not touch other corded electronic equipment including computers, hair dryers, game systems and more, as lightning can travel through electrical systems.
- * If you're outside, do not take shelter under a tree. If the tree gets struck by lightning the current can go through the tree and into you.
- * Stay out of the water. You don't want to be in a pool or lake.

"Do NOT lie on the ground," the CDC says. "Lightning causes electric currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly more than 100 feet away.

Get inside a safe location; **no place outside is safe.** If you can't get inside or somewhere safe, stay away from tall trees and, as a last resort, crouch down in a ball-like position, touching the ground with the least amount of your body (if possible, only the balls of your feet) tucking your head and covering your ears. If you take shelter in a vehicle, avoid touching anything metal (handles, seat belts, etc.) The tires of a car do NOT insulate against a lightning strike.

About 40 million lightning strikes hit the ground in the United States each year, but the odds of being struck by lightning in a given year are less than one in a million. According to the CDC, about 10% of people die after lightning strikes them, usually from a heart attack caused by the electric current.

From 2006 through 2021, there were 444 lightning strike deaths in the United States. Since 2006, only five states (Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Washington) and the U.S. Virgin Islands have reported no lightning deaths.

Males are four times more likely than females to be struck by lightning, and the average age of a person struck by lightning is 37 years. These statistics may relate to the percentage of men who work or recreate outdoors related to women in the same situations.

Here are some links to additional resources:

[American Red Cross: Thunderstorm Safety](#)

[National Weather Service: Lightning Safety](#)

[National Weather Service: How Dangerous is Lightning?](#)

[Ready.gov: Thunderstorms and Lightning](#)

[U.S. Lightning Strike Deaths Infographic](#)

Recipes Worth Sharing

Potato Chip Krispie Treats

INGREDIENTS

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 5 cups mini marshmallows
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 6 cups ruffled potato chips, crushed (about 1 8 oz bag)



PREPARATION

In a large pot over medium-low heat, melt the butter. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and crushed chips until completely coated. Transfer to a greased 9x9 baking dish. Using greased fingers, press to flatten. Let sit until cool, then cut into squares and serve. Enjoy!



Seven Layer Taco Dip

Ingredients:

- °1 pack (1 ounce) taco season mix
- °1 can fried beans
- °1 pack cream cheese
- °1 package (16 ounces) sour cream
- °1 jar (16 ounces) salsa
- °1 large tomato chopped
- °1 chopped green pepper
- °1 bunch chopped green onion
- °1 head lettuce.
- °1 can (6 ounces) black olives, sliced, drained
- °2 c cheddar cheese



Directions :

1. In a medium bowl, combine taco seasoning mixture and re-cooked beans. Spread mix to serving dish.
2. Blend sour cream also cheese in bowl. Spreading over fried beans.
3. Put the salsa on top of the layers. Place a layer of tomatoes, green peppers, green onions and lettuce on top of the sauce and cover with cheddar cheese. Garnished with black olives.
4. Serve with Tortilla chips.

Rest in Peace



Doug L. McFarland, a beloved son, brother, and uncle, passed away on July 31, 2023, in Mishawaka, Indiana. Born on December 17, 1969, in Wabash, Indiana, Doug was a cherished member of his family.

Doug was the son of the late William Lavern McFarland and Sharon A. (Leedy) Shaneyfelt. He was also the stepson of Orville Mark Shaneyfelt. Doug was a loving brother to Edwin (Angie) Shaneyfelt of Decatur, Indiana, Deena (Carl) Felver of Wilshire, Ohio, Stacy (Kim) Shaneyfelt of Helena, Montana, and Dustin McFarland of Shipshewana, Indiana.

Doug was a dedicated worker, spending many years in maintenance for Village Green Park. His commitment to his work was evident in the pristine condition of the park, which he maintained with great pride and care.

Doug's love for nature was not just limited to his work. He had a deep passion for plants and flowers, which led him to pursue a degree in horticulture.

In addition to his love for nature, Doug was a proud uncle. He cherished the time he spent with his nieces and nephews, always ready with a story or a fun activity. His love for his family was evident in the way he cared for and nurtured his relationships with his siblings and their children.

Services were on Saturday, August 19th at the Congregational Christian Church in North Manchester, Indiana. Palmer Funeral Homes – River Park Chapel assisted the family with arrangements. Charitable contributions in memory of Doug McFarland may be made to the family to defray funeral costs. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

Those we love
don't go away,
they walk beside
us every day.
Unseen, un-
heard, but al-
ways near.
So loved, so
missed and held
so dear.



The Lord is
close to the
brokenheart-
ed and saves
those who are
crushed in
spirit.

Psalm 34:18



What a joy the little ones brought to the campout!!!

Even though it was pretty warm, there was generally a good breeze to keep everyone more comfortable. And of course there was the lake!

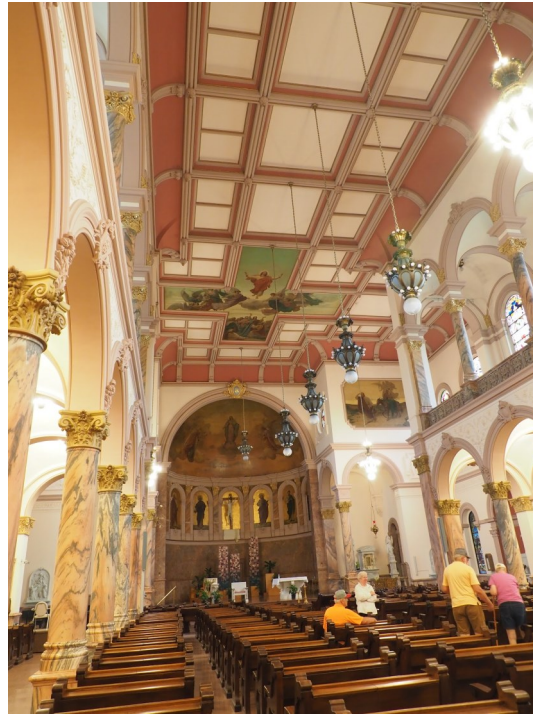


Bocce Ball, Euchre, Bingo, and lots of food kept us occupied for the weekend.

Lazy-L Lake Campground has upgraded under new management over the last 2 years, and were well able to accommodate all lengths of campers. Sites are level and graveled, with 30 or 50 amp service and water at each site.



Many more pictures are available on Google Albums at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/1wCqy5m9A5Jr3c7HA>.



Sacred Spaces



Sister Jan Craven conducted our morning tour of many of the sacred spaces at St. Mary of the Woods.

We visited the shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guerin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence and St. Mary of the Woods College.



We heard the story of the treacherous ocean journey of the sisters from France in 1840, the broken promise of not having a school or convent in the wilderness of Indiana on their arrival, and the difficulties encountered in the "New World."

Some of the sites visited included the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the log cabin chapel, and the Lourdes Grotto.

Our outdoor picnic was relocated to the convent Community Room because of the excessive heat!





Tara Ellmore took us on a tour of the White Violet Center for Ecojustice. Respecting the land, the center operates an organic farm that produces vegetables all year long. There are flower gardens that provide bouquets and pollen for the bee hives. And then there are the alpacas, the stars of the farm! The alpacas provide wool used for creating items sold at the Farm Store and the Linden Leaf Gift Shop on campus.



FALL INVITATIONAL

Theme: REDNECK WEEKEND

Amishville Campground

844 E 900 S

Geneva, Indiana

(260) 589-3536

September 29-October 1, 2022

Reservations Retirees

Hi, there,

This is Deena Felver, the Secretary for the State of Indiana FCRV.

I am in charge of making the reservations at Amishville Campground in Geneva, Indiana, for the Fall Invitational. We have a few sites left, but they are filling up fast. Let me know if you plan to attend (or if you have a reservation that you cannot keep).

My contact information is:

417-203-6627

cdfelver@metalink.net

We need a head count for those who are attending so we can have enough food to serve you at our

REDNECK WEEKEND.

Thanks!

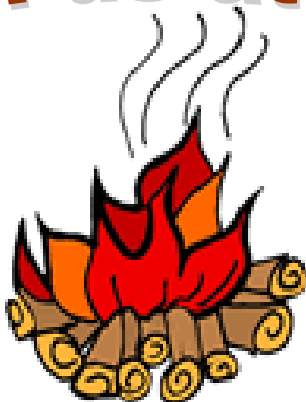
Deena Felver

SCHEDULE FOR THE RETIREE RALLY

- * **Wednesday, September 27**
6:00 p.m. Going out for supper.
- * **Thursday, September 28**
9:00a.m. to 10:00a.m. The men are going to make breakfast for the women.
After brunch, people can venture out to Troyers outside of Berne (or wherever they want to go), sight see, or sit around and visit or play games.
4:00p.m. There will be the meeting followed by BINGO.
6:00p.m. Meat will be provided for a carry in meal, followed by cake and homemade ice cream.
- * **Friday, September 29**
The Fall Invitational will start.
So look for their program in the CHATTER elsewhere.

Patti Thieme

Join us at the



Redneck Nightclub

see Schedule



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FALL INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

REDNECK WEEKEND

September 30 -
October 1, 2023



CONTACT INFO

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SHERIFF 260-724-5345
VETERINARY 260-589-3180
ED 260-65-0421
ANGIE 260-728-9848

*All teens must be at their campsite by
12 midnight.*

Quiet time is from 12 midnight until 7 a.m.

Friday

- 6 pm Hospitality— Fish 'n Chips/cookies/
Shark board
Please pay activity fee (\$10)
- 7 pm Game night (bring your own, cards,
board games)
- 7:30 pm First Timer meeting
Trustee Meeting TBD

Saturday

- 8:30 am Breakfast—Flat Cat, mush and
guess the meat
(bring your own table service)
 - 9:30 am Project/Fleas
 - 9:45 am Crafts w/Misty \$5 each craft
 - 12:00 Lunch (on your own)
 - 1:00 Redneck Games
 - 3:00 Bingo
 - 6 pm Supper (bring your own table service),
come dressed in your best red-neck
costume (for judging later),
Road Kill Chili & Grilled Cheese sandwiches
 - 7-8 pm Camp Walk for free kettle/Caramel
kettle corn (served by
campground)
- Then return for the Awards/Board meeting/
program

Sunday

- 9 am Church

After church anyone interest-
ed: bring your viddles to
Ed's griddle
(Ed's fixin' bologna gravy
+ your viddles)



Thanks for coming to our Redneck Campout

Now, go on and get!

Please copy this page or save it to your phone...

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

Sept 15-17 White River (wagon master is Terry Lane)

September 27-28, 2023 Retirees campout Amishville Campground

September 29-October 1, 2023 Indiana Fall Invitational Amishville Campground

Oct 20-22, 2023 Johnson Country (wagon master is Rick Lucas)

2023

Happy

Glampers

Camping Schedule

Sept 15-17	White River	With Fireflies
Sept 27-28	Amishville Campground	Retiree Rally
Sept 29-Oct 1	Amishville Campground	Fall Invitational
Oct 13-15	Muncie RV Resort	Anderson, IN

For further information, contact John or Rose Stock (all2stock@aol.com)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Indiana State Events

2023 *Indiana Retiree Rally*
Amishville Campground
844 E 900 S
Geneva, Indiana
(260) 589-3536
September 27-28, 2023

2023 *Indiana Fall Invitational
"Redneck weekend"*
Amishville Campground
844 E 900 S
Geneva, Indiana
(260) 589-3536
September 29-October 1, 2022

International Events



*52nd FCRV
International Retiree Rally 2024
"Horsing Around"*
March 18-24, 2024
Early Bird Days March 15-16, 2024
Mineola Civic Center
1150 North Newsom Street
Mineola, TX 75773



*64th Annual Campvention 2024
"Celebrating our Future"*
June 23-29, 2024
Early Bird Days June 21, 22, 2024
Herkimer County Fairgrounds
135 Cemetery Road
Frankfort, NY 13340



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