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

Congratulations

Congratulations and gratitude to those members who celebrated their membership anniversaries at the Fall Invitational Campout at Amishville Campground! Pictured left to right:

- Paige and Jimmy Longberry
30 years
- Angie and Ed Shaneyfelt
30 years
- Chester (and Sherry) Nolan
20 years.



Not present to receive their certificates

- 20 years
Abee and Jeremy Loudon
Emily and Robert Kidwell
Donna Klar
Gerald and Sue Huey
- 35 years
Gene Ison



Some members of the **Midwest Quackers Chapter** were present to receive their 30-year Membership Certificate.



Congratulations also to the Indiana youth who brought home first place awards from Campvention for their age categories for the "Camping Is" Posters:
Kennedy Longberry
Jordan Longberry

Otto McIntosh (Michigan) and Campvention Youth Chairman Deena Felver received the Campvention Award for the Youth Float (first place shared with the Teen Float).



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

We had 26 units show up for the Fall Invitational at Amishville. I would like to thank my trustees for putting on a wonderful weekend. Everyone had a good time with the "redneck" theme. Look for pictures elsewhere in the CHATTER.

I have some good news for next year that we have a full slate of campouts scheduled.

Starting with the **Spring Campout**, the Fireflies and Coffeepots will be hosting at Johnson County 4H Fairgrounds in Franklin on April 26-28. The fairgrounds are holding spots for us until March 1, 2024. The cost is 30.00 dollars per night. Their phone number to book a site is 317-738-3247.

Next, we have we have a **Conservation Campout** on May3-5 at Bill Monroe's Bean Blossom. Watch for more news from Misty about this.

Then we have the **Summer Campout** at Jasper County Fairgrounds in Rensselaer hosted by the Sempers. More details coming up later.

After that we are returning to Amishville for the **Fall Invitational** September 27-29. This is what the members wanted to do for all the shopping in the area. Get with Deena if you would like a spot for this campout. Think about the 2025 schedule about hosting.

Don't let all the ghost and goblins get to you on Halloween: remember to give thanks for everything you have and don't eat too much turkey at Thanksgiving

Until next time
Ed Shaneyfelt
State President



Since the summer campout, I don't think we have stopped at all! Ed and I went to New York for the planning meeting of the 2024 Campvention. The grounds were very nice and close in proximity to where all the activities will be held. In other words, the grounds are small and easily walkable. The buildings available will be very nice for all activities.

Then we camped Labor Day weekend in Michigan. After that we drove to South Dakota to meet Ed's brother to help with their relocation for his job. Then it was on to Cedar Point the next weekend with Fletcher and Anna, then finally we went to the Fall Invitation at Amishville!

If you didn't attend the Fall Invitational, you missed a great time! We had some Rednecks at their finest! It was so fun to see the outfits that the members came up with! The Redneck games were enjoyed by all with the high-dollar gifts (and Misty didn't know I was so crafty) given to the winning ticket holders. We had units from Michigan, Illinois, New York and Indiana. We also picked up 3 new members for the weekend! Welcome to all of them.

I have challenged the Indiana members to submit a wildlife grant. A copy of the form from the website is included in this Chatter edition. Please fill out the form and send any additional information along with it to Thomas Martinez. You can save paper and postage and email all the information to him also. This is much different than the form I've done in the past. There is also no deadline, so let's give ourselves a deadline of May 1st. That should be plenty of time to be processed by Campvention. You can also do a grant for more than 1 facility! Let's see how many Indiana can come up with, so when they

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Phishing Scams you might not recognize

DASAT Thoughts
Marilyn Rausch

**Don't let scammers walk away
with your hard-earned money**

Information from First Financial Bank, Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice.

Scams are harder and harder to spot these days. Between the rapid growth of AI (artificial intelligence) and increasingly deceptive emails, phone calls, and text messages, how can you tell the difference between legitimate communication versus fraudulent? It may feel overwhelming, but doing research and keeping yourself up-to-date will help keep you ahead of the scammers.

Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. You might get an unexpected email or text message that looks like it's from a person or company you know or trust, like a bank or a credit card or utility company. Or maybe it's from an online payment website or app. Some of the messages may

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts.
- claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information.
- say you need to confirm some personal or financial information.
- include an invoice you don't recognize want you to click on a link to make a payment.
- say you're eligible to register for a government refund.
- offer a coupon for free stuff.
- want you to open a link to verify you are in a photo or would know someone in the photo.

Common signs of phishing

Fraudulent activity is ever-changing and evolving. It becomes easier to detect fraudulent emails and text messages once you know what to look for. The messages are designed to look and feel legitimate and can even imitate brand logos and messaging.

Here are some things to watch out for in emails, text messages, and phone calls.

- * any unfamiliar or generic greeting ("Dear sir/madam").
- * atypical wording and possible spelling or grammar mistakes (*kindly* instead of *please*, *party* instead of *person*, *datebook*/*diary* instead of *calendar*).

- * any inconsistent or long email address (i.e. *bestbuy@paypal4540.com* or *info@news.bestbuy.com*).
- * requests to click on links or suspicious attachments.
- * messaging seems too good to be true.
- * Overly friendly/overly formal messaging.
- * requests login credentials, payment, or other sensitive information.
- * messaging urging immediate action.

Examples of popular scams.

1. Fraudulent text message scam. (Smishing)

Scammers impersonate banks and send texts requiring immediate action. These urgent messages ask consumers to verify transactions and may encourage them to connect with a "bank representative. *It is important to never click on any links or give personal/banking information over text messages or phone calls.*

If you ever need to connect with your bank, be sure to use the phone number on the back of your card or the number on their official website.

2. Tech support scam

"Tech support" reaches out to consumers and leads them to believe that there is a problem with their computer. They get a pop-up being told to call a number to fix the problem or click on an attached link. They may also get a text message or phone call saying there is a problem with their computer, encouraging immediate action. In order to avoid falling victim, do not click on any links or call the telephone number on the pop-up, do not share screen/computer access, and shut down your computer if it freezes. Call your computer's tech support from the phone number on their official website.

3. Scams impersonating your bank

A customer receives a call from their "bank," being told something has gone wrong with their account – perhaps they're a victim of online fraud or an attempted login from a suspicious user. The "bank" representative sends a code to their phone, then asks them to confirm the code. The scammer

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is kind, attentive, and may even give advice about banking best-practices. They then proceed to ask for their social security number, date of birth, and other personal questions. While pretending to have a friendly conversation, the scammer creates a distraction and uses the information just shared with them to quickly withdraw money from the victim's bank account. The bank account can be emptied within a matter of seconds.

If this happens to you, be sure to call the bank number on the back of your card and report the fraud immediately.

4. Suspicious emails from friends and family

Scammers hack into a victim's email account, then reach out to individuals on their contact list – friends and family will receive an email from the individual they know and trust, not knowing their account has been hacked. The scammers will ask for gift cards, money, and electronic transactions. The email will often include elaborate stories, asking for urgent transactions.

You should never give personal information or credit card information through email, texts, or phone calls. And you should never send money or gift cards when you receive messaging requiring immediate action. Always ensure that you personally reach out to friends and family if you're skeptical of an email, and especially before any kind of online transaction – talking to them on the phone is one of the best ways to do this.

What can you do to protect yourself and your accounts?

- * Stop and think.
- * Never click the link. (Most banks will never ask a client to verify their account this way.)
- * Block the number or report it as spam if your

phone supports that feature.

- * Delete the SMS or email message if reporting it didn't remove it.

You can also preempt phishing by

- * Using security software on your computer and phone. Set it to update automatically so it will keep current with security detection.
- * Protecting your financial accounts with "multi-factor authentication." In addition to the password, PIN, and security question, this may involve receiving a one-time verification code sent to your email or text or may require a scan of your fingerprint or your face.

IF YOU SUSPECT PHISHING:

If an email or text message asks you to click on a link or open an attachment, ask yourself: Do I have an account with the company or know the person who contacted me?

- * If NO: Review the above information on recognizing phishing. Report the message and then delete it.
- * If YES: Contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real—NOT the information in the email. Recall that attachments and links may install harmful malware!

WHAT TO DO IF YOU RESPONDED TO A PHISHING EMAIL:

- * If you think a scammer has your information (Social Security number, Credit Card, or Bank account number), go to [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov). Follow the steps given based on what information was obtained.
- * If you opened a link or attachment that may have downloaded harmful software, update your computer's security software and run an immediate scan.

TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

Thank you to Misty Stuckwisch for sending this list (though I don't think she qualifies as a "senior" yet!)

1. Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.
 2. "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
 3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop ticking you off.
 4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
 5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
 6. "On time" is when you get there.
 7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.
 8. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
 9. Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
 10. Growing old should have taken longer.
 11. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
 12. You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will. ...
- And one more: "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house

Recipes worth Sharing

Offered by Sharon Shaneyfelt (Indiana) and Diane Jones (Michigan)

“Shotgun Shells”

Manicotti Noodles (do not preboil)

2 lbs raw breakfast Sausage

Shredded Cheddar Cheese

Mix together and stuff the mix into the shells. Gently, or you will break the shells.

Then wrap the shells with bacon

Put them on a broiler pan and bake in the oven



Bake @ 275-300 for 45 minutes, BUT, watch the bacon. Needs to cook S-L-O-W-L-Y!!

About 15 min before serving, brush with BBQ sauce.

VARIATIONS

For a spicy version, use hot Italian sausage and/or add diced jalapenos.

Use your favorite brand and variety of bacon for this recipe.

Use your favorite brand and variety of barbecue sauce for this recipe.

Try using mild or hot breakfast sausage.

Switch up the cheese and use sharp cheddar cheese, mozzarella cheese or Monterey Jack cheese.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

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are announced next year at CV Indiana will be commented about!

Looking at next years schedule, Misty has a conservation campout planned the weekend of May 3-5, 2024 at Bill Monroe's Campground at Bean Blossom Indiana. Look for articles from Misty in the upcoming Chatters, put the date on your calendar now!

Ed's article has information regarding other scheduled campout next year.

Until my next article, give your campers a good night kiss for the season.

Hello Camp Family,

Well, we have come to the end of another year. As for myself, it was wonderful. The Coffee Pot/Fireflies closed with a good turnout.

Our next year schedule is looking good, making it to some places we haven't been to for a while. And it's great that membership is growing 😊.

As we winterize our rigs, remember, Lord keep our family safe and healthy throughout the off season. That we may reunite in the spring to enjoy Your Beautiful Land again. In Jesus Name 🙏 Amen.

Until we share a campfire 🏕️

Harlan Nigh 📧 🗺️ 🙏 🤝

Angie Shaneyfelt
Indiana FCRV State Director

Fall Invitational Memories



Friday Hospitality: FISH and CHIPS!

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Saturday Breakfast: Redneck Fried Mush!!



Nothing better than Roadkill Chili and grilled cheese Sandwiches!!!

Crafts!!



Broken pottery pieces make great "Redneck" jewelry or magnets!

The "Elf on the Shelf" has nothing on the "Redneck in the Rafters"!!



BINGO!!



Flamingo Ring Toss



Pig Roll



Hubcap toss



Clothespin drop.

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Corn Hole

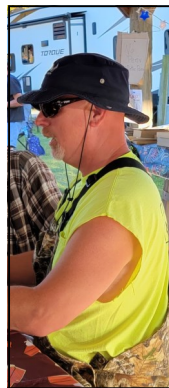
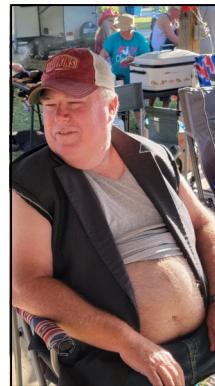


For more fun memories from the Fall Invitational Campout, visit: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/M7kKonEJuC9AJMvZ9>



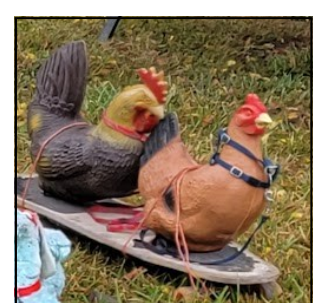
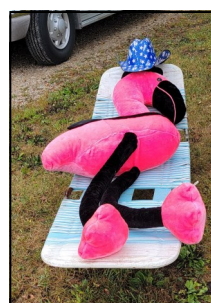
Root Beer Pong

Rednecks did not disappoint!



Amishville Campground set the theme for the weekend of our Fall Invitational to be "Redneck Weekend." FCRV did not disappoint with costumes or decorations! Good hearted fun made for many laughs and even more memories!

See more photo memories elsewhere in this CHATTER and at the following link:

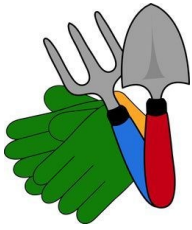


Retirees "plus"

This year's Retiree Rally at Amishville Campground took on a different "flavor" as we had many attendees who would not be your typical "retiree". That didn't keep us from having a lot of fun!! We dined at the Berne Inn one evening, and enjoyed a wonderful pitch-in dinner with pulled pork provided by Patti Theime. We celebrated our annual homemade ice cream social, and enjoyed a breakfast provided by the men in our group. We played games, and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. Ron Cohee presided at the annual Retiree meeting, during which the current officers were again reelected by acclamation.

More photo memories of the Retiree Rally can be found at : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/3cf22Mn6yNtfyEBW6>





CLEAN UP TO CAMP OUT!

Conservation Campout

May 3-5, 2024



Cheap weekend!

Need reservations to Misty Stuckwisch by March 1, 2024.

1st night **FREE**, provided we get 10 units to camp
AND

help with the annual cleanup/workday on the 4th!
(It will not be all day)

NO activity fee for the weekend!

Bring your gloves & a set of old clothes to work in!

This will be a casual weekend – pitch in on Saturday night!

Bill Monroe Campground

5163 Indiana Hwy 135, Morgantown IN 46160

812-988-6422



*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.*

Psalm 118



*May you celebrate Thanksgiving Day
With love in your heart and gratitude in your being!*



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Manager/Director: _____ Position: _____

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2024 Indiana Spring Campout

April 26-28, 2024
 Hosted by Fireflies and Coffeepots
 Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds
 Franklin, Indiana
 317-738-3247

Reservations by March 1, 2024

2024 Indiana Conservation Campout

May 3-5, 2024
 Bill Monroe's Campground
 Beanblossom, Indiana
 5163 Indiana Hwy 135
 Morgantown, IN, 46160
 812-988-6422

Make reservations by March 1, 2024
 through Misty Stuckwisch
 MistyStu21@yahoo.com
 812-528-2097

2024 Indiana Summer Campout

Dates TBA
 Hosted by the Sempers
 Jasper County Fairgrounds
 Rensselaer, Indiana

2024 Indiana Retiree Rally

September 25-26, 2024
 Amishville Campground
 844 E 900 S
 Geneva, Indiana
 (260) 589-3536

2024 Indiana Fall Invitational

September 27-29, 2024
 Hosted by Indiana Trustees
 Amishville Campground
 844 E 900 S
 Geneva, Indiana
 (260) 589-3536

Make reservations through
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 cdfelver@metalink.net
 419-203-6627



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**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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