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



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's, Camp Family.

I pray that Y'all have Great Christmas and Safe New Year.
It's my yearly Christmas message: I pray all rejoice in Him this season.



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 SAVIOUR, 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 HEAVEN-
LY 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 IS COME TO PASS, 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.



God Bless Y'all, till we share a campfire □ *Harlan Nigh* □



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Hopefully, you didn't over-stuff yourself too much at Thanksgiving dinner. It was nice celebrating a holiday gathering to remember what to be thankful for.

Looking forward, we have Santa and the New Year right around the corner. The snowbirds go south and the rest of us put our rigs away for the winter.

As you are having your winter meetings, try to schedule the State campouts on your yearly planner.

The **Spring Campout** will be April 26 through the 28 at Johnson County 4H Fairgrounds in Franklin, Indiana. It is going to be hosted by the Fireflies and Coffee Pots. It is 30.00 dollars per night. The number to call is 317-738-3247 to reserve a spot as they are holding spots for us.

Next, Misty has scheduled a **Conservation Campout** at Bill Monroe's Campground in Beanblossom, Indiana, the weekend of May3-5. If we get ten units to camp, they will give us one-night free camping for helping with their spring cleanup.

National Campvention and the **Great Lakes Regional** are next and refer to the State Directors article.

The **Summer campout** is August 9-11 at Jasper County Fairgrounds in Rensselaer hosted by the Semper family.

The **Fall Invitational** will be at Amishville Campground September 27-29, as membership requested, hosted by the Trustees. Get with Deena Felver to confirm your site or to get a site.

I made the comment at the last campout of wearing many hats, one for each different job I am doing , I want remind you all that I am running for Vice President of Programs for the National Board. I will not neglect my duties to you and hopefully can get things back to running smoothly at the National level.

See STATE PRESIDENT (Continued on page 4)

Well, the camping season has come to an end for many of us. I hope during this past year you made some new FCRV friends and good memories also.

Indiana Clubs, as you are planning your camping schedules for next year (hopefully around all the scheduled State campouts) make sure you get that information to Marilyn for the CHATTER. After I see that in the CHATTER, I will see if National wants to put them on the website with our state campouts.

AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL:

The 52nd Family Campers & RVers International Retiree Rally for 2024 will be held in Mineola, TX at the Mineola Civic Center. Registration form can be found at www.fcrv.org The regular bird dates will be March 18-24, with early bird days March 15-17.

The 64th Annual Campvention, which is FCRV's 75th Anniversary will be held June 23-29, 2024 with early bird days June 23-22. The location for our Anniversary celebration will be the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY. Watch for more details on driving to this location. *Your GPS will probably NOT get you to the correct location.* Also, remember you will have tolls on the way from Indiana. This registration form can also be found at www.fcrv.org

If you have any problems downloading these forms, please let me know and I can email you a copy.

AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

The Great Lakes Regional (hosted by Ohio) will be held July 24-28, 2024, at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, Ohio. Camping will be \$30/night with a \$20 activity fee. That is a reasonable price

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2024

CONSERVATION CAMPOUT

Our **Conservation Campout** will be the first weekend of May, 2024, at the Bill Monroe Campground in Beanblossom (near Nashville), Indiana. To get one night of free camping we need a minimum of 10 units *camping and working* on the spring cleanup. **Please let me know by March 1st, 2024**, if you will be attending so I can secure campsites. Feel free to email me with your confirmation at mistystu21@yahoo.com

We will work that Saturday morning, leaving time to explore Nashville as you want to in the afternoon, with a pitch-in meal that evening. There will be no activity fee.

Bring your work clothes, gloves, and small garden tools! This will be a simple weekend to work together, visit, and get ready for the camping season!

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Conservation

Indiana State Association FCRV
Conservation/Wildlife Director
Misty Stuckwisch

Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas!

The campers have been winterized, the tires all covered, and freezable items brought inside. The saddest time of the year!

The fun starts as we look forward to 2024, planning a season full of fun with our camping family. Warm thoughts of next summer are what get me thru the cold winter days.

Fun fact; 12/21/23 is the official first day of winter. This is also the shortest day of the year with around 9 hours side is the days slowly start to get longer after the 21st. By New Years Day, we will be at 9 hours and 15 minutes, and by mid-January we will gain about 2 minutes every day. February picks up 3 minutes each day! It is slow going but I try to look on the bright side. If we can get thru the 21st it's all downhill from there! For now, I will be tucked up in a blanket, trying to avoid the cold.

Till we camp again,

Misty

Misty

Collections Coordinator +



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

Hi there,

This is just a reminder that you can keep collecting tabs.

We are, however, putting a hold on the collection of bottle caps because we have a lot of them and have no benches that we know of to collect for the future. You can still recycle the lids along with the bottles. If you know any one or any organization that wants a bench let me know and we can deplete some of our supply by donating the caps we have for them.

Patti Thieme

Happy New Year!



STATE PRESIDENT (Continued from page 2)

If you are having a gathering this winter, let Angie and me know if you would like us to attend. If it fits in our schedule, we would love to visit with you. We have been known to travel to visit people even if only for a day.

Make sure you are on the nice list so you don't get coal in your stocking. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Until next time

Ed Shaneyfelt
President

Be the Present!



9 Ways to fend off holiday stress

DASAT Thoughts
Marilyn Rausch

This article is published by Mayo Clinic Health System.

The author is Peter Reisner, M.D., who is a Family Medicine physician in Chetek, Wisconsin.

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/fend-off-holiday-stress-with-these-tips>

The holidays are a time for family and cheer, but making sure the house is clean, the food is ready, and the presents are wrapped and ready to be opened can be overwhelming. These factors can bring unwanted stress and depression in a time meant for happiness.

Some important, practical tips can help minimize the stress that accompanies the holidays. These tips may even help you enjoy the holidays more than expected.

Through the endless parties, cooking, shopping and cleaning, try taking one of 9 steps to ensure you have a stress-free holiday:

1. Plan ahead.

Between co-workers, friends and family, it's inevitable that some commitments will end up on the same day. Make sure to plan on what you can attend in person or virtually. If you're hosting the holidays, create a menu to help you stay organized and make grocery shopping easier.

2. Say no.

With holiday commitments, it is OK to say no to a few or all of them. It also will help relieve some stress. Try sharing your to-do list with other family members.

3. Plan spending.

The holidays mean spending money. Make a budget and stick to it. Spending money on your loved ones is important, but it's also important to pay your energy bill. Don't buy gifts that you'll be paying off for the rest of the year.

4. Create relaxing surroundings.

Turn on some music, light some candles or open the windows on a sunny day. Research has found that

listening to music and the scent of citrus can boost feelings of well-being, and vitamin D is always a happiness booster.

5. Maintain healthy habits.

The holidays are notorious for ruining healthy habits. A short workout each morning will help your decision-making throughout the day. Encourage your family to try snow shoeing or sledding to get in extra exercise. Eat healthy snacks like fresh fruit or vegetables throughout the season and to fill up before a dinner party or celebration with tempting, but unhealthy, foods.

6. Share feelings.

Spending a holiday after a loss in the family can be difficult. Accept your feelings and open up about them to others. It may make you feel better to share. Try to switch up old traditions to ease the loss.

7. Respect differences.

Family members will have different viewpoints than your own. Try your best to forgive and forget this holiday season. Focus on your similarities, and replace tension with something productive.

8. Be realistic.

You are only one person, and you can only do so much. Be realistic with how much you can handle this season. Forget about perfection, and relax and enjoy the company surrounding you.

9. Take a break.

Don't forget about your own needs. Take a nap, go for a short walk, read a book or watch a funny movie. Laughing relaxes the whole body, and can relieve physical tension and stress.

Holidays are meant to be a fun, enjoyable time with friends and family. These tips can help ensure you truly enjoy your holidays when stress starts to set in.



STATE DIRECTOR (Continued from page 2)

for unlimited fun and friends from our Region! Plan on attending, Celina in only about 13 miles across our Indiana border.

Indiana & Kentucky will be hosting the Hospitality on Friday, so when it is determined what we are doing I may be asking for your help! I am sure Dave and Linda Hennie will have many fun activities planned.

AT THE STATE LEVEL:

Refer to President Ed's article.

Remember to work on getting your **Wildlife Grant** filled out and sent to Tom/Cheryl Martinez. Email me for a copy of that grant, or you can get that from the National website also. Remember, you can apply for more than 1 grant if you find multiple organizations. Deadline we've put on that is May 1st. Let me know what organizations you apply for a grant.

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Angie Shaneyfelt

Recipes worth Sharing




REUBEN PICKLE BITES

Something different to snack on while waiting for the clock to strike 12!

SAUCE:

1/4 TSP KOSHER SALT
 2 TBSP. TOMATO PASTE
 2 1/4 TSP PREPARED HORSERADISH
 1/2 TSP SOY SAUCE
 1/2 C. MAYONNAISE
 1/4 TSP ONION POWDER
 1/4 C. SAURCRAUT, DRAINED

PICKLE BITES:

2 TBSP. BUTTER, DIVIDED
 2-3 MEDIUM SLICES JEWISH RYE BREAD
 CRUSTS TRIMMED, CUT INTO 18 1" PIECES
 6 SMALL SLICES PASTRAMI or CORNED BEEF
 CUT INTO THIRDS (18 STRIPS)
 2 SLICES SWISS CHEESE, CUT INTO 18 1" PCS.
 1-2 (32 oz) JARS DILL PICKLE CHIPS

1. Whisk together salt, tomato paste, horseradish, soy sauce, mayonnaise, and onion powder for sauce. Fold in sauerkraut. Set aside.
2. Trim crust from bread. Slice bread into 1" squares. Melt 1 tbsp butter in skillet over medium heat. Add bread pieces to pan and cook until toasted. Flip and repeat. Add more butter as needed.
3. Cut cheese into squares to match the size of toasted bread pieces.
4. When ready to assemble, place a dill pickle chip on platter. Top with a little pastrami, a piece of toasted bread, a piece of cheese, some sauce, and another pickle. Insert toothpick in each pickle "sandwich" to hold them together. Repeat with all the remaining ingredients. Serve immediately and enjoy!

*(Recipe adapted from Eating Well (<https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/268068/reuben-pickle-bites/>)
 From 12 Tomatoes.*



BUTTER PECAN FUDGE

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 CUP BUTTER	1/2 TSP CINNAMON
1/2 C HEAVY WHIPPING CREAM	1 TSP VANILLA
1/2 C BROWN SUGAR	2 1/4 CUPS POWDERED SUGAR
1/2 C GRANULATED SUGAR	1 1/3 C TOASTED PECANS, CHOPPED
1/4 TSP SALT	

1. In a medium-sized saucepan, add butter, heavy cream, granulated sugar, brown sugar, salt and cinnamon. Stirring continuously, bring mixture to a boil until the temperature reaches 235 degrees F.
2. Remove pan from heat and add vanilla, but do not stir the mixture.
3. Allow mixture to cool to 105 degrees F (about 30 minutes).
4. Vigorously stir the mixture for 1-2 minutes until it thickens. Add powdered sugar and pecans and continue stirring until the mixture loses its shine.
5. Refrigerate fudge for 1-2 hours or until firm.
6. Refrigerate fudge for 1-2 hours until firm.
7. Slice and serve chilled.

*(Recipe adapted from Lilluna.com (<https://lilluna.com/butter-pecan-fudge/>)
 From 12 Tomatoes.*

**INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION FCRV/NCHA
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FALL INVATIONAL CAMPOUT
AMISHVILLE CAMPGROUND, GENEVA, INDIANA
September 30, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Ed Shaneyfelt at 7:55p.m. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS: All members present signed in and introduced themselves.

PLEDGE AND PRAYER: The pledge was said, and Marilyn Rausch said a prayer before the meeting.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from the previous campout was made by 108 and seconded by 191, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was distributed. Motion to accept was made by Northern Rep. and seconded by 161, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

SUMMER CAMPOUT: Marilyn reported that we had a good turn out. She presented \$120.00 to the State from the campout.

COLLECTIONS:

Greentree plastics: We have enough bottle caps for 3 benches: 2 for Harlan Nigh and Paul Jones from Michigan. Michigan FCRV is to return to us 900 pounds that they borrowed.

Riley Donation: The plan is to go to Riley in November or December.

There was no other unfinished business to discuss.

NATIONAL NEWS:

Vice President of Operations Linda English wanted to thank us for supporting her in her position. Campvention Director Ed Shaneyfelt reported that the campvention will be in New York the week of June 23-29, 2024. If you pay before December 31st, it will cost \$325.00. So send in your registrations. Nationals will be in Lebanon Tennessee July 19-26, 2025. It is only 20 mins from Nashville. In 2026 Campvention will be in South Dakota or Nebraska. In 2027 will be in Bridgeton Canada.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR Connie Black discussed the survey that she emailed out to everyone, asking that it be returned to her ASAP.

STATE DIRECTOR Angie informed us that the National Office is being relocated. The Facebook page for Campvention 2023 has been renamed for Campvention 2024. She reminded us of the wildlife grant applications, and to look on the FCRV.org website for more information. Note that the funds only go to non-profit organizations,. The 2024 retirement rally will be in Texas from March 18th thru the 24th. The cost is \$330.00. The 2023 campvention will be in New York June 23-29. It will be \$325.00 if paid by December 31, 2023. The Great Lakes Regional for 2024 will be in Ohio.

Mich State Director Marci McIntosh did not have anything to say.

Illinois State Director Rhonda O'Neal thanked Indiana for having them at the Fall Invitational Campout.

New York State Director Pat Wittmeyer invited us to come join her at campvention next year in New York.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CAMP, Tabs, Riley, and Retirees: Patti Thieme reported that the CAMP walk was to the office to get popcorn. She thanked everyone for all the caps and tabs brought to the campout. The tabs that were brought to Campvention 2023 in Richmond cashed in at \$242.15. This will be donated to Riley. There were 26 retirees at the Retiree Rally.

Chatter, photographer: Marilyn Rausch reported that the CHATTER was going well. Anyone who would like to contribute an article for the CHATTER should e-mail it to her by the 28th of the preceding month. Photographs are usually linked to a Google Album, the link published in the CHATTER, on Facebook, and in fcrv.org on the same page as the newsletters.

Chaplain: (Not present)

Historian: Stacy Davis had no report at this time.

Youth/Teens & Conservation: Misty Stuckwisch had no report on the youth/teens. She informed us that in 2024 she is planning a conservation campout at Bill Monroe's campground in Beanblossom, Indiana. It will be the 1st weekend of May. The campground will give us 1 night of camping free if we have at least 10 units there to help clean the grounds.

Budget/Audit: Mike Rausch reported everything looked OK at this time.

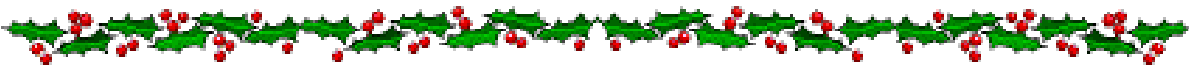
Chapter Campouts

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!

Fireflies and Coffee Pots 2024 Camping Schedule

April 26-28, 2024	State Campout hosted by the Fireflies and Coffee Pots	Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds
May 31-June 2		Turkey Run State Park
June 23-29, 2024	Campvention	Herkimer Co.,
July 12-14		Starve Hollow
September 13-15		
October 25-27		Spring Mill St. Park

If you have any questions, call Ron Cohee at 765-661-9673.



MINUTES (Continued from page 7)

Adult Games:

Nominating: Mark Shaneyfelt had no report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conservation Campout will be May 9, 10, and 11th 2024 at Bill Monroe's Campground in Beanblossom.

Spring Campout will be April 26, 27, and 28th, 2024, place TBD.

Summer Campout will be Aug 9, 10, and 11th 2024 at Jasper County Fairgrounds, Rensselaer In.

Fall Invitational Campout will be September 27th, 28th, and 29th 2024, at Amishville with Retirees going in on the 25th .

Donations & Raffles- none at this time.

Any other new Business: none at this time

Treasurer made a motion to adjourn and #200 seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by *Deena Felver*, Secretary

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

you 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



Family Campers & RVers
 Wildlife Refuge Program Inc.
 Application for Grant

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

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Please give a general outline of the project and include such photos as are available. Include papers to show that the Project is operated by a responsible government or private owned organization.

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Indiana State Events

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

August 9-11, 2024
 Hosted by the Semper Family
 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
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Make reservations through
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Regional Events

Great Lakes Regional Campout

July 24-28, 2024
 Hosted by Ohio FCRV
 Mercer County Fairgrounds
 Celena, OH

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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