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



PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN

For the garden of your daily living.

(This advice was from Sharon Shaneyfelt's Preacher Uncle.
It was given to him by his mother (Sharon's Grandmother)
When he was studying for the ministry.



Plant three rows of **PEAS**

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of **SQUASH**

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. **Squash selfishness**



Plant four rows of **LETTUCE**

1. **Lettuce be faithful**
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another.

No garden is complete without **TURNIPS**

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another.



To conclude our garden, we must have **THYME**

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with **PATIENCE** and cultivate with **LOVE**.
There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow!

Pass it on...



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

What a wonderful spring campout at Cornerstone Campground! Well, the weather was not wonderful, but everything else was. I want to say Thank You to Harlan and Lori for hosting the campout, they did a wonderful job.

The benches that were donated to Cornerstone in memory of their spouses were beautiful and the memorial dedication was really nice. Thanks again and great job, Harlan & Lori.

It may be 2 1/2 months at Campvention before we see some of you again. Ed and I are planning on crashing the Fireflies/Coffee Pots campout at White River in May on that Saturday, so we will see some of you then.

I want to thank everyone that brought items for the Indiana Door prize basket for Campvention. Whoever wins our basket will be excited with all the nice items. I can always count on my members!

Staying on the Campvention, Tuesday evening we will be hosting the Indiana hospitality table. We will be serving popcorn. We have popcorn bags that were donated from Rural King and I believe I have all the other ingredients. Brad and Stacey Davis have an extra popcorn popper that they are going to bring so we keep Indiana Popping! There's more than corn in Indiana! If you have a Blue Indiana shirt to wear that evening, that would be nice. We will take turns manning the table so we can all visit the other hospitality booths.

Saturday (following Campvention) the Great Lakes Regional will be held for 1 day/night. Many of us Great Lakes Region directors are busy with hosting the Campvention, so it was decided to skip a full Regional this year. Instead, our members can stay and visit for the day/evening. There is a \$20 fee for that extra evening of camping, but it will be worth it to end our week relaxing with our Great Lakes friends. Connie Black (Great Lakes Region Director) is researching about a catered meal that evening for all of us.

The Indiana Summer Campout will be at Friends

(See STATE DIRECTOR, Continued on page 4)



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

I would like to say Thanks for a great weekend of camping. Harlen and Lori you did a wonderful job for your first time hosting. It was also great in getting to see everyone again.

I will see most of you in Lebanon Tennessee in July. Don't forget the Regional campout will be on the last Saturday of the Campvention.

The Summer campout is at Friends O' Mine Campground in August. If you don't have a reservation yet call and make one. The Happy Glampers are planning a fun filled weekend.

The Trustees invite everyone to come to Shipshewana North campground for the Fall Invitational. The theme will be "Shipwrecked in Shipshewana." We will have hospitality Friday evening, and a pitch-in Saturday night with pork chops being provided for the meat. It is also where you will get to see the new trustees get sworn in. The only change of the current board will be Mike Rausch coming on board as southern rep.

We are in need of bids for next years schedule; it is not that hard to host just find grounds and everyone will help.

Until next time.

Ed Shaneyfelt



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Ronald McDonald House
And Riley Hospital
Collections Coordinator
C.A.M.P. Lady
Patti Thieme

Hi there all,
I would like to start out by thanking Harlen and Lori for putting on a great camp out, even though the weather did not cooperate.

Now on to the news. We had 13 walkers and 3 dogs on the camp walk Saturday.

I would like to thank everyone who brought the pop tabs. Remember to keep saving the tabs for the Ronald MacDonald House at Riley Hospital.

So, since we are talking about Riley, I would like to remind you that if you would like to donate any school supplies or toys to Riley you can bring to me any time.

Well, we will see you around a camp fire soon!

Patti Thieme

STATE DIRECTOR (Continued from page 2)

O' Mine Campground in Nashville, Indiana on August 22-24. Make sure you get your reservation in for that campout (see phone number on the last page of this Chatter).

Then October 1-3 is the **Indiana Retiree Rally** at Shipshewana North Campground. I'm sure the retirees are planning a good time.

The **Indiana Fall Invitational** will be Friday, October 3 through Sunday the 5th. The trustees decided on a theme, which is "Shipwrecked in Shipshewana". The schedule is being planned and the trustees have many great ideas for the weekend. Make sure to get your reservation in for that. The campground is not very big and I know we will have quite a few Michigan members joining us. Call today, the number is listed on the back page of this issue.

I want to welcome Gary & Eva Coleman and Rex & Janie Hackett. It was great to meet you all and I look forward to seeing you all again. Please reach out to me if you have any questions with anything! We are so excited for you to join us.

What a great start to our 2025 Camping Season! Safe travels to everyone and we'll see each other again soon.

Angie Shaneyfelt



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Harlan Nigh
FCRV Indiana State Chaplain

Hello Camp Family,

The Spring Campout is in the books. I thought it was a great turnout. 18 units, 3 drive-ins, (Ed & Angie could correct me).

I appreciated the opportunity to host our first event. Thank you Lori for helping me stay focused and on schedule. I have a new found respect for my fellow members who do this on a regular basis.

May is now coming upon us, warmer weather, so that means Summer is just around the corner. Pools will be opening. Let's continue to make this one of the best seasons we've ever had.

Let the race begin, remember our love ones and Veterans who fought for our freedom.

Until we share another campfire, God Bless Y'all

Harlan Nigh



SPRING CAMPOUT MEMORIES



THANK YOU to Harlan and Lori Nigh for hosting the Indiana FCRV Spring Campout at Cornerstone Campground in New Castle. The cold weather couldn't put a damper on the blessings of getting together again after a loooooong winter! The opportunity was made to dedicate benches that Harlan and Lori had made for their late spouses. Thanks also to Marcy McIntosh from Michigan for providing a fun painting craft. Of course, food is never limited at our campouts!



(Above)
Christina is proof
that there are ways
of countering the
cold!



Thanks to Scott Semper
for taking the photos at this campout!

Medical safety when traveling

DASAT Thoughts from Marilyn Rausch

One of the greatest joys of camping is being able to get away from the humdrum of everyday life. We can leave many worries behind and relax with family and friends in a relatively carefree respite. However, there is one thing that we cannot leave behind: ourself!

If a medical emergency happens, either through an injury or accident, a newly contracted illness, or an exacerbation of an underlying medical condition, we may find ourselves in a medical facility that is unfamiliar to us and who has no idea of who we are. Having updated, essential information readily available, especially when we might not be able to communicate for ourselves, can be lifesaving.

In the past we were advised to keep such information in an empty medication container in our refrigerator. That is still a good idea. It should also be behind your driver's license and could also be carried on your phone in a digital record.

What information is important?

- **MEDICATIONS AND PRESCRIPTIONS:** All prescription and over-the-counter medications that you take regularly, including doses, frequency, special instructions, and reasons for each medication (some meds are used for different conditions).

These medication records should be kept up-to-date. Edit the list whenever there is a change in medication made by your health professional. Review and date the list at least once a year so it is noted to be current and correct.

- **HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION:** Carry your insurance card and claim forms.
- **VACCINATION RECORDS:** Immunization records are more important now than ever, since so many vaccines are now available.
- **MEDICAL HISTORY SUMMARY:** Essential information includes Allergies, chronic health conditions, previous surgeries and adverse reactions to medical procedures (including anesthesia).

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:** You may be travelling with your primary health contact, so you need to list someone who is not currently with you. Include the contact information for your physician or other primary medical professional.

Other considerations when travelling:

- **FIRST AID KIT:** Pack a well-stocked first aid kit with essentials like bandages, antiseptic wipes, over-the-counter meds (pain relievers, allergy meds, topical antiseptic cream and steroid creams for itches and irritations.) Review and update every year.
- **PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS:** Ensure enough prescription medications to last your trip plus several days extra in case of delays. Keep copies of essential prescriptions in your wallet in case of emergency need. If you carry extra medication in your unit, regularly refresh your supply so the medication doesn't expire.
- **OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS:** Common OTC medications include antidiarrheals, anti-motions sickness meds, pain relievers.
- **MEDICAL ALERT IDENTIFICATION:** If you have a medical condition or allergy that may need to be recognized early (diabetes, allergies, heart conditions, etc.), consider a medical bracelet or at least a medical ID card in a prominent place in your wallet.

If traveling out of the country:

- **LOCAL REGULATIONS:** Be aware that some medications that are legal in the United States may not be legal in other countries.
- **TRAVEL HEALTH INFORMATION:** If you are travelling internationally, check first with the CDC website or the World Health Organization website to ascertain the current health recommendations for the area in which you will be travelling.
- **DIGITAL COPIES:** Store important health documents as digital copies securely on your phone or in an internet cloud service.



A summary form that can be copied and carried is on the next page.

This form can be copied.

MEDICAL INFORMATION SUMMARY

NAME _____

BIRTH DATE _____

ALLERGIES _____

CURRENT MEDICATIONS:

NAME	DOSE	SCHEDULE	REASON

MEDICAL HISTORY
CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS

SIGNIFICANT SURGERIES

VACCINATIONS (include dates)

PRIMARY PHYSICIAN (and phone number:)

SPECIALTY PHYSICIAN (and phone number)

EMERGENCY CONTACTS (and phone numbers)



Rest in Peace

THELMA STANDIFORD

October 1, 1939-April 24, 2025

Thelma A. Standiford, 85, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born on October 1, 1939, in Tipton County, Indiana, to the late James W. Weismiller and Clara A. (Beck) Weismiller.

Thelma was united in marriage to Ronald W. Standiford on January 27, 1962 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tipton, Indiana and he survives.

She was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. She was a former member of St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen during her tenure as a teacher at Wyneken Lutheran School.

Thelma graduated from Concordia Teacher's College, River Forest, Illinois, where she received her teaching degree. Following the completion of her studies, she became a Lutheran School Teacher. Her first teaching assignment was at Trinity Lutheran School in Fort Wayne where she stayed for several years before moving to St. Paul Lutheran School-Preble. It was during this time at St. Paul, that the school merged with Zion-Friedheim and St. John-Bingen to form what today is known as Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. She was a teacher at Wyneken for many years, where she taught Second Grade for almost her entire career. After her retirement, she returned to Wyneken and assisted for several years as a teacher's aide.

During her summers away from teaching, the family spent quality time camping at West Otter Lake. Thelma and Ron spent a great deal of time traveling and camping throughout the United States whenever they had the opportunity. Upon their retirement, it was not unusual for them to leave for months before returning and being able to tell their family of the many locations they had visited.

In her spare time, she enjoyed creating ceramic artwork which became a small side business of sorts. Some of her ceramic creations would be sought after as Christmas gifts in addition to her Hallmark Christmas Ornaments that she collected.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald W. Standiford of Fort Wayne, Indiana; son, Gary W. (Lisa) Standiford of Fort Wayne, Indiana; granddaughter, Kristin (fiancé Ben Lowe) Standiford of Hammond, Indiana; and sister-in-law, Linda Weismiller of Tipton, Indiana.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brothers, Paul F. and Harold W. Weismiller; and sister, Violet (Dale) Hensley.

Funeral services for Thelma will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025, at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, with a burial service to follow at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Family and friends will be received from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur and from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Monday prior to the service at the church.

Preferred memorials can be given to Concordia Lutheran Church or Wyneken Lutheran School.

Condolences can be sent to

Ron Standiford - Room 209
Heritage Park
2001 Hobson Road
Fort Wayne IN 46805

Gary Standiford
1636 Inwood Drive
Fort Wane IN 46815

IN LOVING MEMORY

Recipes worth Sharing

APPLE SLAW

INGREDIENTS:

DRESSING:

- 3/4 c Greek yogurt (or sour cream)
- 1/4 c mayonnaise
- 1/4 c honey
- 2 TBSP apple cider vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

SLAW

- 6-7 cups shredded cabbage
- 1.5 cups matchstick carrots
- 1/2 c sliced green onions
- 3/4 c sliced almonds or chopped walnuts
- 3/4 c dried cranberries
- 3/4 c crumbled feta, blue, or shredded cheddar



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In small bowl, whisk together dressing ingredients.
2. Toss together slaw ingredients in large bowl.
3. Pour dressing over cabbage mixture, toss to evenly coat.



LEMON REFRIGERATOR CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large angel food cake (prepared)
- 2 c milk
- 11 oz lemon curd
- 1 package instant lemon pudding mix
- 12 oz vanilla or lemon Greek yogurt
- 2 12-oz tubs Cool Whip, thawed

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut angel food cake into small cubes, spreading them into an even layer in a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together pudding mix and cold milk, then fold in Greek yogurt until smooth.
3. Drizzle lemon curd on top of cake cubes.
4. Pour pudding mixture over lemon curd and spread gently into an even layer.
5. Use a spatula to spread whipped topping over pudding layer.
6. Cover tightly and place in refrigerator. Set for a minimum of 3 hours to overnight before serving.

RECIPES WORTH SHARING COOKBOOK

A cookbook is available online that includes recipes published in the HOOSIER CHATTER from 2020 through 2024.

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

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

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

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Community Campfire with S'mores..... 7:00 pm

SATURDAY

Camp Walk 7:00 am

Fishing Tournament 10 am till noon

(Kids and adults)

(Prizes will be awarded)

Indiana DNR K9 presentation..... 2:00 pm

Pitch-in Dinner..... 4:00 pm

Walking tacos

Bring 1 side and one dessert

Movie (RV) in the game room..... 7:00 pm

Popcorn and Water provided

Free time for playing cards or board games.

Euchre

(You may take a chance of playing with a blind person!)

OTHER THINGS TO DO

Brown County Winery (across the road)

Bear Hollow Distillery (right around the corner)

Brown County State Park (less than 2 miles away)

Shopping in Nashville

So we can have enough food
For the taco meal

PLEASE RSVP

To us by email

alll2stock@aol.com

Please email any questions to John Stock at alll2stock@aol.com



Fireflies and Coffee Pots 2025 Camping Schedule

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 Charlestown	

Happy Glampers 2024 Camping Schedule

Happy Glampers 2025 Camping Schedule

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. 11-14, 2025	Mississinewa SRA	Peru, in
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 John or Rose Stock (alll2stock@aol.com)

From Melvin Coy: **The Weak n Ders Retiree Chapter** are planning a meeting May 17 at 2:00 PM at White River Campground, Cicero. This is the same weekend as the Coffee Pot Campers Campout.

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

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).

	<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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Indiana State Events

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 Campvention "Spirit of Friendship"

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



YOUR CHAIR AWAITS

Your Chair Awaits #2 - 9-1-23



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