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ISSUE 7

EARLY RISERS

JULY 2001

OFFICERS

President - Donna Setzler
Vice Pres. - John Pilette
Secretary - Kathy Hartwig
Treas. - Desi McIntosh

BIRTHDAYS

2nd - John Pilette
20th - Donald Setzler
24th - Lucy Sulek

JULY EVENTS

****General Meeting****

There will not be a meeting for July. 3 out of 4 Board members will be at Nationals

July 6th-13th 2001
Campvention in Gillette, Wyoming.

AUGUST EVENTS

August 1st-5th, Regional in Henry, IL.

August 14th - Anniversary meeting-pot luck. 6:30 PM

August 24th-26th, Myers Lake. Jones Wagonmaster

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to the LaHousse family. Will's father passed away June 10th

T-SHIRTS

Kathy suggested at the meeting that we have an Early Risers T-Shirt. Kathy will be taking orders between now and July 25th. The t-shirts will be light blue with dark blue lettering. A rooster with the #88 on the front and a Michigan with a rooster on it on the back. The cost of the shirts will be around \$10.00 I will let you know after I place the order as to when I need the money. Call

Dave & Kathy for questions and to order (xxx-xxx-xxxx).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Steve & Chris Tucker, and Mike & Robin Toomer. We welcome you into our chapter and look forward to you camping with us.

2001 STATE SPRING CAMPOUT

The 2001 State Spring Campout was held in Coldwater on May 18th-20th. Early Risers in attendance were: Brown's, McIntosh, Hartwig, Setzler, LaHousse, Sulek Sr., Valenti, Pilette, Jones, and guests Chris & Steve Tucker, Mike & Robin Toomer, & Stephen and Marie Gerhart and son Steven. Friday night

they had garbage tournaments, sloppy joe sales and a lot of meeting & greeting of old friends. The teens had a lock in from 1am to 6am which left us adults to enjoy a wonderful fire. Saturday we awoke to blue skies and sunshine. Adult games consisting of horseshoes and washer toss were held and Early Risers once again had a high participation/win turn out. Project sales began and some of our members sold trailer numbers at it while others purchased the wares that were for sale. The teens, who finally woke up, hosted a hot dog sale and another chapter sold chili to go with it. For \$2.00 it was a pretty good lunch. In the afternoon there was a seminar put on by Mrs. Roop, the National President's wife, she talked about the hierarchy of FCRV and the responsibilities of each level. It was very informative of how FCRV works and I would highly recommend it to those who want to know that. In the evening awards were given out and once again Early Risers brought home many of them. There was a dance following awards but most of us went back to our campfire & enjoyed each others company there. continued...

Sunday morning began with the Praise Gang puppets for kids and the Counslors singing group for adults. Both programs were fantastic. After that the general membership meeting was held. Then we each headed for home, once again satisfied with our camping experience.
Submitted by Beth Sulek-LaHousse

A few more awards that were omitted last month for Spring were:
1st place singles in Horseshoes-Kathy Hartwig
Camping is posters:
Steven Gerhart- 1st
Autumn Zitek - 3rd
Conservation Posters:
Marci Hartwig - 1st
Michael McIntosh -2nd
Donna Setzler - 2nd
Kathy Hartwig - 3rd

2001 NORTHERN MIXER

The Northern Mixer was held June 8th-10th in St. Louis.
Friday night we pulled in just as the ice cream social was going on. Our chapter was there so we set up camp as they wondered back. Coming in to greet us were: Hartwig's, McIntosh, Toomer & Gerhart. We had a wonderful fire and though I didn't stay at it long, they enjoyed it until way past midnight.
Saturday morning the campout had family games consisting of six stations where you won points. The stations were; mini-golf, bow

& arrow shoot, tic-tac-toe-toss, ring toss, and 2 others. Everyone had fun, then it was on to the pet competition. Early Risers were well represented in the adult category with live pets of Dave & Bear and stuffed pets of Robin & her animal, Mike & his pet "peeve", Beth & "Will" who did a roll over trick, and Kathy & her talking mechanical parrot who really enjoys metal crackers! The campout provided a lunch of hot dogs & chips. Then I rounded up the Early Risers teens (because of Greyson's prodding) and took Michael, Marci, Greyson, Heather, Steve, and Alicia Woolums to Walmarks and the movies in town. We saw "The Animal" which was a really stupid movie, but we had a great time together as a group. Back at the campground the trailer holiday decorating contest was being held. Gerhart's was the only trailer in our group that was decorated but Marie did a great job with the Kwanzaa theme. Bean bag baseball was held and Early Risers fielded a whole team plus one. 5 teams entered and after all the fun, it came down to Early Risers vs Kathy and her team. Although we made a valiant effort, she did a great job of training team and they beat us. We knew that Hartwigs would have one loser sleeping in their trailer that night and it turned out to be Dave. In the evening the awards/entertainment

program was held and we found out that Gerhart's won a blue ribbon for their trailer. Although Marie struggled with letting Steve accept part of the award (She did do all the work!) eventually she gave in and he got his ribbon! Steve also won in the family games having a high score of 148! (They sound like Early Riser material to me. Some one give them an application!!) Beth & "Will" won for the pet contest & Kathy & Dave took home a lot of the silent auction prizes. (Boy, Desi, you really had bad numbers!!) We wondered back to our campsites & enjoyed a beautiful fire & lots (&lots&lots&lots) of hobo pies & s'mores. I felt that it was nice having the teens there enjoying the fire with us and sometime around 2AM we all decided it was time for bed.
Sunday church was held then the delegates meeting, then heading home. Another wonderful camping weekend had come to an end.
Submitted by Beth Sulek-LaHousse

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

While we ponder when to begin it becomes too late to do! Procrastination