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





Lebanon, Tennessee. Save the dates July 20th through 26th with early days starting on July 18th. Come to Lebanon to renew old friendships and form new ones. The Lebanon team is working hard to create a week of fellowship, friendship, and fun! Lebanon is near the state capitol, Nashville. Plan a side trip to the Ryman Auditorium or The Grand Ole' Opry. Other fun things to see include Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Splish Splash Waterpark, The Capitol Theater, museums, the Cumberland River, and a variety of other fun adventures.

Join in on the discussion at the 2025 Campvention Facebook group.

Click the link above or scan the code below.





















From the **State Director**

Angie Shaneyfelt

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year. I also hope that everyone has been staying warm in all this cold weather we have been having.

Notes received from the National Trustees: 2024 Campvention (that was in New York) has

closed their books with a profit of \$5,343.60.

When your membership dues are up for renewal, the first of 3 notifications will be an email, The second and third will be physically mailed. I did check with everyone last year to update your email addresses. If you have had an email change since the Fall Invitational, please let me know so I can update your email with the national office.

Yearly membership report: from 2023 to 2024. Total members dropped by 69. Life members dropped by 9. Paying members dropped by 106. Of the total drop from year to year, 22% were paying membership (this shows the reality of our retention struggles).

Indiana has all their campouts scheduled for this year and you can call and make reservations now for all three. I have our reservations done for all three campouts! See the Chatter for information to get your sites booked today. You don't miss out on any campouts.

When you are making your Indiana state campout reservations, make sure that you are registered for the National Campvention that will be held in Lebanon, Tennessee, this year. The dates are July 20-26, with early days the 18-19. The committee is setting up for a fun week.

Indiana will be hosting a hospitality table. I am going to be contacting a popcorn manufacturer close to us regarding donations. We may have to have our popcorn maker down there also for samples! If you have any other thoughts on what to give out at our Indiana hospitality table, please email me your



From the **State President**

Ed Shaneyfelt

Hopefully none of you got coal for Christmas and everyone celebrated the New Year without any injuries. We had a wonderful time with the family.

Remember to get your reservations done for all the state campouts and, hopefully, campvention in Lebanon, Tennessee. It looks like we are going to have a wonderful year

This is election year. If you are interested in an office let Mark Shaneyfelt know. You can ask any trustee what the job entails for any position you are thinking about.

Watch for coming news about membership, we are trying to come up with some ideas for a program to help recruit more members.

Hopefully in a little over a month we can start getting the rigs out of hibernation for those of us that didn't travel south for the winter. At your club meetings or if you want to think about hosting a campout for next year feel free to put in a bid. We have plenty of people that would step up and volunteer to help put it on.

Remember to treat your sweetheart on Valentine's day!

Until next time,

Ed













thoughts. If I could get some Indiana maps, do you think anyone would even want them?

I believe that is it for now. Ed and I split and dropped a load of wood into our basement for our next cold weather days. Until we all meet up again, stay warm and healthy.

Angie Shaneyfelt Indiana FCRV State Director

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Conservation

Indiana State Association FCRV Conservation/Wildlife Director Misty Stuckwisch

January is ending and the days are starting to get longer....a few seconds every day! I do try to look for the positive in all this cold and snow.

I don't know about everyone else, but I am SO ready for camping season to begin. We have such a fun schedule to look forward to! Don't forget to get your reservations made for the year. Campvention looks like an amazing week in Tennessee.

We have been trying new recipes and cleaning out cupboards at our house. It's like early spring cleaning! The cold weather is a great chance to work inside.

Locally we have a "free" store in the next town over I like to donate items to. All items are free, with no proof of income being required. I am more than happy to give items away. I highly suggest you investigate your options for getting rid of home • items. Goodwill, Salvation Army Resale stores, Habitat for Humanity Resale store, local thrift stores, there are so many options out there. Finding a good home for those clothes you have not worn in a year or even the couch you no longer need is easy if you just do your research.

Thrift stores will not typically take baby beds or car seats due to safety. Throw away used undies, socks, and all other undergarments. Remember, you are donating to help you AND the agency that is receiving the item. It costs a lot of money for these stores to dispose of "trash" donations. close on or the stained shirt you still have.

T-shirts make great cleaning rags; socks are good \(\psi\) https://drive.google.com/file/ for cleaning ceiling fan blades and mini blinds. There are so many options out there, I encourage 💙 everyone to clean out and clean up!

Till We Camp Again, Misty



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Harlan Nigh FCRV Indiana State Chaplain

Hello Camp Family,

Just a little over 50 days till Spring! Time to start planning things to share at the upcoming camp events.

As we open the season April 25th, at Cornerstone, if there's anyone that you would like to "Celebrate the Life" of that's what I would like to share this weekend. All the best memories are what I would love to hear and share of our love ones.

In next month's edition of the Chatter I'll have more information about the Spring Campout, after we speak with Dan and Cyndee.

God Bless, Until we share another campfire.

Harlan

RECIPES WORTH SHARING COOKBOOK

In December, 2020, Deena Felver sent a recipe that she enjoyed to be shared with the Indiana FCRV members through the CHAT-TER. That Recipe, for "No Bake Caramel Pretzel Crack Bars," was the start of a regular feature in the CHATTER. Since that time, over 70 recipes have been shared. After hunting through many CHATTERs to find a particular recipe, the thought came that maybe we could incorporate the recipes into a cookbook. And so it happened!

No one wants that pair of pants the zipper won't \infty If you would like to access the cookbook online, use the following link:

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If you would like to print the cookbook as a booklet (caution, it is 92 pages!) you will need a duplex printer, print on both sides flipping pages on the short end using the following link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FvLwruhfmnbmtor9p3yeFRrqfxID5Qh/view?usp=sharing

(You could also use this link to take to a printing center like Fed-Ex Office or Office Depot.)

In case of emergency:

The last few months have been brutal. Hurricanes, wildfires, landslides... those who survived these natural disasters now need to reestablish their lives as they start over with almost nothing. Charitable organizations, family and friends, and government agencies may be able to help with the necessities. But how do you reestablish you identity, your proof of possessions, even your past accomplishments? How much easier would it be if you had a central place where your essential records are stored? Here are some suggestions.

Ready.gov recommends having a "ready bag" kept up-to-date for each family member in case of a life-threatening emergency. These would contain essential medications, clothing items, medical records, and other things that would be necessary to have easily available in case of an emergency evacuation from your home. In case of fires, weather emergencies, or other unforeseen crises, such could save your life.

Once the emergency is over, it is time to put your life back together. What information do you need?

Companies have developed products that help to organize personal information in a single place to help family members to settle the estates of individuals who have died. Could that type of product help in these emergency situations as well?

The first thing you would need is a fireproof box. A fireproof safe would do the job. Alternatively, you can purchase from online marketers like Amazon fire-proof lightweight and portable containers that you could carry with you in case of emergency. (An interesting thought: In case of a flood, the dishwasher would be a good place to put important papers, photos, etc. It's waterproof!!)

What information might be helpful after a disaster? Here are a few suggestions:

Home information:

- Mortgage information
- Deeds
- Insurance information

Vehicle information

- VIN numbers
- Lease or loan payments
- Insurance information

Bank information

- Account numbers for checking and savings accounts
- Investment information (including names and phone numbers of investment counsellors or agents.)

Insurance information

- Health
- Homeowner's or Renter's
- Automobile

Personal identity

- Social Security numbers
- Driver's license information
- Passports information

• Health information

- Significant past health history for each family member
- Chronic health conditions
- Allergies
- Essential medications
- Names of personal and specialty physicians

• Legal information

- Medical Power of Attorney
- Legal (financial) Power of Attorney
- Location of wills and testaments
- Living will information
- Guardianship succession for dependent individuals

Contact information

- Family addresses and phone numbers
- Close friends addresses and phone numbers
- Physicians phone numbers

It goes without saying that having so much essential information in one place could be a liability if someone nefarious should get ahold of if. Keeping it in a secure place is essential. That said, it should also be readily available to you in case of an emergency. Even bank buildings with their safe-deposit boxes succumbed to the wildfires in California.

Assembling all this information may take a bit of time, but it is better to use that time and effort when the data is still available. Reestablishing it after a disaster destroys the needed records is a daunting and sometimes impossible task!

Worth Sharing **SLOW COOKER BREAD**

INGREDIENTS

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 packet (2.5 tsp) active dry yeast

1 tsp salt

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ c warm water (110 degrees)

2 tbsp olive oil

Optional toppings/stir ins: seeds, herbs, cheese

DIRECTIONS

- Mix flour, yeast and salt.
- Add warm water and olive oil. Stir to combine.
- Knead on floured surface for 5 minutes.
- Round up in bowl. Cover with a clean towel.
- Rise in warm spot for 1 hour.
- Shape into loaf. Place in greased slow cooker.
- Cover slow cooker with lid. Cook on high for 2-3 hours. Bread is done when lightly browned and bottom sounds hollow when thumped. Internal temperature should be 190 degrees.
- Remove from slow cooker and cool on rack.
- 9. ENJOY!

8-minute one-pot Pasta Dinner

INGREDIENTS

1 pound thin spaghetti, broken in half

1 container cherry tomatoes, cut in half.

1/2 onion, diced

1 cup fresh basil

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 lemon, juiced

1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes

Oil from sun dried tomato jar

Salt and pepper

1 tsp bullion powder (optional)

4 c. chicken or vegetable stock

1/3-1/2 c heavy cream 1.5 c shredded Parmesan cheese

Basil for garnish

Shaved Parmesan for garnish.



- 1. In a large pot, add all of the ingredients except cream and cheese.
- 2. Bring to a boil, stir, cover and cook for 8 minutes (until spaghetti is soft)
- 3. Remove the lid, sir in the cream and the Shredded Parmesan.
- 4. Garnish with fresh basil and shaved Parmesan cheese.
- ENJOY!

Rest in Peace



Keith "Myrtle" Lynn Stuckwisch, age 60, of Brownstown, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Schneck Medical Center, Seymour.

Mr. Stuckwisch was a life-time member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Sauers, where he was baptized in Christ and confirmed in faith. He graduated from St. John's Lutheran School, Sauers, and was a 1983 graduate of Seymour High School.

Keith loved his family and had a special bond with his grandson, Andrew, who was the light of his life and his greatest source of pride. He cherished the moments spent riding on the lawn mower and taking gator rides with Andrew, creating memories that brought him great joy.

Keith was a hardworking and generous individual, who was always ready and willing to help anyone in need. He dedicated many years to driving over-the-road trucks and later worked for Stuckwisch Farms. He was a long-time member of OOIDA (Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association). Keith had a passion for farming and caring for cows, and he also enjoyed volunteering at the Sauers Fair Stand, watching NASCAR, and listening to Brownstown sports, which reflected his love for both his work and the simple pleasures of life.

Keith Stuckwisch

Husband of
Misty Stuckwisch
Father of
Jessica Edwards
Macey Stuckwisch
Son-in-law of
Chester and Sherry Nolan

Born on October 14, 1964, in Seymour, Keith was the son of Lynn and Diana (Mackey) Stuckwisch, both of whom survive in Seymour. On October 15, 1994, at Brownstown Christian Church, he married Misty Nolan, and she survives in Brownstown. Survivors also include two daughters: Jessica (Christopher) Edwards of Brownstown, and Macey Stuckwisch of Brownstown; one grandson, Andrew Edwards: two brothers: Eric Stuckwisch of Seymour, and Bart (Mary) Stuckwisch of Seymour; maternal grandmother, Irene Raes; father-in-law and mother-in -law, Chester and Sherry Nolan of Brownstown; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Kristy (Tim) Courtney of Vincennes; five nieces: Hannah Courtney, Alannah Courtney, Miranda (Mitchell) Perry, Kristen (Skyler) Stahl, and Megan (Matt) Feathers; two nephews: Grant Stuckwisch and Jared Stuckwisch; three great-nephews: Myles Perry, Harlan Feathers, and Leo Feathers; one great-niece, Margaret Feathers; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Keith was preceded in death by one niece, Kaitlin Stuckwisch; one uncle, Rick Mackey; and two aunts: Gale Pinion and Melba Hoevener.

Memorials may be given to St. John's Lutheran Church, Sauers, or Andrew Edwards' Education Fund.

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Fireflies and Coffee Pots 2025 Camping Schedule

Cornerstone Campground

April 25-27, 2025	Cornerstone Campground New Castle, IN 765-987-8700	State Campout Hosted by Coffee Pots and Fireflies
May 16-18, 2025	White River Campground 11299 E. 234th St, Cicero, IN 317-770-4430	
June 20-22, 2025	Starve Hollow State Park	
July 20-25, 2025	CAMPVENTION Lebanon, TN, Fairgrounds	
August 22-24, 2025	Friends O' Mine Campground 4557 IN-46, Nashville, IN 812-988-0008	State Campout Hosted by Glampers
October 1-2, 2025	Shipshewana North Campgrounds 5970 IN-5, Shipshewana, IN 732-221-5441 (talk with UMA)	Retiree Campout
October 3-5, 2025	Shipshewana North Campgrounds 5970 IN-5, Shipshewana, IN 732-221-5441 (talk with UMA)	Fall Invitational
October 10-12, 2025	Charlestown State Park 3000 State Park Drive Charlesdown	

2025 Camping Info

SUMMER CAMPOUT REGISTRATIONS

If you are planning on attending the summer camp out August 22-24, 2025 at Friends o' Mine Campground in Nashville, Indiana, you need to RSVP the campground by April 1st. We have 30-amp and 50-amp spots blocked, but after April 1st they will open them back up to the public. The campground closes the first of November, but they do monitor their phones daily (The owners live at the campground all year round.) Do not make reservations over the website because it is a special event, and you need to let them know you are with FCRV. Contact information is on the back page of this CHATTER.

Thanks John Stock Happy Glampers

FALL INVITATIONAL INFORMATION

From Ron Cohee:

Camping rates for Shipshewana

North Campground:

(Location of 2025 Fall Invitational)

Tent Site with Water and Electric	32.00
Water & Electric back-in site	36.00
Water & Electric pull-through Site	42.00
Full (Water, Electric & Sewer (back-in)	44.00
Full (Water, Electric & Sewer (pull-through)	46.00

FIREFLIES AND COFFEE POTS CHRISTMAS GATHERING MEMORIES









The Coffee Pots and the Fireflies gathered at Arni's on December 7, 2024, for their December meeting. Thank you to Ron Cohee for providing the photos! He reported that they all had a wonderful time!!



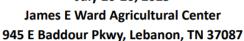




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FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2025 CAMPVENTION

"Spirit of Friendship" July 20-26, 2025 mes E Ward Agricultural Ce





REGISTRATION:

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

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.

At Gate

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

Registration

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 (Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a		eck). The gates will be open Friday at 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.,
Are you an FCRV member: Yes No	Please provide your Men	mber # if known:
Last Name:Fi	irst Name:	Spouse/Guest:
Address:		
City:	State/Province: _	Zip Code:
Phone #: Email:		2ndEmail:
Is this your first Campvention? Yes	No Are you a Vet	eteran and what branch?
		Youth: 9 – 12 Youth: 5 – 8
Total number of people in Unit:		
**Please list the names and ages of all yo	uth and teens on the back of	of this form.
We would like to help with event(s) at Car	mpvention. Staff will follow ເ	up with a contact if yes: Yes No
CAMPVENTION PARKING: (There will be r	no special needs sites availat	ble at the gate.)
-	•	licap parking proof must be presented upon arrival.)
Please note the LENGTH of camping rig be	ehind type:	
Motorhome 5 th Wheel	Travel Trailer	Pop-Up Number of slide outs
Electricity: 30 amp 50 amp	(50amp is limited.	d. Handicap first. Then first come, first served.)
**Bring extension cords. Water available.	Bring hoses and Y connecto	ors.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campve	ention 2025 Funds	
Mail checks and completed forms to:		
FCRV Campvention 2025		
137 Crandon Blvd.		

For inquiries please call (716) 668-6242. Confirmations will be sent via Email. Please allow a month for Processing.

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

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

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 ________COMFIRMATION 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

<u>SPECIAL NEEDS:</u> MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR: LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERSVED 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.

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

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

<u>REFUNDS:</u> 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:

RK YOUR CALEND

Indiana State Events

2025 Indiana Spring CampoutApril 25-27, 2025
Cornerstone Campground 75 W County Road 500 S New Castle, Indiana, 47362 (765) 987-8700 "Celebration of Life" Hosted by Fireflies and Coffeepots

2025 Indiana Summer Campout

August 22-23, 2025 Friends O Mine Campground 4557 IN-46 Nashville, Indiana, 47448 (812) 988-0008 Hosted by the Happy Glampers

(MAKE RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 1, 2025) DO NOT SCHEDULE ON THE WEBSITE. LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE WITH FCRV

2025 Indiana Retiree Rally

October 1-3, 2025 Shipshewana North Campground 5970 IN-5 Shipshewana, IN 46565 260 768-7770 (Reserve before September 15, 2025) Mention that you are part of the FCRV group.

2025 Indiana Fall Invitational

October 3-5, 2025 Shipshewana, IN 46565 260 768-7770 (Reserve before September 15, 2025) Mention that you are part of the FCRV group.

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

