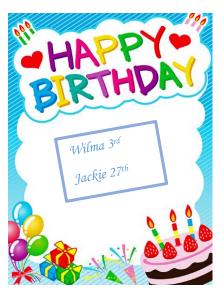


## MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



Happy Mother's Day!



The May campout to Village Creek State Park was May 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>. The "Pickin' in the Park" was going on during this weekend. I was the first to arrive on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> in the late afternoon. Bill and Sally would have come in on Wednesday also but were experiencing diesel problems with their rig. I got our RV all set up and had a nice supper. Then it was time for a walk around the middle campground and visiting with campers during the walk. It was very different being here by myself as Jackie will not be coming in until Friday after work. Thursday is supposed to bring some harsh weather but the forecast after that sounds great.

Thursday morning dawned beautifully with the rain not due until the afternoon. It continued that way until slightly after lunchtime. Bob and Alesia came in a little before 1 o'clock. It was definitely a lot easier to park this time in a pull thru verses the problems last time at Petit Jean St. Park. We visited a little bit before they needed to finish setting up before the weather continued to get worse. At least the rest of the weekend is looking to be beautiful.

Friday morning dawned beautifully with the storm the night before not as bad as we had anticipated, but it was cooler and windy. The sun popping out was a definite blessing. Mid-morning had Bob and Alesia walking by since they couldn't reach me on the phone. We all decided to go down to the visitor's center to watch the two movies on the Trail of Tears and Crowley's Ridge. After the movies we drove down towards the Old Military Trail and walked across part of it on the dam by Lake Austell. Along the way by the side of the road we saw a cute little family of geese. The interesting part is that we saw them again on down the road when we walked part of the Old Military Trail. They had been traveling cross country to get to the lake. On our way back to our campsites we went through the lower campground to check out the bluegrass music. We will go listen to more of that on Saturday.



Jackie came in from Memphis after work about 4:30 pm and we were ready to head in to Wynne to Johnson's Fish House for the evening meal. We may have been few in numbers this trip but we did try to stay in true form with our "bylaws" with eating at 5:00 pm on Friday but we didn't make it this time. Luckily with only 4 people it was easy to get a table. On the way back to the park we took another trip thru the lower campground where they had the bluegrass going.



Saturday was even better than Friday morning weather-wise. All of us took an easy morning with no apparent rush. Alesia and I visited for a while outside our RV. Later that morning Bob and Alesia headed to the Visitor's Center for computer access than planned to do a little hiking. We headed out shortly afterwards and all of us planned to "hit" the bluegrass music in the lower campground.

After finishing the hiking, Bob and Alesia came back to rest a little. We did the same after going for some ice cream. We ended up staying at the RV for Jackie to take a nap. Bob and Alesia headed down to listen to the music for a little bit. Late afternoon we had our usual Saturday evening meal with our steaks which were delicious as usual. It was different to have the Saturday evening meal by ourselves.



Saturday evening Bob and Alesia came over to watch the Grizzlies game with us. We were able to get channel 24 and they couldn't. Sadly the Grizzlies lost their playoff game. We will have to look forward to the next game ahead.

Sunday morning was an easy time for both of us with neither in a big rush to head home. Bob and Alesia headed out first around 10:30 and we followed shortly afterwards. Both of us had an easy drive home and thoroughly enjoyed the weekend's beautiful weather. We both wished that there could have been more there to enjoy the time together. The next trip to Ozark RV in June should have a good attendance and hopefully more good weather.

<u>Current Camping Schedule Reservations Made</u> (please email or text me as additional reservations are made.





Trace State Park, November 3-5

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