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President Paul Jones in the towel folding class.

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### Campout and Meeting Announcements

- September 4-8, 2018** – State Retiree Rally, St Louis, MI
- Sept 21-23, 2018** – MSA State Fall, Imlay City, MI
- 2019 Campvention** – July 7-13; Early Day July 5, Noon  
Kansas State Fairground, Hutchinson, KS
- 2020 Campvention** – Canada, looking for grounds

**Please support the many activities scheduled in 2018.**

(Also see registration forms on pages 9-10)

### Awards

Remember to send in your nominations for the Family of the Year and the Jonsey Award. Nominations are due by June 1st.

To nominate someone for Family of the Year, send a letter listing the family name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, community involvement and anything else you may think is relevant.

To nominate a teen for the Jonsey Award, send a letter including the teen name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, school involvement, community involvement, and anything else you feel is relevant.

Please mail your nominations to:

**Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner**  
502 Andres St.  
Chesaning, MI 48616

Or e-mail them to: [awards@mifcrv.org](mailto:awards@mifcrv.org)

Thank you.

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**News from the  
MSA President**

Now that camping season is in full force I hope everyone has a great time and the heat isn't too intense for you. Our Spring Campout was a real success and I think they will be talking about the evening program (The Price is Right) for a long time.

National Campvention in Virginia will be finished by the time this letter is published and it sounds like a great time was had by all who attended.

The State Fall will be a week later than usual and in Imlay City at the Fairgrounds.

They could still use some help for that so if you want to assist the Fall Campout committee contact Joyce Williams [mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com](mailto:mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com) or (586)-242-4584.

Be safe out there camping and don't forget to spread the word about our great camping family.

Respectfully Submitted

MSA President Paul R Jones

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**Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations (Word preferred) to me by email: [Michigander@mifcrv.org](mailto:Michigander@mifcrv.org)**

**Be sure to include DOUCUMENTATION for any pictures or clipart.**

**Michigander DEADLINE DATES**

**DEADLINES** for submitting articles to the Michigander are:

**December 10** for the January issue

**March 10** for the April issue

**Friday after State Spring** for the July issue

**Friday after State Fall** for the October issue

You can start **TODAY** by sending articles to: [michigander@mifcrv.org](mailto:michigander@mifcrv.org).

**Anyone may submit an article for consideration to be included.**



## STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS



It has been some time since we had a state campout at the Branch County Fairgrounds in Coldwater and we sure enjoyed our stay. The Early Risers Chapter hosted as they celebrated their 50th Chapter

Anniversary. The spring campout is always different as hosts can plan fun and exciting activities!

Congratulations to the Early Risers Chapter and thanks for hosting a fun campout. Among other things, the evening program was great fun! So were the family games, the great meals and just catching up with everyone after a long winter.

Spring is the time for award presentations and we were excited to present the following chapter anniversary awards: Early Risers, 50 years; Lay-Zee Hayseeds, 45 years; and Traverse Bay Travelers, 20 years.

The State Director Award this year was awarded to a very surprised Ron and Ida O'Dell from the Blue Water District. Ron and Ida give so much to our association and we were so honored to present them with this award; Congratulations!

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Michaela Graves, Katie Kurburski and Jordan Scofield.

The cloth Michigan bags were distributed. Please make sure you get your bag from us and use it to recruit new members and help to increase our membership. We also have membership flyers and recruitment bags.

We are looking for a new appointment of Michigan State Teen Directors. Louise Crookedacre has stepped down but is willing to assist her replacements. Please let us know if you are interested and please do so quickly. We need this position filled before the fall campout teen pageant. We hope you will consider this opportunity. Let us know if you have questions.

The Field Director's Campout will be held at Lake of Dreams Campground in Merrill, MI August 10-12, 2018. On Saturday we will gather for a potluck breakfast and supper. Meat will be purchased from the field staff fund for supper. Please bring your favorite potluck dishes to both meals. There will be a workshop and news update from the executive board meeting from Campvention. All FCRV Members are welcome to join us without obligation of being appointed as field staff. Call the campground to make reservations with our group (Linda English: 989-643-0403). You have until August 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve a site in our group. NOTE: Ron/Ida O'Dell paid for a site and because the campout was rescheduled, they have a commitment this year and cannot use it. Please let them or us know if you can pay them to take it.

Campvention 2018 in Virginia is just around the corner. Have you made plans to attend this year? Currently we plan to arrive in Virginia Friday for two extra days. If you want to travel together, please let us know. Remember parking is straight hobo so if you want to park together, you must arrive together. Our Michigan Teen Queen Katie Kurburski and Teen King Luke Kurburski are anxious to get to Virginia and compete in the national pageant. Please check the Michigan Bulletin Board at Campvention for up-to-the-date news! We hope to see you there!

Do you have our MSA State Fall Campout on your camping calendar this year? It will be held at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Inlay City September 21-23, 2018. Please refer to our website for information and campout registration forms:

[www.mifcrv.org](http://www.mifcrv.org)

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Michigan State Directors  
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A new ANNOUNCEMENT from John and Linda: We have a new International Teen Queen, Katie Kurburski!!! Luke Kurburski won the title of First Runner Up Teen King!!! We are so excited for the Kurburski Family and Michigan Members! The rest of the results of the teen pageant are as follows:

Blake from Kansas is the new International Teen King.  
Mercedes from Kansas won First Runner Up for Teen Queen.  
Haley from Illinois won Miss Talent.

Macey from Indiana won Miss Congeniality.  
Blake from Kansas won Mr. Skill.  
Luke (MI) won Mr. Personality.

That makes three teens from the Great Lakes Region who won titles. Congratulations to all contestants.



## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

It is graduation season and I would like to congratulate all the graduates out there. Soon you will be embarking on a new phase of your life. Some of you are going off to college, others will be heading straight into the working world. Whatever your direction, my advice to you is jump right in with a smile on your face and a positive attitude; both will take you a long way.

By the time you receive this edition of *The Michigander*, the 2017-18 scholarship application deadline will have passed. I'd like to remind you to be eligible for a scholarship **next year**, one of the requirements is the applicant **or** applicant's parents must attend at least one (1) Michigan FCRV campout this year and camped/stayed overnight one night. The qualifying campouts are: MSA State Spring, MSA State Fall campout and a District campout. So, get out there and camp with your FCRV family and enjoy our wonderful organization. Have a great summer!!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Teens living at home planning to attend college or a trade school, upon turning 20 years of age, will need to request a 20-year old honorary membership from the Michigan State Director to apply for a free membership. To be eligible for a National or Michigan FCRV scholarship, you must be a **member in good standing**. (See policy below)

Michigan Scholarship applications are available on the MSA website, [www.mifcrv.org](http://www.mifcrv.org). Be sure to apply for a National Scholarship by contacting the National Scholarship Director at [fcrvscholarship2014@gmail.com](mailto:fcrvscholarship2014@gmail.com). Be sure to enter FCRV Scholarship in the subject line.

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Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

### **POLICY - TWENTY YEAR OLD HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any single child of an FCRV member in good standing, may at the age of 20, request of the State/Provincial Director that his/her name be placed on the 20 year old honorary membership list. The name, address, and birth date of the 20 year old will be provided to the national office through the State/Provincial Directors.

2. FCRV will extend the membership of a single child through the age of 24 if that individual is in the military or a student in college or technical school. **This extension ceases upon leaving college, release from the military, marriage, or lack of application to the State/Provincial Director EACH year for a membership extension.** At the end of the extension period the member must pay for a renewal at the going rate.

## FCRV National Election 2018

We have received election results from Votenet, the company who tallied our election. They indicate they found the election to have been held fairly and there was no tampering from outside sources.

There were 2848 eligible voters with 574 people voting. There were 47 voters who viewed the material and did not vote. We had 20.15% of eligible voters vote.

The outcome of the election was that Shari Weber was elected to another term as President, George Walters was elected to another term as Vice President Programs and Sue Carlsen was elected to another term as Recording Corresponding Officer. Thank you to Lorne and Cheryl for stepping up to be nominated. We appreciate your enthusiasm and look forward to finding other roles for you to use your talents.

Shari  
President  
Family Campers and RVers



Where strangers become  
friends and friends become  
family.

## RETIREE NEWS!!!

We are ready to start camping. Don't forget our State Spring & Fall Campouts; also, don't forget Sept 4-9 Church of God Campground for the Retiree Rally. We have campouts in Davisburg in April. May is Port Huron; June is Gladwin; July is CAMPVENTION in Doswell, Virginia. when you come please bring a friend or two. Happy Camping!

**Mary Lou Heft, Michigan State Retiree Director.**

### **Hello RVers,**

It is time to start getting new members for this year. How? I am not certain, but the more we talk about FCRV the more others will become curious.

Pick up some of the "Come Camp with Us" brochures and leave them at restaurants, feed stores, building supply stores, hardware stores, clothing stores, the hair dresser, etc. If you are having club events, invite friends to join in and make them feel comfortable to be there. Wear some items that advertise camping and FCRV i.e. hats, badges, t-shirts, patches, FCRV club vests, etc.

**Word of mouth is the best advertising one can do!**

The above is the sole opinion of the editor, Ron O'Dell

**FCRV National Scholarship Board Directors, FAMILY CAMPERS AND RV'ers  
National Scholarship Recipient: 2018**

Dear John and Linda,  
State Directors: Michigan

It is our pleasure to announce that Katie L Kurburski of Harbor Springs, Michigan has received one of eleven National Scholarships awarded this year.

Katie is enrolled at Ferris State University – Big Rapids in year one of the Pharmacy/Biology programs. The criteria for a National Scholarship is available on line at the FCRV web site: applicants must demonstrate high academic success; involvement in FCRV activities; participation in community activities and provide two references. This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America.

FCRV is proud of Katie's accomplishments to date and wishes her success in her academic career.

Thank you,  
Carl & Lynda Wood



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Dear John and Linda,  
State Directors: Michigan

It is our pleasure to announce that Elizabeth M Kurburski of Harbor Springs, Michigan has received one of eleven National Scholarships awarded this year. Elizabeth is enrolled at Michigan State University – East Lansing in year four of the Food Science program. The criteria for a National Scholarship is available on line at the FCRV web site: applicants must demonstrate high academic success; involvement in FCRV activities; participation in community activities and provide two references. This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America.

FCRV is proud of Elizabeth's accomplishments to date and wishes her success in her academic career.

Thank you,  
Carl & Lynda Wood

**FCRV National Scholarship Board Directors, FAMILY CAMPERS AND RV'ers  
National Scholarship Recipient: 2018**

Dear John and Linda  
State Directors: Michigan

It is our pleasure to announce that Emily A Kurburski of Harbor Springs, Michigan has received one of eleven National Scholarships awarded this year. Emily is enrolled at Kettering University – Flint in year three of the Business Administration program. The criteria for a National Scholarship is available on line at the FCRV web site: applicants must demonstrate high academic success; involvement in FCRV activities; participation in community activities and provide two references. This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America.

FCRV is proud of Emily's accomplishments to date and wishes her success in her academic career.

Thank you,  
Carl & Lynda Wood



# MIFCRV TEEN ROYALTY

Friends and Family,

I am so blessed to be writing to you again on what I have been doing and what my future is looking like. I was so excited to attend State Spring and spend time camping with you in May.

I spent Memorial weekend camping with my chapter and attending the Alma Highland Festival where I competed in dancing. I am now a premier level dancer!

Graduation is here, and I am ready to walk across the stage and step into my future as well as the summer. I also am looking forward to getting back on the golf course to play a few rounds. This summer has lots in store for me and is going to be keeping me busy.

As the weeks draw down to nationals, I am preparing to represent our wonderful state. I am excited to see what Virginia has to offer! I hope to see many of you there and wish you Safe travels.

Forever grateful,  
Katie Kurburski  
2017-2018 Michigan Teen Queen



## 1<sup>st</sup> Runner UP FCRV King 2018

Hello,

This past year I have been participating in Builders club, Boy Scouts, cross country, running club, and 4-H.

Builders club is an organization that helps the community. In school, have been active in club sports and the classroom. Running club is where I get to run outside year-round, even if that means running while the snow is coming down and my nose is cold. I also get to run around town looking at the history and small quirks of my town. In Boy Scouts, I went on a hiking trip out to Pictured Rocks. I got to see Chapel rock and camped at mosquito beech where I was able to watch the sun setting.

I am excited to camp this year and to be able to share my stories with you!

Luke Kurburski  
Michigan Teen King 2017-2018



## The new Miss FCRV 2018

Fellow Campers,

I am pleased to be writing to you as Miss FCRV 2018. I was crowned last month at National Campvention in Doswell, VA. I am pleased to be representing this wonderful organization and to be camping with each of you. I cannot wait for what this next year has in store for me and I am excited to be visiting many other states and regional campouts during my reign. Please let me know when your state campouts are so I can plan to attend them.

Thank you so much for all of your support in my journey to this title. I received a second family when I joined this organization. I started out in the Teenie Queen position when I was younger and somehow, I made it to this title, and it would not have been possible if not for each and every one of you. I am beyond thankful for the support I have received through this wonderful state and through each chapter. Thank you so much and I hope to make each of you proud.

Forever Grateful,  
Katie Kurburski  
Michigan Teen Queen 17-18 & Miss FCRV 2018





# 2018 State Fall Information

An awesome State Fall Campout is being planned for September 22-23, 2018 at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds, Imlay City, Michigan

# WOW!

There is enough room for many, many, many RVs of various sizes and yes even tents are welcome. Bring lots of family, friends, and new members. Early registrations will have the best chances of having electricity. There is water and a dump station on grounds, but you should try to come with your fresh water tank full and the holding tanks empty.

Some of the highlights will be:

**Goody Bags!**

**Jail & Bail with a twist?**

**Seminar about Ticks**

**Ticket game (this is a lot of fun; lets you get acquainted with Imlay City and helps us get a little exercise.)**

**Adult games will include the EZ Washer Toss and maybe others?**

**Saturday Lunch will be 2 kinds of soup (bring your bowl and utensils)**

**Saturday night it is Pulled Pork supplied with the POTLUCK!**

**Everyone is encouraged to wear a Southern Early-American costume (hillbilly attire).**

**T-shirt and Engraved Badges will be in the Vendor's area.**

Enter the Fairgrounds from the WEST Gate on S. Almont Ave. Some campsites will need long extension cords to use the 20-amp electric; be sure to bring some.

Do not miss this campout so register soon. Registration form is on page 10.

Marlette RV might have RVs on display, it is uncertain at this time.

They did say that they have a "mobile repair service". If anyone needs repairs, they can call ahead of the State Fall Campout and schedule them. By scheduling ahead Marlette RV will have an idea of what parts and/or materials to bring with them.

**Call 877-783-3257 or 989-635-3800**



## Labor Day Weekend Campout

Do you have Labor Day weekend plans? Are you looking for a fantastic way to spend the end of summer? Look no further than joining your fellow FCRV camping friends and family at River Country Campground in Ewart, Michigan.

You do not want to miss out on a weekend filled with campfires, potlucks, and floating down the river. There is plenty to do and something for everyone. To top these exciting events is a live auction hosted by the Traverse Bay Travelers, with half the profits being donated to charity.

If you feel like getting to the campground early, head over to the flea market for some Amish baked goods and everything in between. What a way to spend an extended weekend! Great times are sure to be had and we would love for you to join us.

Invite your friends and come camp with us. When reserving your spot, be sure to reserve under the name of **Traverse Bay Travelers**.

### Contact Information:

River Country Campground  
6281 River Rd.  
Ewart, MI 49631  
231-734-3808  
[info@campandcanoe.com](mailto:info@campandcanoe.com)



MSA State Fall Campout / Blue Water District Mixer  
Sept 21-23, 2018  
Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds (2 blocks north of I-69)  
Imlay City MI 48444 (between Flint & Pt. Huron)

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Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00  
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Total Fri & Sat registration and camping fee \$45.00  
Early arrivals begin on Wednesday September 19

Make checks payable to: \*\*  
Michigan State Association/FCRV

Registration Deadline September 12, 2018

\*\* Canadian Registrations WE CAN NOT ACCEPT CANADIAN CHECKS PLEASE EMAIL REGISTRATION TO [mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com](mailto:mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com)

Any Questions call: Joyce Williams 586-242-4584 or email [mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com](mailto:mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com)

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## 2018 State Fall Campout / Blue Water District Mixer

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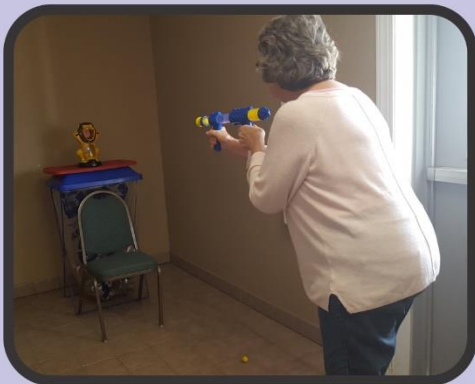


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Presented to  
*RON & IDA O'DELL*  
For your dedication and exceptional  
service to Family Campers & RVers  
and the  
Michigan State Association

**Thank you for this  
awesome award!**

**P.S. No, we are not getting  
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repairs on a slideout.**

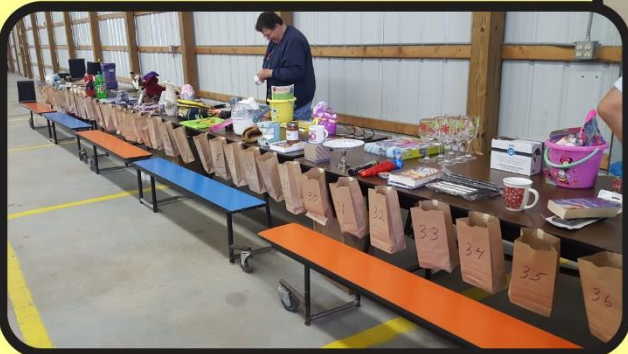
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# S.E. District Mixer 2018



# State Spring 2018



# Northern District Mixer 2018