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Top Right: Question Number One - Take a survey of all the resorts, travel destinations, fishing guides and charter services populating the booths at the Ford 65th Annual Indianapolis Boat Sport Travel and Outdoor Show and ask them what's the most often asked question they hear from show attendees. I bet their answer would be, "What's the best time to come?" Article written by Capt. Mike Schoonveld. See Pages 16-18 (Photo by

Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Left: Friday, January 25th began the craziest weekend of ice fishing we'd seen in a couple of years! Summit Lake was frozen end to end, and everyone had the fever! Saturday morning at Gittin Jiggy With It, we went through 9000 spikes in 3 hours! See Pages 26-27. (Photo by Anita McFall)

Bottom Right: The spring season is gradually approaching and cabin fever has increased the itch to get outside and start enjoying all the great outdoors has to offer. It won't be long before all three properties at the Great Lakes of the Wabash (Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Huntington Reservoirs) are buzzing with people and being used for camping, fishing, boating, horseback riding and lots of other exciting activities they offer. Now is the time to start looking ahead. We are having our Spring Tackle Sale Saturday March 2nd. See Page 14. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

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CONSERVATION OFFICER TRAVIS STEWART

Travis Stewart who has appeared in The Gad-a-bout since April 2017 has been selected the 2018 District 9 Officer of the year. See his column in this issue on page 7.

Travis Stewart
Named District 9 Officer of the Year

Indiana Conservation Officer Travis Stewart, who serves Fayette County, has been selected the 2018 District 9 Officer of the Year.

Stewart is originally from Johnson County. He graduated from Franklin High School in 2009. He studied Conservation Law at Vincennes University and graduated with an associates degree in 2011.

Stewart was assigned to Fayette County in 2012.

Stewart also serves as a public information officer, disseminating pertinent information to the public and media during critical incidents and is a passenger-for-hire inspector.

The district award puts Stewart in the running for the Pitzer Award, which is given to the top overall Conservation Officer in the state of Indiana and selected from the 10 district award winners.

The Pitzer award is named after Indiana Conservation Officer James D. Pitzer, who was fatally shot while investigating illegal hunting activity on Jan. 1, 1961 in Jay County.

BILL GIBBS WHO USE TO WRITE A COLUMN IN THE GAD-A-BOUT APPEARS ON PAGE 27 WRITING ABOUT THEIR NEW PARK MODEL RESORT COMMUNITY - MALLARD COVE

The Brookville Lake area is getting a new Resort Style Community. It is called Mallard Cove. Located on Old State Road 101 (the Fairfield Ramp Road), across the street from Kent's Harbor.

See more on page 27.
EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND TREASURES OF THE EARTH GEM & JEWELRY SHOWS IN THIS ISSUE
See page 22 for photos and articles about the 46th Annual EIGGS Spring Gem Show to be held March 1-3, 2019 at Wayne County Fairground in the Kuhlman Center and the 21st Annual Treasures of the Earth Gem & Jewelry Show April 5-7, 2019 to be held at the Indiana State Fairground in Indianapolis in the Ag/Horticulture building. Admission charge at both shows.

FORD 65TH ANNUAL INDIANAPOLIS BOAT, SPORT & TRAVEL SHOW
INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS
FEBRUARY 15TH THRU 24TH, 2019

See Page 15 thru 18, 4 page pull out. Outdoor Writer and Contributor to The Gad-a-bout, Mike Schoonveld, has written an article for this show on page 15-16.

On page 17 is a full page ad entitled "Learn Secrets From The Pros." Twenty Pro Fishermen are shown on this page telling you the fish or type of fishing each will doing a Seminar from February 15-24 at this show.

Also it shows you the Seminars that will be featured at the Deer Turkey & Waterfowl Hunting Expo February 21-24

For a more complete schedule and activities log onto www.indysportshow.com.

While you are at the 65th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show be sure to stop by The Gad-a-bout booth. I'm going to be in Tackle Town really close to where I was set up last year. If you enter Tackle Town on the south side entrance as soon as you enter turn right, my booth will be the third one on the right side, booth number 4756. If you come into Tackle Town from the west or north make your way to the Hawg Trough turn right (south) at the aisle behind the bleachers walk straight until you see our large Brookville Lake Map and large Franklin County activity photos on our back drop. Franklin County Tourism has joined me this year giving me some added help with the booth. I will be delivering the March issue the same week the show begins. I hope to see you at the show. If you need anything feel free to contact me by calling my cell 765-960-5767 or e-mail raythegadabout@gmail.com. No I don't text nor do I have an intelligent phone, mine just flips open and looks at me. My website is www.thegadabout.com; Facebook is www.facebook.com/thegadabout.

SMOKIN' ON THE WATER BBQ FESTIVAL BY THE LAKE MAY 3,4,5, 2019

The Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake will be held on May 3,4,5, 2019. The barbecue contests are open to all who want to participate. Everything you need to know about participating can be found on the Liberty Lions Club website, whether you want to enter barbecue contests, set up a vendor booth, volunteer to help during the festival or just attend as a spectator. Parking is free and there is no admission to attend the event. There is handicapped parking near the front gate.

The website is www.libertyindianalions.com. You can link onto their website by clicking on the above website with your computer mouse. Their website is up to date and ready for you to log on. The 2018 data is up to date also. When the website opens there you can view the Schedule of Events on the opening page. See pages 8,9 & 10 in this issue to read all the latest news on this years event. For more

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by **Tag Nobbe**

Professional Fishing Guide

How to fish Brookville Lake in March

March is that month where the lake transitions from winter spring. From about the end of November to the end of February the fish have been in very deep water. The water temperature has only gone from cold to colder all winter, but at the beginning of March the water starts to warm up and fish can feel it. This trigger the fish to move up the water column from deep water where they have been all winter in sort of a hibernated

state. The fish will be looking for warmer water. One likely spot will be a rocky shore line. The noon day sun will warm up the rocks, and in turn warm up the water in this area. Another likely spot is anywhere water is coming in the lake, whether it be a creek or a river. This water coming in will be warmer then the lake, so in turn the water in these areas of the lake are going to be warmer then the rest of the lake as well.

Brookville lake has roughly 10 different kinds of predator fish in it, and they all have their own little way of doing things. In the winter though they all have one thing in common, try to stay as warm as possible, and to do this they move deep and stay deep. In the spring though they are all just trying to get out of the deep dark now colder water and get active. Last fall all these predator fish made eggs before it got to cold. They have been holding them all winter long waiting for the water temperature to get just right for things to start to happen.

The first fish to spawn is the walleye they will spawn when the water temperature reaches 46 degrees. The second fish to spawn will be the smallmouth bass this will be around 50 degrees. The third fish to spawn will be the Musky, they will spawn when the water temperature is between 50 -59 degrees. The fourth fish to spawn is the White bass this will happen somewhere between 57 and 68 degrees. The fifth is the striped bass, they will spawn when the water is between 59 and 65 degrees. The sixth fish to spawn will be the crappie 57 to 65 is the water temperature is what they're looking for. Largemouth bass is around 68 degrees. Blue gill is 70 to 75 and catfish spawn when the surface temperature gets somewhere between 70 to 85 degrees.

With the walleye spawning when the water reaches 46 degrees there is no time to waste. They will have to move up find warm water to get acclimated and head to the spawning sites. They will spawn at the mouths of creeks in the river, and rocky spots all over the lake.

As the water temperature creeps up to 50 degrees the smallmouth bass will spawn on rocky drop off ledges all over the lake, usually the first drop off ledge is where its at.

The next fish in line will be the musky. Look for musky in the same places you look for walleye. Since they are both looking for the warmest water early in the year, they will be inhabiting the same areas. The white bass can be found spawning on rip rap areas around the lake. Check the dam or the causeways but the premier spot is the river above the lake. The river is narrow and shallow with riffles and deep-water pools. No need for a boat just drive to treaty line boat ramp for a great place to park, from there It's just a short walk to the river. The striped bass is what you call a true bass just like a white bass, these fish are called temperate bass. Unlike a smallmouth bass or a largemouth bass, that really belong to the bluegill family. You can find striped bass spawning in the same places you find white bass spawning except in the river above the lake. I guess they could be in there, but I have never seen it. You're better off

looking around riprap areas or sand banks. Spawning crappie can be found shallow holding over shallow rock piles, brush piles or fallen tree along the shore. They will stage in deeper water usually the first drop off, but when that water temperature gets right, they will be shallow and feeding like crazy. This can and will be some of the best crappie fishing of the year. The largemouth bass is a nest builder look for them in shallow protected areas. When I say look, I mean you can literally look form your boat and see the bass sitting on the nest. This is commonly known as site fishing for bass. This can only be done during the spawning cycle. After that comes the bluegill, they are also nest builders. The difference is they will do it in numbers. There could be as many as 50 to 100 little circular nest built all together in an area. Most of the time in about 3 to 4 foot of water so if the water is clear you can see the entire colony with all the fish hovering over each individual nest. The last but not least fish to spawn is the cat fish. When they spawn the water is pretty hot. What they look for is soft shore line's soft bottom areas old cans, old hollow trees, old car hoods, really anything to put the eggs in or under. I have an uncle that use to raise catfish in ponds, and he would use old metal milk cans from the old days. He would put them along the shore of the pond facing the center and the fish would simply swim in the can and deposit the eggs.

What you have to know is that a lake the size of Brookville lake warms up at different times in the spring. You have to find that warmer water because that's what all these spawning fish are looking for. If you don't find it, you will miss out on some of the best fishing of the year.

Good luck and remember leave a few for seed

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News from the Indiana State Police



by **Sergeant John D. Bowling**
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Citizens Beware As Tax Season Ushers in a New Scam Season

It's the time of year again that we here at the Pendleton District begin to get reports from citizens who have received threatening phone calls from someone claiming to be from the IRS. The caller often has a foreign accent and advises citizens that will be arrested or a lawsuit will be filed against them if they don't send money right away for a "delinquent" tax bill.

They then will ask for your personal information in an attempt to steal your identity. Remember that government agencies like the IRS, along with banking institutions, will NEVER contact you by phone or email and will never ask you to "verify" your personal information.

Never give out personal information like dates of birth, social security numbers or bank account numbers over the phone or by email. Victims have lost funds ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars to these types of scams.

If you get a call from a number you don't recognize, let it go to voicemail. If they don't leave a message, it was probably a scam call generated from another country by a computerized automatic dialer, using numbers they've pirated from here in the U.S. to make them look legitimate.

These dialers are set to dial thousands of numbers, looking for a victim who will answer and believe their phony story. If you feel you've been a

victim by being scammed and losing money, the FBI website for filing a complaint is www.ic3.gov or you can call your local State Police Post.

Along those same lines, tax season also offers a lot of folks the opportunity to apply their tax refund towards the purchase of a new or used vehicle. Before buying that vehicle from a private seller online from Facebook, Craigslist or some other sales site, there are steps you can take to avoid being a victim of fraud by a scammer.

The scammers often demand cash only, and will often agree to meet the prospective buyer at a local police department parking lot or other public spot to deliver the vehicle, "just to be safe." When they meet up with the buyer they usually hand over the title and quickly want their cash. As soon as the money hits the sellers hand they will leave in another vehicle never to be seen again.

There is a lot of fraud out there and some simple steps could help you avoid being a victim. Investigators and professionals agree, just because you're buying off of a private individual, you should never give in to high pressure sales tactics to "get the deal done." Take your time to look the vehicle over just as you would at a car dealer.

Compare the VIN, or vehicle identification number, on the title with the one on the vehicle, and/or also to the one the seller may have given you ahead of time if you got a loan to purchase the vehicle. Make sure the VIN on the title matches the one on the vehicle. The VIN can usually be found on a small plate on top of the dashboard on the driver's side, visible from the outside through the bottom of the windshield, or on a plate on the driver side front door.

Look the title over and make sure the name on the title matches that of the seller. Have the seller show you an official ID, and if possible, photograph it. If the name on the ID and title don't match then it's not a clear title, so don't buy it. We get complaints from folks all the time who've bought a vehicle from one person, but the title has another person's name on it as the seller.

Once the actual seller is gone it can be next to impossible to locate them to get the title properly registered, especially if out of state, and consequently next to impossible get the vehicle properly registered in our state. If this happens it's considered a civil matter and it's up to you to remedy.

Before buying the vehicle take it to a third party mechanic if possible, to make sure the miles on the odometer match the wear and tear visible on the vehicle. Along those lines, ask for maintenance

records, receipts and run a Carfax check on the vehicle. In fact, make sure to ask a lot of questions about the vehicle and always ask "why are you selling it?"

Make sure to get a signed bill of sale and never pay in cash. Experts agree its okay to make a small deposit in cash, but always pay the bulk of the price with a cashier's check or money order. If the vehicle gets delivered to you, take a photo of the license plate of the car that picks up the seller.

Finally, make sure to go to web sites like Kelly Blue Book and others ahead of time to see what a fair market price would be on the vehicle you're looking at. Know that "the bad guys" read articles like this too, and they won't always under price their vehicle, as they also know the old saying "if the deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is." So the story remains the same, as always, buyer beware, or maybe better stated, buyers be wary and better educated!

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart An Interview with a Goose

This time of year, the weather is unpredictable and ever changing. Indiana can go from one extreme to the other. Not long before I wrote this article, I was working through negative degree temperatures, with wind chills in the negative 40's. Then the following week, we had 60 degree days. It's always something amazing to look at the weather and see these changes, but it's something that is unpredictable but expected.

I wanted to start this article with some information about waterfowl and geese. This is something that we as Officers get questions about due to issues landowners and farmers have. I titled this "An interview with a goose" as a different way of looking at it.

Interview with a Goose

Me - Are you Canadian Geese or Canada Geese?

Goose - Although many have called us Canadian, we are not. Rather we are Canada Geese, tending to migrate from Canada depending

on our subspecies.

Me - Do you migrate or are you residents of Indiana?

Goose - Most of us migrate but some do remain and are residents. Our subspecies, the giant Canada goose don't usually migrate, or only go a short distance.

Me - Why don't some of you migrate?

Goose - Easy, you tend to keep us well fed, with bodies of water in close proximity. When there is a great supply of fresh, short, green grass we stick around, thus we breed and our offspring stick around as well. Once we find a nice feeding area around a water source, we will come back to it year after year.

Me - Well I have a problem with you sticking around on my property, how do I get you to go away?

Goose - There are different ways and you should switch them around. We like to be stubborn and get used to the same tactic over time. If our stubbornness is getting the best of you try habitat modifications including barriers such as vegetation buffers. Also try rock or fence barriers.

Me - Can't I just harvest whenever I want, seeing's that you are a nuisance?

Goose - That is a big negative. We are federally protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. You can however apply for a federal permit for nest and egg destruction, which can be found on the internet. Another way is to allow hunters to harvest us during the legal hunting seasons.

Me - Are you going to attack me if I get too close?

Goose - Of course. Most of the time we shy away from humans, but we become very mean when you get close to our nest or young. We will chase you down in some instance if you get close to a nest; trust me I've chased a few kids in my time tempting to get close to a my eggs.

Me - Lastly, how did you learn to talk?

Goose - I didn't. You are putting words in my mouth, but there is truth to them.

For more information on solutions to conflicts with geese, go to www.DNR.IN.GOV.

Boater Education:

Secondly, I want to point out an educational program that some may not be aware of. Most of you know about hunter education, either due to your age and you have to take it to hunt, or you want to hunt out of state. A different program is boater education. This course is directed toward not only being educated in boating safety, but water safety as well. It goes into depth about the ins and outs of boat handling, water safety, what to

do in certain situations, and rules of the water. You don't have to be young to take this course. "Veterans" of boating can take this course to hone their skills in boating safety.

Another note, is this allows 15 year old individuals to operate a boat sooner than others. Once they have completed the course they can operate a motorized boat with a valid identification card.

To check if there is a boater education course near you, go online to www.passitonindiana.com

Lastly, turkey season is quickly upon us, so check out the same website above to find a hunter education course near you.

As always, Stay Safe Indiana!

Roaming The Outdoors

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information you can call Carl Sharps Cell: 765-580-0215 or e-mail him at carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com.

DUCKS UNLIMITED MOURNS THE LOSS OF CONSERVATION ICON JOHN DINGELL

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Feb. 8, 2019 - Former Rep. John Dingell, the longest serving member of Congress, died Thursday, Feb. 7.

During his 59-year tenure in the House of Representatives, Dingell was the longest serving member of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) with 45 years of service. The Congressman was intimately involved in the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), one of the most successful efforts dedicated to waterfowl and wetland habitat conservation and a key program for implementing the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

"This is a sad day for all of us in conservation. John Dingell was an icon in Congress and a hero to me and many others," said Ducks Unlimited CEO Dale Hall. "His role in the conservation of migratory birds was unmatched and our prayers go out to his family during this time."

Established in 1989, NAWCA provides federal cost-share funding to support the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, an international agreement that provides for the long-term protection of wetlands and associated uplands habitats needed by waterfowl and other migratory birds in North America. NAWCA has helped fund more than 2,833 projects on almost 29.8 million acres in all 50 states, areas of Canada and Mexico. More than 6,000 partners, including private landowners, industry and state governments have worked together to conserve

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Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival in Treaty Line Pioneer Village cross road.



Just one of the many BBQ Contestants, this one is from Madison, Indiana.



Farm tractors on display over looking Treaty Line Pioneer Village and activity area.



Civil War Camp and Cannon Demonstration.

Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake May 3,4,5, 2019

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

The Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake will be held on May 3,4,5, 2019. Featuring Live Music, Great BBQ, Craft Show, Home Improvements, Flea Market, Antique Tractor Show, Antique Car Show (Sunday), Flag Retirement Ceremony (Saturday), Garden Tractor Pull (Saturday), Civil War Re-Enactors (Amherst Artillery), Free Parking and Admission, A KCBS BBQ State Championship Contest and Indiana BBQ Trail Event.

The barbecue contests are open to all who want to participate. Everything you need to know about participating can be found on the Liberty Lions Club website, whether you want to enter barbecue contests, set up a vendor booth, volunteer to help during the festival or just attend as a spectator.

Open and fill out a Cooker registration form, Vendor registration form, Car Show registration form and/or BBQ Judge Application form.

Parking is free and there is no admission to the event. There is handicapped parking near the front gate.

The website is www.libertyindianalions.com. You can link onto their website by clicking on the above website with your computer mouse. Their website is up and ready for you. When the website

opens you will see the Festival dates and hours, scroll down and you will see 19 event headings. Select the heading you need information for and click on it. It's as simple as that.

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DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MAY 3-5, 2019

Thursday May 2, 2019

10:00 am Set up of BBQ and Vendor booths Begin, Set up of Tractor Show Begins

8:00 pm Set up of booths Ends for the Day
Attention: Set up of booths will resume at 7:00 am on Friday & at 7:00 am on Saturday. Set up of booths will close at Noon on Friday and at 9:00 am Saturday. All set up activities should be completed prior to the opening of the festival each day.

NOTE: No in and out traffic of trucks and other automobiles during the open hours of the show. Also, no early departures / booth closings without the express approval of the organizer. (These would only occur for emergencies, or for special circumstances that have been cleared prior to the event.)

Friday May 3, 2019

Noon BBQ Festival Opens; Flag Raising Ceremony Begins; Antique Tractor Show Opens; Food Booths Open; Craft Fair Opens; Merchandise Vendors Open, Carnival Opens

9:00 pm Flag Lowering Ceremony Begins; Festival Closes for the Evening

Saturday May 4, 2019

9:00 am BBQ Festival Opens; Flag Raising Ceremony Begins; Antique Tractor Show Opens;

Food Booths Open; Craft Fair Opens; Merchandise Vendors Open; Carnival Opens; Garden Tractor Weigh Ins Begin; KCBS Meat Inspections for Sunday's BBQ Contest Begins

10:00 am Garden Tractor Pulling Begins; KCBS Cooks' Meeting Sunday Contest Begins - in Praise Auditorium.

5:00 pm Flag Retirement Ceremony Begins - Troop 40 - in the area between the cabins and the school

9:00 pm Flag Lowering Ceremony Begins

Festival Closes for the Evening

Sunday May 5, 2019

9:00 am BBQ Festival Opens; Flag Raising Ceremony Begins; Antique Tractor Show Opens; Food Booths Open; Craft Fair Opens; Merchandise Vendors Open; Car/Truck/Bike Show Registration Opens

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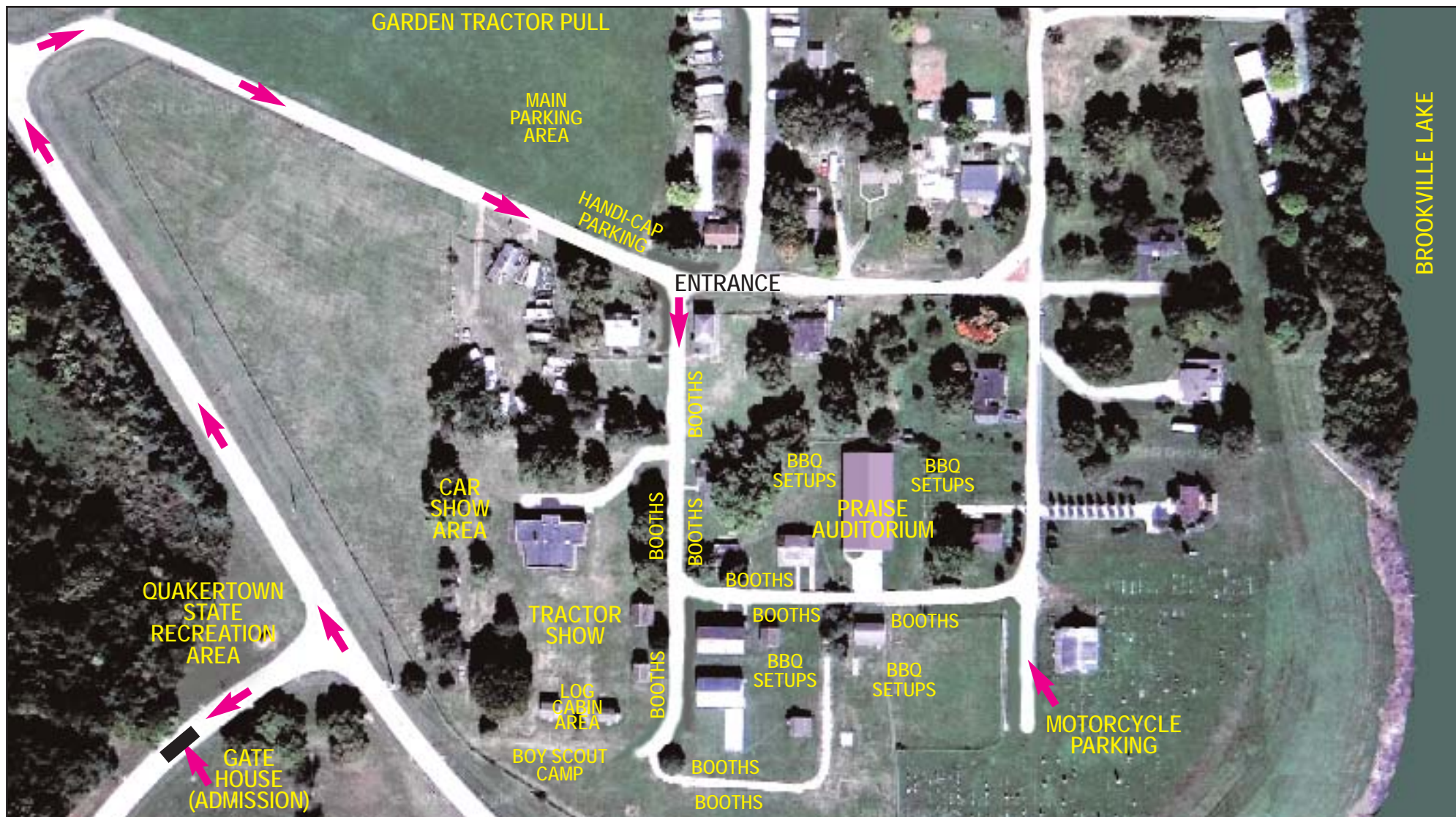
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Aerial photo of Treaty Line Pioneer Village. This gives you a graphic look of where the activities are taking place at the 2019 Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake.



Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival Mammoth Car Show in 2018 - Sign Up today, don't miss this spectacular event, Sunday May 5, 2019. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

9:30 am Church Services Begin in the Yellow Meeting House
10:30 am KCBS Judges Registration Begins - in Praise Auditorium
11:00 am Live Music Begins
12:00 pm (Noon) KCBS BBQ Contest Judging Begins
12:00 pm - Chicken
12:30 pm - Pork Ribs
01:00 pm - Pork
01:30 pm - Beef Brisket
02:00 pm - BBQ Sauce
02:30 pm - Anything Butt
03:00 pm - OBR Mystery Meat
04:00 pm - Awards Ceremony
12:30 pm Car Show Registration Ends; Car Show Judging Begins
03:00 pm Car Show Awards Ceremony Begins; BBQ Judging Concludes

04:00 pm BBQ Contest Awards for the Sunday Contest are Presented (In Praise Auditorium)
5:00 pm Festival Closes
(All times and events subject to change.)

Above the Schedule of Events is a list of the Lions Club activities, click on "Smoke on the water" and the following items appear: *Event Photos, Barbecue Cooker Reg. Form, BBQ Judge Application Form, KCBS BBQ Rules, BBQ Prize Money & Trophies, KCBS BBQ Contest Results, BBQ Festival General Info, BBQ Judges Expected, BBQ Teams Expected, Vendor Registration Form, Antique Tractor Show Reg. Form, Car Show Registration Form, Garden Tractor Pulling, Crafts, Vendors, Etc., Live Music, Sponsorship Opportunities, Sponsors, Civil War Re-enactment Unit.* Click on any of the above items that pertain to the information you are need-

ing to know about.

The following information was given to me by Carl Sharp who keeps me informed of the activities of the Liberty Lions Club and many other projects he is involved with. Carl owns the State Farm Agency in Liberty, is a volunteer fireman and in his spare time volunteers for other town and county projects as they come along.

Each year, our BBQ contestants cook a lot of meat. To produce a box with 6 perfect ribs to be judged, they often will cook 2-8 racks of ribs. Needless to say, there are always leftovers for each meat category. We ask each team to consider our local food pantry rather than discarding this extra meat. Some of them cook extra to take home for themselves or their neighbors, or in some cases they will plan to sell their leftovers. I always tell them that we don't want any meat for which they

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Country music singer, David Wayne performing at 2018 Smokin' On The Water Festival.



Sitting in front: Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival committee members Judy Sharp Painter and Carl Sharp, Sr. Standing in back: Co-organizers Lowell Rathburn and Carl Sharp, Jr.

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already have plans; however, any extra meat we will arrange for the local food pantry to collect and distribute to needy families. It is not at all unusual for us to receive several hundred pounds of cooked BBQ for our local food pantry.

Last year Carl told me they had BBQ Teams registered from around the nation here in Union County. Carl said, "Over the years we have had teams from: Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Georgia, South Carolina, Maryland, Kentucky and of course Indiana. They have had a judge that hails from California and one from Canada."

The KCBS style of barbecued meat is recognized around the world.

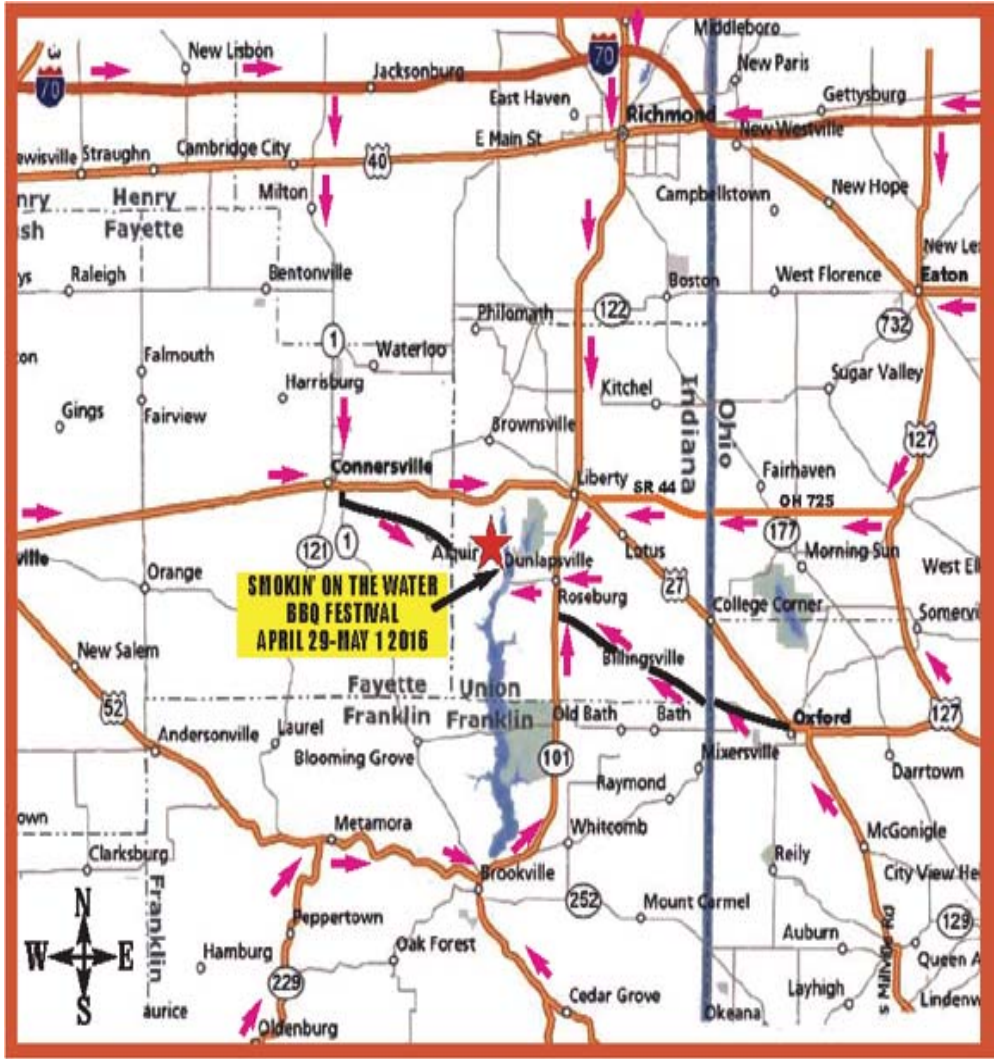
Carl added, "This year we will be adding a "People's Choice" contest on Saturday afternoon so that attendees can help judge some meat from the competitors."

So if you have an inkling to try your luck at barbecuing meat at Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival, why wait. Sign up, you don't need any fancy equipment to begin with. As you work your way into the winning category, you will naturally learn better ways to cook and compete.

Everything you need to know can be found at www.libertyindianalions.com. If not, you can also call Carl Sharps Cell: 765-580-0215 or e-mail him at carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com.

An added attraction to your visit is the Log Cabins that were moved to this

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location when Brookville Lake filled the valley.

WHERE TO STAY

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- Gray Haven Motel, 1200 W 3rd St, Connersville, IN 765-825-2151
- Heim Motel, 4300 N Western Ave, Connersville, IN 765-825-5118
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

HOW SAFE IS SAFE ENOUGH?

Of all the places to go boating in the Midwest, the Great Lakes are probably the most dangerous if you consider “man against the elements” as the danger. Head out on Midwestern inland lake big enough to allow unlimited horsepower in the middle of July on a hot summer weekend and the actual chance of being hurt or killed in a boating mishap is probably much greater; but in this situation, it’s man against man. The danger to boaters is more likely to encompass accidents more than



Should wearing lifejackets such as these inflatable models be mandatory or left to common sense? (Author Photo)

weather or natural current dangers.

The Great Lakes offer big waves, long distances to safety, relatively few safe harbors, unforeseen chop, seiches and other problems for boaters. Still, I’m out there as much as I can be and many others are, as well--and not just in mega-sized and mega-bucks cruisers. Head for East Chicago, Northpoint, Lake Erie or any other popular Great Lakes port when there are reports of good fish catches being made and you’ll see as many or more 17 to 21 footers trailered to the lake as there are locals in big boats.

Some landlubbers might think all these guys are crazy, but in something like 99.9999 percent of the time, the boaters return to the shore safe and sound. From the number of regulations being promoted and suggested by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard over the years, it’s evident they share the “crazy” diagnosis landlubbers have for people floating in boats.

I don’t belittle safe boating. Every time people get on my boat I go over the safety gear available on board. Before we clear the harbor they know where the life jackets are stowed, the location of throwable devices, fire extinguishers and the emergency button on the VHF radio.

I recommend every boater take a safe boating course. I’ve taken them. I do think, however, that common sense is a better safety tool than are safe boating regulations.

One perennial recommendation is to federally mandate all boaters wear a lifejacket while a boat is underway. In legal parlance, underway means anytime the boat isn’t tied up to the dock. Trolling is underway. Drifting is underway. Even anchored over your favorite perch fishing spot can be considered underway.

Wearing life jackets while being underway isn’t stupid. It’s a good idea. It’s also an idea which should be left to the whims of the people involved in being “underway.”

It’s already a rule for kids 12 and under wear a PFD at all times when a boat is underway (the exemption being while a youngster is below deck—not usually applicable in a trailer boat.)

The Marine Retailers Association of America agrees with me. The group passed a resolution putting them on record as “opposing adoption of federal requirements that adults wear life jackets on recreational boats while underway.” The MRAA is certainly safety conscious. They sponsor the Boating 101 TV Series and host an online boating course. The retailers association members are people who are in the business of selling boats and worried such a mandate would give the perception that boating is unsafe and potentially cause a drop off in boat sales. That may be self-serving, but not unreasonably so, given the recent statistics on boating related accidents from the USCG.

According to the USCG’s Office of Boating Safety, “Since 1971 the number of registered boats in the US has doubled to more than 13 million, yet fatality rates are less than half now compared to what they were then.” Boats and boating continues to grow, accidents continue to drop.

Seems like what we are doing is working. Do we really need mandatory life jacket laws for adults or should we let common sense prevail?

Life jackets can save lives. I recommend wearing them whether on Brookville Lake or Lake Michigan. Put them on the kids, by all means. Just don’t make criminals out of those who don’t.

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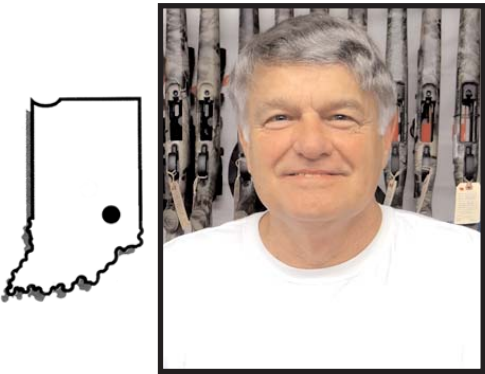
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Blue River Outdoors



by Steve Dake

Indiana Bobcats

Bobcats, the only resident native wild cat in Indiana, are a species of great curiosity. Because they are generally a solitary and secretive animal, bobcats often leave Hoosier wanting to know more about these unique mammals. Although bobcat reports are more common in southern Indiana, confirmed reports have been received from its west-central and northern regions.

A study conducted by the DNR in south-central Indiana revealed that bobcats are capable of dispersing up to 100 miles from where they were born. Their ability to cover long distances allows them to spread into available habitat. It also puts them close to roadways. Vehicle collisions are a common cause of bobcat mortalities.

The bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) is a moderate-sized member of the cat family. Its most recognizable feature is a stubby tail 4–5 inches long. Bobcats range in length from 30–50 inches, stand about 2 feet high and weigh 15–30 pounds. Large tufts of fur on the cheeks are characteristic of the species. The fur is reddish-brown or tan above with a white belly. The species has black marks on the inside of the legs, and often black spots or streaks throughout the coat, though these are sometimes light-colored and not

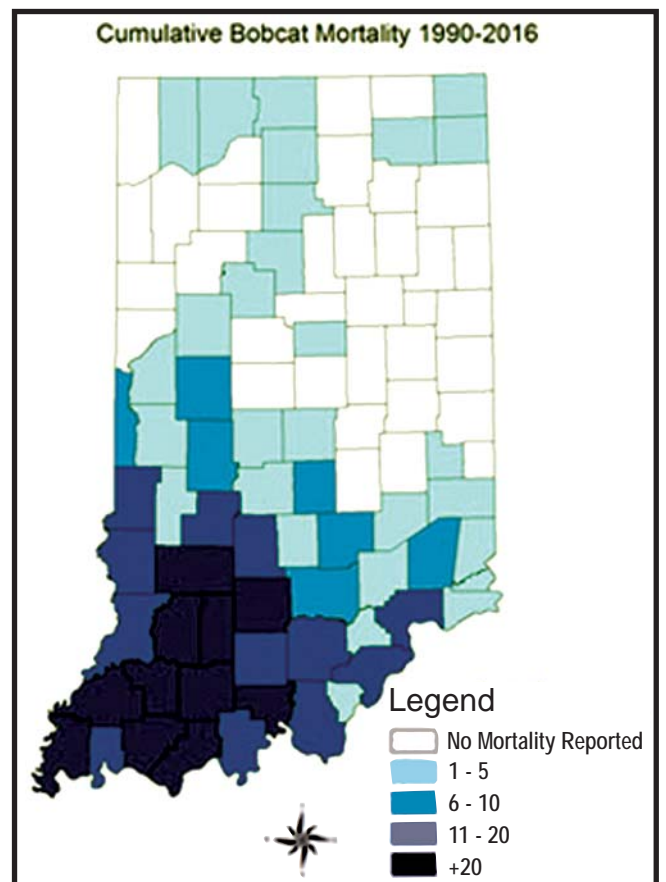
easily noticeable, depending on the individual animal. Bobcats may live as long as 10–12 years in the wild. Bobcat vocalizations can sound eerie at nighttime, but are rarely heard by people.

Bobcats are still a protected species in the state, meaning they cannot be hunted or trapped. Their current status as well as increases in the amount of habitat available has allowed them to further increase their range in the state.

Bobcats are a far-ranging mammal, having home ranges as large as 20 square miles. They are primarily nocturnal, hunting and moving during early-morning and late-evening hours. Their secretive, nocturnal behavior and preference for remote areas make interactions between humans and bobcats relatively rare. Bobcats are agile and accomplished climbers. They can dart around rock ledges in pursuit of prey or can scurry up trees to escape from dogs.

Bobcats are territorial and generally solitary animals. Territorial scent-marking with urine and scats, especially by males, has been reported. While bobcats can technically breed year-round, the vast majority of mating generally occurs in early spring during February and March with the young being born after a 62-day gestation period. An average litter of three kittens is born in April or May. The female may move the kittens to several different dens during the growth period. Males do not assist in raising the young. The young generally remain with the female until they reach 1 year of age. During that time they learn predatory skills necessary for survival. After one year, the young disperse, and the female will enter another reproductive season. Kitten survival is associated with prey abundance, with more young surviving during the years of higher rabbit and other small-mammal populations.

Typical bobcat habitat is forested areas interspersed with brushy edge habitat and fields for hunting. The unglaciated region of south-central Indiana seems to provide the best bobcat habitat in



the Hoosier state. Limestone caves found in this region, as well as rocky outcrops, hollow trees and logs could be used as denning sites. Bottomland hardwood forests along river systems are also considered good bobcat habitat.

The IDNR continues to collect information on bobcats and asks for your help in documenting mortalities and sighting (see above chart). Any confirmed bobcat sighting including trail cameras, observed road-kills, or a report of an animal that has been incidentally trapped is very useful to the IDNR.

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Left Photo: Kris Mann BrushPile File: This is Kris Mann along with the host of BrushPile fishing show, Russ Bailey, showing off some crappies caught while filming for one of their BrushPile episodes. Kris has a long list of accolades and will be one of our seminar guest speakers at Bozarth Recreational Resort on Saturday, March 2. You don't want to miss this chance to learn from some of the best in the business! (Photo from BrushPile Fishing) Right Photo: Hankins&Sikora File: This is a photo of Tom Hankins (left) and Doug Sikora (right) with some of their crappie caught while fishing. They will be two of our five seminar speakers at Bozarth Recreational Resort on Saturday, March 2. This is a great opportunity to learn from some of the best anglers in our area. (Photo provided)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Bozarth Fishing Tackle Sale and Seminars "Learn from the Best"

The spring season is gradually approaching and cabin fever has increased the itch to get outside and start enjoying all the great outdoors has to offer. It won't be long before all three properties at the Great Lakes of the Wabash (Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Huntington Reservoirs) are buzzing with people and being used for camping, fishing, boating, horseback riding and lots of other exciting activities they offer. Now is the time to start looking ahead and making plans to bring your family and friends and spend quality time together.

To help jump start the upcoming spring and summer seasons we would like to invite all outdoor enthusiasts to come visit us at Bozarth's Recreational Resort for our annual Spring Tackle Sale starting Saturday, March 2, and running through Sunday, March 10. As mentioned in my previous article, this is not only a great time to stock up on all your essential fishing needs on top of enjoying the best prices of the year but also a great opportunity to listen to seminars from some of the best fishermen in our area. You don't want to miss our opening day of the sale Saturday, March 2 as you will be treated to learning all sorts of different methods and techniques from anglers that have "been there and done that" and have won numerous tournaments on the national and state tournament trail.

The first of five seminars begins at 9:00 a.m. and will be presented by Kris Mann. His topic will be single pole vertical jigging tips and tactics. Kris is an avid fisherman and has been fishing the Crappie USA tournament trail since 2007. Kris is from Mount Sterling, Kentucky, and while fishing with his father, Terry, has racked up (5) first place finishes to go along with (14) top five finishes fishing in the amateur division of the Crappie USA. In 2017 they moved to the Pro division and have won three tournaments and notched eleven top five finishes. They are ten time Crappie USA Classic qualifiers and in the process have four top ten finishes in Classic competition. In 2015, Kris was awarded the Crappie USA Sportsman of the Year Award. In both 2017 and 2018, Team Mann

won the National Points Championship with Crappie USA. Kris has also appeared on Season 2 of Brushpile Fishing show with Russ Bailey as well as appearing on the Kentucky Afield television show twice. Kris and Terry have been featured in multiple outdoor magazine articles. The team is sponsored by Crappie Magnet and B'n'M Poles and primarily uses a single pole, artificial bait jigging style to achieve the majority of their tournament success.

Our second scheduled speaker to present at 10:00 a.m. is Tom Hankins. Tom will be discussing the approach to new lakes and crappie tactics. He is a three time Classic Champ, two time points Champion, and has numerous top three finishes while fishing the Indiana Slab Masters tournament trail. He was the winner of the first American Crappie Trail tournament and finished in the top five in points in 2017 along with a strong showing in 2018. He has won two Crappie USA super events in the pro division. He has also been featured on Brushpile fishing and G3 Sportsman fishing show. He has been a licensed guide for four years.

Our third speaker of the day at 11:00 a.m. will be Billy Burt. Billy's topic will be geared more towards bass fishing and different types of techniques and methods. Guardian Angler is a brand recently started by Mr. Burt and his hope is to grow it into one of the most well-known outdoor brands in the nation. His mission is to not only sell quality products but to also help youth learn about the sport of fishing and spread awareness about environmentalism.

Although there is a wonderful community and industry derived from fishing, there is a growing decline in environmental care efforts and interest from today's younger generation. He, along with the help of his brand, would like to address these issues and make an active effort toward helping them.

After a short break for lunch our series will resume at 1:00 p.m. with Doug Sikora. Doug will be discussing the science behind fishing. Born and raised in Indiana, Doug has many years of fishing under his belt and is a multi-species angler, but known as a crappie specialist. Some of his accomplishments include the American Crappie Trail 2018 Kentucky Lake Champion, 2012 Indiana Slab Masters Champion, and countless top five finishes in state and national circuits. His sponsors include Bobby Garland,

Yeti, Power-Pole and Simms.

We wrap up our series of seminars at 2:00 with Mike Bledsoe. Mike's topic will be "Ice Out Early Season Crappie Fishing." Mike has been an outdoor enthusiast since the day he could walk! He has fished several species of fish from freshwater to saltwater but crappie fishing is his biggest passion. Some of his accomplishments include his most recent 2018 American Crappie Trail Kentucky Lake first place finish, 2015 third Crappie USA National Championship, 2012 Indiana Slab Masters first place champion to go along with runner up finishes in both 2013 and 2014, and multiple top ten finishes in local and national tournaments. He is also sponsored by Bobby Garland and Crappie Pro.

If you are unable to attend these scheduled presentations we will also have crappie pro staffers available on Sunday, March 3rd to help answer any questions you may have. We will also have Big Diddy Baits, Spider Monkey baits, Pro Built Jigs, and Spotless Boat Cleaner booths set up to showcase all their hot products and help answer any questions you may have. You don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to learn from some of the best anglers on the tournament trail and on top of that this is available at **NO COST** to you! Gather your friends and family and come enjoy a day at Bozarth's Recreational Resort! For more information you can contact us at (765)981-4522 or look us up on Facebook under Bozarth's Country Store. We are located at 7309 E 400 S Lagro, IN 46941.

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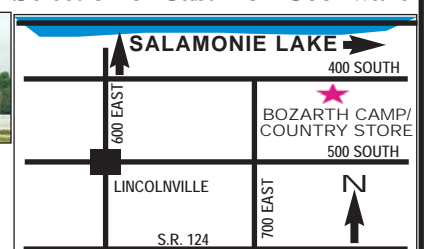
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Left Photo: The famous Hawg Trough, here a Seminar Fishing Pro talking and getting audience participation from the youth in the crowd of spectators. Right Photo: Entering Tackle Town from the passage way from the West and RV Pavilions. I took this photo early on February 20, 2018 before the doors opened. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

QUESTION NUMBER ONE

Take a survey of all the resorts, travel destinations, fishing guides and charter services populating the booths at the **Ford 65th Annual Indianapolis Boat Sport Travel and Outdoor Show** and ask them what's the most often asked question they hear from show attendees. I bet their answer would be, "What's the best time to come?"

That's what I hear when my phone rings or I open an email and get a question from a person about my

charter fishing business on Lake Michigan. Sure, there are other questions at times. I've been asked about bringing a newborn baby along, or pets. I routinely get asked about what fishing license is needed. Where to meet? What time will we start?

But the number one question, whether I'm on the phone, at a booth at a sport show get a text or an email: "What's the best time of year to come fishing on Lake Michigan?"

Realistically, it's the toughest question a potential customer could ask, at least until I know more about their wants, expectations and more. It's the same whether the person being questioned is a resort owner in Canada or a fishing outfitter in Florida.

Let me use my own experience as an example. Let's say the fall run of king salmon is going and the fish are active. On the best days the number of fish caught is dictated by the amount of time it takes to boat one of those behemoths, then get set up for another pass through the staging area. At the end of the trip, it's hard to get the cooler shut there are so many whoppers in the box.

That's got to be the best time to come, right? Perhaps.

Perhaps the next day the fish are moody and we troll all morning and only get one or two bites. That happens with spawning run fish. Do you want to

take the chance with these boom or bust conditions?

Perhaps the group includes a petite mother and an eight year old child. Mom may not be able to handle the power of a full grown chinook salmon. Junior might get tired, bored and grumpy if the last bite was 90 minutes ago. Dad might like it, but the others would have had much more fun in the spring catching more, but smaller-sized fish.

WEATHER FACTORS

There are many reasons to go fishing (or hunting, or mushroom picking, or....) besides catching fish (or bagging a pheasant or finding a morel.) I try to take a weather-break trip to somewhere far enough south each winter just so I can fore go wearing insulated boots and long underwear when I'm outdoors - often to Florida. No trip to Florida (for me) would be complete without having a fishing rod along or scheduling a fishing trip. It's great!

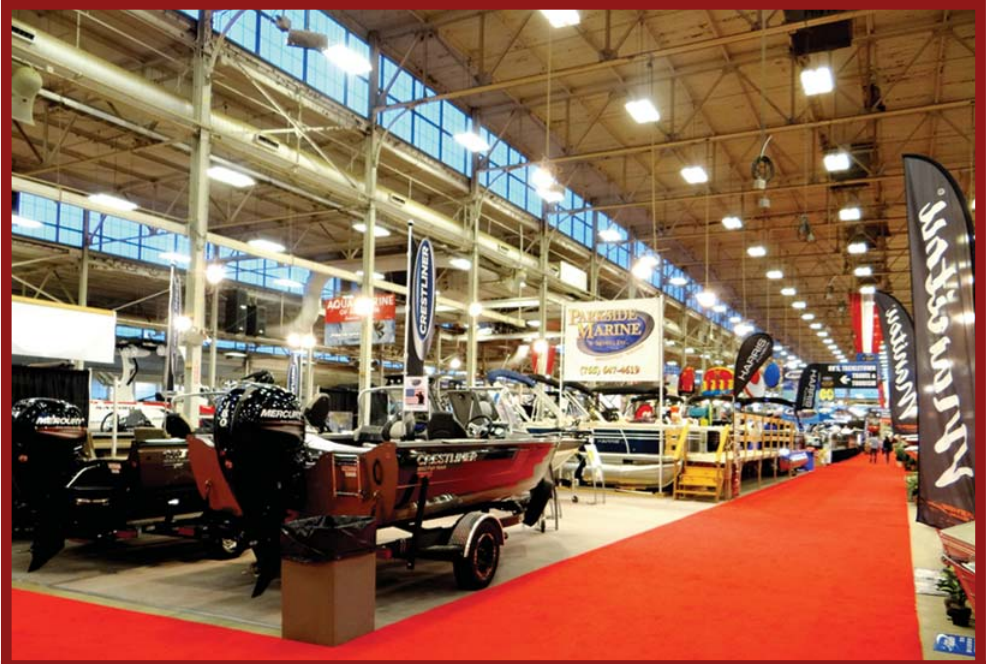
The catching isn't great, but fishing in warm weather is great. Just being there puts a smile on my sunscreen-smearred face. When I want to catch fish in Florida, I head south in the summer. That's when I can pick from sea trout, tarpon, sailfish, snappers and most any other kind of fish Florida has to offer. The fishing is terrific, but it's killer-hot, stinky-

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Top Left Photo: Just one aisle of the four building RV display area at this show. Top Right Photo: The West Pavilion packed full of new Boats and accessories. You can pick up a free Gad-a-bout at the Parkside Marine and More Inc. boat display. Bottom Left Photo: Tackle Town has lots of booths to visit. Here a young girl who is fascinated by a good friend of mine who sells furs, wild game mounts and lots of merchandise associated with the fur business. Bottom Right Photo: Anita and Scott McFalls, owners of "Gittin' Jiggy With It" Bait and Tackle Store near Summit Lake. They helped hand out Gad-a-bouts at my booth in Tackle Town. Read Anita's Fishing Frenzy article on Page 26. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Question Number One

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humid and rains almost daily. When would you rather go?

FISH FACTORS

On Lake Michigan our spring fishing in April features mostly coho salmon. If you want to catch a steelhead, show up in mid-June or into July. Have a hankering to boat a brown trout, bundle up and show up in March. Anglers on my boat catch as many browns in the first few weeks of the season as they do the rest of the spring, summer and fall. Things change on Lake Michigan and most other places from the beginning to the end of the season.

Want to catch crappies at Patoka Lake, ask the

Patoka Lake people when the crappie spawn usually happens. Want to catch a few big walleyes at Lake Erie or lots of eater-sized fish? Almost every destination has good, better and best times for big fish; good, better and best for numbers of fish; good, better and best for specific kinds of fish and good, better and best when it comes to weather conditions. Seldom do all these good, better and best times overlap.

I had an individual who fished with me on Lake Michigan several times in early season and always caught his limit of cohos and brown trout but never anything more than five pounds. Then he came on a fall trip to try for mature chinook. He succeeded! In five hours he caught two king salmon, each over 15 pounds.

"I'm never coming back with you in the spring," he told me. "I'd much rather come out and catch one or two of these huge fish than catch a limit of the

small ones in the spring."

My family has taken several summer vacations to Kentucky Lake in August. The fishing ranged from bad to terrible. The water was warm, the lake uncrowded and water skiing, tubing and other watersports was terrific - perfect for most of our group.

This is why a venue such as the Ford 65th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show is such a great way to plan your next fishing trip or vacation. There's the opportunity to ask the guides, resort owners and destination representative the right questions. Just don't start with, "What's the best time to come?" It's always the "best time" for someone.

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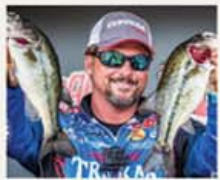
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IDNR Conservation Officers, Captain Bill Brown (Public Information Officer) at left and at right Lieutenant Larry Morrison. The Indiana Department of Natural Resource Sport Show Information Area is in Tackle Town. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



NWTF friends and fellow outdoor writers sitting above. Sherry and I visited with these guys at last years show. Sitting left to right: Joe Cales, Frank Wyant, unknown outdoorsman and Sherry Dickerson standing behind Bud Denneman. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Adventures Await at The Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show February 15-24, 2019

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Wally Marshall (crappie), Billy DeHaven (carp) and Dan Armitage of Ohio (kids’ fishing fun) – are just part of this year’s line-up!

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Kids’ Day is Saturday, February 24 – Kids live coming to the show. From the Hawg Trough, Kids’ Fishing Fun seminars by Dan Armitage and Kids’ Trout Fishing Pond in TackleTown USA, to the K-9 X Games, Peak Adventure Rock Wall, DNR wildlife and hunter education programs and the Youth Archery Range, the Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show offers plenty to engage and excite kids – no matter when they attend. But on Saturday, February 24th they’ll love it even more. The first 500 kids through the door will receive a great gift!

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE MODERN WORLD

This winter is a perfect example of the reason for cabin fever syndrome. Trapped inside for days and weeks, even a hibernating bear would have been gnashing its teeth in frustration. Although we spend some winter time in Florida, the effects of the arctic weather there pushes their expected mild temperatures below normal levels. In the morning, put on long pants and a light jacket. Mid-afternoon called for shorts and a t-shirt and then back to long pants for the evening. It looked like a senior citizen fashion show. As a result, more time was spent sitting in front of the ol' brain fading t.v. than on the beaches. For me, watching television is like sitting in a used car lot watching chrome rust. There are no remnants left of past times such as The Smothers Brothers, Jackie Gleason, Carol Burnett and a host of others that offered light hearted entertainment.

When harassing the pelicans and feeding the gulls with potato chips laced with Ex-Lax is over in the evening, I have no recourse but to watch t.v. until bed time. With programming concentrated on reality shows, shoot-em-ups and Dancing With The Stars, I began noticing the commercials. Former ads for health threatening products such as Hudepohl beer and Lucky Strike cigarettes have been replaced with countless pitches for medicines that offset the effects of all the bad stuff the sponsors forced on us in the past. But, by the time these commercials end, I wouldn't touch any of the products with the proverbial ten foot pole. For instance, if you suffer from fallen arches, fifteen seconds is devoted to telling you that Xenovolibultan under the trade name of Xalalam will have you back in the pink in no time. The remaining forty five seconds describes what may happen to you as side effects. "Could cause shortness of breath, high blood pressure, periods of blindness, cardiac palpitations, and in some rare cases, death." In my opinion, there is no such thing as potential suicide by taking a drug for fallen arches. These commercials normally end with, "If you experience any of these symptoms, call your doctor right away." That's great! How can you call your doctor if you're dead? As a result, I have noticed

that I am experiencing some of the symptoms described on these ads, but if I have to choose between fallen arches and cardiac arrest, I'll take the former.

Other ads that would have been banned years ago are for what I call "male enhancement" products. "When the time is right, be ready" is the pitch. Then comes the usual, "If the effects last more than four hours, call your doctor right away." What's the doctor going to do, tell you to take a dose of Xalalam? He can treat a heart attack.

Next on my favorite commercial entertainment list are the ads for "legal representation." For instance, in Florida at least twenty times a day, a serious gentleman representing Mugg'em, Slugg'em and Whoop'em LLC would try to convince you to hire their services to file suit against insurance companies, hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers and your grandmother if she gets out of line.

"If you have been injured in an accident, any accident, call us, Mugg'em, Slugg'em, and Whoop'em. We'll get you the money you deserve. If we don't win, you don't pay. We're here for the people." A final count showed no less than a half dozen different legal firms sponsoring the morning talk shows and afternoon soaps. Now, not only was I afraid of taking a certain drug for an obscure ailment, I was afraid to leave our lodging for fear of being involved in a fender bender with someone who watches a lot of daytime t.v.

Another area that is causing me numerous problems in interacting with our modern society are the fast paced advances being made in all fields of electronics. Automobiles do everything but make you a cup of morning coffee and some even nag at you as you drive. For instance, a voice on GPS systems diplomatically scolds you if you don't follow directions by saying "Re-calculating", followed by new instructions in a monotone voice. For those of us who used to depend on maps for navigation, Ethel (my name for the GPS lady) reminds me of my mom as she gave me driving lessons at the age of thirteen, although mom wouldn't have made a good diplomatic representative in a U.N. meeting. I never heard her mutter "re-calculating" once, but her yells definitely got my attention. I'm going to try an experiment. I'll find a large empty parking lot, give the GPS lady a destination and start driving in circles. For pure scientific reasons I want to see how many times Ethel says "re-calculating" in a complete circle or if she finally breaks down and says, "Listen dummy! How many times do I have to tell you-----? Hee, hee.

I won't get into the subject of I-phones, Androids, and I-Pads. One commercial shows people using the things to compose and play music, download apps for everything and even as electronic triggers to launch small rockets. On the other hand the rocket thing has merit. It would beat yelling and clapping your hands to keep squirrels off the bird feeder. Simply missile the little thieves. Maybe an old geezer like me could find some advantages in rocket launching and music composition. There is probably an app out there somewhere for aspiring banjo players. A touch screen would be better than a cumbersome instrument with strings that causes callouses on finger tips. Move over, Earl Skruggs. ■

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wildlife habitat through NAWCA grants.

Congressman Dingell was instrumental in establishing the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, which includes parts of Michigan, Ohio and Ontario. DU testified in support of the refuge and partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve and expand wetlands in the refuge.

For more information, visit ducks.org.

TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

For immediate release: Feb. 8, 2019

Yesterday and through the night emergency responders were kept busy helping Hoosiers cope with the flash floods occurring all across Southern Indiana. There were many calls for service from many agencies, including county sheriff departments, city police agencies, fire departments and swift water rescue teams. Indiana Conservation Officers responded to 26 of these high water related emergencies from yesterday afternoon until this morning. The vast majority of these call where to vehicles that had driven into flooded roadways. That number is expected to rise as people venture out today and try to navigate to work and school.

As the water begins to drain and move, there are places that were not flooded last night that are now no longer safe to cross. Please do not try to cross these flooded roadways. There are many hidden dangers lurking in that floodwater. The moving water has caused some roads to buckle and wash out. The current can also cause your vehicle to be swept off the roadway. Please adhere to the road closed signs that have been placed on the roadways. The extra time it takes to navigate around the floodwaters is time well spent.

WATKINS SELECTED AS DISTRICT 7 CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR (DUBOIS COUNTY)

For immediate release: Feb. 7, 2019

Indiana Conservation Officer Jon Watkins, who serves Dubois County, has been selected the 2018 District 7 Officer of the Year.

Watkins, who is originally from Laporte County, was assigned to his current county in 2006. He is active in the Dubois County Hunter Education and 4-H Shooting Sports programs and serves as a National Archery in the School Program (NASP) coach at Northeast Dubois High School.

Besides being a perennial leader in enforcement actions and public appearances, Watkins also serves as a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) instructor, background investigator, boat accident investigator and sonar operator.

This is the third time Watkins has been selected for the District 7 award, which is chosen annually by his peers. He also won in 2010 and 2012. His other past awards include three district Boating Officer of the Year selections and the State of Indiana Boating Officer of the Year award in 2015.

The 10 counties in District 7 are Dubois, Spencer, Pike, Daviess, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick.

The district award puts Watkins in the running for the Pitzer Award, which is given to the top overall Conservation Officer in the state of Indiana and selected from the 10 district award winners.

The Pitzer award is named after Indiana

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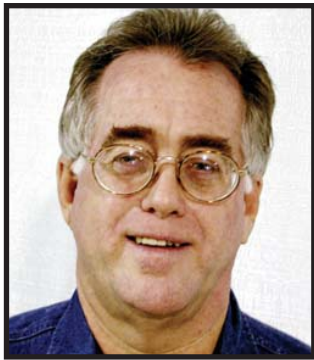
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Top Left Photo: One of the Children's Museum staff with two large dinosaur bones on our South Dakota dig. Top Center Photo: This is a crocodile scute (scale) I dug at the dino dig in South Dakota. A very unusual find in a hot, dry, state. Susie found one also. Top Right Photo: Geodes in the wall. Notice two in the upper right corner and the holes left from already dug geodes in the center of photo. Bottom Left Photo: This is a photo of the author panning for gold in southern Indiana. This small creek had numerous geodes also. Bottom Right Photo: A friend of the author using a gold dredge in our favorite gold panning creek. (Author Photos)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Rocks, Gems, Fossils & More

I'm not sure why I am so interested in collecting old things. It's not just because I am old, because I was young once a long time ago. I think I started by buying old books and magazines. That was just to learn about outdoor stuff. I read about doing taxidermy work and started stuffing assorted critters so they would last way beyond their normal lifetime. Then, I started metal detecting and began finding old coins, relics, and artifacts.

After I graduated from Purdue, with a degree in wildlife management, I got married. She was not

old! And while she was not interested (then) in old things, she did put up with my weird pursuits. I then started collecting animal skulls. Actually, I had to collect them for one of my wildlife courses. I continued this after graduation. This included trapping mice, voles, shrews and other assorted small mammals to make museum mounts. (This is like mounting animals using cotton stuffing and without using glass eyes.) For my geology courses, I started searching for fossils, geodes, and assorted rocks. I kept dabbling in these assorted collections, expanding my specimens.

After a few years, we had a daughter. She wasn't very old when she became interested in my outdoor pursuits. At age five, she wanted to learn the internal parts of a squirrel I had just bagged. I carefully dissected it (my biology major helped with that) and explained all the organs and what they did. At the same time, she began metal detecting with us. One of the places we did that was in southern Indiana. The area had a small creek flowing through it. We learned gold panning and started enjoying that hobby. This small waterway also had a large amount of geodes. That was another item to add to our search.

When she was 10, she joined 4-H. That's when collecting greatly increased. She had projects in

wildlife, trees, shrubs, insects, and weeds, plus cooking, and showing rabbits. But that's a little off topic. She also made displays of rocks and fossils. We took trips to Brookville Lake and searched for assorted fossils around the dam and banks. That was back when you were allowed to do that there. We researched road cuts in various parts of the state where fossils were known to be found. We also picked up sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks from Indiana and other states in our travels. Each year, we had to find more specimens to expand her collection.

When she graduated from high school and left for college, the time we spent in the field searching for great finds quickly slowed. It was 20 years later when we resumed our quest for finding old things. Really, really old. Sixty-five million years old. The stuff of every child's dreams. Dinosaurs.

Shortly after our grandson was born, we purchased a membership to the Indianapolis Children's Museum. We started taking Benjamin (and his parents) for regular visits there. We always started in the Dinosphere. This is the place where the dinosaurs come to life. After many visits to the "window", behind which the paleontologists work, we came to know these workers. They asked if we would be interested in joining them to South Dakota

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Top Row Left Photo: This display of fossils is in the building at the Gray Fossil Site in Johnson City, Tennessee. We got a great behind-the-scenes tour of the facility. Top Row Right Photo: I found this gold ring with three garnets with my metal detector in the water at a Minnesota fishing camp. Middle Row Left Photo: This is just a small sample of the beach glass we have found while walking along the shore of larger lakes. This glass is often used to make jewelry. Middle Row Right Photo: This mole skull is just one of around 35 different skulls I have in my collection. The smallest is a shrew (fit 3 on a dime) to a huge fur seal skull from Japan. (Author Photos)

and dig for real bones. (Many of the bones in the museum are real.)

So, for the next six summers, Susie and I drove to Faith and dug duckbill dinosaur bones from a cow pasture with about 15 others for five days. When Benjamin turned eight, his parents brought him west and we stayed for an extra two days and continued our search for these prehistoric creatures. While we couldn't keep any of our dug finds, we did get to take home some small surface finds, such as bone pieces and small teeth which had weathered out of the hillside over the winter. The items like toe bones, or rib pieces, or the huge dinosaur femurs went back to the Museum for cleaning and display.

Closer to home, across the Mississippi River from Keokuk, Iowa, we went on a geode hunt. There is a festival there every year during the last full weekend of September. We went a week early, but the organizer took us out hunting anyway. We dug geodes, both large and small, out of a hillside, then, went with our guide to his property and searched for more in his small stream.

He taught us how to judge the weight of a geode. If it seemed light for its size, it was probably hollow and had more crystals inside which was what we were looking for. He showed us the proper way to open one of these items without ruining what was

inside. While not a dinosaur bone, geodes are about five times older than the ancient reptiles.

While our roaming the countryside looking for more items to add to my collections has tapered off somewhat, we still look for neat finds. But now, I spend more time hunting at rock and fossils shows. Fortunately, one of these is coming up soon at Richmond, IN. It is the 46th Annual Spring Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil Show & Sale. The date is March 1-3, 2019 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. There will be gem, jewelry, minerals, crystals, and fossil dealers there. Also, door prizes, exhibits, displays, silent auctions, and children's activities. Call Judy Burton at 937-339-1966 for more information. If he's not playing hockey or basketball, we will try to take Benjamin with us to this show.

If you miss that one, another similar show will be at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds on April 5-7, 2019. The Treasures of the Earth Gem & Jewelry Spring Show has beads, pearls, minerals, fossils, and more. Their fall show is on October 4-6. Find more at www.toteshows.com. (See Page 22 for more information on above Rock & Gem shows.)

Hopefully, I can find something at these shows I want to add to my "dust collectors" as my wife calls them.

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Conservation Officer James D. Pitzer, who was fatally shot while investigating illegal hunting activity on Jan. 1, 1961 in Jay County.

RECOMMENDED SPEED 45 MPH ON I-69 ANDERSON TO DALEVILLE

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Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has recommended a 45 M.P.H. speed limit on I-69 from Anderson to Daleville, mile markers 220-234, through 10 a.m. Sunday 2/10 because of tire bursting potholes in the area. According to a directive issued by INDOT earlier this morning, crews will be working to repair both lanes and are expecting to close the right lane on both sides of I-69 from Anderson to Daleville later this morning.


Motorists are asked to use caution, slow down and watch for traffic back ups, lane closures and workers as they repair the potholes through the area.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FULL MOON 5K AT PATOKA LAKE

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Registration is open for the Full Moon 5K race at Patoka Lake beach, which will take place Friday,

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Top Photo: 2018 Spring Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society Show had a record attendance. Bottom Photo: The curiosity of children makes life of this flint knapper extremely happy as he explains what flint knapping is and why he does it.

Top Photo: Van Wimmer's Spring Show is held in the Agriculture/Horticulture building at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the building is full of booths and food is available too. Bottom Photo: Canton Collectibles has thousands of beads on display.

EIGGS 46th Annual Spring Gem Show March 1-3, 2019

The Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society's (EIGGS) 46th Annual Spring Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show will be held at the Kuhlman Center located on the Wayne County Fairgrounds on March 1-3, 2019.

The show opens at 10 a.m. Friday & Saturday and closes at 6 p.m. On Sunday it opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m.

A Donation is collected at the door, Adults \$5.00, Seniors 60 and older \$3.00, Youth ages 7 to 18 \$1.00, Under 7 FREE. Scouts & Leaders in uniform, Free.

The Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society has been putting on the rock and gem show since 1973, this is their 46th annual show. The purpose of the Gem Show is to promote knowledge and interest in the earth sciences and the Lapidary arts. The show is also a fund raiser for club expenses and provides money for a college scholarship awarded each year.

I hope to see you at this show. Sherry and I really enjoy this show and know you will too.

21st Annual Treasures of the Earth Gem & Jewelry Show April 5-7, 2019

Van Wimmer's 21st Annual Indianapolis Spring Bead, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in the Agriculture/Horticulture building located at 1202 East 38th Street in Indianapolis, Indiana April 5-7, 2019. The hours are Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5.00, the ticket is good for all three days. Children under the age of 16 gets in free. There are hourly door prizes drawn throughout the day.

The Wimmer's hope you enjoy their shows as much as they do providing them for you.

For more information contact Van Wimmer, Show Director - Treasures Of The Earth Gem & Jewelry Shows, 5273 Bradshaw Road Salem, VA 24153 Telephone: (540) 384-6047 Website:

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

It may still be winter, but get the rods out because Walleye & Channel Cats can be had now!

Yes, it's cold. Yes, it's still winter. Yes, you can still rabbit and goose hunt. But you can also break out the long rods. The walleye – and believe it or not – even the channel catfish bite can already be underway.

Walleye:

I remember, one of the best-ever years I had catching walleyes in our local spillway was in February. That's right. Seems early, but if there is open water, the walleyes are focusing towards spawning.

Walleyes in the Midwest typically spawn in water that is below 50 degrees, typically in the mid-forties, so it isn't too early to go after them.

In rivers, many walleyes head upstream towards dams and spillways to search out good spawning areas, which include gravel bars in and around current breaks. While some current break may be obvious from the water's surface, others, not so much. Underwater structure such as humps and drop offs can also create breaks where fish will congregate. Although in small streams and rivers, many of these can still be spotted with the naked eye.

Plenty of fish can be caught on lures from crankbaits to jigs tipped with live bait. In fact, these may be the most popular methods, and for good reason – they catch fish. But, the tailwater areas can get crowded when the bite starts, so sometime something a little different can help. One method that has brought me success over the years is to simplify things a bit. I have also had good luck just bouncing a portion of nightcrawler about fifteen inches below a split shot. I just let the current drift the bait downstream, lifting it whenever it gets caught on a rock.

If you want to escape the crowds somewhat, and possibly even land bigger fish, try moving downstream from the spillways. Not all the fish make it all the way to the spillways. That particular



Even though winter still has it's grip on us, species of fish such as walleye and channel catfish will hit as soon as there is open water. (Author Photo)

February I mentioned found me catching my biggest fish about a quarter-mile downstream from the dam. I was fishing a small creek and just happened to find a honey hole. So, start out at the spillway, but don't be afraid to wander downstream in your search. Just be sure to gain permission if you will be venturing onto private property.

Channel catfish:

Although channels won't spawn until the water temperatures actually warm up, their minds shift to seeking out prime spawning locations in streams and rivers once the water levels stabilize from the snow melt. Unlike walleyes at this time, the channel catfish isn't amped up to spawn yet, but rather, preoccupied with finding food prior to the spawn.

In rivers, these are areas of consistent current which attract baitfish. I have caught plenty of channels this time of year by bobbing red worms in the main current of the river just below the spillway.

River cats also like to hang out in eddies close to the main current. This way they can dart out

and snag a quick, easy meal as it swims by.

Likewise, in reservoirs, try current breaks just off the main river channel. Position your boat just off the main channel, say on a point or mouth of a cove, and toss out some chicken liver on the edge of the channel. Let your offering nestle to the bottom and wait for a strike.

Whether fishing in rivers or their dammed-up creation – reservoirs – don't feel that you have to stick the old-time adage of casting your bait out and sitting all day. Nope. Especially not this time of year. Rather, if you don't get bit in 15-30 minutes, move on. Stick and run. Once you find fish, they shouldn't be too reluctant to strike at this time of year.

Besides, once you yank a few good cats out of a hole, it will likely be time to move on to the next good spot anyway.

Conclusion:

This is just the start of the good fishing that is to come. Walleyes, and even channel cats, can be quite active after ice-out and there is no need to miss out on the action, unless of course you want to get in on a good rabbit or goose hunt. Then you have a decision to make!

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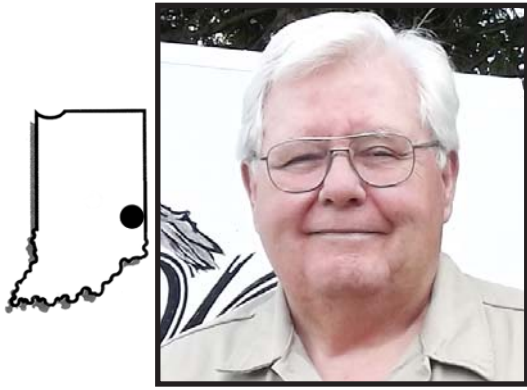
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GUNSMITHING

I've mentioned before about the gunsmith's hazard when restoring old guns. You never know what your going to run into. Restorations which you think are going to be relatively quick turn into months of delays, inability to find parts, parts replacement made in earlier repairs not for the model of gun your working on, and on and on and on. I guess I could have used etc. there. I've been looking for a hammer for an old L.C. Smith double shotgun with Damascus steel barrels. There are 3 different styles that were used on the old Baker LC Smith doubles. None seem to be available now and the one I'm working to restore has mismatched hammers. I've repaired the cracked stock and forend and a dent in one of the barrels and re-browned the barrel to match the other. I used a brown-ing solution since the old bluing had turned more brown than blue. I decided to match the side plates to the barrels. To do so I had to remove the hammers which I had not yet attempted as someone in an earlier repair in which one hammer had been replaced with one that did not match to other hammer. That was one of the parts I had been attempting to locate. The screws which attaches the hammer on to the tumbler had been beat flat and did not have a slot to use a flat bladed screw driver to remove them. What's not really a problem normally. I have the tools to make a new slot. However, upon cutting the first cut for the slot the head of the screw came off and left the body of the screw in the tumbler. Now I have to drill out the broken screw and determine the thread pitch of get a new screw. Guess what, those parts aren't available. Okay, not a problem, if I can get the old screw out without damaging the original threads. Well I'll just use the other tumbler screw as a guide.

NO, not happening, the other screw head was also damaged but stayed in place while I cut a slot. It came out after some work. To my disappointment however, that screw was a #4 wood screw. Head shaking time. Well I'll get the broken screw out and make a new screws for both hammers. That's just one of those things in the day in the life of a gunsmith. Just another reminder, don't assume anything.

GUN CONTROL

You have probably heard that several U.S. Congress members, both Senators and Representatives have submitted or plan to submit several gun control bills. On the bright side on Thursday, January 24, 2019, Senator Mike Lee (R-UT), along with Sens. Ted Cruz (R-TX), John



Left Photo: The Hammer Tumbler on the left has the screw still lodged in the piece. It appears to be a #4 or 5 size screw. If I can get it out without damaging the threads I'll be really happy. That part doesn't appear to be available. Right Photo: This picture was to show the differences in the two hammers. Both are for the L.C. Smith double. But are from different period of manufacture. (Author Photos)



Cornyn (R-TX), Rand Paul (R-KY), James Risch (R-ID), and Mike Crapo (R-ID) reintroduced the Silencers Helping Us Save Hearing Act of 2019, a bill that would ensure the elimination of all federal regulations of suppressors, (Senate Bill S.202) According to the press release Senator Lee stated "The bill, S. 202, would eliminate this onerous and unconstitutional process and provide reasonable hearing protection for sportsmen and citizens." If you want to read his press release go to the following Permalink:

<https://www.lee.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2019/1/s-en-lee-reintroduces-silencers-helping-us-save-hearing-act>

Gun Safety Recall

Posted By Kel Tec Weapons
Attention Customers

IMPORTANT SUB-2000 SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

We have recently identified an issue with the heat treatment of certain steel tubes received from a third-party supplier from which the barrels for a limited number of Gen 2 SUB-2000 rifles were manufactured. This could potentially cause the barrel to rupture when a cartridge is fired and could result in serious personal injury. The safety of our customers is our primary concern, so Kel-Tec has voluntarily initiated this recall because of the possibility of a barrel rupturing.

This recall only affects a portion of Gen 2 SUB-2000s that were manufactured in 2017. Gen 1 SUB-2000s are not affected.

To check if your firearm would need to be sent in for barrel replacement, please follow this link:

<https://recalls.kelteceweapons.com/>

All costs associated with the recall of your firearm shall be covered by Kel-Tec.

Quote of the Month

"If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around."

(from email: "Life from the seat of a tractor - An old Farmer's Words of Wisdom we could all live by....." Author Unknown)

Forgetful me: A gentleman, whose name I can't recall, called and inquired if I or someone I knew had any .375 caliber bullets for reloading. I did not and referred him to my friend Mike who casts hardened lead bullets for reloading. Mike now has a supply of

cast lead bullets in .375 cal., but, like me, misplaced the gentleman's name and phone number. If you are that person please give Mike a call as he now has a supply of .375 bullets. If you also lost his number you can call me at (765) 914-2781.

That's all for this month. These notes are mine alone and do not represent the opinion or position of anyone, just me. If you have a question or a comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or, would like to just make a comment email me with your comments at PrairieWolfGuns@gmail.com. I'll answer your questions with the most up to date information available. Some answers may be included in this column as I'm sure there are others with the same question. No question dealing with guns or self-defense is a bad or stupid question. Only those questions not asked.

Remember, B SAR (Be Safe, Be Aware, Be Responsible)

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Editor's note: A special fact, Marshall Smith is a retired Richmond, Indiana Police Officer.

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Little Cedar Baptist Church. (Author Photo)



Big Cedar Cemetery. (Author Photo)

Whitewater Valley History



by **Donna Schroeder**
Fayette County Historical Museum

The Cedars of the Whitewater

I recently had one of those unhappy occasions that come to all of us. Along with other members of my family, I attended the last rites for a cousin. He was a good man. He raised a good family, served in World War II, and was a productive community member. He lived to the ripe old age of 93, having been happily married for 71 years to his college sweetheart.

Clayborn Wamsley was laid to rest at Big Cedar Baptist Church in Franklin County with his parents and brothers. The church is located near Whitcomb, a tiny village off Highway 101 between Liberty and Brookville. His mother was my father's sister. His ancestors on his father's side are also in the cemetery, and they were instrumental in the church from the beginning.

The beginnings of the church go back to 1819 when Job Stout and William Hetrick each donated an acre of land for a church and graveyard. (If you've ever wondered, the term graveyard was used when burials were done in the yard of the church. A cemetery is a place that is set aside

solely for burials. As time passed, many churches ceased to exist, so those graveyards are now cemeteries.) The first recorded burial was that of a child named John Hetrick, probably the son of the donor, in 1820. The first church was a log structure.

As with many early churches, the first meetings were probably held in homes until the donation of the land.

In 1837, the congregation decided that a better building was needed. A sturdy brick building with a stove in it was put in service that year. The church disbanded in 1959, but the building and grounds are maintained by the Big Cedar Cemetery Association.

Big Cedar was an offshoot of Little Cedar Baptist which is located a couple of miles south of Brookville on Highway 52. Both churches originated under the guidance of Rev. Dewese and Rev. Tyner. Interestingly, Rev. William Tyner was my father's great great great grandfather, so both sides of my cousins' family had an interest in the beginning of Big Cedar. Many of the first members brought letters transferring their membership to Big Cedar from Little Cedar.

Built in 1812, Little Cedar is the oldest church building on its original foundation in the state of Indiana. It had a balcony inside with gun ports that were needed in case of attack from the local Indians and was heated by a charcoal fire in a pit in the middle of the floor.

The two preachers came with a group of settlers from the area of Abbeville, South Carolina, by way of Kentucky, in about 1807. For the most part, they were Scotch Irish, but there were a few of German descent, including Jacob Hackleman. His daughter Elizabeth had married William Tyner, and they brought their small children on the journey.

The two ministers had a hand in the formation of Baptist churches in the several counties, includ-

ing Franklin, Union, and Fayette. They were Anti Means Baptists, being of the belief that ministers weren't required to have a formal education. The Means and Anti Means factions led to the splitting of Baptist denominations in several places. They traveled from place to place, and many churches only had a preacher once a month. There's a story that William Tyner met a couple on the trail who had just applied for their marriage license, and he married them then and there on horseback.

There was at graveyard at Little Cedar, but many of the bodies were removed when the church became inactive. The lone marker was that of Elizabeth Hackleman Tyner. She died in 1810, leaving several small children. Her husband married twice after and left the area to start Horseshoe Bend Church near Westport in Decatur County.

A mystery surrounded Little Cedar some time ago. Someone discovered a pair of severed legs in the ravine behind the church. It's a rather long story, but the identity of the female victim was determined by the boots on the feet. They were custom made, and the maker was able to identify the buyer. It seems that she had a relationship with a fellow who had a girlfriend. The girlfriend found out, and she and the lover murdered the girl. They had a small car and realized they couldn't fit her in the vehicle, so they dismembered her and deposited her remains in various places. When the officers went to arrest the couple, they found that they had also stolen Elizabeth's tombstone and were using it as an altar for Satanic rituals. The marker was recovered and cleaned. It now rests inside the church.

Little Cedar is open to the public and is maintained by the Franklin County Historical Society. Big Cedar is opened one Sunday in June for a homecoming service. Both are reminders of the industrious and pious pioneers who settled the Whitewater Valley. ■

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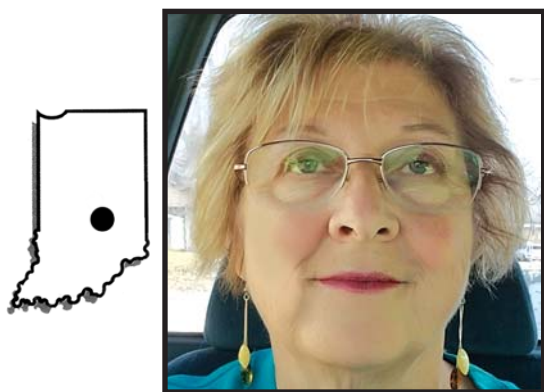
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Top Left Photo: Jase Poe holding one of many Bluegill over a bucket of them. Top Center Photo: Kaylee Allen holding a Summit Lake Largemouth Bass caught through the ice. Top Right Photo: Matt Brennan and Collin King holding Bluegills caught through the ice. (Author Photos)

Outdoor Scenes & Verse

Ice Fishin' Frenzy



by Anita McFalls

Friday, January 25th began the craziest weekend of ice fishing we'd seen in a couple of years! Summit Lake was frozen end to end, and everyone had the fever!

Saturday morning at Gittin Jiggy With It, we went through 9000 spikes in 3 hours! That is an insane amount of bait in a short time, and doesn't even include the bee moth and other bait we sold! Luckily, my brother Mike was able to go up north and pick up another order for us! Everyone was great about it. They took what bait we had, and watched our face book page to see when the other arrived. It was like sharks in a feeding frenzy!

The part that's that most fun is just listening and watching as the excitement fills the store. Everyone is laughing and talking, telling stories, and having a

good time. Even though everyone was anxious to get on the ice, they were patient and fun loving. What a great bunch of guys!

It was great seeing how many families went out together! There were shanties and people all over the ice, like ants at a picnic! An amazing amount of fish were taken out of Summit, but that didn't affect the fishing the rest of the week either. Whether temps were above zero, or subzero, guys were still out there trying to get in every minute of fishing before warm temps arrived. February 2nd and 3rd, was the rush to get that last bit of fun on the ice before the temps were forecast to reach near 60 degrees at the beginning of the week.

Once again we're left watching the thermometeWe'll keep posting on facebook when, and if, the ice is back, and you are always welcome to call in and check.

Summit Lake Weekend beginning January 25 a "Ice Fishin' Frenzy" (Author Photos)

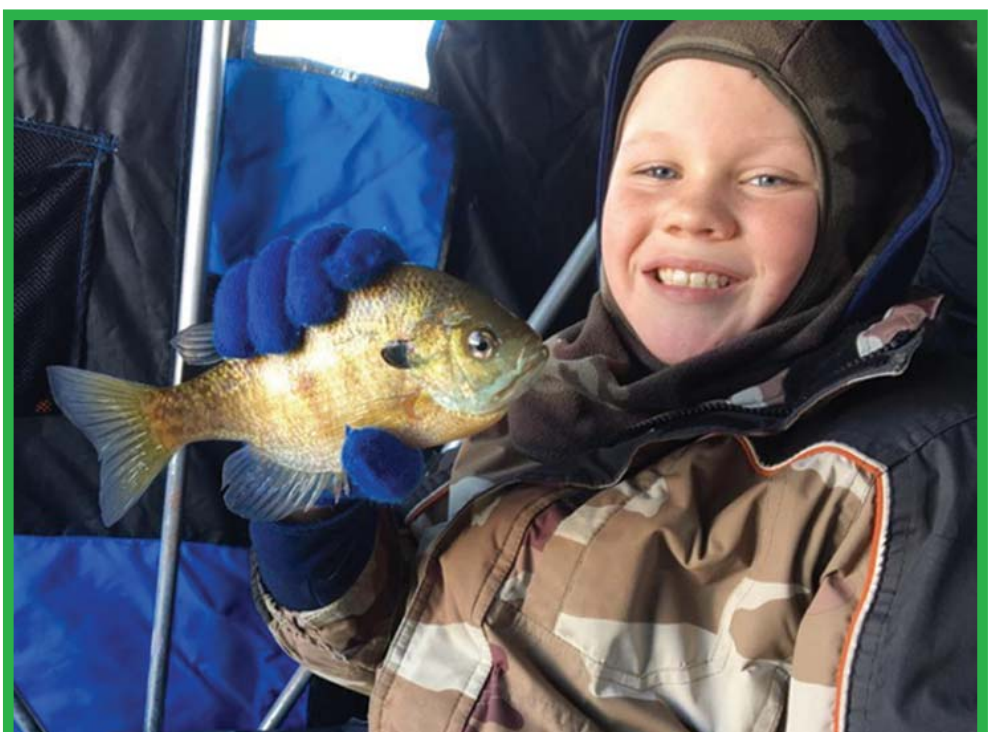


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WHAT'S COMING TO BROOKVILLE LAKE!

Guest Article by Bill Gibbs

The Brookville Lake area is getting a new **RESORT STYLE COMMUNITY**. It is called **MALLARD COVE**. Located on Old State Road 101 (the Fairfield Ramp Road), across the street from Kent's Harbor and Sagamore Resorts main office. Just down the street is Harbor Links Golf Course and beautiful Brookville Lake. **MALLARD COVE** will consist of approximately **52 PARK MODEL** sites, and will cater to the lake, golf, and Park Model lifestyles. Ideally located, you can ride your golf cart across the street to Harbor Links Golf Course, or to the extremely popular Ainsley's Café where you can enjoy dinner with a Lake side view.

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Ainsley's Café. There are grocery and hardware stores in nearby Liberty (8 miles) or Brookville (11 miles).

There is a pond at **MALLARD COVE**, so water front sites are available. You will also be able to add manufactured aluminum patio covers and enclosures, but each must meet managements restrictions. To get more information on **MALLARD COVE**, stop by Liberty Sales at 5935 S. State Rd. 101, Liberty, In. 47353 or call **765-458-5435**. To get more information on Park Models, or to see a variety of pictures, visit us on Facebook at Liberty Sales Park Models. ■

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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Indiana's Indian battles

From 1684 to 1824 there were 26 battles in Indiana between the American Indians and the European settlers, according to Alan McPherson's book "Indian Battle Sites in Indiana." Many of these sites are marked with historical markers.

The most famous battles are the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811, the Fort Dearborn Massacre in 1812, siege of Fort Wayne in 1812, and the Fall Creek Massacre in 1824.

Well, the Fall Creek Massacre was not really a battle – it involved the murder of a family of nine Indians in Madison County. Five neighboring pio-

neer settlers killed the peaceful Indians in their camp in the woods. A neighboring farmer discovered the scene of the murder and reported it. The ring leader escaped but four of the white men were arrested, tried, found guilty and hanged. The youngest murderer was on the gallows when Indiana Governor James Brown Ray came galloping up with a pardon. Even the Indians in attendance were glad because it was obvious that the wild eyed young man had gone crazy.

The Battle of Tippecanoe is famous all over the USA. It was the ultimate clash between The Prophet and Gen. William Henry Harrison. Tecumseh was traveling in the south trying to recruit warriors to join him at Prophetstown, and he left word for his brother, The Prophet, not to get in a fight. But the fight happened and Harrison's troops won. Harrison went on to a battle in Canada in which Tecumseh was killed. Harrison was elected President in 1840, using the slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler too." John Tyler was his running mate. Harrison lived only one month in office so Tyler then became president.

Harrison was a friend of William Polke, the first white settler of Fulton County. They were in the Battle of Tippecanoe together. When Polke's daughter Mary was married in the Polke house in 1834, Harrison is supposed to have been one of the guests. The Polke house is the white house at the Fulton County Historical Society, Rochester, Indiana.

Even though Harrison was President only one month, he appointed his good friend William Polke to Registrar of the land office at Fort Wayne.

Everybody has heard about the Fort Dearborn Massacre in Chicago but did you know it was not really a massacre but a battle! Some writers claim that when the whites lost, it was a massacre, but when the Indians lost, it was labeled a battle. The troops and white settlers were leaving Fort Dearborn when the Potawatomi and other Indians attacked. The only massacre about it was when an Indian boy jumped into the wagon of little white children and started tomahawking them.

The siege of Fort Wayne involved Chief Aubbeenaubbee, for whom Aubbeenaubbee Township in Fulton County was named. He was a powerful chief with a large land holding of 40 square miles, and a hot temper because of his alcoholism. He killed one of his wives or ordered the other wife to kill her, according to the 1883 Historical Atlas of Fulton County. But in 1817 he was in the siege of Fort Wayne, a real fort at that time. Aubbeenaubbee got a hollow log and tried to use it as a cannon but it blew up instead of firing the cannonball.

The only battle that supposedly took place in Fulton County was a legend about the Potawatomi battling the Chippewas at the Chippewanuck Creek. They fought for three days and the Potawatomi won, thus driving the Chippewas from Fulton County. A silver medallion was found there in 1872 bearing the likeness of King George III of England, probably near the site of the Haimbaugh round barn. The story and photos of the medallion are in "Fulton County Folks, vol. 2" which can be seen at the Fulton County Library and Fulton County Museum.

Roaming The Outdoors

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Updated North American Waterfowl Management Plan available

MEMPHIS, Tennessee – Feb. 5, 2019 - The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) 2018 update was recently released.

For 32 years the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) has stood as a model of waterfowl conservation and as a beacon of success for wildlife conservation practitioners and enthusiasts worldwide. Through innovative partnerships combining science, boots-on-the-ground conservation delivery, and public and policy engagement, the Plan has demonstrated to the world how continental-scale conservation can be achieved.

This update of the 2012 NAWMP is appropriately subtitled "Connecting People, Waterfowl and Wetlands." The biggest achievement has been applying social sciences toward the goal of increasing the numbers of waterfowl hunters and other conservationists across North America.

"The highlighted achievements in the 2018 update demonstrate the adaptation and resilience that has made the plan a success for over 30 years," NAWMP committee members said in a news release. "We know how to focus resources on important landscapes, integrate conservation decisions, address Joint Venture-level population objectives and engage hunters, birdwatchers, and the public in conservation actions. Perhaps most importantly, we have learned that multiple stakeholders share an interest in waterfowl habitat conservation, providing the foundation on which to build and maintain broader support."

The 2018 Plan Update calls for refocusing waterfowl conservation efforts through eight recommendations including ways to better understand and integrate the interest and values of people into conservation efforts while continuing strategic actions to conserve waterfowl habitat and achieve population management objectives. These recommendations seek to compel people to conserve waterfowl habitat, focus conservation efforts in areas that are most important for waterfowl and people, and bolster training programs for future waterfowl management professionals.

Other highlights of the 2018 Update include an assessment of waterfowl management institutions; a survey of waterfowl and wetland professionals; input from the Future of Waterfowl II Workshop held in September 2017; and surveys of hunters, birdwatchers and the general public in the U.S. and Canada.

Critical to the success of the Plan is a legacy of

international collaboration underpinned by dedicated service from federal, state, provincial and non-governmental organizations in Canada, the United States and Mexico working toward common goals and objectives.

"The 2018 Update does an excellent job of building on the tremendous history of waterfowl conservation success delivered through NAWMP since 1986," said Ducks Unlimited Chief Conservation Officer Nick Wiley. "Bringing more people into the cause of waterfowl and wetlands conservation is a major theme of this update and shows great vision from three great nations working in effective partnership."

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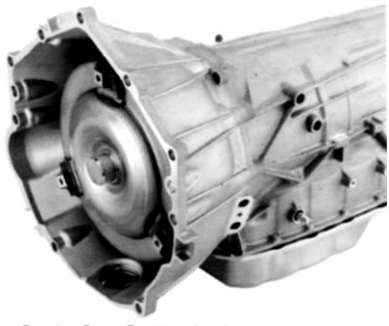
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One angler who's made the conversion to hi-vis braid is Mark Zona, bass expert and TV fishing program host.

"Here's what's funny to me. 10 to 15 years ago a lot of us laughed at hi-vis braid and said, 'What on Earth do I need this for? I need camouflage!' Well, that thinking has gone by the wayside with spinning reel finesse fishing applications. It's critical to have a hi-vis braided line. There's no stretch in braid, so number one, you have much better sensitivity for bites. Then you add the visual aspect with the lack of stretch and that high level of sensitivity and you're just putting more odds in your corner to land more fish. From a novice all the way to a professional angler, we look for every edge we can get in bite detection. That's what this whole game is. If you're using a braid that's hard to see or camouflaged with the water with a fluorocarbon leader and you're struggling to see bites, what you're doing is absolutely pointless. I now probably apply hi-vis braid and a fluorocarbon leader to 80% of my finesse applications, whether it's a drop shot, shakey head, etc.," says Zona.

Especially in deeper water, bite detection when fishing finesse presentations becomes critical. Zona knows this well, spending much of his time in what he calls "crazy deep water"—20, 30, 40, 50, all the way down to 60 feet of water, working the bottom with finesse baits.

"That's how I shoot my shows. To me, a hi-vis line is imperative. Sure, when you're fishing in two feet of water or less, you don't need to detect your bite as much because it transmits way faster. But when you're fishing in deeper water as I am—10 feet all the way down into the abyss or 40, 50, or 60 feet—you're looking for every edge you can get. Now, when I'm fishing the majority of my finesse techniques – power shotting, Neko rigging, standard dropshots, small finesse baits—basically



everything—that braided line becomes, even more important than my rod, really, for telegraphing bites."

One of the techniques Zona utilizes frequently is called power shotting, which is basically a very heavy drop shot application with 1/2-ounce to 3/4-ounce drop shot weights.

"That's one of my approaches in 20, 30, 40 feet of water. When my bait is down there on a six or eight-pound Seaguar AbrazX fluorocarbon leader, I can literally tell you when a fish breathes on the bait with that hi-vis braid's combo of no-stretch sensitivity and sight detection."

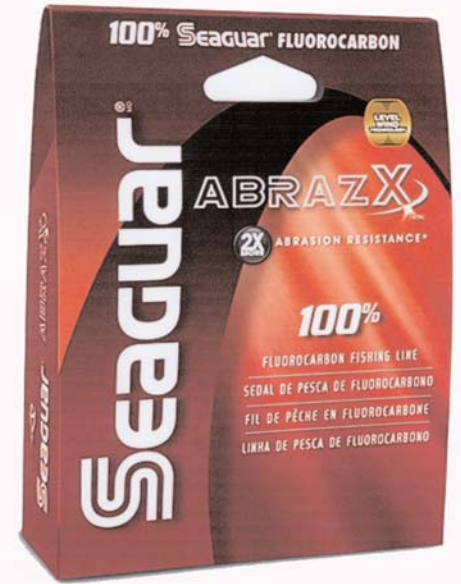
But the same applies for drop shotting in all depths, especially when fishing vertically. Even if you're using a lighter 1/8- to 1/4 ounce weight, the sensitivity and visual aspect of a line like Seaguar's Smackdown Hi-Vis Flash Green and fluorocarbon leader just communicates bites faster than any other line combination can provide.

Another deep water finesse application that benefits from hi-vis braid is Zona's use of a Neko rig, essentially a weighted finesse or stick worm. Same goes when he's fishing a standard Wacky rig.

"One of the things I can tell you, a wacky rig or Neko rig is probably tied on in every single boat across the country, period. And that is one of many applications where Seaguar's Smackdown Hi-Vis Flash Green has really made a difference. I shot a show recently where I got on a school of bass out deep where I was catching them on a Neko Rig and that line jumps on camera to where the viewer could watch at home and tell I just got a bite! It was that impressive," says Zona.

He continues: "What's amazing is how well the high-visibility of the Seaguar Smackdown Hi-Vis Flash Green emits a bite; it's staggering. When you get a bite, the color green line jumps like the green in a traffic light for 'go' and you just can't miss it."

The Ned rig is another finesse presentation that benefits greatly from a line like Seaguar's Hi-Vis Flash Green. It allows you to see when your bait is falling through the water column and you can watch when it stops and the bait hits the bottom. Then, as you put a little tension on the line, not only can you feel and see any subtle jerk or sideways motion you can now decipher



bottom content. The combination of braid and fluorocarbon leader allows you to tell when that Ned rig bumps into rock or slides through weeds—which is pretty much impossible with an extruded line alone.

That is the common aspect in fine-tuning any of your finesse fishing game—the use of a fluorocarbon leader, whether you're power shotting, drop shotting, fishing a shaky head, wacky rig, Neko rig, Ned rig, small vertical baits like light jigging spoons, etc. A high-quality six to eight-pound fluorocarbon leader is perfect for most applications and you can even get away with 10 given how narrow and clear quality fluorocarbon is. Eight to 10-pound fluorocarbon also gives you a lot more abrasion resistance.

Whether you're using a fluorocarbon like AbrazX or Tatsu it's important you tie a good knot like a double-uni (aka uni-to-uni), cinch the knot tight and trim the tag ends closely to make movement through the end rod guide easier and necessitate longer casts, which are already 50% or so longer than using monofilament or fluorocarbon sans braid. The diameter is so narrow that there's little resistance in the guides when you cast it, as well as how smoothly it winds off the spool. And with regards to tying line-to-leader knots like the double-uni, one trick that makes doing so much easier is wetting the end line of the braid, so it has some weight.

In terms of leader length, the higher you're marking the fish in the water column on your sonar, the longer the fluorocarbon leader should be because you want to keep the braid out of their visual range. If bass are one or two feet off the bottom, they're going to move down and eat stuff off the bottom, but you should have the knot and braid tied to a length that exceeds where they're sitting. 24-inches or longer is a good place to start.

Back to the benefits of hi-vis braid, spooling your spinning reel with a high-visibility line like Seaguar's Hi-Vis Flash Green also allows you to downsize the action of your rod, making it possible to use something with a little bit softer tip without losing any sensitivity. In fact, combine that rod sensitivity with what the line does and you can literally feel a fish breathe on your bait. The no-stretch characteristic of the hi-vis braid picks also up so much of the hookset that a high-quality rod like a St. Croix in the moderate to moderate fast action is a great match for finesse applications. This combination also delivers more visual information of what your bait is doing, with the line transmitting the wiggle, wobble, and other nuances of how your bait is performing under water, which is then telegraphed through the slightly softer spinning rod tip.

Like Zona, more anglers are turning to the use of hi-vis braid to fine tune their finesse fishing game—and for good reason. The other thing to keep in mind is that it's a switch that not only makes sense in the bass realm but finesse fishing for all manner of fish—panfish, trout, walleye, striped bass, and just about any other freshwater and saltwater species you can think of. The recommendation? Give it a shot this season—you'll be glad you did.

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Meals will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. Camping will take place in the modern electric campgrounds.

Advance registration is required by April 10. The registration fee is \$65 per participant. For more information or to register, call the Patoka Lake Nature Center at **812-685-2447**. This event is being sponsored by the Dubois County Shooting Sports Instructor Council.

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

2019 RESERVED YOUTH TURKEY HUNTS ON DNR PROPERTIES

For immediate release: Jan. 30, 2019

Youth hunters, i.e., those who will be younger than age 18 on the day of the hunt, may apply for reserved turkey hunts March 18-29. The youth wild turkey hunting season is April 20 and 21 on selected DNR properties.

Youth hunters or an adult representing them must register in person or by phone during the normal office hours for the property they wish to hunt. Hunters are allowed to register for only one property.

A limit will be placed on the number of youth hunters allowed to hunt a respective property each hunting day in an attempt to provide quality hunts for participants.

Participating fish & wildlife areas include Atterbury, Chinook, Crosley, Deer Creek, Fairbanks Landing, Glendale, Goose Pond, Hillenbrand, Hovey Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, Kankakee, Kingsbury, LaSalle, Pigeon River, Roush Lake, Sugar Ridge, Tri-County, Wabashiki, Willow Slough and Winamac. Youth hunts are also being offered at Mississinewa Lake and Salamonie Lake.

Those wanting to sign up for Chinook or Wabashiki hunts may do so at Deer Creek FWA. Those wanting to sign up for Fairbanks Landing or Hillenbrand hunts may do so at Goose Pond FWA.

A drawing will be held on Monday, April 3, at properties where the number of registered hunters exceeds the spots available. A youth hunter may be drawn for either one or both hunt days, depending on the number of applicants. All applicants will be notified of drawing results by mail.

Applicants must possess a 2019 Youth Consolidated Hunting & Trapping License, a 2019 Non-Resident Youth Spring Turkey License with a gamebird habitat stamp privilege, or Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting License. Apprentice hunting licenses of the types named above also may be used.

To register a youth for one of the hunts, this information is needed:

Hunter's Name
Type of license and license number
Date(s) in which applying
Mailing address
Phone number
Parent or guardian's name, address and phone number

Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until noon at properties in the Central Time Zone, and one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m. on properties in the Eastern Time Zone.

Youth hunters who are selected for the hunt may check in at any time each day until the end of legal hunting hours for that property. Properties will not have a daily no-show drawing. Hunters interested in possible unfilled quotas at a property should call that property for more information before showing up.

During youth wild turkey season, hunters younger than age 18 on the day of the hunt can take a bearded or male wild turkey. The youth must be accompanied by someone age 18 or older.

The youth hunter may use any legal shotgun, bow and arrow, or crossbow. The adult accompanying the youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field. The accompanying adult must be licensed if they are assisting by

calling or if the youth is using an apprentice license.

Here is contact information for the different properties:

Atterbury (812) 526-2051
Crosley (812) 346-5596
Deer Creek (765) 653-0453
Glendale (812) 644-7711
Goose Pond (812) 512-9185
Hovey Lake (812) 838-2927
Jasper-Pulaski (219) 843-4841
Kankakee (574) 896-3522
Kingsbury (219) 393-3612
LaSalle (219) 992-3019
Mississinewa (765) 473-6528
Pigeon River (260) 367-2164
Roush (260) 468-2165
Salamonie (260) 468-2125
Sugar Ridge (812) 789-2724
Tri-County (574) 834-4461
Winamac (574) 946-4422
Willow Slough (219) 285-2704

To purchase a Youth Consolidated or Turkey license go to INHuntFish.com.

For wild turkey hunting regulations go to eregulations.com/indiana/hunting/wild-turkey/

For turkey hunting safety tips go to wildlife.IN.gov/2710.htm

RESERVED TURKEY HUNT PERMITS AVAILABLE ONLINE

For immediate release

Turkey hunters can apply for a reserved turkey hunt online by visiting hunting.IN.gov from Feb. 4 to March 22. Click on the "Reserved Hunt Info" link. The online method is the only way to apply.

No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a valid hunting license for the species they wish to hunt.

The application process is now consolidated into the online services website along with Licenses, Check-In Game, and HIP registration. A DNR online account is not required to apply.

Hunts without registration fees will follow the same process as those with a fee. For hunts with no fee, you still will be asked to "Add to Cart, Proceed to Checkout and Place Order." If the transaction total is \$0, you will not be asked to enter credit card info.

For draw-hunt results, there is a "click here" link on the home page, or you can log in to your online services account. The link from the home page will only show hunts that you registered for when the date of the hunt is still upcoming. Logging in online to your account is required for you to see the full history of your past hunt registrations from previous years.

Hunters will be selected through a computerized, random drawing. Drawing results will be available at <https://secure.IN.gov/apps/dnr/portal/#/home>. Click on the link in the Reserved Hunt Box to see the status of your hunt registrations within two weeks after application deadlines. An email will be sent to applicants when results are posted.

Turkey hunts open for application are:

—**Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-29.

—**Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29- May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

—**Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge:** April 24-26; April 27-29.

—**Chinook Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28.

—**Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28.

—**Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28.

—**Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28.

—**Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28.

—**Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28.

—**Hillenbrand Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28.

—**Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28.

—**J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29- May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

—**Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29- May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

—**Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29- May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

—**LaSalle Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29- May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

—**Mississinewa Lake:** April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29- May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

—**Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge:** April 24-25; April 26-27; April 28-29. (Youth only: April 20-21).

—**Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29- May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

—**Salamonie Lake:** April 24-26; April 27-29; April 30- May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-12.

—**Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 28-29.

—**Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29- May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

—**Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29- May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

—**Winamac Fish & Wildlife Area:** April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29- May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

Only one application is allowed per license holder. No changes can be made once the application is submitted.

More information is available at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5834.htm.

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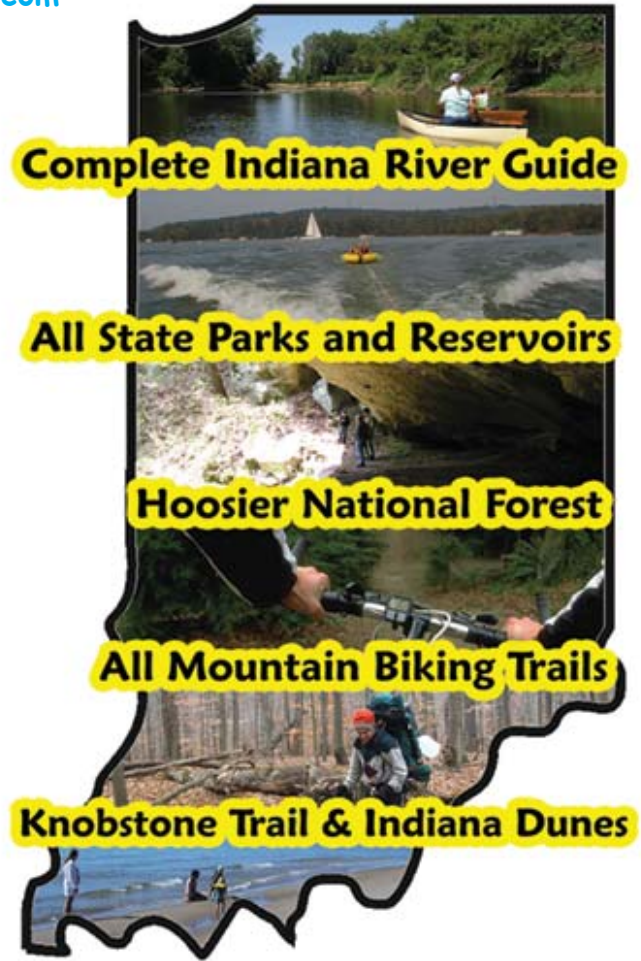
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