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

Making a Difference!



On Wednesday, June 12, Patti Thieme and myself made a trip to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis to drop off donations collected from our Indiana members. The Indiana trustees have also provided Patti cash in the past years to purchase items for Riley and Patti does a wonderful job shopping for discounted items. These items filled up the back of my suburban. Some of the items included: stuffed animals (new), notebooks, pencils, pencil boxes, coloring books, crayons, Crayola marker airbrush kits, lap blankets, lip balm/hand sanitizer kits (that will be given to parents at the Ronald McDonald house, they can't give those items to hospital patients). As you can see, it filled up the donation box that was brought out to us.

In addition to the gifts, there was also a cash donation from tabs that were collected at Richmond Campvention last year. Riley prefers you sell the tabs and give the cash donation. Patti and myself sold those tabs last year (in Van Wert, Ohio as they paid more than our local institution in Decatur, Indiana).

Patti really enjoys chairing this committee for Indiana and we are glad that she does!
Submitted for Patti Thieme by Angie Shaneyfelt (Indiana State Director)



Mike and Marilyn Rausch hand delivered a generous check to the White Violet Center for EcoJustice at St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana, a grant from the **FCRV Wildlife Program**. This grant will be used for the care of the Alpaca herd.

The White Violet Center includes, in addition to the Alpacas, a flock of laying chickens, a 5-acre USDA certified organic garden orchards, bee hives, a Farm Store, and nature trail. As a non-profit ministry, it commits to

- * Conserve natural resources.
- * Use non-toxic materials that will not poison the earth or community.
- * Promote conservation and reduction of consumption by

recycling and purchasing recycled materials.

- * Practice conservation and restoration of land through food production, management of forests and wild spaces, and healing and rehabilitation of diminished areas.
- * Advocate for ethical principles in resource use at local, state, national and global levels.
- * Explore options and possibilities for both environmental and financial sustainability.
- * Provide educational opportunities and share our lived experiences, both individually and communally, in our efforts to live in right relationship within the Earth Community.



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

Indiana was well represented at Nationals in New York. It was a fun week with beautiful weather all week long. For those of us that went, there were plenty of activities to do and sights to see.

Then we attended the Great Lakes Regional in Celina Ohio. Dave and Linda Hennie did a wonderful job of hosting all of us. The Lake Festival also helped with something for everyone to enjoy. Watching the amphibious cars enter the water was a sight to see.

Our summer campout will be a fun time . I'm sure Scott and Val Semper have a good time planned for all of us. Don't forget to bring a side for the carry in. They will have a potato bar also.

The Fall Invitational will be September 27, 28, and 29 at Amishville Campground. Make sure to let Deena Felver know if you need a site. The theme for the campout is a "Hawaiian Weekend". We will have hospitality on Friday night and supper on Saturday night. Plans will be finalized at the summer campout then passed on to you guys.

I am glad to hear that everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July without any injuries.

Until next time

Ed Shaneyfelt



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Wow, so much has happened with Indiana FCRV since the June Chatter!

Some of us Indiana members attended the Campvention in Frankfort, New York. It was a very nice Campvention. The grounds were very nice and the evening entertainment was wonderful. Fun, fellowship and Ice Cream was had by all! Make sure you follow the Campvention Facebook page ("2025 Family Campers and RVers Campvention") for all the Campvention pictures and articles.

Then the Great Lakes Regional! "Amazing" sums up the whole weekend. We had perfect weather and wonderful location (Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, Ohio has many shade trees and picnic tables at each site...and you can have campfires with many rings provided). Then the grounds had Nelson, he was a sight, wow.

With Dave and Linda Hennie running our Regional the same dates as the Celina Lake Festival, campers had so many options of activities to choose from. The amphibious cars were amazing to watch "splash in". We walked the vendors and the nice boardwalk by the Grand Lake St Marys. It was a great turnout for our members to enjoy each other and play many games (in addition to puzzles).

The Great Lakes Road race (that caused a pile-up on some chairs) was fun, and the Road Rally that Dave & Linda sent us on, was really interesting to see the country side. We took a detour into Fort Recovery (as we needed gas) and drove by the old forts and saw the visitor center there. If you missed our regional, you missed a good one!

In addition to camping, Ed and I also visited The Limberlost Bird Sanctuary and The Black Pines Animal Sanctuary to deliver the wildlife grants that I submitted for them. Both organizations were very appreciative and it is a wonderful feeling to give to them. Thank you to the others from Indiana that did the wildlife grants also. Watch the Camping Today and Facebook for more information on these articles.

See everyone soon at the Summer Campout at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Rensselaer!

Angie Shaneyfelt

August 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pat Cohee!

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Fun in the Sun

August 9-11, 2024
Jasper County Fairground
Rensselaer, Indiana
(2671 W. Clark Street)

INDIANA SUMMER CAMPOUT HOSTED BY THE SEMPER FAMILY

Cost for the weekend: \$60.00
(\$25/night +\$10.00 Activity Fee)

Saturday afternoon: Tour of the Rensselaer fire station and training facility.
Saturday night meal: PITCH IN with a BAKED POTATO BAR!

Contact VAL SEMPER to reserve your site.
valeriesemper@hotmail.com
Or text to 219-741-9106

There is plenty of room for everyone!!!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE (continued from page 1)



Ed and Angie Shaneyfelt (and Jordan) presented a \$1000 Wildlife Grant to the Black Pine Animal Sanctuary on behalf of the FCRV. The funds will be used to support their mission of providing refuge for captive-raised exotic animals by educating, advocating, and building awareness about animal welfare.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Camp Family,

With Campvention (we didn't attend) and the Great Lakes Regional in the books, there are quite, a few memories and lots of good times shared.

I want to thank the Ohio chapters for a great venue. There were other festivals happening, that if you didn't have anything to do, you weren't trying.

On another note, there are many members who have already had procedures, have upcoming procedures, and ones that are still in treatments. Please continue to hold them in prayer. As Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, 5:17: "Pray without ceasing."

Until we share another campfire ☐

God Bless

Harlan Nigh ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

DASAT Thoughts

Marilyn Rausch

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. We know the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all aspects of life, including your ability to attend important appointments and receive routine vaccinations.

Many people think that so-called natural immunity or “herd immunity” will keep them safe, or that many of the diseases for which we immunize don’t exist anymore or can be easily treated if they are acquired. This is not true.

Some diseases are very rare, but outbreaks do occur throughout the world. With more international travel and with the number of new immigrants coming into our country, the possibility of encountering some of these less prevalent infections increases.

Vaccination is much safer than trying to develop natural immunity by getting the disease. Some diseases can have lasting damaging effects on the body. Being vaccinated against that disease is less likely to produce long lasting deleterious effects.

One argument some give against getting vaccines is that vaccines can make you sick or overload your immune system. Vaccines are commonly made using small amounts of weakened or dead germs. As such, they cannot cause an active disease, though it is possible to get side effects from the injections (local soreness or mild symptoms related to the activation of the immune system.) Vaccines spark the immune system to recognize disease-causing germs, so that it can eliminate them before they make you sick.

Vaccine schedules are fairly complex, depending on age, medical conditions, and previous protection. NIAM is a good time to talk to your doctor, nurse, or healthcare provider to ensure you and your family are protected against serious diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccinations. Children require a larger number of vaccines, since their immune systems are just developing. Their pediatrician or family doctor can advise on the best schedule to provide them with the most current and essential coverage.

On the other end of the spectrum, older adults are more susceptible to the long-term effects of various illnesses. There are six vaccines that should be considered. Speak with your doctor or pharmacist to determine what is most appropriate for you.

The six vaccines of concern for older adults are:

COVID-19

Flu

RSV

Pneumonia (Pneumococcal)

Tdap

Shingles

COVID-19

Disease: Respiratory disease causing fever, cough, shortness of breath.

Risk: Older adults are most at risk for serious illness and death.

Vaccine: reduces risk of getting disease or being hospitalized if disease occurs. CDC offers guidelines for remaining up-to-date.

FLU (INFLUENZA)

Disease: fever, chills, sore throat, stuffy nose, headache, muscle aches.

Risk: Older adults are at higher risk for complications such as pneumonia.

Vaccine: Recommended yearly for all over 6 months old. A higher-dose vaccine is available for those 65 and over. Vaccine should ideally be received before the end of October to protect during the flu season (December and January) but may be effected even if given later.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial virus)

Disease: cold like symptoms. Most common in the fall and winter months.

Risk: Older adults have a higher risk of severe symptoms, possibly life-threatening.

Vaccine: Recommended for those 75 years old and over, and ages 60-74 with other health issues. This is not a yearly vaccine at this time. Studies show that the immunity lasts about 2 years. Studies of duration are still in process.

PNEUMONIA (Pneumococcal)

Disease: Pneumococcal pneumonia. Lung infection.

Risk: Older adults are at higher risk for becoming very sick or dying from this infection.

Vaccine: Recommended for those 65 and over. There are multiple forms of the vaccine. It does

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Campvention bits 'n pieces...



Kennedy (left) and Jordan (right) represented Indiana FCRV well with their Camping is posters at the International Campvention. Congratulations!!!



Ed Shaneyfelt looks on as Brad Davis prepares to carry Indiana's flag in the opening ceremonies of the 2024 Campvention.



Congratulations to Hope and her person Macey in winning the award for Best Trick in the Pet Parade!



Angie appears to be enjoying the entertainment at the Campvention (above and below.)



Many volunteers are needed for the smooth running of a Campvention. Above, Pat Cohee helps Brad and Stacy Davis at registration. Below, Deena Felver works with Linda English as a happy Patty Thieme leaves the table.



(left) Newly inducted Vice President of Programs Ed (and Angie) Shaneyfelt enjoy camaraderie with the rest of the FCRV National Trustees.



GREAT LAKES REGIONAL

The Great Lakes Regional FCRV Campout is in the rearview mirror now. Perfect weather, wonderful grounds, and, especially, great friends and fellowship will leave lasting memories. Thank you, Linda and Dave Hennie and Ohio for hosting and planning such a wonderful time for all!

See more memories from the campout: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/cAQ5v9MZgUTFA72w7>



Thanks to Geoff Stringer for providing his drone to capture us all in front of Nelson, the Sasquatch that was built for the 2024 Total Eclipse celebration.



The “Race Across the Great Lakes” game had some participants landing on the same spot as they tried to circle the region three times!



WINNERS: Ron Cohee and Connie Black (the “Jokers”) won the Cornhole tournament, and Indiana was victorious in Beanbag Baseball!



Thanks to Ed and Angie Shaneyfelt for hosting pontoon tours of St. Mary’s Lake all during the campout! There is a lot of beauty and history on that lake!!

The Regional Campout coincided with the St. Mary Lake Festival, which provided shopping, eating, and entertainment. Included were a “Splash in” of Amphibious cars, a parade, fireworks, and booths on the “boardwalk” area,



Hosts Linda and Dave Hennie prepared a “Race Across the Counties” Road Rally, taking us on a 3-hour trip looking for specific information scattered along the way. NO GPS ALLOWED! It included a real treat: a visit to the oldest candy store in Ohio!

Beanbag Baseball, Cornhole, Festival games, and the “Race Across the Great Lakes” game punctuated the campout, which included hospitalities, meals, games and a wonderful gathering of friends!!!



Recipes worth Sharing



PEACH DUMP CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- * 32 ounce can of peaches in heavy syrup
- * 1 package yellow cake mix
- * 1/2 cup butter
- * 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon (or to taste)

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Empty peaches into a 9 x 13 baking dish.
3. Cover peaches with dry cake mix. Press down firmly.
4. Cut or grate butter into small pieces and scatter on top of cake mix. Do not mix the butter into the dry cake mix. Sprinkle top with cinnamon.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until the top of the cake is golden brown (about 45 minutes).
6. Serve warm or cold.

AIR FRYER EGGPLANT

INGREDIENTS

- * Large eggplant (1 pound)
- * 3/4 tsp Kosher Salt (divided)
- * 2 tbsp avocado, vegetable, or olive oil
- * 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- * 1 tsp. garlic powder
- * 1 tsp paprika

DIRECTIONS

1. Cut eggplant into 1-inch cubes. (It is not necessary to peel the eggplant.)
2. Line a baking sheet with paper towels. Place eggplant on towels and sprinkle with 1/2 tsp. salt, covering all sides of the cubes. Rest for 15 minutes, then pat the surface dry to absorb the moisture.
3. In a large bowl, mix oil and seasonings. Toss in the eggplant until well coated.
4. Preheat air fryer to 400 degrees F.
5. Place the eggplant in an even layer, avoiding overcrowding.
6. Air fry for 12 minutes, shaking the basket after 6 minutes.



Transfer to a plate or bowl. If desired, sprinkle with chopped parsley and a squeeze of lemon juice.

Store in airtight container for up to 3 days. Reheat in the air fryer for 2 minutes at 400 degrees F. Yield: 2 cups

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.

Fireflies and Coffee Pots 2024 Camping Schedule

September 13-15		Parke County Campground
October 25-27		Spring Mill St. Park

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



Happy Glampers 2024 Camping Schedule

Aug 9-11	Jasper County Fairgrounds	Summer Campout
Aug 16-18	Mississinewa SRA	Peru, IN
Sept 10-15	Shipshewana North Campground	
Sept 25-26	Amishville Campground	Retiree Rally
Sept 27-29	Amishville Campground	Fall Invitational

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

YOUR CHAIR AWAITS

Your Chair Awaits #2 - 8-1-23



- International Camping Club
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- National & Local Events
- Wildlife & Conservation
- Scholarship Programs
- Youth, Teen, Adult and Retiree Programs

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not cover other forms of pneumonia, only Pneumococcal. For most adults, a single dose of the vaccine is indicated after age 65. (Children under 5 years are also vaccinated but with more frequent injections.

Tdap or Td (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)

Disease:

Tetanus: caused by bacteria found in soil, dust, and manure. Enters the body through a deep cut or burn.

Diphtheria: Serious disease that can affect the tonsils, throat, nose or skin. Can spread from person to person.

Pertussis (whooping cough): Uncontrollable violent coughing fits that make it hard to breathe. Spreads from person to person, and is especially dangerous for newborns.

Risk: Dangerous at any age.

Vaccine: Given as a series in children, but booster shots needed every 10 years. Should be up-to-date especially when anticipating contact with infants.

SHINGLES

Disease: Caused by the same virus as chickenpox, the virus remains in the body. Reactivation affects specific nerves, causing burning, shooting pain, tingling, itching and rash. Pain can remain for long times after the rash is gone.

Risk: Debilitating pain, post-herpetic pain

Vaccine: Given in two doses to those over 50 years old. Those immunized by the older vaccine (Zostavax) should be reimmunized with the newer form (Shingrix) Vaccine is indicated even with a previous history of Shingles.

In summary, vaccines are generally very safe, and they can help keep you from getting serious or life-threatening diseases. The most common side effects are generally mild, and may include pain, swelling or redness where the vaccine was given.

Before getting any vaccine, talk with the doctor or pharmacist about your health history, including past illnesses and treatments, as well as any allergies.

It's a good idea to keep your own vaccination record, listing the types and dates of your shots, along with any side effects or problems.

Information is from multiple internet sources, including the CDC and the American Association of Immunology)





FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2025 CAMPVENTION

“Spirit of Friendship”

July 20-26, 2025

James E Ward Agricultural Center

945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087



REGISTRATION:

Welcome to Campvention 2025. Everyone must complete a registration form, including second families and camp day passes. Submit payment with the completed form. All funds shall be in US currency, including checks and money orders. There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute. Simply bring this registration form with you.

****Refund policy:** If you are unable to attend, all except \$25 will be refunded AFTER the conclusion of 2025 Campvention.

Registration deadline May 15th - Pay before December 31, 2024, to receive a \$25 discount (\$325.00).

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$350.00	\$385.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$180.00	\$200.00
Week Drive-in Day Pass (June 23-29)	\$175.00	\$190.00
Drive-in Day Pass (per day)	\$30.00	\$35.00

Early Bird Days: July 18 - 19 @ \$30/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check). The gates will be open Friday at 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Are you an FCRV member: Yes No Please provide your Member # if known: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ 2ndEmail: _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes No Are you a Veteran and what branch? _____

Number of people in your unit: Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth: 9 – 12 _____ Youth: 5 – 8 _____

Total number of people in Unit: _____

****Please list the names and ages of all youth and teens on the back of this form.**

We would like to help with event(s) at Campvention. Staff will follow up with a contact if yes: Yes No

CAMPVENTION PARKING: (There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.)

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: _____ (Valid Handicap parking proof must be presented upon arrival.)

Please note the LENGTH of camping rig behind type:

Motorhome _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel Trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Number of slide outs _____

Electricity: 30 amp _____ 50 amp _____ (50amp is limited. Handicap first. Then first come, first served.)

****Bring extension cords. Water available. Bring hoses and Y connectors.**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campvention 2025 Funds

Mail checks and completed forms to:

FCRV Campvention 2025

137 Crandon Blvd.

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

For inquiries please call (716) 668-6242.

Confirmations will be sent via Email.

Please allow a month for Processing.

53rd FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY
 NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL FAIRGROUND
 5622 HWY 231 S
 DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301
 RALLY STARTS: MARCH 24TH – MARCH 30TH, 2025
 EARLY DAYS: MARCH 21, 22, 23

FOR REGISTRAR ONLY

REG# _____
 CK# _____
 CASH _____
 AMT _____

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: (PLEASE PRINT)

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ SPOUSE/OTHER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAILING ADDRESS OF OTHER: _____ #OF PEOPLE IN UNIT _____

CELL PHONE #1 _____ CELL PHONE #2 _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ CONFIRMATION SEN: _____ PDF _____ WORD _____

MAILED: _____ MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: _____

REGISTERING FOR CAMPING: ON GROUND _____ OFF GROUND _____ CAMP PASS _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY? YES _____ NO _____ ARE YOU A VETERAN? YES _____ NO _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR: LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS.

RATES: REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 1, 2025. ALL THOSE ATTENDING MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE MARCH 1ST DEADLINE, OR AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$35 WILL BE ASSESSED WHEN REGISTERING AT THE GATE.

EARLY DAYS: EARLY DATE FEE OF \$40 PER NIGHT PER UNIT WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE TREASURER AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.

INCLUDED IN THE FEE: FULL HOOK-UPS, (30/50AMP), ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 2 DINNERS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND A LOT OF FUN.

2 PEOPLE IN UNIT	\$ 330	\$ 365
1 PERSON IN UNIT	\$ 300	\$335

CAMP PASS STAYING IN UNIT ON GROUNDS AS 2ND FAMILY IN UNIT:

2 PEOPLE \$ 200

1 PERSON \$ 100

CAMP PASS STAYING OFF GROUNDS:

2 PEOPLE \$ 200

1 PERSON \$ 100

REFUNDS: ALL BUT \$35 WILL BE REFUNDED IF NOTICE IS RECEIVED BEFORE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE RALLY. AFTER THE RALLY DEADLINE OF MARCH 1, 2025, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED. REFUND REQUESTED AFTER RALLY STARTS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE RALLY.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY. NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

Mail to: Mildred Pauwels, P.O. Box 193, Dana, N.C. 28724

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Indiana State Events

2024 Indiana Summer Campout "Fun in the Sun"

August 9-11, 2024
Hosted by the Semper Family
Jasper County Fairgrounds
2671 W. Clark Street
Rensselaer, Indiana
(For reservations, contact
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Or text
219-741-9106

2024 Indiana Retiree Rally

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

2024 Indiana Fall Invitational "Hawaiian Weekend"

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

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

International Events



2025 Retiree Rally "Spring Has Sprung"

March 24-30, 2025
National Peanut Festival Fairground
Dothan, Alabama



2025 Campvention "Spirit of Friendship"

July 20-26, 2025
James E. Ward Agricultural Center
Lebanon, Tennessee

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