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



Happy Valentine's Day!



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

It's getting closer to time to think about when to get the rigs out and where to go camping. On your schedules I hope you have the **Spring campout** April 26-28 at Johnson County Fairgrounds in Franklin. Make sure to call and get your reservation done. The Fireflies and Coffee Pots are planning a great weekend.

Next on the schedule is the **Conservation Campout** at Bill Monroe Campground in Beanblossom, May 3-5. Remember that if we get 10 units to camp you will get one night free.

Refer to the State Director's article about the next two campouts (the National Campvention in New York and the Great Lakes regional in Celina Ohio.)

The **Summer Campout** will be at Jasper County Fairgrounds in Rensselaer August 9-11. The Semper family is working on their plans for this weekend.

Then lastly, we have the **Fall Invitational** at Amishville in Geneva September 27-29 hosted by the Trustees. Get with Deena Felver to confirm your site or to get a site. We will get you information about this as soon as possible.

Don't forget if you have any questions about what it takes to host a campout feel free to ask a Trustee.

If you are having a gathering or club meeting let Angie or me know and we will see if we can attend. We like to visit with our camping friends over the long winter months.

Also remember that you need to treat your someone special on the 14th for Valentines Day. I believe chocolates are always a good thing.

One last thing, as I said last month, I am wearing many hats depending on what job I am doing. I will not neglect my duties to you as State President. Please look elsewhere in the chatter for my bio about running for V.P. of Programs at the National level.

Until next time
Ed Shaneyfelt



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

It's a new year, so let's get ready for camping! Come on winter, get out of our way!

I am sure since my last article that everyone remembered my challenge to submit a Wildlife Grant. You can email me for a copy of that paperwork or you can get it from the National website. Let me know what organizations you are applying for, so I can follow up.

Most of my article is the same as last month's, make sure you have your calendars marked for:

National events:

Retiree Rally: The 52nd Family Campers & RVers Internation 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 bird the dates will be March 18-24, with early bird days March 15-17. Follow on Facebook: 2024 Family Campers & RVers Retiree Rally for more information.

Campvention: The 64th Annual Campvention, which is FCRV 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 Follow on Facebook: 2024 Family Campers & RVers Campvention

Regional: 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 for unlimited fun and friends from our Region! Plan on attending, Celina is 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

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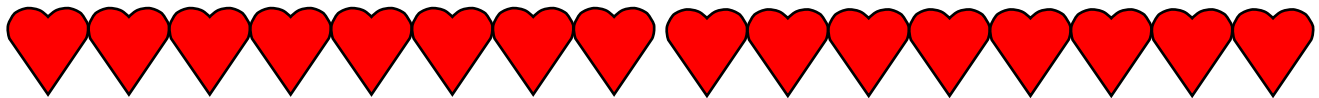


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Conservation

Indiana State Association FCRV
Conservation/Wildlife Director
Misty Stuckwisch

Hello fellow hibernating campers!

Winter showed up, but apparently brought his friend the rain. If we don't float away, we might get some of the tree limbs picked up this weekend.

I do hope everyone had a great holiday season. It seems like it goes past faster every year. As we wade thru these first few months of the year, take time to plan campouts with your groups. Share your schedule with Marilyn to put in the Chatter – you never know when another camping friend might be looking for someone to camp with!

Our recycling has been piling up at home with the cold weather. It made me think about other ways to use some of the items in my box. Egg cartons are a great way to start seeds for your garden! If you use the cardboard/paper ones, you can cut them apart and plant the container and all! The paper will break down and it helps the little seedling to get growing. Milk cartons are just like mini greenhouses – cut the bottom off and wash them up. They can be used over

the top of a small plant to give it some extra warmth early in the season. These are just a few ideas to get you started on your path to reduce, reuse, and recycle!

Our conservation campout is planned for the first weekend of May. As of today, I have 6 units that will be participating. To get one free night we need 10 units to show up. Please let me know as soon as you can OR by March 1st if you plan to attend. I have a call scheduled with the campground to discuss the plan and make final arrangements. Camping will be \$35 per night with 30amp service, water and electric. We will work together Saturday morning, giving you the afternoon to explore Brown County. If everyone is agreeable, we will have a pitch in Saturday evening. There will not be an activity fee for this weekend. This is a simple weekend, getting back to our FCRV roots.

Please email me or text your confirmation for the weekend to mistystu21@yahoo.com or 812-528-2097. Side note – Angie is planning on attending this weekend and if you have any questions about your wildlife grant paperwork this is a great opportunity to talk one-on-one!

Till we camp again,

Misty Stuckwisch



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Bill Monroe Campground

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812-988-6422



It's Election Year!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Camp Family,

We're inching closer to the season we love, in month of love. ♥

I hope you are surviving the cold old winter. In our area has been A lot of colds, flu and other illnesses. But it's that season also.

Just remember, Spring is just a little over 7 weeks away. So let's keep smiling and planning for a great Camping season.

I close this month with the best love quote: **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John3:16-17)**

Until we share a Campfire, God Bless!

Harlan Nigh



STATE DIRECTOR (Continued from page 2)

asking for your help! I am sure Dave and Linda Hennie will have many fun activities planned. Please find the Regional Registration form in this edition of the Chatter.

State campouts:
Refer to President Ed's article.

As I learn more information about the above events, I'll let you know in my upcoming articles.

Keep wishing for Spring.

Angie Shaneyfelt

Hello, my name is Ed Shaneyfelt. I am running for Vice President of Programs. I have been involved with NCHA/FCRV since my family joined in the fall of 1971.

Through my years I participated in the youth and teen program and made a lot of friends along the way. Still today I am still making friends that become like family.

In 1987 I married my lovely wife, Angie. We raised two wonderful children who participated in the programs also. Our daughter Paige was an Indiana state queen, and our son Fletcher was the first National Teen King. I have been involved or in charge of teen sports for the last 15 years.

At the State level, I have been Northern rep, Vice President, President, Past President, and current President for Indiana over the last 25 years. Also, I have been serving as the National Campvention Director for the past 9 years.

I am excited to embark on this new journey to make sure FCRV survives for future generations. To do this I believe the focus should be to update our existing programs, to ensure that they are best serving the needs of our existing members as well as benefiting new members as we continue to grow and expand. I am looking forward to working with the Program Directors to get this accomplished, whether it is the CAMP, Conservation, DASAT, Adult, Teen, Youth, or Veterans Programs. I will need to fill some open program director positions that are currently vacant. I understand that I would be responsible for those programs until I can find Directors. With the help of the directors and members, I believe we can create a prosperous future for our organization.

I'm here to represent the membership, please let me know your concerns if I'm elected so your voice will be heard. Your vote would be greatly appreciated.

Ed Shaneyfelt

Safe eating...



DASAT Thoughts
Marilyn Rausch

Eating has become an expensive requirement, but food safety should not take a back seat to inflation. Food poisoning affects millions of Americans each year, possibly one in six, resulting in an estimated 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths (foodsafety.gov/food poisoning).

Those at highest risk from food poisoning include

- Pregnant women
- Children under age 5
- Adults over age 65
- Anyone whose immune systems are weakened because of illness or medical treatments

Symptoms of Food Poisoning include

- Upset stomach, stomach cramps
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Fever
- Dehydration

The serious effects of food-borne illnesses include

- Kidney failure
- Chronic arthritis
- Brain and nerve damage
- Death

Bacteria and viruses are the most common cause, but parasites molds, toxins, contaminants and allergens also must be considered. So how do we know if our food is safe?

According to the FDA, Americans waste 133 billion pound of food each year, significantly by discarding food based on “use by,” “sell by” and “best by” labels. Question: Is it safe to eat expired canned food?

What do the label dates mean? With the exception of infant formula, federal regulations do not require producers to apply date labels to any food products. The labels placed represent a *manufacturer’s* recommendation of when a product can be expected to provide its peak quality and flavor. According to the USDA, “Manufacturers provide dating to help consumers and retailers decide when food is of best quality. Except for infant formula, dates are not an indicator of the product’s safety.”

The USDA states that “Shelf-stable canned goods are safe more or less indefinitely, lasting up to five years or more.” It is typically safe to eat food that’s past its expiration date with a few exceptions.

- High-acid foods (tomatoes, fruits, pickles, sauerkraut, or vinegar-based foods) should be discarded after 18 months from date of purchase.

- Cans with deep dents or significant rust may no longer be fully sealed.
- Discard canned food that gives off a foul odor or contains unexpectedly milky liquid.
- Don’t consume food from a can that sprays liquid when you open it.
- Be aware that ambient temperature will affect the safety margins for canned food.

If you want to research this further, the **FoodKeeper app** (available in your smart phone app store) provides proven and extensive information on how long you can safely store specific foods on shelf or in the refrigerator.

Refrigerated and Frozen foods are at the mercy of power outages, which may be more prevalent during winter and spring storm seasons. Foodsafety.gov provides charts to guide what to do with those foods during power outages (<https://www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/food-safety-during-power-outage>).

Some rules of thumb on when to save and when to throw out?

- Refrigerators will keep food safe for up to 4 hours during a power outage. Keep the door closed. Discard refrigerated perishable food (meat, poultry, fish, eggs, leftovers) after 4 hours without power. Never taste food to determine its safety. “When in doubt, Throw it out!”
- Freezers, if full, will hold a safe temperature for approximately 48 hours if kept closed (24 hours if half full). Food may be safely refrozen if it still contains ice crystals or is at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. The quality of refrozen food may deteriorate. Again, never rely on taste to determine its safety to eat.

Here is something to think about. As we travel to campouts throughout the year, how long are we in a refrigerator or freezer “power outage.” The same precautions should be considered to keep our food safe while we are on the road between “plug-ins.” On trips that exceed some of the safety timelines, perhaps sensitive food should be purchased after arrival at the destination.

Information for this article is from the USDA and foodsafety.gov. Further information can be found at websites for National Registry of Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture, and the FDA.

You are as healthy as you eat...

Rest in Peace

Vickie Lynn Winks



Vickie Lynn (Sanders) Winks, 71, of Bloomington, passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

She was born on April 13, 1952 in Bloomington, Indiana the daughter of Robert Eugene and Betty Louise (Hendricks) Sanders. She was a 1970 graduate of Bloomington High School South. She married Gregory Joseph Winks Sr. on May 7, 2001 in Bloomington, Indiana they were happily married twenty-two years.

Vickie was a loving wife and mother, she was a homemaker, and also worked as a cashier for Marsh Supermarket on the eastside of Bloomington for over 18 years before retiring in 2018.

She was a member of the McDoel Baptist Church, Travelin' Turtles Camping Club, lifetime member of FCRV of Indiana. She loved the outdoors and nature, watching birds and other wildlife. Camping, and spending time with her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Vickie is survived by her husband, Greg J. Winks; her children, Christopher Grow; Jeffery Grow; Jennifer Grow; two step-children, Valerie Jean Winks and Levi A. Winks; her four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren; her mother, Betty L. Sanders; her brother, Robert (Judy) Sanders.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Eugene Sanders.

Condolences may be sent to Greg Winks at
 gwinks@sbcglobal.net
 513 W. Allen St.,
 Bloomington, IN 47403.

Recipes Worth Sharing

NO YEAST FLATBREAD

Ready in about 30 minutes, no oven needed. Rolled thicker, makes a great bread for a meal. Rolled thinner, can be a base for a quick home-made pizza!

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups flour
 1 1/2 tsp Baking Powder
 1 tsp salt
 2 tbsp olive oil
 1 1/2 tsp maple syrup (or sugar)
 3/4 c cold water
 Vegetable oil for cooking

DIRECTIONS:

1. Whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt until well blended.
2. Make a well in the middle of the flour mixture. Into the well, pour olive oil, maple syrup, and water.
3. Use a spatula or spoon to stir the wet ingredients into the dry.
4. Transfer to a floured surface and knead 5-10 times until smooth. Cover with a clean towel for 10 minutes.

COOK

1. Divide dough into 6 pieces. Dust with flour and roll to 1/8-1/4 inch disc.
2. Add 1-2 tbsp oil to a skillet over medium heat. When the oil looks shimmery, add a flatbread and cook until golden brown on one side. Flip and cook until golden brown on the second side (1-2 minutes each side.) (Alternatively, you can bake at 400 degrees about 10 minutes, but will not be as soft.)
3. Keep warm to serve. You can wrap them in foil or put into a zippered bag for 2-3 days at room temp, or freeze for 1-2 months, reheating in a warm oven or in a skillet.

FOR PIZZA

1. Roll dough very thin (1/8 inch). Do not pre-cook.
2. Apply desired sauce and toppings.
3. Bake in 400 degree oven for 12-15 minutes until browned to your liking.

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.

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 Wildlife Refuge Program Inc.
 Application for Grant

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

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

Email: _____ Website: _____

Manager/Director: _____ Position: _____

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.

Recommended by: _____

Address: _____

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

Email: _____ FCRV Member (Yes or No): _____

Please mail/email to:
 Thomas Martinez
 1602 Dover St
 Broomfield, CO 80020
rci:wildlircdii@gmail.com

2024 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CAMPOUT



Experience the *Grand*
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and Friends



July 24-28, 2024
Mercer County Fairgrounds
1001 W. Market Street – Celina Ohio 45822

Welcome party, Race Across the Great Lakes, bingo, ole' fashion picnic, games, tours
and much, much more.

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_____ of nights x \$30 + \$20 activity fee = Amt. enclosed \$ _____

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Names _____ E-Mail: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Adults ____ Youth ____ Teens ____ Handicap Parking? Yes ____ No ____

Type of unit _____ Length _____ Number of Slides _____

Second family in same unit \$20.00

Name _____ E-Mail: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Adults ____ Youth ____ Teens ____

Make check payable to: **Great Lakes Regional Account**

Send Preregistration to: David and Linda Hennie
4101 Honeybrook Ave., Dayton OH 45415

Questions?: Contact us at GLR4FCRV@aol.com
Emergency number: Mercer County Fairgrounds 419-586-3239

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Indiana State Events

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

Reservations by March 1, 2024

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 Beanblossom, Indiana
 5163 Indiana Hwy 135
 Morgantown, IN, 46160
 812-988-6422

Make reservations by March 1, 2024
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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
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2024 Indiana Fall Invitational

September 27-29, 2024
 Hosted by Indiana Trustees
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Regional Events

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 Hosted by Ohio FCRV
 Mercer County Fairgrounds
 Celena, OH

International Events



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 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
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 Frankfort, NY 13340

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