# CAMPING TODAY®



**December 2020** 





Christmas Tree from Colorado delivered to U.S. Capital.....Page 21

**Golf Cart Information...Page 12** 

**Christmas Shopping Ideas...Page 19** 



# CONTENTS

Changes to FCRV Website Editor	page 4
Best States for Waste Management	page 20

DEPARTMENT	
From the President	3
Retiree Rally	5
Campvention	9
D.A.S.A.T	15
FCRV Activities	. 16
Farewells	27
Upcoming Events	30

Please forward address changes to
FCRV Headquarters, 4804 Transit Rd., Bldg. 2,
Depew, NY 14043 — (716)668-6242
FCRV Webpage Address: www.fcrv.org
Office email: fcrvnat@verizon.net

All articles/information for Camping Today should be sent to DeWayne Johnston & Vickie Roop by the first of the month prior to publication.

#### NATIONAL OFFICERS

President: Gerry Phirsch

VP of Operations: Sue Fromholzer VP of Programs: Lorne Douglas VP of Planning & Development

Matt Mantia

Corresponding. & Recording Officer:

**Beth Standiford** 

Comptroller: Jan Cushing Past President: Shari Weber

#### **CAMPING TODAY STAFF**

#### **Editors:**

DeWayne & June Johnston 126 Hermitage RD., Butler, PA 16001

d\_Johnston01@outlook.com

#### **Graphic Design/Layout:**

Vickie Roop

campingtodayvr@gmail.com

PLEASE SEND ARTICLES TO VICKIE, TOO.

Camping Today is a publication of the non-profit National Campers & Hikers Association, doing business as Family Campers & RVers (FCRV). Issue frequency is 12 (monthly) on line at <a href="www.fcrv.org/news/camping">www.fcrv.org/news/camping</a> today. Publisher is Family Campers & RVers, 4904 Transit Rd. Bldg. 2, Depew, New York 14043-4906. Office Manager - Pat Wittmeyer 716-668-6242, <a href="fcrvnat@verizon.net">fcrvnat@verizon.net</a>. Editor - DeWayne Johnston, 126 Hermitage Rd., Butler, PA 16001-0720, 724-283-7401 <a href="mailto:doi:no



# From the President - Gerry Pfirsch



Well when you read this, we will be past Thanksgiving! We will be on the fast track to Christmas and the New Year celebrations! One of the most Joyous times of the year for Family. I hope and Pray that you have fallowed the <u>CDC Guidelines</u> for your gatherings. I hope and pray

that you continue to adhere to the guidelines for gatherings no matter what your Political beliefs may be. I am saying this because COVID-19 has hit within my family! I have 2 of my daughters, in Montana where COVID is running ramped with little to no control as people refuse to wear masks, and many refuses to believe that it is more than the FLU! Both contracted at work it appears and they also did not think that they could get sick. Yes, I may be over concerned regarding COVID-19 but I plan to do what is necessary to keep myself as safe as possible. This means social distancing, hand washing, and yes WEARING A MASK.

I say this to now lead into something that we as FCRV Members should have an Advantage over the public. That is, we have our DASAT Program! This is the time that our DASAT leaders should be researching the latest info and FACTS that are presented by the CDC and yes, The World Health Origination. They should be keeping our members apprised of best, safest, and sane course of action. We need to stay anchored in fact not whims and denial. I implore all of you to pleas be willing to protect your wellbeing. If for no other reason than 85% plus of our members are in the AT RISK CATIGORY and yes this includes me. This was a realization when my daughter reminded me early on in this pandemic. She did not want me to risk my health and well being and is the one having a very rough go of the virus.

So, if you are a DASAT representative for FCRV, weather National, your state, or your Chapter it is time to do a little research and help guide our members through this health crisis with facts and knowledge. This is a time for your position to pay off to our members. Your time to lead us on a path of success. I say all of this to ask our members to

sacrifice this Holiday Season and help break the chain of events that fuel this COVID Virus and allow us to bring down the numbers of infections here in the United States.

Many ask what we have at stake, well a couple of things that come to mind is The Retiree Rally, Campvention 2021 both come to mind as does the health of ourselves and fellow members. If we, FCRV, do not hold The Retiree Rally and Campvention we cut off two for the major sources of income that we as an Organization have. Having said this, we had to cancel both rallies in 2020 so we effectively had little to no income in 2020. We did keep the office functioning as you all know. We have ongoing expenses that are ongoing that do not stop just because things are required to so be on a lockdown. There are things like lights, heat air conditioning, websites etc., all must function to keep the doors open so to say. Our office employees have done a wonderful job keeping the office functioning from home and now on a rotating schedule to allow them to get their work completed after we were able to open the office doors in New York State after the closure was lifted.

I would also ask that if you have the means to help a family in need now is a time that those of us that have extra could help to see that a family received a Holiday blessing in the form of donating a family a meal or seeing that a family in need gets something under the tree at Christmas. Each year I have continued to donate a meal to a family often time through the local police department of local social organization. For those that are in need it is often a blessing that they will be thankful for the year to come. This was a tradition that started when I lived in Frederic Colorado and my Chapter made a decision to donate a number of meals to families and I helped the PD deliver them. One family when I dropped the pre made meal off commented that this was such a wonderful blessing as they had no idea or funds to have a holiday meal for their children and had no idea where the next meal was going to come from. This has been that one guiding holiday thing for me that I continue to do and brighten my holiday each year.

A reminder that if you register for Campvention by December 31, 2020 you can receive a \$30.00 discount so save a few dollars and get registered now and I will see you at campvention in Elkhorn, Wisconsin! We will sit down and visit around the campfire! Most of all stay in touch with your chapter keep each other in your prayers. Call your friends pray for their well being keeping them in your thoughts.

In the coming months you will be seeing articles from the Trustees as a way of you getting to know them and get a feel for their views. I hope this will give you a better understanding of their ideas and style of leadership. We are here serving the greater good of FCRV and you. We thank you for the opportunity to serve.

In closing I ask you to consider not gathering for the holidays this year, keep your holidays to your household only and help break the back of COVID-19 and lower the infection rate. A little sacrifice now will give our health workers the help they need and will allow us to gather in the summer. We have hope on the horizon with a vaccine on the way, but it is not here yet. Some of us will not see it until later in 2021 but it is on the way. Keep up your guard, stay safe and hang in there as the Calvary is on the way! There is hope on the horizon.

Until we gather around the next camp fire stay safe and well!

#### Gerry Pfirsch

Your President



#### **ATTENTION CHANGES**

Carl at the National Office has taken over the website. Vickie will no longer be taking care of it. Please send any items/changes for the website to <a href="fcrvoffice@gmail.com">fcrvoffice@gmail.com</a>

Vickie and DeWayne will still be doing the Camping Today. Send items to Vickie at <a href="mailto:campingtodayvr@gmail.com">campingtodayvr@gmail.com</a> and DeWayne at <a href="mailto:double.com">d Johnston01@outlook.com</a>

Thanks for cooperating



#### ARE YOU GOING TO THE RETIREE RALLY?

The time is fast approaching for all FCRV members who plan on attending the 2012 Retiree Rally in Mineola, Tx to make a decision. If you plan to attend the rally please send an EMAIL to <a href="mailto:pramlow@aol.com">pramlow@aol.com</a> Attn SURVEY. Yes I plan to attend the rally. This is a SURVEY for planning purposes only.

By Bill & Penny Ramlow



#### **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY

MINEOLA CIVIC CENTER

1150 NORTH NEWSOM STREET

MINEOLA, TEXAS 75773

Registrations are NEEDED to complete plans for Mineola. If the rally has to be canceled like this year's, <u>your complete registration fee will be returned to you</u>. Please register for Mineola! Thank you

#### 'THE WORD' FROM OUR FCRV RETIREE DIRECTORS

by Ron & Reba Ray

Hello Retirees,

International Retiree Rally for 2021 is only 4 months away. We are gearing up for the rally. We are optimistic about it coming about by spring. From the news today, it seems that we are in for a rough winter as far as Covid-19 goes, but we can only hope that the spring will bring a new life on the situation.

So let's get those reservations sent in to make the rally happen.

If your State or Province would like to run a King and Queen for the event, then please get your information in to Ron & Jo Hersom.

We urge a lot of new people to attend the rally. Get involved and get to know more of our Family Campers. We offer meals, entertainment, ice cream social and much more. Remember the three F's; Food, Fun, and Fellowship. This could be a motto of our Retiree Rally.

Enjoy your holidays and give the 2021 International Retiree Rally a lot of thought.

See you in March!!



### FCRV INTERNATIONAL KING & QUEEN CANDIDATES



We are hoping for an actual Retiree Rally at Mineola, TX next year. Think positively. We need to plan as if it will happen. That being said, couples who are King & Queen of their state or province should consider now if they would like to compete for International King & Queen at the Retiree Rally in March 2021.

First, you don't need to be selected by a separate retiree chapter – it can be just your province or state organization that selects you.

Next, contact us for an application form and information about conducting your campaign. Prepare a writeup about yourselves that we can use to introduce you to the attendees at the Rally. We need all applications by the end of January.

Next, prepare a bio (300 words or less) to publish in Camping Today, (a picture to DeWayne Johnston would be good). D johnston01@outlook.com (need an underline sign " "between D and j). You can send it any time.

Then decide on campaign handouts & plan your hospitality at the Rally.

You get to meet many new people and make new friends. Other friends will help you prepare for your Hospitality (yum-yum).

The couple selected as K & O are expected to represent FCRV for the year and attend the next Retiree Rally to pass on the crowns to the next K & Q.

Enjoy your selves, have fun, and be part of the FCRV Retiree Rally. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Ronald & Jo Hersom, King & Queen Coordinators

winter---400 E 18<sup>th</sup> St. Site 9

905 Henry Dr., Marshalltown, IA 50158

when many hands make easier work.

Weslaco, TA 78596

the

641-750-2774 (cell)

rj50158@aol.com

#### GAMES IN MINEOLA

Craig and Shari Weber

Craig & Shari Weber have volunteered to take care of games ly in Mineola TX in March. The Cushings, Chairmen of the ral-Rally Rays, Retiree Directors have asked for volunteers to help with games, possiand bly having someone take one game. If you are still interested in taking one of the games, we will gladly accept your help. Just let us know what you want to do by emailing fcrvnd@yahoo.com. As always there is more fun

#### FCRV RETIREE RALLY VARIETY SHOW

by George Walters

As always, we are looking forward to new talent. If you can sing, play an instrument, tell a funny (clean!) story, please consider sharing our talent with your fellow campers

So let's get busy, find a new song, dust off that instrument, and join us for a night of fun! If you can, bring a cd for your background vocals or to play your instrument to a track. Lawrence Phillips does a great job putting the sound together, so don't forget to get your CD ready! Sign up at the registration area!

Camping Today 6 December 2020



#### FLEA MARKET VENDORS WANTED

or as

March is just around the corner. It's time to consider preparing for the annual Retirees Flea Market. Bring crafts you have created or white elephant items you have on hand. Join us with your items to sell or come look around for some great buys. Vendor spaces are free!



#### RETIREE CHOIR



by Kip Cushing, Retiree Rally Choir Director

It is that time again to remind all those interested to sign up for the choir at the Retiree Rally. I hope to make it a joyous and uplifting musical experience. If you are a piano player and would like to get involved, be sure you let me know.

I would also like to take the choir members to a new level and become Minstrels for the talent show. Some of you may be familiar with the "New Christy Minstrels" or the old "Hootenanny Show" where the groups showcased many popular Folk music songs. If we could find us a guitar player or two and maybe a banjo player, not to mention a fiddle player, we could light up that stage with more fun music. Because of the many activities at the rally, I'm not sure when we can practice; so if you are interested in this Folk music type of singing, try to let me know. I have some music and could try and get some to you beforehand.

I'm not sure how many songs George will let us sing, but if we get them involved, maybe we could get the stage longer? Eh? And then if we get the audience to help us sing the chorus, and well, if we get them clapping to keep the beat, who knows what can happen! I think we could stir up some real good feelings and memories.

If you just want to get in on the Folk music group, I better have a signup sheet for that as well. If you have favorite folk songs that you'd like to suggest we sing, get them to me as well. A Pete Seeger song "Get Up and Go" or Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind" comes to mind, there are many, many more. I'll love to hear from you if this sounds like an interesting endeavor. You can contact me at <a href="mailto:kcushing@wi.rr.com">kcushing@wi.rr.com</a>.

Peace and Goodwill to all.....



#### FOOD BANK & LAP ROBES



by Ashley & Gloria Taylor, Food Bank/Lap robes Chairs

We are coming to you asking for aid and support of the local food bank in Mineola, Texas in March, 2021. It would help them to be able to purchase more food with cash, but we will take all gifts. Our FCRV family has always had an open heart to give to the area where we enjoy your rallies.

Are you sewing, knitting, or crocheting? We are also asking for lap robes. We've been sharing lap robes with local nursing home/hospitals for several years at the Retiree Rally. We look forward to receiving many this year in Mineola. Your efforts are so appreciated.

Camping Today 7 December 2020



# ATHENS, TEXAS 'BLACK-EYED PEA CAPITAL' HOME OF THE HAMBURGER

by Barb Turner, PR Chair

Intrigued? About 50 miles from Mineola, Texas, site of the 50<sup>th</sup> FCRV International Retiree Rally to be held in March, 2021, is the city of Athens. As noted in the title, Athens is known as the 'Black-Eyed Pea Capital' and is the official Home of the Hamburger!

According to the article "Black-Eyed Peas: An Athens Original", update in The County Line Magazine on Feb 27, 2020, "Everyone knows the tradition that eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day brings good luck, but few may know that they originated in Athens. As the story goes, in 1909 an Athens businessman named J.B. Henry sought a way to help farmers rid the area's legume crops of weevils by drying them in ovens. Next came the discovery that what was considered livestock feed also appealed to human tastes. Henry was soon dubbed the 'Black-Eyed Pea King of East Texas. News traveled fast and before too long, Athens was busily supplying black-



eyed peas far beyond East Texas. Canning plants opened in the 1930s and '40s to meet the demand. By the 1970s, Athens had gained the title of 'Black-Eyed Pea Capital of the World.' The city hosted a pea festival that continued for many years until demand and production lessened. Area farmers and backyard gardeners still grow the peas and Athenians (and millions of others) still pass the bowl of yummy vegetables at mealtimes — all efforts that harken back to the humble legume's glory years in Athens."

Official 'Home of the Hamburger'? Anthens history claims that a man known as Uncle Fletcher Davis created the first hamburger in the late 1880's at a small café on the town square. Who knew?

Athens was established in 1850 as the county seat and was officially incorporated in 1902. "Athens was named by a step-daughter of one of the founding fathers, Dullcette Averiette, who had a vision that Athens would become the cultural center of the county and named Athens in honor of Athens, Greece."



With this intriguing history, what attractions await you in Athens?

First, the **Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center** (5550 FM2495, Athens) combines outdoor education with a production fish hatchery. The center houses a

hatchery, laboratory, aquarium, and education center focusing on underwater wildlife in the state's freshwater streams, ponds and lakes. It serves as home base for the ShareLunker program, which invites anglers to donate trophy-sized largemouth bass for research and breeding purposes. Take a virtual tour by visiting this link - <a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/visit/virtualtour/">https://tpwd.texas.gov/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/visit/virtualtour/</a>

The **East Texas Arboretum**, 1601 Patterson Rd, Athens, comprises 100 acres of natural East Texas with nearly 2 miles of trails through the woodlands. "Camouflaged frogs, insects, and even deer often scurry away as you pass. Make your way along winding, spring-fed streams connected by a 115-foot suspension bridge." Visit the Wofford House Museum on the grounds. The house is the oldest home in Henderson County being built in 1850. It was moved to the arboretum and is now restored and fully furnished, complete with culinary and medicinal gardens. Experience early East Texas when you visit the museum.



Camping Today 8 December 2020

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\_Review-g30193-d3361441-Reviews-East\_Texas\_Arboretum-Athens Texas.html

The area is apparently conducive to the growing of grapes. Check out <a href="https://www.yelp.com/search?">https://www.yelp.com/search?</a> <a href="mailto:cflt=wineries&find\_loc=Athens%2C+TX">cflt=wineries&find\_loc=Athens%2C+TX</a> which lists the 10 best wineries in Athens. Check them out and plan your visit.

Do craft breweries interest you? Be sure to visit the Athens Brewing Co. in the heart of downtown Athens at 01 E Tyler St., in an old historic building on the town square. The info says they have 8 brews on-tap. <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/">https://www.tripadvisor.com/</a>
<a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/">Attraction\_Review-g30193-d10587482-Reviews-Athens\_Brewing\_Co-Athens\_Texas.html">https://www.tripadvisor.com/</a>

Add Athens to your 'to-do' list when you are East Texas for the 50<sup>th</sup> Retiree Rally in March. Visit the attractions listed above, or just wander downtown historic Athens. Hopefully, we'll see you in March in Texas!

#### Photo credits.....

Athens sign - By Hot Furnace - Own work, CC BY-SA 4.0, <a href="https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=62034446">https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=62034446</a>
Black-eyed peas - The County Line Magazine - Black-Eyed Peas: An Athens Original Dec 21, 2016 Updated Feb 27, 2020
Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center - <a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/visit/">https://tpwd.texas.gov/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/visit/</a>
Wofford House Museum - <a href="https://www.easttexasarboretum.org/wofford-house.html">https://www.easttexasarboretum.org/wofford-house.html</a>
Athens Brewery - <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g30193-Activities-Athens\_Texas.html">https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g30193-Activities-Athens\_Texas.html</a>



#### 61st INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION

FAMILY CAMPERS & Rver's

"WANDER WISCONSIN"

Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St.

Elkhorn, WI 53121

Campvention Days: July 11-16, 2021 fees cover (6 nights)



#### WANDER WISCONSIN

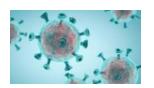
By, Shari Weber , Chairperson

The Wander Wisconsin team still hard at work planning lots of fun and fellowship during our campvention from July 11 - 16, 2021 with departure on Saturday, July 17. The  $61^{st}$  annual campvention is at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn WI. Team members have additional articles in this and previous "Camping Today" to give you information about the campvention, Elkhorn, and Wisconsin. We believe all this information will help make your trip to Wisconsin more enjoyable.

Camping Today 9 December 2020

Remember, the team decided to offer a \$30 discount on the registration fees if you register **BEFORE DE-CEMBER 31, 2020**. You have 30 days to save \$30! Don't miss out. Registration forms are at the end of "Camping Today" and on the website, ferv.org. In fact on the website you can opt to use your credit card for a small additional fee.

As you see from an article from Jack, we are doing everything we can to plan for and hold this campvention in Elkhorn. However, it is also being planned with an eye toward the Covid 19 pandemic and the necessary precautions. If we must cancel campvention due to Covid your ENTIRE registration fee will be returned. As we plan this campvention we are looking for new ways to do things and at possibly new things to do. We may go back to our roots and be outside for more of our activities. All teams have been encouraged to look at outside opportunities when possible. Contracts are being signed with cancellation clauses for Covid. Registering ahead of time helps with planning, so please take the time to let us know you are coming by registering.



#### **CAMPVENTION 2021 AND COVID-19**

By Jack Smye

I am writing this article on behalf of the 2021 Campvention Planning Teams under the Leadership of Past President Shari Weber.

For more than a year now, your planning teams have been working hard putting the pieces together for Campvention 2021, Wander Wisconsin. We have been having regular meetings, and in October of 2020 some committee members paid a site visit to Elkhorn.

At our most recent team meeting (via Zoom) on November 7, the subject of our response to the pandemic was raised. The teams will meet again in January 2021 for further discussion, but in the interim, here is the message we wish to convey to you:

- 1: While we all hope the pandemic will be defeated or under control by July 2021, nobody really knows. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, an encouraging announcement by Pfizer about their vaccine with a 90% effectiveness provides us with some note of optimism.
- 2: Should it become apparent that it is not safe to proceed with Campvention 2021, a timely decision by the teams and Trustees will be made and communicated to our membership. Full registration refunds, excluding any credit card fees, will be given to members who have registered.
- 3: If Campvention 2021 does go ahead, all recommended, or dictated health protocols such as wearing masks, using hand sanitizers, cleaning down between events, possibly wearing gloves, and if need be, socially distancing will be followed. The Elkhorn Fair Grounds is just as concerned as we are about keeping our members safe and healthy. As we go forward and we gain better knowledge, we will advise the steps that we will be taking.
- 4: **Please register.** If you have other than your immediate family planning to stay in your unit, please also provide their normal contact information.
- 5: Watch for further announcements in Camping Today as we go forward.
- 6: Be smart, stay safe, and stay well.

#### **CAMPVENTION 2021 PARKING INFO**

The 2021 FCRV Campvention plans are under way. The campvention is being held in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Watch for your registration in Camping Today. This year's parking for the campvention will be hobo-by-state. If you would like to camp with your state/province, your registration must be post marked no later than June 1st. Canadian registration must be postmarked by May 15, 2021. Hope to see everyone in July.



Team Great Lakes is looking for a volunteer to be Youth C0-Chairman for Campvention 2021 in Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Judy Elenburg is our Youth Chairman, and she could use help. If you are interested in helping her, please contact:

Connie Black at <a href="https://www.incom.com">ILFCRV@yahoo.com</a>

Linda English at mifcrv@gmail.com

Or

Judy Elenburg at jelenburg@gmail.com



We are in the process of casting a Murder Mystery Play

for Campvention 2021 in Elkhorn, WI.

If you are interested in participating, please contact

Connie Black at ILFCRV@yahoo.com



Camping Today 11 December 2020



#### **CAMPVENTION 2021 SEMINARS**



by Ray Suennen, Seminars Chair

If you or you know of someone who would like to be a seminar presenter during the 2021 FCRV Campvention in Elkhorn, Wisconsin from July 12 – 16, 2021, please contact Ray Suennen at <a href="mailto:raysuennen@yahoo.com">raysuennen@yahoo.com</a> or mobile phone 920-606-0289.

Ray will be presenting one seminar on cast iron cooking and another on seasoning and salvaging cast iron cookware, and discussing vintage cast iron cookware. Bring your cast iron pans for cleaning ideas and for show and tell.



#### GOLF CARTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Please Read!

#### **Change in policy:**

In the past the Campvention Team has sub-rented golf carts for use during Campvention. Starting with the 2021 Campvention, FCRV will no longer be the middle person for golf cart rentals. Members wishing to rent a golf cart may contact the company and make their own arrangements. FCRV will identify the company along with contact information.

#### The information is:

Brown's Service Wisconsin Golf, Inc. 459 Madison Street Walworth, WI 53184

Phone 262-394-5505

#### brownswisgolf@gmail.com

If you wish, you may have your golf cart delivered to the grounds the same time the carts that FCRV requests are to be delivered. Any issues you have with the cart, YOU will deal with the golf cart rental company yourself.

#### **CAMPVENTION 2021 PROGRAM BOOK INFO**

Here's another article as we prepare to put on the 2021 Campvention at Elkhorn, WI. Sue Carlsen and Beth Standiford are putting together the Program Book and are looking for your input.

Is there someone in the organization for whom you'd like to show support? Your favorite Teen King or Teen Queen candidate? Is there someone you'd like to thank for a job well done? Perhaps someone is having a major milestone event in their lives and you'd like it to receive some special recognition (birthday, anniversaries, etc.) Or perhaps you'd like to remember one of our own who has passed and is missed so very much at campvention. Well you can do any or all of these things in the Program Book! Here's an example of what's possible:

Best wishes to our Teen Representative (THEIR NAME HERE).

Camping Today 12 December 2020

You make our state proud!

Thank you, (person/group) for all the hard work you have done to put on such a great event.

John Doe – 1953-2019 – Campvention isn't the same without you.

\$2.50 gets you two lines of print or \$5.00 gets you a business card sized box with your sentiment. Send your check, payable to NCHA and send the wording you want on a separate piece of paper to:

Beth Standiford, Recording Secretary 7 Oakrail Drive St. Peters, MO 63376

#### DISCOVER DELAVAN, WISCONSIN

by Barb Turner, Campvention 2021 Publicity Chair

Less than 10 miles from Elkhorn, Wisconsin, site of the FCRV 2021 Campvention, is the historic city of Delavan. Interestingly, Delavan sits in the middle of what was once an inland sea. "During the last Ice Age, the final glaciation, named the Michigan tongue, covered this region. The Michigan



tongue descended along the area of Lake Michigan. The 'Delavan lobe' of this glacier broke off, pushing southwest into the area of Walworth County." The first inhabitants of the area were Native Americans who probably arrived around 1000 BC. Perhaps you've read about the Mound Builders in other areas of the Midwest, probably between 500-1000 AD. These woodlands peoples lived in the Delavan area as evidenced by the over 200 effigy mounds that remain.

Moving along in history, Delavan was part of New France from the mid-17th century through the mid-18th century. If you remember your American history, the area came under British rule following the French & Indian War. In 1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris, the area became part of the United States; more specifically it became part of the newly established Northwest Territory.

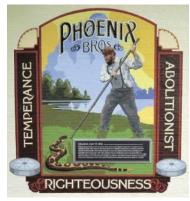
As the Northwest Territory was being divided into eventually 5 states, the Delavan area was first part of the Indiana Territory, then the Illinois Territory, and finally part of the Wisconsin Territory in 1836 till statehood was granted to Wisconsin in 1848!

Then, Delavan's history becomes interesting. From 1847-1894, Delavan was the home of 26 circus companies! "The Mabie Brothers U.S. Olympic Circus, then the largest in America, arrived in 1847, to become the first circus to quarter in the territory of Wisconsin. Its famous rogue elephant, 'Romeo', stood 10 1/2 feet (3.20 m) high, and 10,500 pounds (4,800 kg). The original P. T. Barnum Circus was organized here in 1871 by William C. Coup and Dan Costello. Over 130 members of Delavan's 19th century circus colony are buried in Spring Grove and St. Andrew cemeteries. On July 21, 1948, Delavan was the site of Wisconsin's Circus Centennial as part of the state's celebration of 100 years of statehood."

When you visit Delavan, you might want to start with the **Delavan Wisconsin Historical Society**, 663 East Ann St., to view the exhibits which show the history of Delavan and the area. http://delavanhistory.org/

Enjoy downtown Delavan, especially the **Walldogs Mural Tour**. "The Walldogs are a group of talented sign and mural artists from all over the world. The Walldog movement began in 1993 when dozens of artists gathered in Allerton, Iowa to paint several large historic wall advertisements. Today, the Walldogs travel to towns across the country to promote tourism.

Camping Today 13 December 2020



The tradition of painting wall advertisements is continued today by this modern 'pack' of artists as they paint in the design styles of the past. From the colors they use to the art styles they practice, these artists capture the history and culture of every town they visit. In June of 2015, the Walldogs gathered in Delavan, Wisconsin and transformed the town with beautiful murals." 200 artists created 18 murals in 5 days! https://youtu.be/FIP5od0BZG4

Outdoor spaces may interest you. Delavan has more than 100 acres of natural preserves. Visit <a href="https://ci.delavan.wi.us/departments/parks-recreation/city-parks/">https://ci.delavan.wi.us/departments/parks-recreation/city-parks/</a> where info on the many Delavan parks is shared.

Orchards, patches, wineries....the list goes on for offerings in Delavan. Visit https://visitdelavan.com/to-do/index.cfm?catID=All&navID=82

One last visit to put on your to-do list is **The Dancing Horse Theatre**, 5065 Highway 50. "The Dancing Horses Theatre was created from one person's vision, and their infinite love for horses. Our current show, 'The Power of a Dream' has been crafted to evoke memories that many of us have from childhood. This vision has been beautifully created, specific to our unique performance venue by a talented team of creative, artistic and technical professionals. This dazzling spectacle features an array of horse breeds that perform alongside their trainers in this fantastic cavalcade of equestrian artistry. Visually stunning, and performed in a state-of-the-art, yet intimate, 300-seat theatre, this live show is truly a must-see for any horse lover. Wheelchair-accessible, and fully climate-controlled for all seasons, the venue is both comfortable



and accommodating." For horse lovers, this looks like 'a must' when attending Campvention 2021. Visit <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjAV\_NVKkJ0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjAV\_NVKkJ0</a>



Finally, when looking at the list of notable people linked to Delavan, I found **Gary Burghoff**, better known to us as Radar O'Reilly! Although Burghoff was born in Bristol, Connecticut, he later moved to Delavan "where he studied tap dance and became a drummer, despite being born with brachydactylic caused by Poland syndrome, which made three fingers on his left hand significantly smaller than those on his right hand. He gained early experience acting with the Belfry Players of Williams Bay, Wisconsin."

During this rampant Covid-19, looking ahead to hopefully a more normal summer perhaps is a refreshing activity.....dream of being together again and enjoying what Wisconsin has to offer, especially the Elkhorn area. More offerings will be forthcoming in the months ahead leading up to the FCRV Campvention 2021!

#### **Photo Credits:**

Delavan - https://visitdelavan.com/about/

Dancing Horse Theatre - <a href="https://thedancinghorses.com/home/">https://thedancinghorses.com/home/</a>

Radar - https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=16354650

Walldogs - <a href="https://visitdelavan.com/walldogs/">https://visitdelavan.com/walldogs/</a>



#### **NATURES "LIGHT"**

By Joe Boswell, DASAT Dir.

With the changing of the season comes many challenges. The leaves have fallen off the trees, Thanksgiving has come and gone, and now the Holiday Lights are up and various walking and driving distractions abound. Not too long ago the time changed as well, daylight saving time allows us to push back our clocks an hour. This does not sound like much but it creates hazards you might not be considering.

As darkness is approaching much faster these days, our driving conditions also change. Motorist who normally left home for work, in the dark are now driving in some form of day light. Your body now needs to adjust to the change in driving conditions. Whether or not you really believe it, your sleep patterns have to adjust for the change in daylight driving conditions because that morning glare can be dangerous.

"While the extra hour of sleep may feel nice, it can lead to unsafe drowsy driving, according to Theresa Podguski, director of legislative affairs, AAA East Central Division. "Twilight is one of the most challenging times of the day to drive as it is, so motorist should take extra precautions in the weeks ahead to avoid putting pedestrians in harm's way."

Here are some simple tips to follow from the American Automobile Association that will help you as you adjust to the time change.

Get plenty of rest-if you are having trouble keeping your eyes open or find yourself drifting from lane to lane, or you do not even remember driving a few miles, pull off the road and stop.

Watch for deer-they are out all over the place, as November and December are peak months for deer related collisions.

**Get some shade**-wear sunglasses if needed or use a tented visor for help to help avoid the sun's glare.

Change driving habits-slow down-reduce your speed, allow for a bigger distance between your vehicle and the next vehicle thus

increasing your stopping distance especially in high traffic areas and heavy congestion.

**Ditch the distractions**-put down the cell phone, stay off the internet connection in your vehicle, and do not change the clock in your vehicle while driving.



Use your headlights-this way you are more visible to pedestrians early in the morning, and especially at dawn. You want people to see you coming.

Remember to yield: pedestrians always have the right of way, even if they are not using a crosswalk. Do not pass a vehicle, that is stopped at a cross walk. Yield to the pedestrian in the walkway. As we approach the holiday season remember that more people may be out shopping and it may be difficult to see at night.

Pedestrians are everywhere, so here ae some safety tips to keep in mind.

Cross only at the appropriate intersections and marked cross walks. Before you cross, look to your left and then to the right and only proceed to cross the street when it is clear.

Use the sidewalk walking in the street is dangerous. If you must walk on the street, walk facing the flow of traffic.

**Dress** brightly-wear reflective clothing. The brighter the clothing or its reflective qualities the safer you will be. Bike riders something travel with blinking lights attached, and reflective clothing too.



Avoid the distractions-put down that cell phone, stop listening to music, take out the earphone (earbuds) so you can hear what is going on around you.

**Bike safely and smartly.** Bicycle lights are necessary, wear reflective clothing and make sure you have reflectors on your bicycle; people need to see you especially at night.

Holiday lights and distractions. Be careful driving through your community and the small towns. To

Camping Today 15 December 2020



make our communities festive for the holiday season many put up colored lights across the street, on light poles and outline building and windows for the festive season. These are and can be distractions. There reflection may give you an

extra spectrum of light that will prevent you from seeing the stop light signals correctly. In other instances, you may become distracted and look away for a minute thus creating a dangerous situation for all. Holiday lights combined with the setting of the sun can really cause hazards for drivers. It is important that you adjust to the changing season of the year and take into consideration other hazards that impede your driving ability.

To, all, hoping you have a joyous and safe Holiday Season, drive safely everyone.

#### Source:

New Release, AAA Offers "Fall Back" Driving Tips as Daylight Saving Time Ends, Jim Garrity, Public and Legislative Affairs Manager, AAA East Central Division

## **FCRV** Activities

#### FCRV WINTER TEXANS VETERANS & SOLDIERS GIVING PROJECT



As in past years prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas, Ron and Nancy Herberholz organized a card and gift gathering mission for the Alfredo Gonzales Texas State Veterans Home in the Rio Grande Valley. They took nearly 300 Thank You cards to the Veterans home November 10th and 11<sup>th</sup>. Ilene Johnson and her group at San

Juan Gardens made lap blankets, wheelchair and

walker pouches were also delivered. R&N Enterprises donated military caps. Susie and Tim Zich donated 100 brand new stuffed animals and others donated socks, popcorn, and other useful items. This was the first time that the home's director, Marlene



Mendez couldn't accept anything for the veterans since March due to Covid restrictions. Delivery was accepted at the door, but we're sure the veterans appreciated the items.



The other part of the project is part of a national program called Hugs For Soldiers. Deployed military men and women on the front lines. The packages contain Christmas cards, snacks, socks, personal care items, Christmas

decorations, etc. These were donated by FCRV Winter Texans as well as local residents and collected at Ron and Nancy's shop in McAllen. The first batch of boxes has been sent with more to come..



#### NATIONAL WILDLIFE GRANT AWARDS

By Joanie Stone, National Wildlife Director

The National Wildlife Committee has met and we distributed \$4900 this year to the recipients. The monies come from the interest accrued off of the Wildlife FCRV account. As I have mentioned before the committee consists of the National Wildlife Director, National Conservation Director, VP over the program, National Comptroller, two at large FCRV members one from the US and one from Canada. We had six grant applications submitted to me. Two of the grant requests have never applied before. All six have received monies and should have received the checks. The following is a brief outline of the grants.

**Soarin Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation** - Huntertown, Indiana - They were requesting operating support. The organization is a volunteer rescue. They rescue more than 225 injured or orphaned raptors. After rehabilitation, the native or migratory birds are released back into the wild where they were found. Those unable to survive nature because of severe injuries become education birds. This organization received \$1200

**Better Ponca Foundation** - Ponca, Nebraska - They are asking for help to do a wildlife edible garden. Those plantings in the garden will be a wildlife and human friendly. The garden will serve multiple purposes, wildlife viewing, education for the naturalist to use for outdoor education programming. The garden will attract multiple song birds, rabbits, deer, turkeys, fox and pheasants etc. The organization received \$1200.

**Black Pines Animal Sanctuary** (Professional Animal Retirement Center). Albion, Indiana - This sanctuary was established in 2000 to provide refuge to displaced, captive-raised exotic animals for the rest of their lives and to educate people about responsibility and education. The refuge if for big and small cats, canines, bears, primates, birds, and reptiles. They received \$1000.

**Dakota Zoo** - Bismarck, North Dakota - They want funds to help with a month supply of medical and rehabilitation services for the zoo's raptor rehabilitation program. The zoo has faced all of the challenges wrought by the coronavirus pandemic. The committee awarded the Zoo \$500.

Friends of Spring Valley Park, Inc. - Saxonburg, PA. They want to eliminate Russian Olive infestation and replace the area with wildlife friendly trees and bushes. They have provided bird houses, enhanced their frog pond. By eliminating these trees it will help the wildlife get the necessary food. The cost of removing these trees is very expensive. The committee added the Friends of Spring Valley \$500.

Glade Run: ale Conservatory - Valencia.PA. This is an ongoing project including additional Chestnut trees, water quality testing on incoming water the feeders trees, planting water-edge plants to enhance water habitat. They wish to improve walking trails and enhance the fish habitat to the lake. The committee awarded \$500.

I wish to thank all of you who took time out to research and write the grants. I am hopeful that the monies the committee has awarded will be put to good use.



Dakota Zoo Zookeeper/Raptor Rehabilitation Keeper Aunie Poteat, right, introduces one of the Zoo's newest raptor patients, an American Kestrel with a broken wing, to Region 3 Regional FCRV Director JeAnne Selby, Bismarck, ND

#### DAKOTA ZOO RECEIVES NATIONAL FCRV WILDLIFE REFUGE GRANT

By JeAnne Selby, Region 3 Director

Dakota Zoo, in Bismarck, ND, recently received a \$500 national Family Campers & RVers (FCRV) wildlife refuge grant.

Submitted in June by Region 3 Regional FCRV Director JeAnne Selby, Bismarck, on behalf of the Dakota Zoo, the grant request sought national FCRV wildlife funds for the Zoo's raptor rehabilitation program.

According to Zoo Director Terry Lincoln, the \$500 award will go toward the numerous COVID-19 safety precautions implemented by the Zoo for the protection of the visiting public, the Zoo staff, and the animals.

The FCRV Wildlife Refuge program offers financial grants to governmental and private organizations to assist them in wildlife conservation projects. The grant requests must be submitted to the national FCRV Wildlife Refuge directors by an FCRV member and be accompanied by a letter of concurrence from an agency/organization.

#### SOARIN' HAWK REHABILITATION GRANT

By Vickie Roop



Check Presentation—L-R Robert Walton, Treasurer, Vickie, Larry and "mother" Nicole Kelty holding Jefferson the bald eagle.

Larry and I had the honor of presenting Soarin' Hawk Rehabilitation in Huntertown, IN with a \$1200 Wildlife Grant. They were very thankful for the grant as they have not had much income because of Covid-19. They gave us a tour of the facility where we were introduced to some of the raptors and the volunteers that "mother" them. Some of the raptors are ones that cannot be released back into the wild for one reason or another and are used as ambassadors who visit schools, organizations, etc. to share their story and information about their species. We were happy to see the facility and learn about the raptors. Visit the website to learn more about the facility and the raptors. <a href="https://www.soarinhawk.org/home">https://www.soarinhawk.org/home</a>











# DONNA COUPLE USES NEWFOUND PASSION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

By Rocio Villalobos Courtesy of "Wecome Back Winter Texan" www.welcomehomergv.com

Since stepping up to act as Bit-O-Heaven RV & Mobile Home Park's photographers, Ed and Cathy Hurley have come to learn just how much photos can connect people. The converted Texans from Nebraska are present at all of the Donna park's major activities--such as the weekly golf-cart parades, allowing residents to have fun together safely--to document the memories being made and share them with the rest of the community.

"The neat thing is people who used to come here but can't any more still feel like they're part of the family," Ed said. "They just take a look at the photos and visualize what's happening. We get emails all the time saying how great it is still living the life of being in the Valley because of the pictures."

The pair shoot both photos and videos on their smartphone, a Samsung Galaxy 108 megapixel. Though

Camping Today 18 December 2020

they did not have previous photography experience, they were eager to help fill the Park's need and say their skills have greatly improved.

"You have to take lots of pictures to get some good ones," Cathy said.

Apart from photography, the Hurleys also had to learn how to use social media in order to share the photos with the Park's online pages. This lets the residents know what's going on and allows their friends and family back in their home states see what they are up to.

"Another big thing we try to do is post birthdays and anniversaries," Ed said. "After being here 12 years, every year your circle of friends gets bigger and bigger."

CT Editor's note: Ed and Cathy Hurley are long time FCRV members and also members of the FCRV Winter Texan Chapter.



#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE STAFF OF CAMPING TODAY

Barb Turner, Correspondent, All Contributing Writers, Pat Wittmeyer & Carl Fromholzer. Mailing, Vickie Roop, Layout & Graphics, DeWayne Johnston, editor



#### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IDEAS

Are you looking for that perfect camping gift? FCRV has vendors who are offering a variety of logo items for sale. Each business offers shipping for a fee.

**Graphic Screen Printing** has a variety merchandise with our logo. Contact Ida O'Dell at 734.755.5401 or go to the website www.graphicscreenprinting.com.

**Karen's Embroidery** has shirts embroidered with our logo as well as a variety of other items. Contact Karen or Dale Houston at 641-751-9807.

Marshall Creations has a wide variety of items with our logo on them. Go to their website https://stores.inksoft.com/fc\_rv/shop/home to see what they offer. Lee Marshall is the contact at 410-553-0038.

When ordering enter 10fcrv10 to receive a 10% discount

**Superior Embroidery** also has logo clothing merchandise for us. William Menard can be contacted at 815.932.0441. The website is www.superiorembroidery.net.

Remember these folks support us, we need to support them



#### WORKAMPER LAUNCHES SMALL BUSINESS RVER SCHOOL

By: <u>RVBusiness</u>

HEBER SPRINGS, Ark. – Workamper International Monday (Nov. 2) announced the launch of a new online course designed to help mobile entrepreneurs start and maintain successful small businesses.

For decades, Workamper News has helped RVers fund their travel plans by connecting them to short-term jobs working for a variety of companies. However, the organization has seen a steady spike in people wanting to run businesses on the road instead of working for others.

"Entrepreneurship is something that isn't often taught in schools; however, more and more people desire to take control of their own destinies by working in businesses of their own," said Steve Anderson, president of the Small Business RVer School. "With the right training and support, a mobile entrepreneur can learn the fundamentals to start a business, a strategy to market the company, and a process to ensure it thrives."

Students can complete the training at their own pace by viewing more than 70 videos compiled into 26 lessons. Students must complete a quiz to advance to the next level.

Anderson developed much of the material on his own, but some was developed in cooperation with the Ziglar Corporation, which teaches success strategies developed by legendary business trainer Zig Ziglar. Some of the sessions were developed in partnership

with Mark Kohler, a business attorney, certified public accountant and author of multiple books to help business owners.

Students also complete a DISC assessment to discover their personality type and how it shapes their leadership traits as well as how they respond to situations and other people. They're taught how to use specific business tools, such as the Ziglar Performance Planner, to set goals, identify priority tasks and develop plans to carry them out.

Starting by understanding the "why" of going into business and the "what" they'll offer to customers, the course also helps students develop an entrepreneurial mindset.

"Most people have worked for others their entire lives. They are accustomed to being told what to do and when to do it in order to get a regular paycheck," Anderson said. "Entrepreneurs have to change that mindset to develop initiative and hold themselves accountable to doing whatever must be done to succeed."

Students learn how to use credit to their advantage, how to set up an effective accounting system, proper tax planning, and ways to market their companies using traditional and online advertising.

"People don't intentionally fail in business. They just don't know what they don't know," Anderson explained. "Our self-paced program simplifies the steps to help entrepreneurs understand the mechanics needed to develop a business.

"But, we go a step further to strengthen students as entrepreneurs. When that happens, the rest becomes simple," he added. "Our Small Business Boot Camp is an essential tool in developing successful mobile businesses."

The cost to enroll in the self-directed course is \$997, which gives students access to the training materials for one year.

For more information, visit <a href="www.smallbizrver.com">www.smallbizrver.com</a>, email <a href="mailto:info@smallbizrver.com">info@smallbizrver.com</a> or call (501) 206-5362. A video describing the new Small Business RVer School can be found at <a href="https://youtu.be/lrlRIJNQhUY">https://youtu.be/lrlRIJNQhUY</a>.



#### NHTSA ISSUES LATEST WEEKLY LIST OF RV RECALLS

By: RVBusiness

The following is the latest list of RV recalls complied by the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA):

- Daimler Vans USA LLC is recalling 463 2020
   Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vehicles. The outer area
   of the brake hoses on the front and rear axles may
   have been damaged during production.
- Forest River Inc. is recalling 9,261 2019-2021 Cherokee recreational trailers. The shore cord inlet wiring insulation may not have been sufficiently stripped back, causing a poor connection with the set screw.
- Forest River Inc. is recalling 1,150 2019-2021 Palomino trailers. The antenna wing may not be properly secured to the roof, allowing it to detach from the roof while moving.

### BEST STATES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

The river of trash and recyclables added a new stream in recent months -- discarded face masks and disposable gloves tossed on sidewalks and streets.

Ahead of <u>America Recycles Day</u> (November 15), the flood of garbage grows larger every year, threatening to swamp cities, states and even the U.S.

Which states are best at waste management -- controlling the flood of garbage recyclables? What can we learn from these states?

We crunched the numbers, and we asked the experts, too.

<u>LawnStarter</u> compared 14 metrics across four categories\_to determine the best and worst states at managing waste.

These metrics include the presence of plastic-bag bans, the presence of mandatory recycling laws and the number of recycling facilities per 100,000 residents.

Let's talk trash

Best	States For Managing Waste	Worst States for Managing Was		
Rank	State	Rank	State	
1	Vermont	42	New Hampshire	
2	Oregon	43	Montana	
3	California	44	Tennessee	
4	Connecticut	45	Louisiana	
5	Maine	46	Kansas	
6	Minnesota	47	Alabama	
7	New York	48	Kentucky	
8	Iowa	49	New Mexico	
9	Indiana	50	Nevada	
10	Washington	51	Alaska	

#### **Key Takeaways:**

**More People, More Waste:** Despite an emphasis on green living, only 25 states have mandatory recycling laws. Without recycling, trash adds up. More people equals more trash in landfills.

**Paper or Plastic?** Eight states ban single-use plastic bags, and scores of cities have banned plastic bags. Only Montana has no law banning at least one product from landfills.

**Garbage at Home:** Working from home turns your waste stream into a river, but recycling centers nearby fights the flood. Vermont, for example, leads in recycling centers per 100,000 residents.

Our full ranking and analysis -- and some surprising findings -- can be found here: <a href="https://www.lawnstarter.com/blog/studies/best-worst-states-waste-management/">https://www.lawnstarter.com/blog/studies/best-worst-states-waste-management/</a>

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions about a particular state or our analysis.

Oh, and why does LawnStarter care about waste management? It's an issue our crews deal with every day -- cleaning up or mulching grass clippings, and raking or blowing leaves.

Let's all do our part to reduce waste by recycling, composting -- and throwing disposable face masks and gloves in the trash.



#### 50 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER AS A NEW TREE IS CUT FOR CAPITOL HILL

This year the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree is a Gift from Colorado

By Robert Hudson Westover, USDA Forest Service Office of Communications

When most people think of the lighting of a national Christmas tree, they are often thinking of the ceremony near the White House during which the President flips a switch and lights the tree.

Yes, it's a pretty sight. But just down the road on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, a more magnifi-

cent tree - in my biased opinion - is illuminated every years by the Speaker of the House of the U.S. House of Representatives for all Americans to see. Making this tree the much more special is the fact that for 50 years., the Christmas tree on Capitol Hill is brought to us as a gift from one of our national forests.

Adding to the beauty and magic of the tree are thousands of handmade ornaments created just for this Christmas tree by the children of Colorado. So, for these and other reasons, the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree gets the honorary title of being called The Peoples' Tree.

Now, after over a year of planning, the time has come to harvest the 55' tall and 25' wide Engelman Spruce, from the <u>Grand Mesa, Uncompanier and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests</u>.

The cutting ceremony, held virtually this year, will be on the GMUG National Forests and include brief remarks by USDA Forest Service leadership, local elected officials and project partners. A livestream of the ceremony and cutting will be available on the <a href="MUG National Forests">GMUG National Forests</a> Facebook page.

The cutting ceremony will begin Thursday, November 5 at 2:30 p.m., Mountain Time. Once the tree is cut, it will be lifted by cranes and secured to a trailer before being transported off the forest.

Once wrapped and secured, the tree will begin its journey to Washington, D.C., on Nov. 10.

<u>The tree will visit 10 communities</u> for a series of outdoor festivities hosted by local communities at fair grounds, schools, main streets, visitor centers, convention centers and retailers. Well-wishers will have a chance to take photos, sign banners on the sides of the truck, learn more about the GMUG National Forests, the State of Colorado and more. Festivities are free and open to the public.

The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree initiative is a 50-year tradition in which one of our 155 national forests provides a tree for the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol for the holiday season. The project is made possible with support from partners including the nonprofit Choose Outdoors and Colorado Tourism along with cash and inkind contributions from companies of all sizes, as well as volunteers. For a list of 2020 sponsors and to follow the tree's journey across America, visit <a href="www.uscapitolchristmastree.com">www.uscapitolchristmastree.com</a> and <a href="@www.uscapitolchristmastree.com">@www.uscapitolchristmastree.com</a> and <a href="@www.uscapitolchristmastree.com">www.uscapitolchristmastree.com</a> and <a href="@www.uscapitolchristmastree.com">@www.uscapitolchristmastree.com</a> and <a href="@www.uscapitolchristmastree.com">www.uscapitolchristmastree.com</a> and <a href="www.uscapitolc

#### THE U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE ARRIVES IN DC



The 55-foot-high tree will be lit on Dec 2

By Robert Hudson Westover, Office of Communication, USDA Forest Service

For 50 years now the arrival of the <u>U.S. Capitol Christmas</u> <u>Tree</u> has brought enormous excitement to the workers upon whose responsibility it is to deliver the tree across the country and then hoist the towering conifer into place on the West Lawn of Capitol Hill.

In fact, the planning for the arrival of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree started over a year ago. The journey this year

began with the USDA <u>Forest Service</u> employees of the <u>Grand Mesa, Uncompandere and Gunnison National</u> <u>Forests</u>, who started their work in earnest as soon as last year's tree arrived in Washington, D.C.

Planning for the delivery of the Capitol's Christmas Tree, fondly called the Peoples' Tree by many, is the responsibility of a different national forest every year. It's sort of like the passing of the Olympic torch, except this one is over 55 feet high and is illumined by tens of thousands of brilliant LED lights, as well as being adorned with thousands of handmade ornaments from the children of the state of Colorado.

Camping Today 22 December 2020

As is the tradition every year, the Peoples' Tree will be handed over to the Office of the Architect of the Capitol. This is because the Architect of the Capitol is ultimately the owner, for lack of a better term, for the tree which is placed every year on the grounds of Capitol Hill just below the gleaming dome of the marble superstructure of the U.S. Capitol building.

Although COVID-19 pandemic precautions altered the normative multistate stops to D.C., the tree's journey officially began on Nov. 6 when it was harvested on Uncompaniere National Forest. It then traveled to 10 communities for a series of social distancing outdoor festivities hosted by local communities in several states.

The official lighting by the Speaker of the House will be livestreamed on CSPAN at 5 p.m. EST on Tuesday, Dec. 2.



#### **Bluebonnet RV Resort**

3366 N. bentsen Palm DR. Mission, Texas 78574

### Come and Join in with other FCRV members 2020 Fall Special.

Daily rate \$28.50. Includes Elect. Weekly rate \$159. 00 includes Elect.

1st Monthly rate \$275.00 plus Elect. 2nd Monthly rate \$255.00 Plus

Elect.

3rd Monthly rate \$225.00 Plus Elect. 4th Monthly rate \$155.00 Plus Elect. 5th & 6th Monthly rate \$185 Plus Elect.

This rate is for FCRV International Camping Club Members.

FCRV members must show THIS AD at check- in.

Phone 956-585-7630. Web: bluebonnet@rvresorts.com



Camping Today 23 December 2020

## **Products**

#### ADVANCED RV UNVEILS \$300,000 PROTOTYPE OF 'B BOX' VAN

By: **RVBusiness** 



A camper van maker just unveiled its first "box" RV based on the Mercedes -Benz Sprinter and it costs more than

\$300,000, according to a report by Brittany Chang at Business Insider.

Advanced RV has revealed a prototype of its "B Box" camper van built on a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter cab chassis. The B Box fits a full bathroom, kitchen, and dual living room and bedroom inside of the highly insulated box.

Advanced RV's president Mike Neundorfer estimates that the price will be similar to the company's other vans, which have recently ranged between \$310,000 to about \$490,000 with a median price of about \$380,000.

Advanced RV has begun manufacturing custom B Box vans for its customers and has hired new staff members to accommodate this increase in production. The unveiling of the B Box comes at a fortuitous time for the RV industry, with RV sales going through the roof with no sign of slowing down.

Unlike most camper vans — including ones that Advanced RV has built in the past — the B Box doesn't take the classic look of a tiny home on wheels. Instead, the camper cabin sits inside of an insulated fiberglass composite and foam box that's both off-grid and four-seasons capable.

"Advanced RV's mission is to listen to and understand our clients' travel objectives so that we can collaborate with them to bring their vision to life," <u>Advanced RV's</u> president Mike Neundorfer said in an email interview with Business Insider. "When we discovered a box that would allow us to

meet our clients' objectives on a cab chassis, we pursued building a prototype because we knew of the spatial, insulation, and off-grid advancements a box would provide."

The unveiling of the B Box comes at a fortuitous time for the RV industry. Last month, RV shipments increased 31.2% year-over-year with a total of 41,509 shipped in September 2020 compared to 31,639 shipped the same time last year, according to a September survey of RV manufacturers by the RV Industry Association trade group.

Despite this upwards trend, Class A and C RV shipments dipped year-over-year last month by 12.7% and 5.2%, respectively. month. However, Class B RVs remained resilient: last month, Class B shipments increased by 57.9% compared to September 2019, according to the same survey.

According to Advanced RV's YouTube tour of the B Box, the van was designed to not appear like a motorhome. The prototype of the B Box camper took around 10 to 11 months to complete and has similar dimensions to a traditional



170-inch Sprinter van, although the B Box has a higher ground clearance with at least 9.5 inches.

B Box's interior is about 6.67 feet tall and has an extra nine inches of width despite having a similar exterior width as a traditional Sprinter. The cabin box is about three inches wider than the widest part of the van. According to a statement from Neundorfer, the name of the van is derived from its Class B RV classification, which the company specializes in.

Like many camper van and RV makers, Advanced RV has seen an increase in Class B RV interest from the public since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. "Even if interested parties aren't looking to build a van, we are receiving more calls, inquiries, and interest in our YouTube channel," Neundorfer said in an email interview with Business Insider.

In 2018 and 2019, Advanced RV began struggling to meet client demands due to delays in Sprinter chassis deliveries in 2018 when Mercedes-Benz opened a new Sprinter manufacturing plant in South Carolina, according to Neundorfer. "The creation of the B Box turned a difficult Sprinter supply problem into an opportunity to meet client objec-

tives with a design using cab chassis which are readily available," Neundorfer wrote.

The company has now begun hiring new staff members to accommodate the ramped up production of custom B Box vans for its clients. The van's air suspension system is electronically controlled and comes with custom shock absorbers. And for improved efficiency, the exterior of the van is lined with airtabs.

The exterior also has sidelights and a 360-degree camera system. For extra security, Advanced RV included a keypad by the entry door to password lock and protect the van. Stepping stairs automatically drop down when the entry door is opened for increased accessibility.

B Box's strong insulation allows the interior to be warmed and cooled with only approximately 20% of the energy that it takes to maintain the temperature of a normal camper van, according to Advanced RV. The van is so tightly sealed, the interior's carbon dioxide levels will increase if people stay and breathe inside the van for too long, according to Advanced RV's YouTube video. To combat this, its makers included an air heat exchanger and a carbon dioxide monitor.

To make the tiny home on wheels more four seasons capable, Advanced RV included on-demand heated water and floors, and air conditioning and auxiliary heating systems.

All of these amenities are powered by the van's 48-volt, 15.2-kilowatt-hour lithium battery pack that can be charged with the alternator. These power systems can then be monitored with the van's touchscreen control center.

See the Business Insider report <u>here</u>.

#### FREE YOUR HANDS

The dooloop is a modern leash accessory for those who'd rather not walk

around swinging bags of dog poop in hand. Super easy to use, the dooloop frees your hands for better things, morning coffee, ringing phone, waving to a friend, pushing a stroller.

The dooloop is made in Maine with non-toxic, BPA free, biodegradable plastic, has zero-waste packaging and is assembled by hand. Convenient and light-weight, the dooloop makes your life easier

while being kind to the planet.

Dooloops come in 5 colors, lobster red, millennial pink, matcha green, charcoal, and new blue.

Keep a social distance and stay healthy. We're all in this together. A dooloop makes a great gift.



## DRYSEE® LAUNCHES PATENTED WATERPROOF BANDAGE WITH WETNESS INDICATOR

Proprietary liquid indicating gauze changes color if liquid breaches and new bandage is needed

DrySee®, a medical technology company dedicated to improving wound care, introduces its patented waterproof bandage with liquid intrusion alert. Often, after



procedures, doctors will recommend that patients avoid showering in order to keep a wound dry. With DrySee, people can shower and go about their daily lives without worrying about their wound, because they will be visually alerted if any liquid penetrates the bandage.

DrySee's waterproof bandages provide a secure, waterproof covering for low exudate wounds. If water or other liquids make their way into the bandage, the gauze barrier around the perimeter of the bandage will turn from a light blue to a dark, blue color. The color change alerts the user to change the bandage, knowing that the perimeter seal is broken. If liquid passes through the second adhesive ring and reaches the wound site, or if the wound seeps fluid, the internal gauze pad will turn a dark blue color, alerting that a bandage change is necessary. DrySee's color



According to the Centers for Disease Control, surgical site infections occur in 2% to 4% of all patients undergoing inpatient surgical procedures, and they are the leading cause of readmissions to the hospital following surgery. A DrySee bandage can help patients stay on top of post-surgery wound care by

alerting them when a bandage needs to be changed instead of the patient changing a bandage whenever it "seems" like it needs to be changed. DrySee bandages can last for up to 3 days, so patients may even be able to reduce the number of bandage changes they need to complete during recovery.

"Infections are a historical and ongoing plague on the health care system," said Brad Greer, CEO of DrySee. "DrySee is a game-changer for postprocedure care. There is no more ambiguity on the part of the patient. It is visibly obvious when a bandage needs to be changed. This visual cue should help patients be more proactive with their wound care, and help reduce the number of infections."

DrySee bandages are available in packages of 25 for online purchase. DrySee liquid indicating bandages are waterproof, sterile, disposable, breathable, non-latex, and one bandage can be used for up to three days. For more information and ordering, visit www.drysee.com.

#### **About DrySee**

DrySee's mission is to provide bandage solutions that allow patients to live their lives confidently after surgery. The DrySee team saw a need in the medical industry for a more secure and effective dressing to ensure better post-op healing and created a revolutionary waterproof dressing that changes color to indicate if the bandage has been compromised.

The cutting-edge, patented DrySee technology helps to lower both staff and material costs while improving patient compliance and experience.

### FIELD NOTES' NATIONAL PARK EDITION

As you're putting together this year's holiday gift guides, one theme could be items that either remind us of trips we've taken or prepare us for the adventures we'll go on once the pandemic is over.

Either way, Field Notes' National Parks edition memo books are a perfect fit. Each cover features a beautiful full-color illustration of one of 18 iconic National Parks, with details about the park on the inside back cover, and a spot for the official National Park Passport Stamp on the inside front cover (once rangers are able to give them out again.) The latest set, Series F, showcases some of the country's most extreme natural environments: Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Glacier National Park and Everglades National Park.

Great as a stocking stuffer, packs of three are \$12.95, and there's now also a box set that includes all six packs — 18 books in all — plus two cool old-school water transfer decals based on the familiar green, white and brown national park signage for \$79.95. (By the way, all but the most recent set and the box are available on Amazon for your affiliate-linking pleasure.)

Five percent of each purchase is donated to the National Park Service to help preserve and expand on "America's Best Idea." This is especially important at a time when parks have experienced lower visitor rates due to, well, everything.

#### REV CELEBRATES FLEETWOOD BOUNDER WITH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

By: **RVBusiness** 

Recreation Group Inc. a subsidiary of REV Group



Inc. (NYSE: REVG), celebrates the 35th anniversary of Fleetwood RV's Bounder with an exclusive Anniversary

Edition model for 2021 available in four floorplans, according to a press release.

Renowned for its innovations, style and convenience, the Class A Gas Bounder is a firm favorite in the RV industry, the release continued.

The 2021 Anniversary Edition includes the most sought-after features which are normally available as options, such as an upgraded Wi-Fi package, Garmin Collision Mitigation, solar electric panel, and power cord reel. To commemorate the milestone, this limited-edition motorhome has 35th Anniversary badg-

ing, entry tread step mat and the custom-embroidered anniversary logo on the headrests and accent pillows. Customers can choose from two special Bounder 35th Anniversary Edition interiors – Inspiration with Greystone Cabinetry or Celebration with Fleetwood RV's new classic white painted wood, Heritage.

#### Fleetwood RV Bounder 33C

With two slideouts and an open living area, this unit has such stylish features as hardwood cabinets, an electric fireplace, and a fiberglass shower with a skylight. The 33C can sleep up to six people.

#### Fleetwood RV Bounder 35K

Sleeping up to six, this model includes a bath and a half, a residential refrigerator with French door and ice-maker.

#### Fleetwood RV Bounder 35P

With a spacious galley, mid-coach bath, 98" sofa with incliner and 72" booth dinette, the 35P is great for entertaining and sleeps up to six.

#### Fleetwood RV Bounder 36F

This versatile floorplan includes two full baths and bunk beds that can convert to large wardrobe and seating for a TV gaming center. The 36F sleeps up to 7

"The Bounder's enduring presence is testament to being the best-loved RV for generations of families," said Doug Miller, product manager for REV Recreation Group's Class A products. "When planning for this milestone, it was essential that the 2021 Anniversary Edition not only celebrates the Bounder's legacy but showcases what our owners love about this model."

Other features include the exclusive Power Platform® built on the Ford F53 chassis which creates the perfect base for maximum balance and control, plus it has towing capacity of up to 8,000-pounds. It also has a 7.3L 350HP engine with 468lb/ft torque. In addition to many amazing interior and exterior amenities, the Bounder provides ample storage with its bus-style, side swing aluminum luggage doors which makes loading and unloading easy with pass-through storage. Premium full body paint gives the exterior an automotive style finish while adding durability.

people.



The 2021 Anniversary Edition Bounder has a starting MSRP of \$186,515. For more information, click here.

### **Farewells**



**Robert (Bob) Houser,** 96, 11-9-20, Bellefontaine, Ohio. Marine Corps WWII, Active in community as 4H Advisor, American Legion, FCRV Chapters – High Point Campers, Sunny Hills Campers, Methodist Nomads, Kentucky Colonels, President of O.S.A. Daughter, Sandra was Ohio Teen Queen. Family was an active integral part of Ohio NCHA/FCRV. Sandra Lambert, **5287 Rensch Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123**.

Camping Today 27 December 2020

#### JOHN DERRICK, FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA STATE DIRECTOR





John 'Willie' Derrick Jr. 86 passed away Nov. 9, 2020 in Irmo, South Carolina. John and his wife of 58 years, Delores were very active in NCHA/FCRV over many years, eventually serving as Acting NC State Directors. In later years they were active in FCRV Retirees including elected as 2004 International Retiree King and Queen. They helped organize several winter Retiree Rallies. John could be found performing in skits or singing "Has Anybody Seen My Gal" in rally talent shows, even with health problems. John and Delores were members of the Palmetto Retirees, where they served in each chapter office, and the YARS Chapter.

John served in the U.S. Air Force. He graduated from Newbury College and earned a Master's degree from the University of South Carolina. John retired as a Vocational Rehab Project Supervisor after 28 years of service. He was a lifetime member of Bethel Lutheran Church where he played the piano and organ during services. He also planned musicals with the church youth group. He also played piano for church and memorial service at Retiree Rallies and directed the Retiree choir a few years. John was always willing to help, even after being confined to a scooter.

Lanelle Ishmael said "On a personal note, John was more than a friend. He was family. When I lost Jim he always made sure I was in a caravan and looked out for me. I'll never forget the rally in Mobile , Alabama when SC did the skit and John played Sophie Tucker. He also made a great Rhett Butler. He was always willing to part of my little skits. Even as his health declined he always said he was just fine when I called to check on him. He always had a smile on his face and when we visited him in October he was the same jolly john. He will be greatly missed."

Barb Turner spoke for manty when she said, "We have known John and Delores for many years. They are wonderful people and wonderful friends. We so enjoyed our time with them. John will be missed by so many people, especially or FCRV family."

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Delores Buddin Derrick, daughter, Debbie Anderson (Macon), son, Derrick ((Casey), six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Delores at 10521 Broad River Road, Irmo, NC 29063 or <a href="mailto:jwderrickj@aol.com">jwderrickj@aol.com</a>.



#### KEN GREEN, PAST TEXAS STATE DIRECTOR





Kenneth 'Ken' Eugene Green Sr., 81 of Crowley, Texas passed away November 22, 2020 after several years of battling progressive Alzheimer's' Disease. He was born near Hubbard, Texas and later the family moved to Mansfield, Texas where he graduated from high school.

He joined the National Guard at 16, and was called to active duty. He remained in the Guard, regular Army, and the 122<sup>nd</sup> Division National Guard for 37 years, becoming an officer in 1965. He maintained a job at the Fort Worth Lumber Company as Office Manager for many years in the Guard, retiring as a Colonel.

Ken married Paula in 1958 and together they raised a girl and two boys. Ken often took his boys and their friends dove hunting. He also enjoyed coaching high school girls summer league softball and developed winning teams.

Ken was active with his family in the Willow Baptist Church in Fort Worth for 20 years and volunteered to maintain the church grounds. Most recently he became a member of the Hallmark Baptist Church in Fort Worth after Willow Creek closed. Over the years, he practiced his grounds keeping talent at his residence, winning Crowley's Yard of the Month several times.

Ken and Paula travelled many years with RV clubs throughout the U.S.A. and were members of the Six Flags Road Runners, where he served as President. While members of the Penthouse Campers Ken served as Texas State Director and Paula was State Chaplain. They were also members of the YARS Retirees.

Ken loved his '96 Chevy pickup and pulled a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer. When asked to consider a motorhome his answer was, "I will not drive anything that is built with the front wheels behind me." Eventually he did give in and became the happy driver of a 40' motorhome. The Greens were always willing to help anywhere when needed while camping and held many jobs at FCRV rallies. Ken was blessed with many friends along the way and was able to experience the joy of travels until he could no longer drive. He will forever be missed by family and friends. Barb Turner said, "We have known Ken and Paula for many years and have wonderful memories of those times together."

Kenneth Green is survived by his wife of 61 years. Paula R. Green, daughter DeeDee and husband, Mike, Sons Randall, Kenny Jr. and wife, JoAnn, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and a brother, Bob and wife Ruth.

Condolences may be sent to Paula Green, 929 Holly Street, Crowley, TX 76036 or pgreen929@aol.com.

Camping Today 29 December 2020





#### **MARCH**

March 23-28, 2021 – 50th FCRV Retiree Rally Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, TX

#### APRIL

#### April 30-May 2, 2021 - NC Spring Statewide Campout

Denton Farm Park, Denton, NC Hosted by the Eastern District. Do not call campground to make reservations.. Choose your site upon arrival. Camping fee will be collected upon arrival.\$30 per night water & 30A elec.\$40 per night water & 50A elec. \$45.00 per night water, sewer & 50A elec. Dump stations available. Registration will be \$10.00. \$12.00 at the gate if not registered early. Retirees may come in on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

#### JUNE

#### June 4 - 6, 2021 - SE Regional Campout

Tom Johnson's Rally Park, 1885 US 70 Hwy West, Marion, NC 2875. Early Days - June 1 - 3. \$35 per night. Full hookups, 30 and 50 AMP available. Do not register with the campground. Registration fee \$35. make checks payable to Traveling Tarheels. Send to Pam Likens, 212 Morris St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Phone: 386-365-0823 Email: pamf104@gmail.com

#### JULY

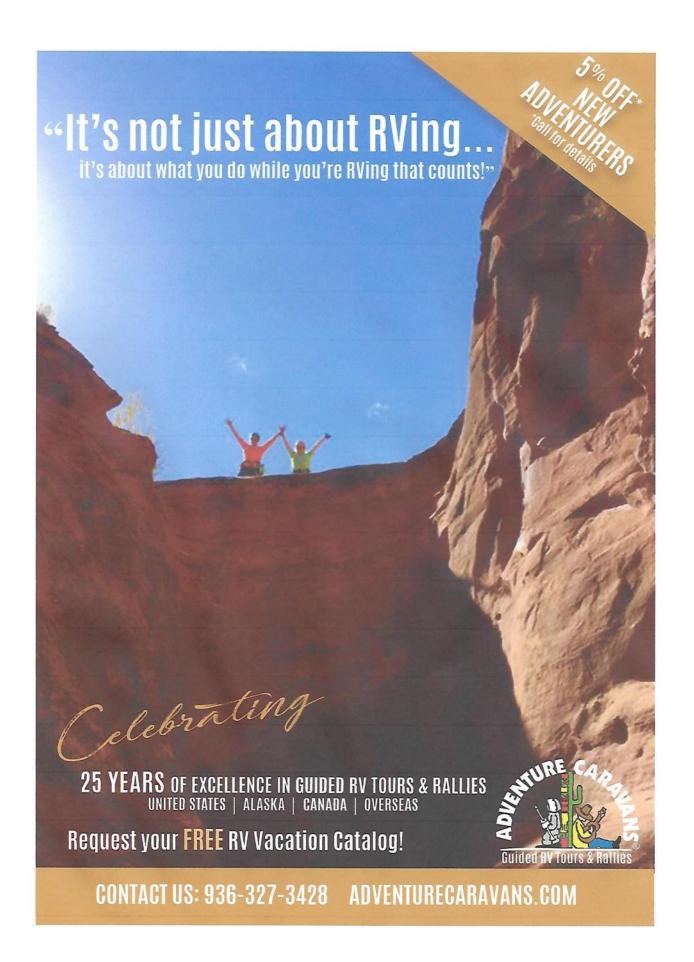
#### **July 11-16, 2021 – 61st FCRV Campvention** Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI

#### AUGUST

#### August 4-8th, 2021 - Great Lakes Regional Campout

Shipshewana Campground North - Shipshewana, IN. This campground only has 50 sites and also a few cabins, call and book now! The number is 260-768-7770, let them know you are with FCRV. For more information or a registration form (\$20 activity fee/\$25 at gate), please email angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com

Camping Today 30 December 2020





#### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY MINEOLA CIVIC CENTER 1150 NORTH NEWSOM STREET MINEOLA, TEXAS 75773

RALLY STARTS:MARCH 23 THRU MARCH 28, 2021 SEND CON: EARLY DAYS: MARCH 19 TO MARCH 22

FOR REGISTAR ONLY
REG #:
CK#
CASH:
AMT:

NAME:	FIRST:	SPOUSE/OT	HER:
ADRESS:	CITY:	ST:	ZIP:
MAILING ADDRESS	OF OTHER:		
HOME PHONE #:	CELL #:		
MAIL ADDRESS:	c	ONIFRMATION SENT: PDF	WORD: MAIL:
MAILING ADDRESS IF	DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE :		( MINIMUM OF 2)
REGISTERING FOR			
CAMPING:	CAMP PASS: MOTEL STAY:ON	GROUNDS: N	JMBER OF PEOPLE:
S THIS YOUR FIRS	T RETIREE RALLY: YES: NO:		
ICENSE REGISTRATIO VALKERS, OR THOSE	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN: N INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPE WITH LIMITED MOBILTY PROBLEMS.	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RE	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,
ICENSE REGISTRATIO VALKERS, OR THOSE V RATES: REGISTRA REGISTERED. RARLY DAYS: \$35	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RE	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,
ICENSE REGISTRATION VALKERS, OR THOSE VALKERS, OR THOSE VALUES REGISTRA REGISTERED. EARLY DAYS: \$35 INCLUDED IN PRICE	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN N INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPE WITH LIMITED MOBILTY PROBLEMS. TION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MA	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RE	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,
ICENSE REGISTRATION VALKERS, OR THOSE VALKERS, OR THOSE VALUES REGISTRA REGISTERED. EARLY DAYS: \$35 INCLUDED IN PRICE	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN: N INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPE WITH LIMITED MOBILTY PROBLEMS. TION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MA PER DAY WILL BE COLLECTED AT MINEOLA E: FULL HOOK-UP (30 /50amp), PAVED ROA	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS REARCH 9, 2021. ALL ATTE	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,
ICENSE REGISTRATION VALKERS, OR THOSE VALKERS, OR THOSE VALUES REGISTRA REGISTERED. EARLY DAYS: \$35 INCLUDED IN PRICE	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN N INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPE WITH LIMITED MOBILTY PROBLEMS.  TION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MA PER DAY WILL BE COLLECTED AT MINEOLA E: FULL HOOK-UP (30 /50amp), PAVED ROA AND LOT OF FUN.  BEFORE DEADLI \$290	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS REARCH 9, 2021. ALL ATTE	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,  NDING MUST BE  OCIAL, 2 DINNERS,  EADLINE: MARCH 9, 2021
ICENSE REGISTRATION NALKERS, OR THOSE VERTICAL REGISTERED. EARLY DAYS: \$35 INCLUDED IN PRICE ENTERTAINMENT,	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN N INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPE WITH LIMITED MOBILTY PROBLEMS.  TION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MA PER DAY WILL BE COLLECTED AT MINEOLA E: FULL HOOK-UP (30 /50amp), PAVED ROA AND LOT OF FUN.  BEFORE DEADLI	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS REARCH 9, 2021. ALL ATTENDS, WI-FI, ICE CREAM SOME:	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,  NDING MUST BE  OCIAL, 2 DINNERS,  EADLINE: MARCH 9, 2021
ACLUDED IN PRICE ENTERTAINMENT:	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN N INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPE WITH LIMITED MOBILTY PROBLEMS.  TION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MA PER DAY WILL BE COLLECTED AT MINEOLA E: FULL HOOK-UP (30 /50amp), PAVED ROA AND LOT OF FUN.  BEFORE DEADLI \$290 \$260 L STAY)	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS REARCH 9, 2021. ALL ATTER  DS, WI-FI, ICE CREAM SO  NE:  AFTER D  \$300	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,  NDING MUST BE  OCIAL, 2 DINNERS,  EADLINE: MARCH 9, 2021
ACCUDED IN UNIT: PERSON IN UNIT: CAMP PASS: (MOTE AMP PASS: (MOTE APERSON IN UNIT: AMP PASS: (MOTE APERSON	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN N INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPE WITH LIMITED MOBILTY PROBLEMS.  TION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MA PER DAY WILL BE COLLECTED AT MINEOLA E: FULL HOOK-UP (30 /50amp), PAVED ROA AND LOT OF FUN.  BEFORE DEADLI \$290 \$260 L STAY)	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS REARCH 9, 2021. ALL ATTER  DS, WI-FI, ICE CREAM SO  NE:  AFTER D  \$300	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,  NDING MUST BE  OCIAL, 2 DINNERS,  EADLINE: MARCH 9, 2021
RATES: REGISTRATION NALKERS, OR THOSE VERTICAL PROPERTY OF THOSE VERTICAL P	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN N INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPE WITH LIMITED MOBILTY PROBLEMS.  TION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MA PER DAY WILL BE COLLECTED AT MINEOLA E: FULL HOOK-UP (30 /50amp), PAVED ROA AND LOT OF FUN.  BEFORE DEADLI \$290 \$260 L STAY)	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS REARCH 9, 2021. ALL ATTER  DS, WI-FI, ICE CREAM SO  NE:  AFTER D  \$300	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,  NDING MUST BE  OCIAL, 2 DINNERS,  EADLINE: MARCH 9, 2021
RATES: REGISTRATION NALKERS, OR THOSE VERTICAL PROPERTY OF THOSE VERTICAL P	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN IN INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPE WITH LIMITED MOBILTY PROBLEMS.  TION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MA PER DAY WILL BE COLLECTED AT MINEOLA E: FULL HOOK-UP (30 /50amp), PAVED ROA AND LOT OF FUN.  BEFORE DEADLI \$290 \$260 LSTAY) \$100 \$200 ON GROUNDS:	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS REARCH 9, 2021. ALL ATTER  DS, WI-FI, ICE CREAM SO  NE:  AFTER D  \$300	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,  NDING MUST BE  OCIAL, 2 DINNERS,  EADLINE: MARCH 9, 2021
RATES: REGISTRATION NALKERS, OR THOSE VERTICAL PROPERTY OF THOSE VERTICAL P	(MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN N INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPE WITH LIMITED MOBILTY PROBLEMS.  TION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MA PER DAY WILL BE COLLECTED AT MINEOLA E: FULL HOOK-UP (30 /50amp), PAVED ROA AND LOT OF FUN.  BEFORE DEADLI \$290 \$260 L STAY)	D PLACARD. THIS AREA IS REARCH 9, 2021. ALL ATTER  DS, WI-FI, ICE CREAM SO  NE:  AFTER D  \$300	SERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS,  NDING MUST BE  OCIAL, 2 DINNERS,  EADLINE: MARCH 9, 2021

REFUNDS: ALL BUT \$25 WILL BE REFUNDED IF RECEIVED TWO WEEKS PROIR TO THE RALLY. AFTER THE

DEADLINE ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED.

MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: 2021 FCRV RETIREE RALLY. NO CREDITS ACCEPTED. MAIL TO: BILL AND PENNY RAMLOW, 8371 NIGHT OWL DR, RIVERVIEW, FL. 33569 OR CONTACT THEM AT: 305-822-6589 OR 813-545-6083. OR EMAIL THEM AT pramlow@aol.com

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR:



#### 61st INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION FAMILY CAMPERS & Rver's "WANDER WISCONSIN"



Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St. Elkhorn, WI 53121

Campvention Days: July 11-16, 2021 fees cover (6 nights)

Early Bird Days: July 9 & 10 2021 @ \$30/night (pay @ registration – cash/check)

Registrations are needed by: June 1, 2021

There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute. Just bring this registration with you. We want everyone to come see us!!!

Last Name:	First Name:		Spouse/Guest:		
Address:	City:		ST/PRV: _	_ Zip Code: _	
Phone #:	e-mail:				
	pvention? Yes NoNum : Youth 9 – 12 You	ber of people in	your unit:		
	Please list the n	ames and ages of	all Teens and	Youth:	
	Name	Age	Name		Age
and a		MPVENTION PA			
Th	e gates will be open Fr	iday, Saturday, an	d Sunday from	n 8 a.m. to 8 p.n	1.
	en.	ecial Needs Infor	mation		
Check if you are reques	ting a special needs site:			citec available at t	he gate
check if you are reques	ting a special needs site.	REGISTRATIO		sites available at t	ne gate.
Everyone must comp	olete a registration form			camp passes. Su	ibmit payment
the registratio	n form. All funds shou	ld be US currency	and in the fo	rm of check or n	noney order.
177			stration	At Gate	-
One Family is	n the Unit	\$335.		\$365.00	
Extra Family	in the Unit (separate pa	ay) \$150.	.00	\$165.00	
	D (T.1.11.16)				
Week Drive-i	n Pass (July 11-16)	\$175.	.00	\$190.00	
Week Drive-i	n Pass (July 11-16) p Pass (per day)	\$175. \$ 30.		\$190.00 \$ 35.00	
Week Drive-i Walk-in Cam	p Pass (per day) WIFI	\$ 30. is included in yo	.00 ur registrati	\$ 35.00 on fee	
Week Drive-i Walk-in Cam	p Pass (per day)	\$ 30. is included in yo	.00 ur registrati	\$ 35.00 on fee	\$305.00)
Week Drive-i Walk-in Cam	p Pass (per day) WIFI RE DECEMBER 31 <sup>ST</sup> ,	\$ 30. is included in yo , 2020 TO RECE	.00 ur registratio IVE A \$30.00	\$ 35.00 on fee O DISCOUNT (S	
Week Drive-i Walk-in Cam	p Pass (per day) WIFI	\$ 30. is included in yo , 2020 TO RECE	.00 ur registratio IVE A \$30.00	\$ 35.00 on fee O DISCOUNT (S	
Week Drive-i Walk-in Cam PAY BEFOR Motor Home	p Pass (per day)  WIFI  RE DECEMBER 31 <sup>ST</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Wheel Trav	\$ 30.  is included in you 2020 TO RECE  vel Trailer Po	00 our registration IVE A \$30.00 p-Up Wa	\$ 35.00 on fee D DISCOUNT (Sometiment in shade trees	
Week Drive-i Walk-in Cam PAY BEFOR Motor Home Make checks payabl	p Pass (per day) WIFI RE DECEMBER 31 <sup>ST</sup> ,5 <sup>th</sup> Wheel Trav e to: NCHA	\$ 30. is included in yo , 2020 TO RECE	00 ur registration IVE A \$30.00 p-Up Wa y: If you are	\$ 35.00 on fee O DISCOUNT (S nt in shade trees unable to	_
Week Drive-i Walk-in Cam PAY BEFOR Motor Home Make checks payabl Mail to: Sue & Carl	p Pass (per day) WIFI RE DECEMBER 31 <sup>ST</sup> ,5 <sup>th</sup> Wheel Trav e to: NCHA	\$ 30.  is included in you 2020 TO RECE  vel Trailer Po	00 ur registration IVE A \$30.00 p-Up Wa y: If you are	\$ 35.00 on fee D DISCOUNT (Sometiment in shade trees	_
Week Drive-i Walk-in Cam PAY BEFOR Motor Home Make checks payabl Mail to: Sue & Carl 137 Crandon	p Pass (per day) WIFI RE DECEMBER 31 <sup>ST</sup> ,5 <sup>th</sup> Wheel Trav le to: NCHA I Fromholzer I Blvd	\$ 30.  is included in you 2020 TO RECE  vel Trailer Po  Refund police	.00 ur registration IVE A \$30.00 p-Up Wa y: If you are attend, all	\$ 35.00 on fee DISCOUNT (Sometiment in shade trees unable to except \$ 25 will	l be refunded
Week Drive-i Walk-in Cam PAY BEFOR Motor Home Make checks payabl Mail to: Sue & Carl 137 Crandon	p Pass (per day) WIFI RE DECEMBER 31 <sup>ST</sup> ,5 <sup>th</sup> Wheel Trav e to: NCHA	\$ 30.  is included in you 2020 TO RECE  vel Trailer Po  Refund police	.00 ur registration IVE A \$30.00 p-Up Wa y: If you are attend, all	\$ 35.00 on fee DISCOUNT (Sometiment in shade trees unable to except \$ 25 will	l be refunded
Week Drive-i Walk-in Cam PAY BEFOR Motor Home Make checks payabl Mail to: Sue & Carl 137 Crandon	p Pass (per day) WIFI RE DECEMBER 31 <sup>ST</sup> ,5 <sup>th</sup> Wheel Trav e to: NCHA Fromholzer Blvd a NY 14225 Contact	\$ 30.  is included in you 2020 TO RECE  vel Trailer Po  Refund police	ooo ur registratic IVE A \$30.00 p-Up Wa y: If you are attend, all 83-5723 ema	\$ 35.00 on fee DISCOUNT (Some in the shade trees unable to except \$ 25 will iii: FCRV.VP.C	l be refunded

All attendees agree to comply with Campvention guidelines, including the golf cart guidelines, which applies to all golf carts on the premises.

#### "WANDER WISCONSIN" MARKETPLACE

#### TABLE REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: Basic space is for an 8 foot table (provided). There is 'NO FEE CHARGE' for Chapters for tables, a two table limit. There is a \$15.00 fee for Individuals who sell crafts or other items, for an 8 foot space with table provided. If a second table (limit 2) is needed an additional \$10.00 fee is required for a total of \$25.00. Providing your own table does not change the fees. Remit fee with form.

Contact norson	
Contact person	
Cell ph number/email	
Number of tables (limit 2)(Space is 8' per table)	
No fee for Chapters)	
Describe products sold	
<del>STANDONIAL MARION DE LA COMPANIA DEL COMPANIA DE LA COMPANIA DEL COMPANIA DE LA COMPANIA DEL COMPANIA DEL COMPANIA DE LA COMPANIA DEL COMPANIA DEL COMPANIA DEL COMPANIA DE LA COMPANIA DE LA COMPANIA DEL </del>	
UALS::	
Contact person	
Cell ph number/email	
Cell ph number/email	
	_
Number of tables (limit 2)(Space is 8' per table)	
Number of tables (limit 2)(Space is 8' per table)	

Mail registration to: Duane & Ruth Keegan 957 N Lois Ave Addison, IL 60101-1237

Information: e-mail dentec957@att.net or 630-487-8873 (C)

**DEADLINE:** No later than June 15, 2021

CHAPTERS::

Make checks payable to: 'NCHA' write "Campvention 2021" on the memo line