

# NEBRASKA Calling

Where Strangers Become Friends and Friends Become Family



Founded as the National Campers and Hikers Association

## State Directors' Message

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We have had such an enjoyable camping season so far. However, it sounds like the hot weather is coming. It may be hot but it is always entertaining to camp with your Family Campers Chapters. Don't let the heat dampen your spirits, enjoy each and every season.

It is time for Regional. Our hosts have spent many months and hours to make it a fun and enjoyable Regional. Please join the Nebraska members at Regional is spreading the joy and friendships you have made in the organization. If you have a red shirt please be sure to bring it for the Nebraska hospitality on Thursday night. It does NOT have to be an FCRV shirt, only red.

Fall Workshop is October 4 in York at the Public Library. We hope to have an informational meeting with valuable tidbits of information.

Sandy and Ken Kendall  
Nebraska State Directors

"Come Camp With Us"

### Think about this ??? ?

IS THERE ANOTHER WORD FOR SYNONYM?

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS?

IF YOU TRY TO FAIL, AND SUCCEED, WHICH HAVE YOU DONE?

### Regional Note:

It is beginning to look as if there will be a nice turnout for Regional this year. This may mean that we will need to take advantage of all of the power hook ups. If you have an extension cord for power or adapters, considering bringing them along.



**REGIONAL CAMPOUT  
SITE SALE  
ON  
SATURDAY August 9, 2014  
AT YORK, NE. 11:00 TO 12:00**

**SETUP YOUR ITEMS TO SELL AT YOUR CAMPSITE.  
ITEMS YOU ARE NO LONGER USING,  
CLEAN OUT YOUR GARAGE,  
& CLOSET AND BRING  
THE ITEMS ALONG.**



P.S. THIS IS LIKE A LARGE GARAGE SALE.



**TO SHOW OUR PRIDE AND SUPPORT OF  
NEBRASKA FAMILY CAMPERS AND RVers  
PLEASE BRING A RED SHIRT TO WEAR FOR  
THE NEBRASKA HOSPITALITY AT  
REGIONAL CAMPOUT IN AUGUST.**

**Editor's Notes...**

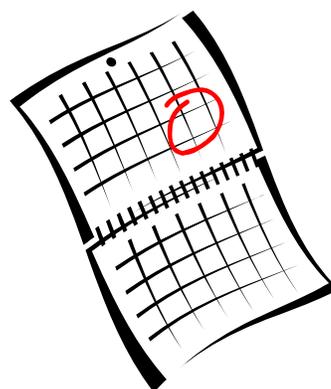
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Issues will be posted monthly March through October. One issue will cover the winter months Nov. - Feb. Deadlines will be the 20th of the month before each issue, and Oct. 20 for the

# Calendar Of Events

## Chapter Activities

- Aug. 7 - 10 Heartland Runabouts, Regional Campout, York
- Aug. 7 - 10 Courageous Ramblers, Regional Campout, York
- Aug. 7 - 10 Fun Finders, Regional Campout, York
- Aug. 7 - 10 Triple F, Regional Campout, York
- Aug. 7 - 10 Explorers, Regional Campout, York
- Aug. 15-17 Rollin' Turtles, Branched Oak SRA
- Aug. 15-17 Western NE Wheelers, Doniphan KOA
- Aug. 15-17 Triple F, Wilson Island in Iowa
- Aug. 15-17 River City Wanderers, Fremont Lakes
- Aug. 15-17 Republican Valley Sodbusters, Superior City Park
- Aug. 22-24 Fun Finders, Hastings Fairgrounds



## State/National Activities

- August 7 - 10 Region 3 Campout, York
- October 4 Fall Workshop, York City Library, 10:00 a.m.



## Regional Tour to Animal Shelter



Regional will include a tour of the York No Kill Animal Shelter on Friday. As with all animal shelters there is great need to provide for those animals without forever homes. Please consider bringing a donation to the animals looking for love, and yes sometimes ♪in all the wrong places.♪ Below is their wish list.

We strive to keep our dogs and cats happy and comfortable, but often do not have funds for an extra treat. Can you donate toys (like Kongs, sterilized bones, compressed rawhides, catnip filled toys, scratching posts, baby pools, etc.), comfort items (like blankets, towels and bath mats to put on top of their beds), treats (like Milkbones, fishy cat treats, etc.), cleaning supplies like paper towels, garbage bags, liquid soap, detergent, etc? Please contact us if you would like more information about donating.

## Sandy and Ken Kendall

Nebraska State Directors

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## Fall Workshop

Fall Workshop will be held October 4, 2014, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the Kilgore Memorial Library, 520 Nebraska Avenue, York, Nebraska. Luncheon will be served. An agenda will be printed in future issues of the Calling. If you have something you would like included in the agenda please contact the State Director. A laptop and projector will be available for any presentations you may wish to make.

**Sandy and Ken Kendall**

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## National Election

I am privileged to be serving on the Nominating Committee for the National Election in 2015. The positions that will appear on the ballot are Vice President of Operations, Comptroller and Vice President of Planning and Development. Having served on the Trustees for ten years I can attest to the valuable information I received, the travels I experienced and most importantly the number of friends that I made over the years. Please consider having your name placed on the ballot or if you know of someone that might be interested please submit their name. If you wish further information on the job description please don't hesitate to contact me. Our organization can only continue with leadership in place.

**Sandy Kendall,**

Nominating Committee for Trustee Election



## NEBRASKALAND TENTERS

It has been several years since Tenters has met and there is an interest in reorganizing the chapter. The chapter consists of members from all over the state that just wish to come and have fun. If you have been or would like to be a member of Tenters and would like to see the chapter reborn now is your chance. In the past they have camped one or two times per year but this is something that can be determined by those interested. You do not need to have a tent. The only requirement is come and have a good time. If you answered yes to any of the above send us an email or give us a call.

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# The Chaplain's Words



Mert

It is so easy to think of that glass of water as half-empty in today's world. With all the negative things occurring around us today there are too many people's lives that dwell in this negative, self-fulfilling prophecy. The mind is powerful and a person usually becomes what they think themselves to be. If you think you will fail, you probably will. On the other hand if you think you will succeed, then you most likely will. As Solomon points out in Proverbs 23 vs. 7

*"As he thinks in his heart, so is he"*

I have to admit that before becoming a Christian; much of my life was spent thinking of that glass of water as half empty. Before then, my purpose of life was somewhat uncertain. It is so much better looking at the world through positive eyes and knowing that no matter what happens around me, I now know why I am here and where I will eventually spend eternity. I just hope and pray that I am able to bring this good news to others that still think of that glass of water as half-empty. In Philippians 4: vs 8-9 Paul writes:

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you*

Janene and I will be off on our Alaskan adventure on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July and will not return until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. We hope to be seeing you again at Regional. Don't forget we will have Tom Hilt (and family) with us on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM for a praise service.

In His Service  
Mert

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Q Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? A. Their birthplace

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A. Honey

# Fireflies

By Gary Sander

While a group of us were seated around a campfire on a pleasant July night at our chapter campout we noticed that we were sharing the darkness with fireflies. As we were entertained by their flashing and darting about we began to speculate and offer what we thought what we knew about our visitors who were sharing the evening with us.

As we began this discussion we realized that we could only relay information that we had heard or speculations that we formed as children. And since none of us were entomologists or consulted an expert we soon realized that we knew very little accurate information about fireflies. Of course, we all knew that as children we delighted in capturing fireflies and watching them perform in our glass jar. Beyond that we knew very little about the real story about fireflies.

Someone then threw out the challenge that the calling should run a story about fireflies so that everyone could know and learn about our firefly companions. The following information was gathered from the Internet, and offers in this limited space, some basic information about fireflies.

## The Firefly Story

There are about 2,000 firefly species. These insects live in a variety of warm environments, as well as in more temperate regions, and are a familiar sight on summer evenings. Fireflies love moisture and often live in humid regions of Asia and the Americas. In drier areas, they are found around wet or damp areas that retain moisture.

Females deposit their eggs in the ground, which is where larvae develop to adulthood. Underground larvae feed on worms and slugs by injecting them with a numbing fluid.

The mating season lasts for approximately two weeks each year. The date that the fireflies begin to display varies from year to year-scientists haven't figured out why, but it depends at least in part on temperature and soil moisture. It's impossible to predict in advance exactly when the insects will begin flashing each year.

As the season begins, a few insects start flashing, then more join the display as the days pass. They reach a "peak" when the greatest number of insects are displaying. After peak, the numbers gradually decline each day until the mating season is over. Since 1993, this peak date has occurred at various times from the third week of May to the third week in June.

During the two week long mating season, the quality of individual nightly displays can be affected by environmental factors. On misty, drippy evenings following rainfall, the insects may not readily display. Cool temperatures, below 50° Fahrenheit, will also shut down the display for the night. Moon phase has been observed to affect the timing of nightly displays-on nights with a bright moon, the insects may begin flashing a bit later than usual

## Here are some facts about fireflies:

**Fireflies, also called lightning bugs, are neither flies nor bugs.** Fireflies are actually beetles.

**Fireflies are the world's most efficient light producers.** While an incandescent light bulb uses 10% of the energy to produce light while wasting 90% as heat. The firefly produces no heat, only light. This light is the most efficient light source known.

**Fireflies "talk" to each other using light signals.** Fireflies don't put on those spectacular summer displays just to entertain us. You're actually eavesdropping on the firefly singles bar. Male fireflies cruising for mates flash a species-specific pattern to announce their availability to receptive females. An interested female will reply, helping the male locate her where she's perched, often on low vegetation.

**Fireflies are bioluminescent throughout their life cycles.** We don't often see fireflies before they reach adulthood, so you may not know that all stages of the firefly glow. Bioluminescence begins with the egg, and is present throughout the entire life cycle. In fact, all firefly eggs, larvae, and pupae known to science are capable of producing light.

**Not all adult fireflies flash.** Fireflies are known for their blinking light signals, but not all fireflies flash. Some adult fireflies, most notably those that inhabit the western areas of North America, don't use light signals to communicate. Many people falsely believe that fireflies don't exist west of the Rockies, since flashing populations are rarely seen there.

**Some fireflies synchronize their flash signals.** Synchronous fireflies are one of the seven wonders of the insect world. Imagine thousands of fireflies lighting up at precisely the same time, over and over, from dusk to dark. This simultaneous bioluminescence, as it's called by scientists, occurs in just two places in the world: southeast Asia and Great Smoky Mountains National Park, right here in the U.S.A. North America's lone synchronous species, *Photinus carolinus*, puts on its light show in late spring each year.



It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... 'Goodnight, sleep tight.

# Recipe Corner

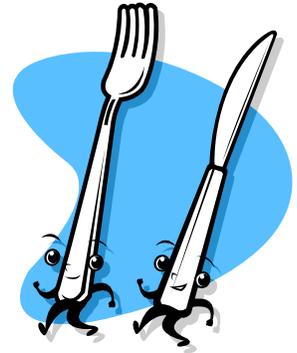
This page, The Recipe Corner, will be a regular feature of the Calling. It is a known fact that Campers love to eat, and many great cooks belong to FCRV.

So, look to this page to find and try recipes and better yet, submit your favorite recipes to the Calling Editor. We plan to share your recipes with everyone who reads the Calling.

## Welcome to the Recipe Corner

### Cold Slaw

Cabbage  
 Carrots  
 Cauliflower  
 Sweet Potatoes  
 1 Tsp sugar  
 1 Tsp Vinegar  
 Salt  
 Enough vanilla ice cream to be used as dressing



Grate or shred equal amounts of cabbage, carrots, cauliflower and sweet Potatoes. Add Sugar, vinegar, salt and ice cream. Best if refrigerated overnight.

When you double the recipe increase herbs and spices by 1/2. taste and you can add more if needed.

Submitted by: Norma Hetrick

### Refrigerator Pickles

1 - cup white vinegar	1-2 tsp celery seed (I use 2)
1 - tsp. salt	1 - cup water
1 - cup granulated sugar	3 - cups thinly sliced onions
3 - cups sliced cucumbers	

Place sliced cucumber and onions in a large container or bowl. In a separate bowl, stir vinegar, sugar, water and salt together until dissolved. Add celery seed. Pour mixture over cucumbers and onions and refrigerate.

Keeps 2 - 3 months

Submitted by: Mary Kay Hackett

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

## Letter from Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center of Grand Island

Dear June Bug Campers;

On behalf of Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center (CNCAC), I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the invitation to come and spend some time with all of you on June 28<sup>th</sup>. My family and I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and were reminded of how fortunate we are to be surrounded by such great people who care about the lives of children. Your most generous financial contribution of \$254.00 is most appreciative and will be applied to the continued serving of children who are victims of abuse and sexual assault.

As a small non-profit organization with three full-time employees, we all wear multiple hats to provide the necessary services to child victims within the eleven counties in Central Nebraska. Since CNCAC is funded mainly on grants, community support, fundraising and state assistance, we rely heavily on the efforts and support of our community partners. With the increase of children seen at our center in the past few months, your support comes at a crucial time. Within the past six months, CNCAC has conducted an average of 23.3 forensic interviews per month, compared to 13.9 within the entire calendar year of 2013.

The increased cases stems from greater community awareness and training, resulting in more individuals making a report, as required by State Statute 28-711. In line with these larger numbers come increased forensic interviews, advocacy, case management, referral services and on-call requirements. With that being said, your most humbling financial contribution will have significant impact on the lives of child victims.

In closing, please accept our sincere appreciation for your support for the victims we serve. Please accept this as your receipt for your kind donation of \$254.00 to CNCAC. Please share this thank you with others in the June Bug Campers as you feel appropriate.

In an effort to continually increase awareness of child abuse and sexual assault, I welcome the opportunity to present to various community organizations, agencies, and/or businesses. In addition, if you would ever like a tour of our center, please feel free to.

Respectfully;

**Brady L. Kerkman**

Executive Director

### Yogi Berra Quotes

"It was impossible to get a conversation going; everybody was talking too much."

A nickel isn't worth a dime today.

"I made a wrong mistake."

"The towels were so thick there I could hardly close my suitcase."

"I didn't really say everything I said."

# 2014 HEARTLAND REGIONAL CAMPOUT AUGUST 7-10 YORK, NEBRASKA

Nebraska cordially invites you to Region 3 campout. The theme is "Crossroads."

The fun begins on Thursday early afternoon. We will have crafts, activities for the kiddos, beanbag baseball. Iowa will have a hospitality on Thursday night after the program.

Registration Friday morning commencing at 8:00 a.m. The day will include flag raising, kids' activities twice, C.A.M.P., crafts, DASAT, carpooling to a No Kill Animal Shelter in York, bingo, a flag burning ceremony, hospitality by Nebraska, movie night and Duck Dynasty look-a-like contest. So get those beards and hair growing and dig out that camouflage clothing. This is not just for men; women can be rednecks as well.

Saturday includes breakfast casserole, C.A.M.P., site sales, beanbag baseball, choir practice, crafts, Conservation, root beer floats, Wildlife, praise service and dinner hosted by Gerry Pfirsch as Regional Director. The flag ceremony will open the Saturday night program. Al and Joanie Stone have asked each state to bring their state flag. The evening program will also include a musical duo, Teen Queen performances, wheelchair races. Kansas will hold a hospitality after the program.

If you are not familiar with site sales just bring your "valuables" to Regional. At the designated time set up a table at your site and commence selling.

Donuts and coffee will be served Sunday morning as a thank you to everyone who attended.

We look forward to seeing all of you in York, Nebraska, August 7.

**Steve and Marcia Witmer**

**Rob and Joleen Baker**

Co-Chairs

Directions:

The address is 2345 Nebraska Ave., York, Nebraska. From I-80; take Highway 81 exit at York; proceed north on Highway 81 for 5.3 miles; turn right onto W 25<sup>th</sup> Street (this is at the intersection of Highway 81 and 34); go 1.4 miles to the fairgrounds (proceed past Lincoln Avenue).

As a senior citizen RVer was driving down the freeway, his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him. I just heard on the news that there's an idiot going the wrong way on the Interstate. Please be carefull! "OH" he exclaimed. "It's not just one, it's hundreds of them!"



# FCRV RETIREE RALLY

## STROMSBURG, NE CITY PARK

### AUGUST 24-28, 2014

**Registration fee \$8.00 per rig. The parking fee is by donation and will be decided by all at our general meeting.**

#### **SUNDAY**

5:00 p.m. Evening meal - go out to eat

#### **MONDAY**

9:00 Registration begins with Coffee Time, bring something to share

Sign up at Senior Center for lunch on Tuesday

12:00 Lunch on your own

1:30 Games

5:30 Supper, Sloppy Joes and potato salad. Please bring veggies, pickles, olives etc. (does anyone have watermelon to bring?)

7:00 Get acquainted night

8:30 Hospitality

#### **TUESDAY**

9:00 Coffee Time, bring something to share

11:00 Leave for Senior Center for thrift shop and lunch

3:00 Crafts

5:30 Dinner on your own

7:00 Dominos, Cards, Board Games, etc

8:30 Hospitality

#### **WEDNESDAY**

8:00 Pancakes, sausage etc. (bring your own dishes)

10:00 Flea Market - please bring items to purchase

12:00 Lunch on your own

2:00 Ice Cream Social, bring toppings to share

5:30 Pot Luck

7:00 Fun Night, crowning of the New King and Queen

8:30 Hospitality

#### **Thursday**

9:00 Coffee Time, bring something to share

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!!**

Please bring your own cup for hospitality time.

Also bring books for sale or exchange, money to benefit our Retiree group.

# Scholarship News

The new President of the Scholarship Committee, Jan Van Arsdall who will be assuming duties at Workshop, has asked me to relay to all of you FCRV members in Nebraska our heartfelt thanks for your support. We encourage each of you to continue to be an important part of the Nebraska FCRV effort to help our members. It is especially rewarding to assist young people, to achieve their educational goals.

We are especially proud of Nichole Valderrabano who has graduated this spring with a degree in Aerospace Engineering and a minor in Mathematics and has moved to California to begin her career in the aerospace industry. We should all feel a sense of satisfaction that we were able to provide some financial aid to help her achieve her degree in this very demanding and technical field. Her accomplishment is indeed impressive.

In future reports we will try to keep you updated on the progress of our other scholarship recipients.

By: Gary Sander, Scholarship committee

As we use and write the word "Think" here is a challenge to apply the following definition:

**T** is for "is it true?"

**H** is it "Helpful?"

**I** is it "inspiring?"

**N** is it "necessary?"

**K** is it "kind?"



## STREETER PARK AURORA, NEBRASKA

Streeter Park in Aurora, Nebraska, is right off Highway 30. It is an easy walk into the downtown area which has some wonderful shops. There is a grocery store, Subway and McDonalds and Runza very close to the park. A water park has recently been constructed next to the campground which would be a wonderful retreat for those that love the water. Baseball diamonds are also adjacent to the campground; during baseball season you can enjoy a Little League game. There are 18 camping sites with 30 amp service; there are 8 water hydrants throughout the campground. There is a free waste water dumpsite on grounds. The sites are gravel. As you can see by the picture the sites are well shaded.

Submitted by: Sandy Kendall



This picture is from the RV/MH Hall of Fame Museum and represents the oldest travel trailer in existence.

## RV/MH Hall of Fame Museum Inventory



### **1913 Earl Trailer and Model T Ford -- RV Collection**

*On permanent display courtesy of Wade Thompson, Thor Industries.*

Believed to be the oldest non-tent travel trailer in existence. It was custom built for a Cal Tech professor.

# Chapter Meeting Reports

## Heartland Runabouts

The Runabouts July 11-13th adventure was a tanking trip on the Cedar River. In case anyone is not familiar with "tanking" it is best explained as a "floating down a river in a stock tank without power".

We camped at the campground at the Lake Ericson Dam located a few miles south of Ericson, Nebraska. We entered the river on Saturday just before noon and began our trip. We stopped along the way to enjoy our sack lunches on the river. The Cedar River is a spring fed and originates in the sandhills and winds through a very scenic rural landscape.

Every member of the crew was equipped with a water gun of their choosing. Some were home made, but all were effective and able to thoroughly drench the occupants of the other tanks. We were 20 in number including guests, and used 5 tanks. Absolutely everyone was soaked before long. The water fights were furious and occasionally involved other tankers who were on the river and joined in the water fun.

After leaving the river everyone retreated to their units for a shower and clean-up. In time to make it to a steakhouse in Ericson called, "the Hungry Horse" where we all enjoyed great meal in the heart of the cattle country.

On Sunday we ate as a group and after a devotional, we conducted the July Runabouts meeting.

By: **Gary & Linda Sander**  
Presidents



The crew gathered before launch

Youth enjoying the river

Lunch break on the river

## Chapter Meeting Reports

### Rollin' Turtles

The Rollin' Turtles camping club spent the weekend of June 20-22 at Rock Creek SRA in their beautiful campgrounds. The weather turned out fairly warm, after all, it is Nebraska.

The Rock Creek Station near the ranch area, which is on the Pony Express route, was having an annual Pony Express run on Friday. Was fun to watch the rider coming down to the ranch area, switch horses & rider as they ran the route. They were having an enactment on the historical ranch on the weekend and a lot of us ventured over to enjoy the history. It was a very warm day to walk over there.

But as always, we enjoyed the days, playing cards, catching up on all the news, and of course solving the nation's problems. We had a great Taco supper, the cooks did a great job. Next campout is at Lewisville SRA on July 17 -19. Have a great summer, see you out camping.

Jan Van

Temporary secretary

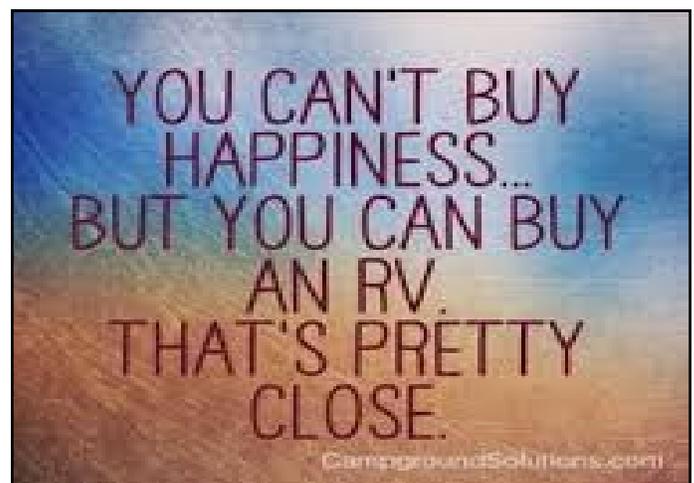
The Rollin' Turtles had their July campout at Lewisville SRA and had great weather for a campout. We had a very lazy weekend, a lot of us went out for supper on Thursday at Main Street restaurant in Lewisville, then ended the evening with a campfire and some games. On Friday it was so nice outside we spent the day talking, playing cards, and just loafing.

Friday evening supper was at Cedar Creek restaurant, great food and fast service. A few people went shopping, had a couple of Rummy Cube games, dinner, ice cream social, the meeting and a game of Beanbag baseball for a busy Saturday.

We hadn't played baseball for a long time so it was a lot of fun. The evening ended with horse-shoe playing and cards. Was a great weekend weather wise and really didn't want to head for home.

Happy Camping to everyone.

Jan Van



## Chapter Meeting Reports

### The Republican Valley Sodbusters

The Republican Valley Sodbusters held their June campout at Crystal Lake. Everyone enjoyed the nice camp grounds. It was a well kept and pleasant site for camping. Though hot and muggy the days were pleasant. Friday night had us wondering what was going to happen when storms were warned of in the area. The wind did have us wondering and rocking for a while, but no damage was done and the rain, though hard, was welcome. Another shower Saturday night was more pleasant. It was nice the rains came at night and the days were pleasant.

We had 15 members camping and enjoyed the visit with guests, Ken and Sandi Kendall. Hosts, Harry and Phoebe Sprague hosted a grill-out on Friday night with members bringing something for the grill and a side dish to share. On Saturday night Harry and Phoebe served sloppy joe sandwiches with members sharing a salad or dessert.

The group enjoyed visiting and catching up on everyone's activities and several went into Hastings for a little shopping. Saturday evening the Spragues hosted a pitch party with the group having fun at the game.

New members and visitors are always welcome. In order to encourage and get the word out several members have decided to put contact posters in several communities with tear-off name and phone number information for anyone interested.

Submitted by: Shirley Rippe

## COURAGEOUS RAMBLERS

We held our July camp out at Weeping Water. Our past directors Jan & Byron Johnson came to visit and we had a great time. We shared a great spaghetti dinner. Jan said it was icing on the cake to get to visit and have a great meal while in Nebraska. we were all glad to have some good memories of old camp outs together.

We have good news by the time you read this Marcy Medley will finally get to go home. She has spent 4 months recovering after a fall just before Valentines Day. We all thank god and all her friends for her recovery all prayers were welcome.

We made our door prize basket while camping. We are looking forward to regional and seeing all our friends.

Happy Camping,

**Norma Hetrick**

Secretary

# Chapter Meeting Reports

## Fun Finders

The Fun Finders met at the June Bug campout with four families in attendance. We enjoyed the activities and food at June Bug. Our club will be in charge of next years June Bug, we are planning our theme. We will camp at the Orleans City Park July 25-27, 2015.

Sharon Gies, News Spreader

## Explorers

### June

Our June meeting was held at Mahoney State Park. We were honored with the presents of our member who has moved to Florida, Rich Mathews. Our meeting was held at 3:00 pm Saturday with Vice-President Dick Provost in charge.

Due to inclement weather, we did not pot luck but went to Platte River State Park for dinner. We later enjoyed a delicious desert provided by Rich Mathews.

Our next campout will be at Fremont State Lakes in July.

### July

Our July campout was held at Fremont State Lakes. We had 28 people in attendance. We enjoyed a Friday night dinner at Applebees. Saturday morning some members took part in the Fremont Days celebration at the City Park. There was a pancake feed, car show, parade and several vendors.

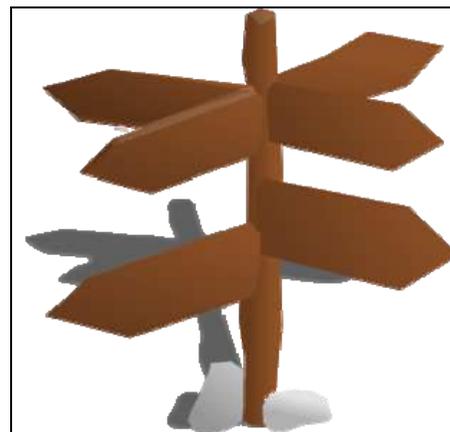
We welcomed Jim & Jeni Gunhus, who are Cadet Members of Al & Joane Stone. Jan and Joanie spent much of the day shopping for articles for our Regional Baskets. Our meeting was held Saturday afternoon. We discussed State for 2015 and members donated Gift Cards for the Pilger tornado victims. We also discussed Regional and hope for a good turnout.

We enjoyed a wonderful pot luck with Jenell and Randy Fellwock hosting. Jenell showed off her culinary expertise once again. Bev Jordan won the door prize for the month. The evening was spent visiting and really enjoying a very nice weekend with wonderful weather.

Our next campout will be at Griswold, Iowa. We hope to enjoy the Griswold Corn Boil.

President- Jan Franklin

# Heartland Regional Region 3 August 7-10, 2014 York County Fairgrounds York, NE



## CROSSROADS to Regional

For more information contact:

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Teens \_\_\_\_\_

### PREREGISTRATIONS ARE DUE JULY 15.

Pre-registration Fee: \$15 per unit, \$20 at the gate

### WHEN YOU ARRIVE YOU WILL PAY FOR CAMPING AND MEALS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Check nights you will be camping: Thu \_\_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking \_\_\_\_  
(must have handicap permit to park in handicap section)

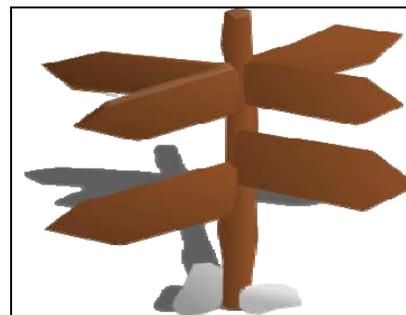
Camping fee is \$15 per night.

Friday evening meal \$5 x \_\_\_\_

Saturday breakfast \$3 x \_\_\_\_

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**THURSDAY**

1:30	Crafts (Sander/Hoagland)
2:00-4:00	Kids' activities (D. Baker)
3:00	C.A.M.P. (Bettelyoun)
4:00	Beanbag Baseball (Witmer)
	Games - Rummikub Tournament (Van Arsdall)
7:30	Skits (Witmer/Baker)
	Hospitality (after skits) (Nebraska)

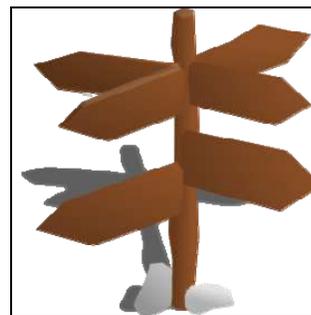
**Friday**

8:00	Registration opens (Franklin)
9:00	Flag Ceremony (Stone)
9:30-11:30	Kids' activities (D. Baker)
9:30	C.A.M.P. (Bettelyoun)
10:00-12:00	Crafts (Sander/Hoagland)
1:00	DASAT (Witmer)
1:00-3:00	Kids' activities (D. Baker)
2:45	Gather to carpool to No Kill Shelter (Kendall)
3:00	Tour of No Kill Shelter (Kendall)
4:30-6:00	Bingo (A. DeVriendt)
6:00	Evening meal (\$5.00 per person) (Hoagland/Kendall)
7:00	Flag Burning Ceremony (B. DeVriendt)
7:30	Hospitality - Iowa
8:00	Family movie night (D. Baker)

**SATURDAY**

8:30-9:30	Breakfast (\$3.00 per person) (Triple F)
9:30	C.A.M.P. (Bettelyoun)
9:30-11:00	Kids' activities (D. Baker)
10:00	Site sales (Van Arsdall)
10:30	Crafts (Sander/Hoagland)
11:00	Beanbag baseball (Witmer)
11:00	Choir Practice (Feikert)

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### SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

1:00 p.m.	Gerry Pfirsch (Membership)
2:00	Conservation (Bird Feeder)(Baker)
2:00-4:00	Kids' activities (D. Baker)
2:30	Root Beer Floats (Scholarship committee/Explorers)
3:00	Wildlife (Stones)
4:00	Praise Service (Feikert)
5:30	Dinner - Regional Director
7:00	Flag Ceremony (Stones) Each State to bring their flag for the ceremony Evening Program - Entertainment- The Mellow D's Teen Queen Regional Meeting Duck Dynasty contest followed by Wheel chair races Hospitality- Kansas

### SUNDAY

8:00	Donuts/coffee
9:00	Building cleanup

**Steve and Marcia Witmer and Rob and Joleen Baker and Nebraska FCRV  
 Hope You Had an Enjoyable Weekend!!  
 Thank you so much for joining us at 2014 Heartland Regional!**

## Have a Safe Trip Home!

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

All you need to grow fine, vigorous grass is a crack in your sidewalk.

The best time to give advice to your children is while they're still young enough to believe you know what you're talking about.

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