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Editor

As Editor, my requirements are as follows: All information must be to editor before 25 Oct for November Issue, 25 Feb for March Issue, 25 Apr for May Issue, 25 June for Jul Issue, 25 Aug for Sep Issue, and 25 Dec for Jan Issue. Anything after that date will not be included in the issue. I will not call anyone. If the report is not in on time I will print without it. I will send copies to KCA members and vendors only due to printing costs. Please call and leave a message if you want a paper copy (1 only) or you are receiving a paper copy and want email. I will add additional items as they become available. Also send me any suggestions for future Newsletters. Either email or snail mail your reports, I will not take them on the phone. My address is 4769 N Portwest St, Wichita, KS 67204. If you want additional copies please print them yourself. Mail copies will be in black and white. I am getting my list from the State Treasurer so if you chapter member got one and you didn't then I have the wrong information. I printed 70 papers copies last month. Two reams of paper and one ink cartilage. Also postage. Please consider email.

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Presidents Notes

Did not receive report before issue

State Directors Notes

Camping season is upon us! Yeah!!! We are so ready. Camper needs cleaning and restocking but we will be ready for the state campout. Many have registered but we will always make room for more. See you there. If you can't make the weekend and are open during the week, join the group that will be staying for the Sunchaser's. Same place for camping.

Your chapter has made plans for camping. Join the group as much as possible and be positive in your actions and words. Negativity hurts. It hurts you, your friends, and everyone around you. Let's work on POSITIVE for good in our actions and in our words.

The Heartland Regional Campout will be in York, Nebraska August 8 – 10, 2025. York is straight north on H-81 to I-80 in Nebraska. It is 4 lanes all the way. Make your plans and come see and meet others from our region. I don't have registration forms yet but put it on your calendar.

The International Campvention is July 20 – 26 in Lebanon, TN. With Earl's challenges this year, we aren't planning to tackle it but it will be great for all of you who can get there. There are lots of things to see around the area there and on the route getting to it. Over the years, we have seen so much country getting to the Campvention's all around the continent. Go if you possibly can.

See you camping!!!

Earl and Ivalee Vanderhoff

AREA I

Campfire Campers:

The theme for our March gathering was St Patrick's day hosted by Joyce and Daryl Weir. The Wilson's brought delicious bierocks and the rest filled in with an assortment of green colored side dishes and deserts. It was great fun.

Our first campout of the season was at Tuttle Cove Campground at Tuttle Lake near Manhattan, Ks. We had a strong showing of campers with nice weather. We started with a potluck breakfast and then a visit to the Flint Hills Discovery Center which most of us had never been to followed with a stop at DQ. We were driving by so why not. We then returned to the campground for visiting and a brief meeting. For supper the grill masters cooked hamburgers, hotdogs and brauts with sides galore. Tom and Ilene's grandson from K-state joined us as well and we made sure he didn't go home empty handed. Failors also treated everyone with ice cream for dessert. Yes again but you can never have too much ice cream!

The view of the lake was beautiful and we all enjoyed the campout.

The next event is Spring State in Burlington and hope we will see many of our friends there.

Happy Camping!!

Ilene Young

Reporting

Dusters: Did not receive report before issue

Mustangs: Did not receive report before issue

Kanza Travelers: Did not receive report before issue

Ky-O-Tees:

Spring is finally here and most of our camping group is back home and ready to camp. Our first campout of the season was at Napawalla Park in Oxford where we had Newports, Hendricks, Rochats, Millers, Hilgers and Cleavelands all parked at the South shelter. Ann Limper and Earl and Ivalee Vanderhoff drove in to join us for some activities. Campout was hosted by Bill and Judy Cleaveland with a pancake and bacon breakfast on Friday and a hot dog cookout on Saturday evening. Ann Limper tested our music ability with a Name That Tune contest and Mary Ann Hilger made sure our thinking caps were on with a Trivia contest. We had a group lunch at the Mexican restaurant in Oxford and the ladies took a short shopping excursion to Ark City one afternoon. Lots of visiting and game playing enjoyed by all.

AREA III

No Active Chapters

AREA IV

Sunflower Ramblers:

Sunflower Ramblers had our first camp out at Cheney Lake. It was definitely a cold and rainy weekend. While we only had about 17 total in attendance, we still enjoyed seeing each other. We enjoyed a Saturday evening meal together of Chicken & Noodles and Chili with several delicious side dishes provided. A special thank you to Marty and Barb Mashak for providing the much appreciated propane heater. Some more adventurous members took some of the grandchildren that joined us Geocaching nearby in-between rain showers.

We look forward to our May camp out where we are headed to Melvern Lake.

Camping Further Out: Did not receive report before issue.

Care Notes

vKansas FCRV Care Notes – April 16, 2025

We want to wish everyone a Happy Easter! Also hope you've been able to enjoy our Spring weather, the flowering trees and the grass is beginning to get greener. Seven Kansas families along with sixty-one other families attended the FCRV/NCHA International Retirees Rally in Dothan, AL March 23-30, 2025. We had a great time and Steve & Diane Hitchens were wonderful Rally Coordinators. They had made so many pretty decorations for the theme "Spring Has Sprung". Next year's Retirees Rally will be in Mineola, TX and if you've been thinking about attending, this will be much closer and it is a great campground. Now for concerns we want to share:

From the Sunflower Ramblers: "Dennis Hein is in critical condition in ICU at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, KS. Last Sunday he suddenly loss the use of his legs and other issues became a major concern immediately. Bill & Dianne Buggeln have been to see him and Judy and just want us to know that they need our prayers for answers and healing. Judy is still recovering from back surgery also. Cards can be sent to them at: 5970 S W Santa Fe Lake Rd., Augusta, KS 67010." They were at Dothan and then spent some time at Gulf Shores before returning home last week. The blessing is that they were back home when this happened.

From the Kansas Travelers: "Former members David & Sue Dennett, both have been diagnosed with cancer and are undergoing all the tests, treatments, etc. They too need our prayers. Cards can be sent to them at 1447 Custer Lane, Augusta, KS 67010." We know they will appreciate our prayers.

"A recent report from the Vanderthoff's: They made it home from Texas okay and Earl is undergoing extensive cancer treatments, etc. They also need our prayers! Cards can be sent to them at: P.O. Box 295, Halstead, KS 67056-3309."

We were glad to hear that as far as we know our Kansas people made it out of Texas okay and didn't get stranded in the high water. I'm sure they have stories to share about their winter in Texas.

We're sure there are others that we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers. Don't hesitate to let us know so we can share with our camping friends. Staying in touch is one way to help keep our organization a little stronger. Please pass the above information on to those that might not have received the Care Notes. Sometimes the Care Notes end up in your SPAM file (cyber gremlins) – so check your SPAM folder often. Thanks! Good Health and Safe Travels and we're looking forward to seeing you "down the road"!

Linda Smith, Kansas Care Notes,

E-mail: smithmemos@gmail.com or SMITHGANDL@aol.com

Sunchasers

Senior Adventures with Disney is fast approaching. We start on Sunday May 4th with registration at 3:00 Here is the condensed version of what we are planning.

- Sunday Registration at 3:00 Bring a donation for the Animal Shelter such as a soft toy, small soft blanket or bag of soft treats
Supper - bring a side dish or dessert to go with sandwich bar provided
- Monday Breakfast provided
Lunch on your own
Supper - bring a side dish or dessert to go with hot dogs, chips and buns with all condiments provided
- Tuesday Breakfast - bring something for fruit bowl or bread item, jam, peanut butter
Lunch on your own
Supper - Pizza and salad provided
- Weds Breakfast provided
Lunch on your own
Supper - eat out at local restaurant or for those who like to play Bingo there will be snacks and bingo at the Country Club

Always bring your own table service including cups, napkins and silverware.

We will have coffee, iced tea and water available in the hall.

Activities will include Senior Olympic outdoor games, Card Bingo, Trivia, Princess Colors which is an analysis for women, a Diane Hitchens craft of note hangers, 5 Crowns, Pokeeno which will need \$2 in pennies and \$2 in nickels to play, Movie Night with the movie "I Can Only Imagine" and last but not least a pet parade so be sure to bring outfits for your pets.

For a cost of \$70 you get 4 nights camping, 6 meals, a ton of fun activities and time to spend visiting with friends. What a bargain!! Come join us in Burlington.

Joke:

You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me

Worth Pondering:

I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

Buy/Sell Section:

Snowbird Section:

Put these dates on your calendar

May 2 – 4, 2025 – Kansas Campers Association Spring State – Kelly Park in Burlington, KS – Have fun for the weekend and then (if you can) stay for the next one

May 4 – 8, 2025 – Sunchaser's Spring Campout – Kelly Park in Burlington, KS – come even if you couldn't be there for the state campout

June 13 – 15, 2025 – District I campout – Wolf Creek group COE. 4656 Wolf Creek Parkway on Pomona Lake – let them know you are planning to come for a site

July 20 – 26, 2025 – FCRV 65th International Campvention at the James Ward Ag Center, 945 E Baddour Pkwy in Lebanon, TN – Our region will be hosting the last hospitality so if you can attend, please let us know for planning purposes

August 8 – 10, 2025 – Heartland Regional Campout – York, NE – meet others from our region and have a good time – more details coming

September 26 – 28, 2025 – Kansas Campers Association Fall Campout – Kelly Park, 615 – 3rd St, Burlington, KS – if you can stay for the Retiree's

September 28 – October 2, 2025 – Sunchaser's Retiree Fall Campout - Kelly Park, 615 – 3rd St., Burlington, KS
Early planning. It is for 2026 but put it down so you can plan for it. We want you there.

July 5 – 10, 2026 – FCRV 66th International Campvention – hosted by our Heartland Region – Heron, South Dakota (north of I-90 & Mitchell) – basically straight north on Hwy 81 from KS – SAVE THE DATE



Seated left to right: Karen Renolds, Judy Hine, Pam Failor, Diane Hitchens, Linda Smith, Dianne Buggeln, Becky Andrews
Standing left to right: Emmery Frye, Ronda Frye, Dennis Hein, Vern Failor Steve Hitchens, Bill Buggeln

CAMPING DATES FOR KANSAS – 2025 KS unless shown otherwise
Chapter shows who is hosting – Where = address to help you find the camp site
Contact = phone number for additional information

M	D	To D	CHAPTER	WHERE	CITY	CONTACT
5	2	4	ALL -KCA STATE	Kelly Park – 615 3 rd St	Burlington	620.704.0998
5	4	8	ALL – RETIREES SUNCHASERS	Kelly Park – 615 3 rd St	Burlington	316.655.4296
5	9	11	Campfire Campers	Melvern Outlet COE, 30442 River Pond Parkway,	Melvern	913-909-9978
5	16	18	Mustangs	Perry Peninsula – Rock Creek – B Loop	Perry	785-506-6566
5	16	18	Kansa Travelers	Melvern Lake Outlet Park	Melvern	316-200-1272
5	22	27	Camp-A-Lots	Cheney Smarsh Creek Campground, 16000 NE 50 th	Cheney, 67025-8487	316-721-0651
6	6	8	Kansa Travelers	Kanopolis State Park, Sandstone	Marquette	316-200-1272
6	13	15	Ky-O-Tees	District I – 5260 Pomona Dam Rd	Vassar 66543	316-305-9791
6	13	15	Mustangs	Pomona – Wolf Creek	Pomona	785-506-6566
6	13	15	Campfire Campers	Wolf Creek Group COE, 4656 Wolf Creek Parkway	Quenemo, 66528	913-909-9978
6	16	19	Ky-O-Tees	777 KS Star Drive – 316-777-1143	Mulvane	316-305-9791
6	20	22	Mustangs	Pomona – Outlet Park – sites 9 – 20	Pomona	785-506-6566
6	20	22	Kansa Travelers	Milford State Park, Hickory Hollow	Junction City	316-200-1272
7	3	7	Camp-A-Lots	Marion Reservoir, Cottonwood Point, 2105 Pawnee Rd	Marion	316-721-0651
7	14	16	Campfire Campers	Rock Creek COE, Peninsula Campground, 10419 Perry Lake Rd	Perry, 66073	913-909-9978
7	18	20	Mustangs	Hillsdale State Park – Quail Run – sites 56 – 51	Paola	785-506-6566
7	20	26	Kansa Travelers	FCRV 65 th International Campvention, James Ward Ag Center, 945 E Baddour Pkwy	Lebanon, TN	316-200-1272
7	24	27	Ky-O-Tees	Spring Lake RV Resort – 1308 S Spring Lake Rd	Halstead 67056	316-305-9791

Subject to change but this is the tentative schedule. Each unit please bring a door prize to be given out.



Disney Weekend



WHAT: KCA Spring State

WHEN: May 2, 3 & 4, 2025.

WHERE: Kelley Park, 615 S Third St, Burlington, Kansas 66839

REGISTRATION: \$40.00 for the weekend. Early birds will pay \$10.00 per night at the time of onsite registration to Vern. Campsites have water and electricity (30 and 50 amp). A dump station is onsite.

CAMP (WALKING, BIKING, ETC) WILL BE ON YOUR OWN, PLEASE NOTE YOUR MILES ON SHEET PROVIDED IN THE BUILDING.

FRIDAY: May 2

REGISTRATION: 2 to 4 p.m. or upon arrival after that time

6 p.m. -- Hamburgers, buns, condiments furnished. Please bring a salad or dessert. Please bring your own table service. Drinks provided.

7:30 p.m. -- Card bingo (4 nickels, 3 dimes, 6 quarters) There will be change on site if needed.

Hospitality using desserts from the hamburger meal.

SATURDAY: May 3

8 to 9:30 a.m. -- Breakfast by the Kansas Travelers celebrating their 60 year anniversary

10:00 a.m. -- Go to Leroy to the Greenhouse.

Lunch on your own.

1:30 p.m. -- Economic Development information

Directly following the above we will have a short membership meeting.

5:30 p.m. -- Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad and garlic bread. Ice cream sundaes for dessert. Please bring Your own table service.

7 p.m. -- Movie "Lady and the Tramp". Refreshments provided.

SUNDAY: May 4

8:30 a.m. -- Rolls, coffee and juice.

9:00 a.m. -- Church

Directly after church: Camping further out. Please make sure to let Ivalee know of anyone you are aware of that is deceased.

Enjoy free time playing games, visiting or relaxation. Please bring books and puzzles for exchange.

REGISTRATION FORM: KCA Spring State "Disney" May 2-4, 2025

Please make checks payable to KCA and mail to Vern Failor, 5201 SW 27th Street, Topeka, KS 66614

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

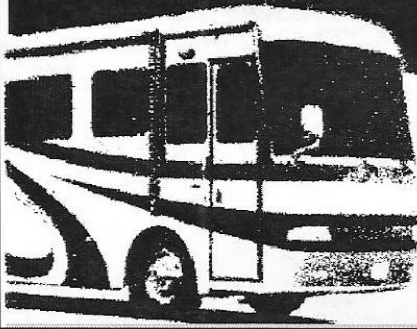
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FUN – FELLOWSHIP – FAMILY - FRIENDS

FCRV District One Campout - June 13-15, 2025 at Wolf Creek Group Site Pomona Lake, Pomona, KS

We invite you to come camp with us for a relaxing and fun filled weekend!

We have 23 sites available at the Group Site (All sites have 30/50 amp electricity and water hookup.) We suggest you make your reservation early.**

**Pre-Registration/Camping Fee \$25 for the weekend
(non-refundable unless campout is cancelled).**

**** (If we reach capacity, campers can camp in Areas A, C or D – these details will be worked out with any campers in that group well in advance of the campout.)**

The Activity Fee of \$10.00 per family will be collected on arrival, includes both campers and drive-ins, to help defray campout expenses. We'd like for each family to bring a door prize.

Be watching for more details about activities, meals, games, etc.. We invite you to bring along friends and family that like to camp.

Pre-Registration \$25.00 Make checks payable and mail to: Henry Dreier, P.O. Box 148, Harveyville, KS 66431. On the Memo line write FCRV District One Campout.

Date _____ Name _____
Address _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____ Amount enclosed _____
Special Needs _____ Number of Adults _____ Youth _____ Teens _____

Several have expressed an interest in coming in on Thursday night, June 12th. The fee for that night will be \$15.00 payable at campout: We are planning to come in on Thursday night ____ Yes ____ No.

WANT TO BE A KCA MEMBER?

This publication is published by the Kansas Campers Association (KCA). We are a group of campers from across the state of Kansas that love to camp. KCA is the state of Kansas organization that is a part of FCRV (Family Campers and RVers. Listed in this publication are upcoming camping events across the state of Kansas. Come and join us, or feel free to give any of the officers on the front page a call for more information. To be a member you must be a part of FCRV at \$35 per year and then you may join KCA for \$10. If there is a local club that you would like to be a part of they generally have a membership fee of \$5 per person.

We have two state meets a year and most of the clubs camp one or two weeks a month. Look to www.ferv.org for information on national organization. See application below for KCA.

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Vern Failor

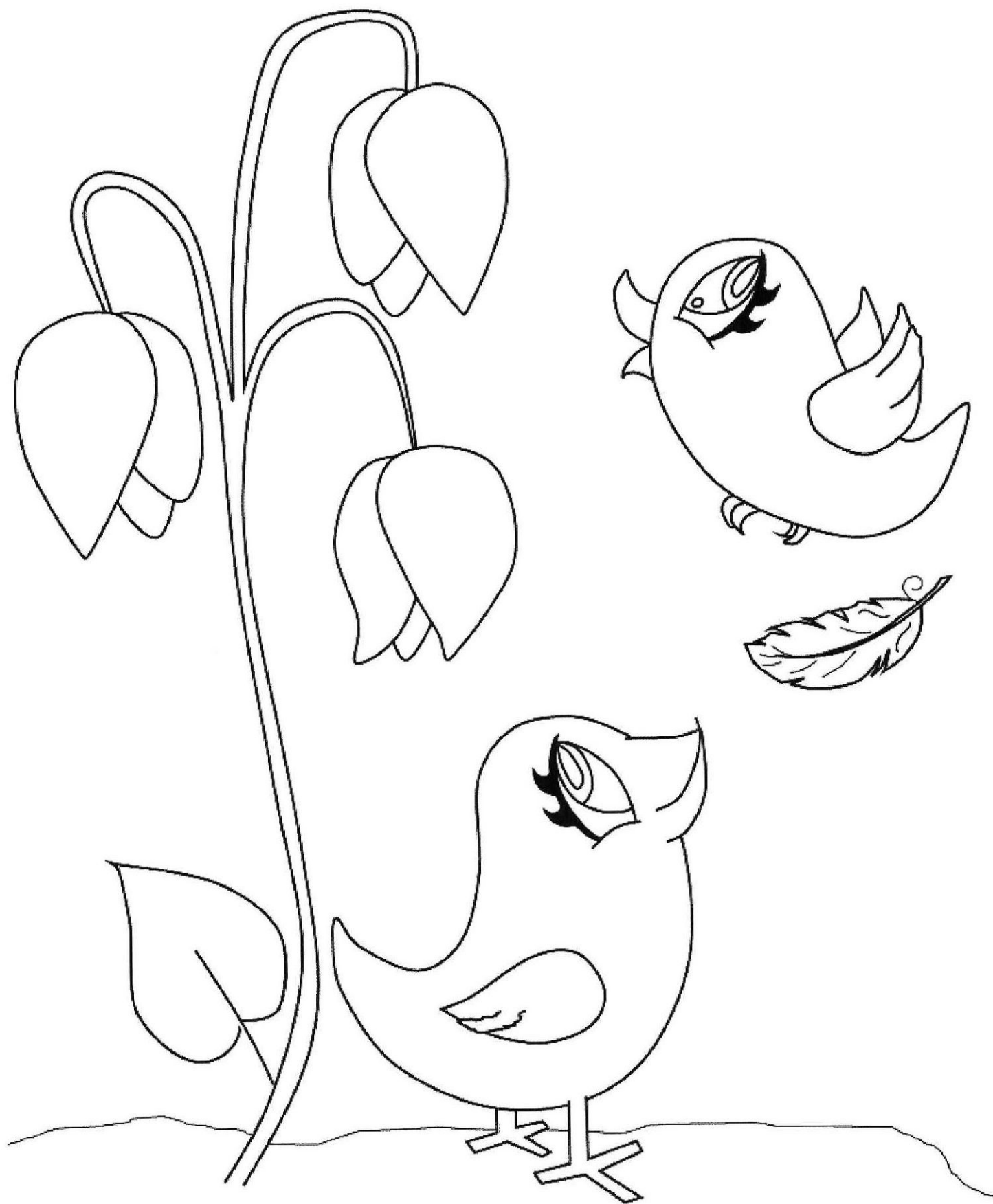
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