



We-Wan-To-Gos Return To Little Wall Lake

The We-Wan-To-Go June campout was at Little Wall Lake State Park in Jewell, IA on June 16-18. The wagonmasters were Aireys, Elliott, Farnis, Harberts, and Pearce. These were 17 out of 32 members attending for 53%.

Those attending were:

1. Lyle and Marrlee Airey
2. Reggie and Carolyn Andersen
3. Bill and Pat Consolver and their granddaughter Hannah
4. Roger and Kathy Cox
5. Myrna Elliott
6. Steve and Char Farni
7. Greg and Vickie Galeazzi
8. Mike and Carol Gammon
9. Dave and Cathy Good

10. Paul and Shari Harberts
11. Stan and Stella Huber
12. Mike and Kathy Isebrand
13. Randall and Virginia Jensen and their son Kevin
14. Steve and Dixie Mumford
15. Richard and Paula Nichols
16. Bill and Karen Pearce
17. Craig and Sandy Winn

Randall and Virginia Jensen, having attended four WIT functions, were accepted into the Chapter and received their Membership Book, three-flag set, and flag holder.

Friday evening, the hosts served walking tacos along with homemade ice cream.

Saturday morning started early with a 7:30 a.m. pancake breakfast. Then after breakfast,

campers caravanned to Ames and toured Spedding Hall on the Iowa State University (ISU) campus. The building is named after Dr. Frank Spedding, an ISU chemistry professor, who worked on the Manhattan Project during World War II helping build the first atomic weapon. Myrna's father, Dr. Harley Wilhelm, was Dr. Spedding's right hand man developing large quantities of near pure uranium 235. This fissionable material was used to fuel the first nuclear reactor at the University of Chicago and also to manufacture the first atomic weapon at the Los Alamos, NM Laboratory during the war.



Randal and Virginia Jensen are the newest members



Myrna's dad, Dr. Harley Wilhelm helped win WWII

From there, we caravanned to Bergies Coffee Company Roasting Restaurant for lunch.

Then it was on to the Ames Fire Department for a tour of their facilities and services.

On Saturday evening, the wagonmasters provided grills to

cook meat and they also provide salads and ingredients for S'mores.

Sunday morning the hosts served pastries, juice, and coffee before departing for home.

July Birthday Celebrations Go To:

Karen Corning	13 th
Cathy Isebrand.....	25 th
Bill Sheeder	27 th
Steve Mumford.....	28 th



Iowa Winnie Hawks' State Pre-GNR Rally Is July 7-9

The Iowa Winnie Hawks state rally is July 7 through 9 at the Franklin County Convention Center and Campgrounds in Hampton IA. The address is **1008 Central Avenue W.** The fairground is just 60 miles south and eight days before the 2017 Grand National Rally (GNR).



The theme is “*Fabulous Winnebago*” and the We-Wan-To-Gos are responsible for breakfast, meals, and beverages.

Early arrivals on Thursday can tour Seabee Cylinders at 1:00 p.m. They manufacture custom hydraulic cylinders and components, plate solid bar and

tubular materials, and cast various other products.

You may also be visit the North Central Iowa Railroad Club later that afternoon. In 1985, the Rock Island Depot in Hampton was relocated to the fairgrounds and the Railroad Club set up their HO gauge trains in the basement of the station.

On Friday morning, there will be a tour of Sukup Manufacturing Company. They make grain bins, grain dryers, material handling equipment and pre-engineered metal buildings.

Friday afternoon there will be vendor seminars.

On Saturday, there is a planned guided walking tour of the Hampton Historic District so bring your walking shoes.

2017 Iowa Row Party Peach Fuzzie Celebration

At the Iowa Winnie Hawks' Fall Meeting last year, the state Club's leadership decided they would no longer participate in the Club's historic peach fuzzies during GNR this year. Having been an integral part of the Iowa row party and GNR for over 30 years, Wings members Lyle and Marrlee Airey, along with Roger and Kathy Cox, stated they would make the peach fuzzie celebration happen at the 2017 GNR Iowa row party.

Now this new peach fuzzie committee is asking for volunteers to help make this year's party be as successful as in the past three decades in Forest City. If you would like to help the four organizers, please let any of them know you want to volunteer for some short shifts.

Winnebago Lists New Duties For Their CFO

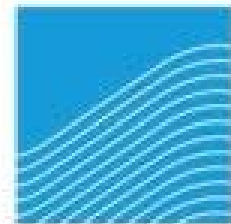
Winnebago Industries recently announced that Chief Financial Officer Bryan Hughes has been appointed by the board of directors to the offices of treasurer and chief accounting officer.



He replaces Sarah Nielsen, who is resigning from those offices and will be leaving the company effective June 2, 2017.

In other business, Winnebago announced the company's board of directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share payable on July 26 to common stockholders of record at the close of business on July 12. SOURCE: Winnebago press release

Iowa Gives Flexsteel More Than \$2M To Stay In State



FLEXSTEEL
RECREATION

The state of Iowa will give Flexsteel Industries more than \$2 million as part of a \$10 million bid to keep the furniture company's plant in Dubuque and save most of the site's more than 200 jobs.

The Iowa Economic Development Authority Board approved a \$2.1 million incentive package for Flexsteel the Des Moines Register reported. That includes

a \$1 million forgivable loan and more than \$1 million in tax credits and refunds.

In addition to the state award, a lengthy project agreement shows Flexsteel will receive more than \$6.5 million in tax incentives over 10 years from the city of Dubuque, more than \$1.5 million from Dubuque County in land discounts and \$100,000 from Northeast Iowa Community College for workforce training.

Flexsteel announced earlier that it will keep its manufacturing operations, along with 200 of its current 218 jobs, in Dubuque. That announcement came seven months after the company said it would close its Dubuque facility at the end of this year.

The company plans to spend at least \$25 million on a new plant in Dubuque, with construction to begin later this year. Production will be shifted from Flexsteel's existing facility to the new site by the fall of 2018.

Flexsteel is a key employer in the community, said Daniel McDonald, vice president of existing business at Greater Dubuque Development Corp. Some families have sent four and five generations with the plant, he said.

"Dubuque is Flexsteel, and Flexsteel is Dubuque," McDonald said.

Paula Nichols's Snack Cake Medley

3 c Flour
2 c Sugar
 $\frac{2}{3}$ c Cocoa
2 t Baking Soda
1 t Salt
2 c Water
 $\frac{2}{3}$ c Vegetable Oil



2 Eggs
2 t White Vinegar
2 t Vanilla
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dark Chocolate Chips
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Sweetened Coconut Flakes
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Chopped Nuts

1. Heat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 13" x 9" x 2" baking pan. *Prepare cream cheese filling and set aside.

2. Stir together flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl. Add water, oil, eggs, vinegar, and vanilla. Beat on medium speed of mixer 2 minutes or until well blended. Pour 3 cups batter into prepared pan. Gently drop cream cheese filling onto batter by heaping teaspoon fulls. Carefully spoon remaining batter over filling. Combine chocolate chips, coconut, and nuts. Sprinkle over top of batter.

3. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted into cake center comes out almost clean and cake starts to crack slightly. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cover and store leftover cake in refrigerator. Makes 12-16 servings.

*Cream Cheese Filling
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dark Chocolate Chips
1 package (8 oz) Cream Cheese, softened
 $\frac{1}{3}$ c Sugar
1 egg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ t Vanilla

1. Place Chocolate chips in a small microwave safe bowl. Microwave at medium (50%) for 30 seconds. Stir if necessary and microwave an additional 10 seconds at a time.

2. Beat cream cheese and sugar in bowl until well blended. Beat in an egg and vanilla. Add chocolate, beating until well blended.

Humboldt's Born Free Closed, Future Unclear

Born Free RV in Humboldt announced on May 15, that it would be closed for the week. Six weeks later, it still has not reopened, and the phone has been disconnected.



The Born Free RV line was created by Dodgen Industries back in the late 60's. The company was founded in the 40's to make farm equipment. Since the 70's RV's are all they have made at this Humboldt plant. Over two years ago the company was sold to an investor group.

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"We've been shut down now for six weeks and we are waiting on the company ownership to either provide more money or not, at this point," said Branden

Dodgen, who is the Born Free Product Manager. His grandfather founded Dodgen Industries. Brandon stayed on with the new owners to work at the company.

The firm had two or three months' worth of orders on the books when the plant closed, according to Dodgen. There were around 35 employees working there at the time.

"We're all hoping to come back for a customers, for employees, and community because they have the business open again," said Dodgen.

The firm had listed a Born Free owners' homecoming event for August. Dodgen said he had no idea if that event would still happen.

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Upcoming We-Wan-To Go Events

* Indicates a change

July 7-9Iowa Winnie Hawk State Rally

Location:Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hampton, IA
Assignments:Breakfast, meals, and beverages
Theme: " *Fabulous Winnebago* "

July 17-23Grand National Rally (GNR)

Location:WIT Rally Grounds, Forest City, IA
Assignments:Row party tables and table covers
Theme: " *Welcome to Fabulous Winnebago* "

August 25-27Campout

Location:Diamond Lake Park, Montezuma, IA
Wagonmasters:Cox, Good, Nichols, Rasmussen. Sheeder

September 21-24Iowa Winnie Hawk Fall Meeting

Location:Southern Iowa Fairgrounds, Oskaloosa, IA
Assignments: Setup, Cleanup, and decorations
Theme: " *Autumn Fun* "

October 13-15Campout

Location:Green County Fairground/
Milwaukee Depot, Jefferson IA
Wagonmasters:Adams, Corning, Pawlowski, Peters, Wendt

November 18Noon Luncheon

Location:Hibachi Grille and Supreme Buffet,
West Des Moines, IA
Host:Consolver

December 3Noon Luncheon

Location:Pickle's Pub, Kamrar, IA
Hosts:Harberts

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January 20Noon Luncheon

Location:Berwick Church, Berwick, IA
Host:Pearce

February 17Noon Luncheon

Location: _____
Host: _____

'May 18-20Iowa Winnie Hawk Spring Meeting

Location: _____
Assignments: _____
Theme: " _____ "