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



Happy St. Patrick's Day

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Top o' the mornin' to you!





From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Where is Spring? Well, it's getting closer and we'll be camping before we know it. As I'm writing this article, we are 10 weeks away from our Spring Campout.

A couple of items from national:

- National election information is in the February issue of Camping Today. The position of Comptroller is unopposed and the position of VP of Planning & Development is being contested. Linda English's position as Vice President of Operations is elected by the Executive Board and Advisory Council. If you have any questions regarding the ballot or voting process, please reach out to me. Your ballot will be emailed after March 15 for voting.
- Retiree Rally is coming up fast, being the end of March. If you haven't registered, there is still time. Go to the national website at www.fcrv.org to get registered to attend. Even if you don't register, you can just show up! They will be happy to see you in Dothan, AL.
- 2025 Campvention in Lebanon, TN will be in July. Make sure you are registered to attend. The committee is researching a vendor for members to purchase t-shirts and name badges. Please continue to read Camping Today and follow social media Facebook page to stay current on Campvention updates.
- The location for Campvention 2026 has been secured. It will be at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron, South Dakota. July 5-11, 2026. This is being hosted by Region 3. Mark your calendars to go to South Dakota in 2026!



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

It's getting warmer outside, so Spring must be just around the corner. With that comes the camping season. If you are as anxious as I am to get it started, there are some precautions that we need to take.

When getting the rigs out from storage and going to de-winterize them, we need to look at some items from a safety standpoint. Check tires for inflation and cracks, water lines for leaks, all propane connections for leaks and tanks are full, clean the awning, assure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order, check electrical connections and make sure all lights work. By checking all of this you should have an exciting camping season.

Speaking about the season, don't forget to get all your reservations completed for the state campouts and national campvention. Look elsewhere in the chatter for the schedule. With this year all planned start thinking about next years schedule. We need people or clubs to step up and host. If you find grounds we will all come and even help put it on if you need it.

With it starting to look green out there try to find the leprechauns hiding under the rainbows to steal there pot of gold. Make sure to wear green on the 17 for Saint Patrick's Day to keep from getting pinched

Until next time

Ed

At the State Level:

Make sure you have all your reservations in for our 3 State Campouts, including Shipshewana...I am going to reach out to our Michigan Friends to see if they would like to join us since it's in Northern Indiana. The more the merrier!!!

See you in a few months...Spring is getting closer.



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Conservation

Indiana State Association FCRV
Conservation/Wildlife Director
Misty Stuckwisch

It's almost time to go camping! I am so excited, and I am sure you are too.

My mind is focused on Campvention right now, getting everything gathered for crafts. Tennessee looks like it is going to be so much fun.

Last year we had several Indiana organizations receiving wildlife grants. Angie encouraged everyone to pick a local provider and complete the application process. The process is pretty simple. The form can be found on the FCRV website under members, then programs. Getting our name out in the community and making a difference to our local wildlife is a wonderful feeling. I would encourage each of you to complete a grant application. Even if you are not going to be at Campvention. A check can be mailed to you or the organization. I am happy to help and answer any questions you may have, and I am sure Angie would also.

Until we camp again,

Misty



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Harlan Nigh
FCRV Indiana State Chaplain

Hello Camp Family,

In less than 3 weeks, March 20th, Spring arrives! Many State Parks and other campgrounds open their season April 1st.

Lori and I looking forward to a full season with our chapter family and friends. Hopefully this year we plan to travel to our neighboring states, just to spend time with and maybe get ideas for activities and other adventures for future ventures.

Next issue we will give more details about the "Celebration of Life" campout April 25th-27th. For now, keep your eye out for the Leprechauns trying to steal your Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow.

Until we share another campfire,

Harlan Nigh



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 CHATTER. 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!

If you would like to access the cookbook online, use the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/174iFdmh3BodfQy4XUk8j1a3eNe2UYZWK/view?usp=sharing>

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/1FvLw-ruhfmnbmtor9p3yeFRrqfxID5Qh/view?usp=sharing>

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

Five Phases of "Emergency Management"

DASAT Thoughts from Marilyn Rausch

Floods, "atmospheric rivers," tornados, hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes... this has been a year of natural (and other) emergencies. While we can't prepare for every eventuality that may come down the proverbial pike, a general approach may be the best way to be able to identify, react and survive when the odds are stacked against us.

An approach from the group "Organizational Resilience" has identified five phases of emergency management:

- PREVENTION
- MITIGATION
- PREPAREDNESS
- RESPONSE
- RECOVERY

PREVENTION is not always possible, but with good evacuation plans, environmental planning and design standards may limit the risk of loss of life and injury.

Within the home, prevention of potential hazards requires routine maintenance and awareness of the most common problem areas. For example:

- * Faulty electrical wiring
- * Blocked dryer vents
- * Overloaded electrical outlets and inadequate size of extension cords for their need.
- * Malfunctioning or unattended appliances
- * Improper storage of hazardous materials

After a tough winter, spring is a great time to do some home inspection to detect problems before they become dangerous:

- ⇒ Inspect the roof for damaged shingles, leaks at the base of the chimney, gutters for debris that may clog and prevent proper drainage.
- ⇒ Trim trees away from house and wiring.
- ⇒ Look for signs of wood damage.
- ⇒ Clean the dryer vent, refrigerator coils

MITIGATION is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of potential disasters and emergencies. Making the repairs noted above is a good start. Being aware of shutoffs for electricity, gas, and water is another way to mitigate the risk. Assuring clear pathways within the home allows for safe and emergent evacuation in case of an emergency. Written directions for preparation and action in different situations can be found at Ready.gov.

PREPAREDNESS is a continuous process of planning, organizing, and training. Everyone in the home should be aware of the "plan." Occasional review of what to do in specific emergencies, meeting places outside of the home, neighborhood con-

tacts, etc., are important so that, in an emergency, the approach is so patterned that it overcomes the chaos of the moment. Everyone in the home should be aware of the need to leave immediately and safely in case of fire, where the safest part of the house is in case of weather emergencies or earthquakes, how and when to call 911.

An evacuation kit for each person in the household, especially those on essential medications or with specific physical needs should be readily available. In that kit could be a change of clothes (including sturdy shoes), essential meds, infant needs if appropriate, emergency numbers (including a contact outside of the area), and lists of critical medical or physical conditions.

Predetermine communications in case of an emergency. Know how to contact schools, daycares, places of employment to facilitate communication with other family members if they are not in the home at the time of the emergency. A common contact person should be decided upon in case the individuals cannot be directly contacted.

RESPONSE is the appropriate reaction to the disaster or emergency. This will change according to the specific situation, but may involve

- ⇒ Evacuating or moving into a safe place. Becoming as safe as possible is the first and most important step.
- ⇒ Contacting the emergency response team: 911.
- ⇒ Listening to and following the directions of the emergency personnel. Trying to take "short cuts" may be a bad move.
- ⇒ Know ahead of time the policies of schools, daycares, etc. regarding emergency management.

RECOVERY consists of those needs that follow the resolution of the initial emergency. After the threat to human life has subsided, the next goal is to return to some degree of normalcy. That depends on the scope of the emergency. In a widespread area, housing and food, medical care and other basic needs may require a community action. In a localized situation, if the home is unsafe for return, alternative living arrangements may include relatives, hotels, campers, etc. After these basic needs are assured, debris clean-up, rebuilding or renovating, returning to a normal life pattern (work, school, community activities) may require time and patience!

I would refer you to the government website : www.ready.gov. It clearly outlines how to be prepared before, during and after specific disasters. Referring to it before you need it is highly recommended!

The recent “Bird Flu” has led to the destruction of many chickens, and eggs are becoming an expensive luxury item, if they are available at all. Here is an eggless cookie recipe and some suggestions for substitutions for baking without eggs.

Recipes worth Sharing

EGGLESS CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

About 4 dozen

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 butter, room temperature
- 4 oz cream cheese, room temp
- 1 c brown sugar (dark or light)
- 3/4 c granulated sugar
- 3 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 c all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp instant espresso powder or instant coffee (optional)
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 c chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 360 degrees. Line cookie sheets with parchment or silicone mats.
2. Beat together the butter and cream cheese until fluffy (2-3 minutes)
3. Add brown sugar and granulated sugar. Beat until pale and fluffy.
4. Add vanilla and beat until combined.
5. In separate bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, baking soda, baking powder and espresso powder (if using).
6. Sprinkle the flour on top of the butter mixture, then beat until combined.
7. Stir in chocolate chips.

Use 2-tbsp scoop to form cookies, spacing 2” apart on baking sheet.

Bake for 8-10 minutes, removing cookies when the edges start to turn brown (centers will be very soft). Coll for 3-4 minutes on cookie sheet before moving to wire rack to cool.

EGG SUBSTITUTIONS (per egg)

- **Ground flaxseed** (1 Tbsp) + 3 Tbsp Water (mix seeds and water, let sit for 10-15 minutes.)
- **Ground chia seed** (1 Tbsp) + 3 Tbsp water (mix seeds and water, let sit for 10-15 minutes)
- **Unsweetened applesauce** (1/4 c)
- **Avocado** (1/2 mashed)
- **Banana** (1/2 mashed)
- **Coconut Oil** (1/4 c) Blend until smooth before use.
- **Soy yogurt** (1/4 c) Blend until smooth before use.
- **Greek yogurt** (1/4 c)
- **Silken tofu** (1/4 c) Blend until smooth before use.

**In baked goods, eggs act as leavening.
To get proper “rise”**

1 tbsp distilled white vinegar or apple cider vinegar + 1 tsp baking soda.. Mix in just before baking.

Fireflies and Coffee Pots 2025 Camping Schedule

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	

Happy Glampers 2024 Camping Schedule

Happy Glampers 2025 Camping Schedule

April 24-27, 2025	Cornerstone Campground	Spring Campout
May 15-18, 2025	White River Campground	Cicero, IN
June 19-22, 2025	Muncie R Journey	Anderson, IN
July 20-26, 2025	Ward Ag Center - Lebanon, TN	Campvention
July 31- Aug 3, 2025	Spring Mill State Park	Mitchell, IN
Aug 21-24, 2025	Friends O' Mine- Nashville, IN	Summer Campout
Sept 29- Oct 2, 2025	Shipshewana North Campground	Flea Market & Retiree Rally
Oct 3-5, 2025	Shipshewana North Campground	Fall Invitational

For further information, contact
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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



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.

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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).

	Registration	At Gate
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 RESERVSVD 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

2025 Indiana Spring Campout

April 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 Coffee pots

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



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Lebanon, Tennessee

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