



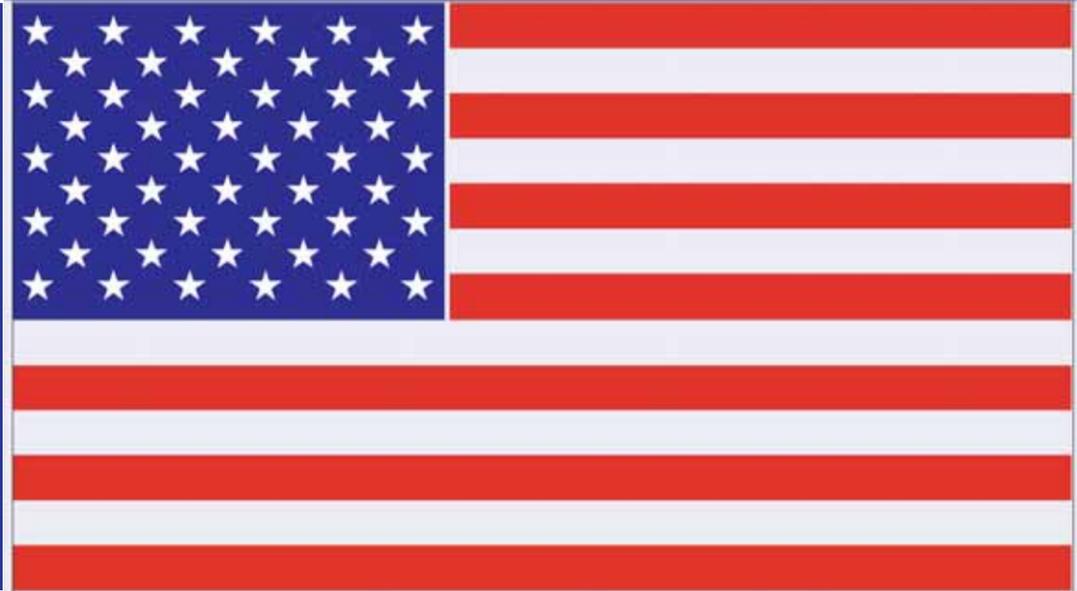
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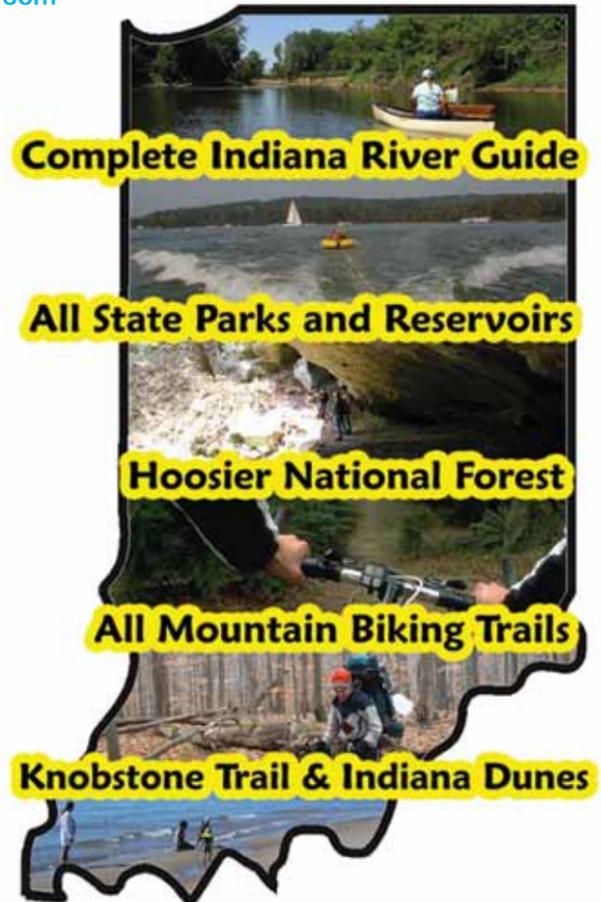
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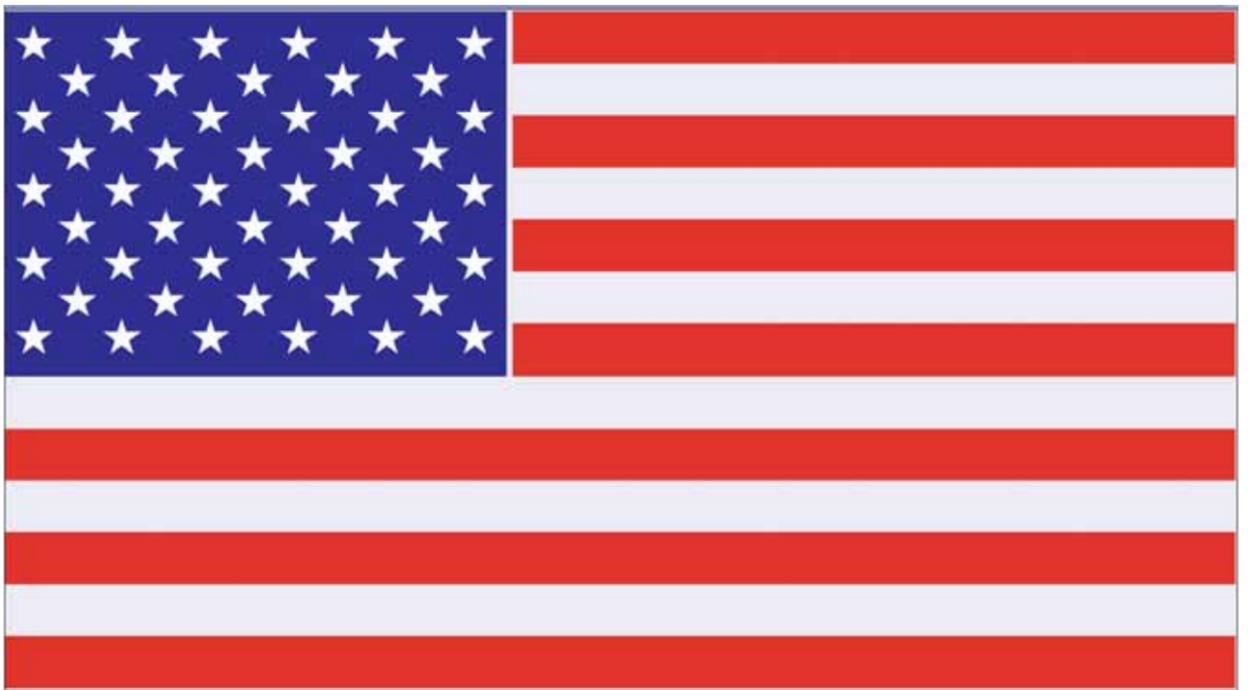
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Roaming The Ourdoors



by Ray Dickerson
The Gad-a-bout

AUTHOR - BOB MINOR

I was pleasantly surprised not too long ago when on one of my rare occasions reading one of my Facebook pages the fact that my cousin Bob Minor was telling someone else about the book he wrote had just been published.

I sat there for a moment pondering that thought.

Bob and his wife Paula live in Florida. It's been some time since we visited them, 2005 I think was the last time, sixteen years ago. I couldn't remember his ever telling us he wrote books.

I immediately typed in a message asking if he could send me a photo of himself holding his new book so I could tell my readers about it.

Below is the photo he sent me with him holding his book, "Colors running," by Robert A. Minor. He also sent me an article about when he first got the desire to write.

**Article Written in Attachment
For May Gad-a-bout
by Robert Minor, Author**

I started writing fiction about ten years ago. My first encounter with storytelling came in about the fifth grade when a good friend and I began drawing comic strips about space travel. We both would appear in each other's stories, saving each other from many perils, portraying ourselves as heroes. My head has been filled with stories ever since.

Little did I know the American space program would play an important role in my life. To have worked on the Apollo program, side-by-side with astronauts, giants of the American space program is

an honor I will cherish for the rest of my life. As a fifth-grader drawing comic strips, I could never dream of being so honored.

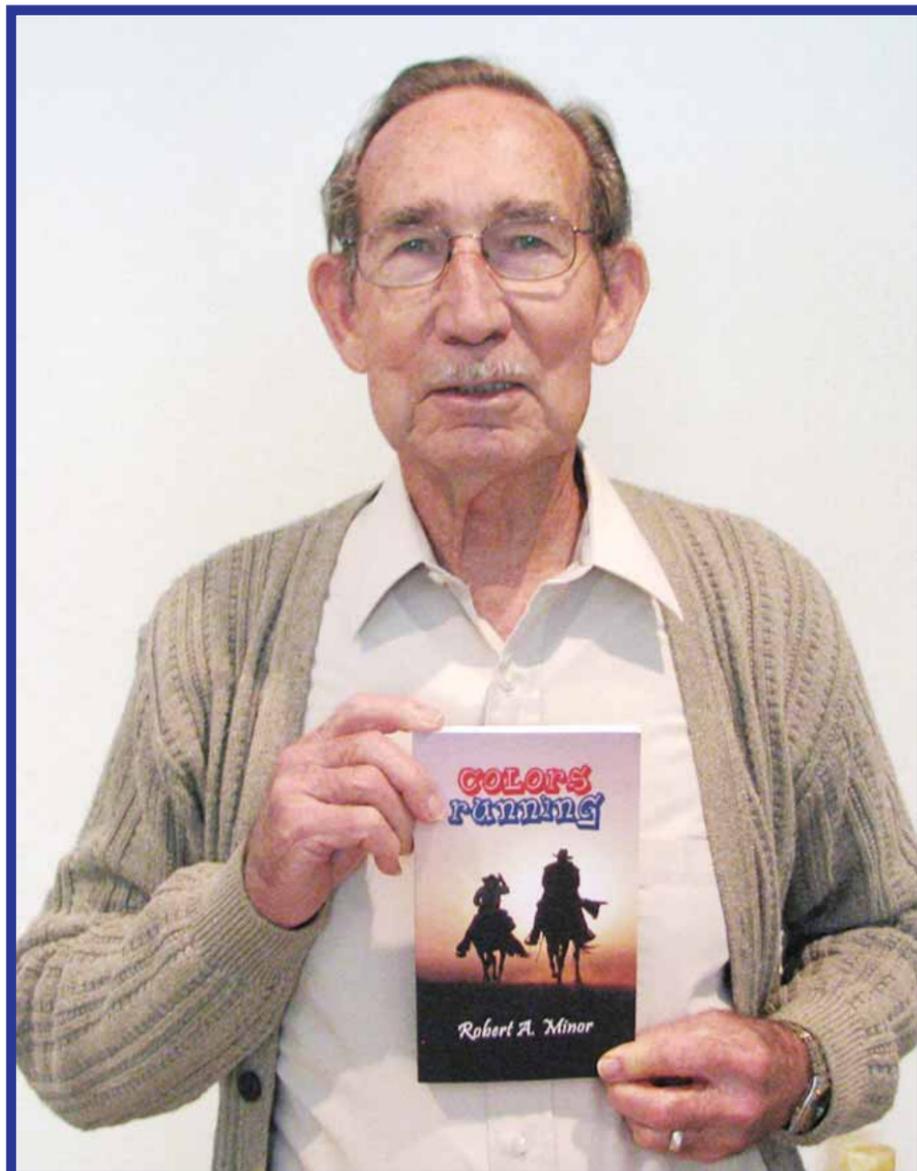
Although I write in many genres, having a love affair with horses naturally led me to write about the old west. In colors running, you will find many elements of western stories but quite a different story-line.

Colors running is the story of two men of different backgrounds and color traveling west and settling in the Arizona Territory.

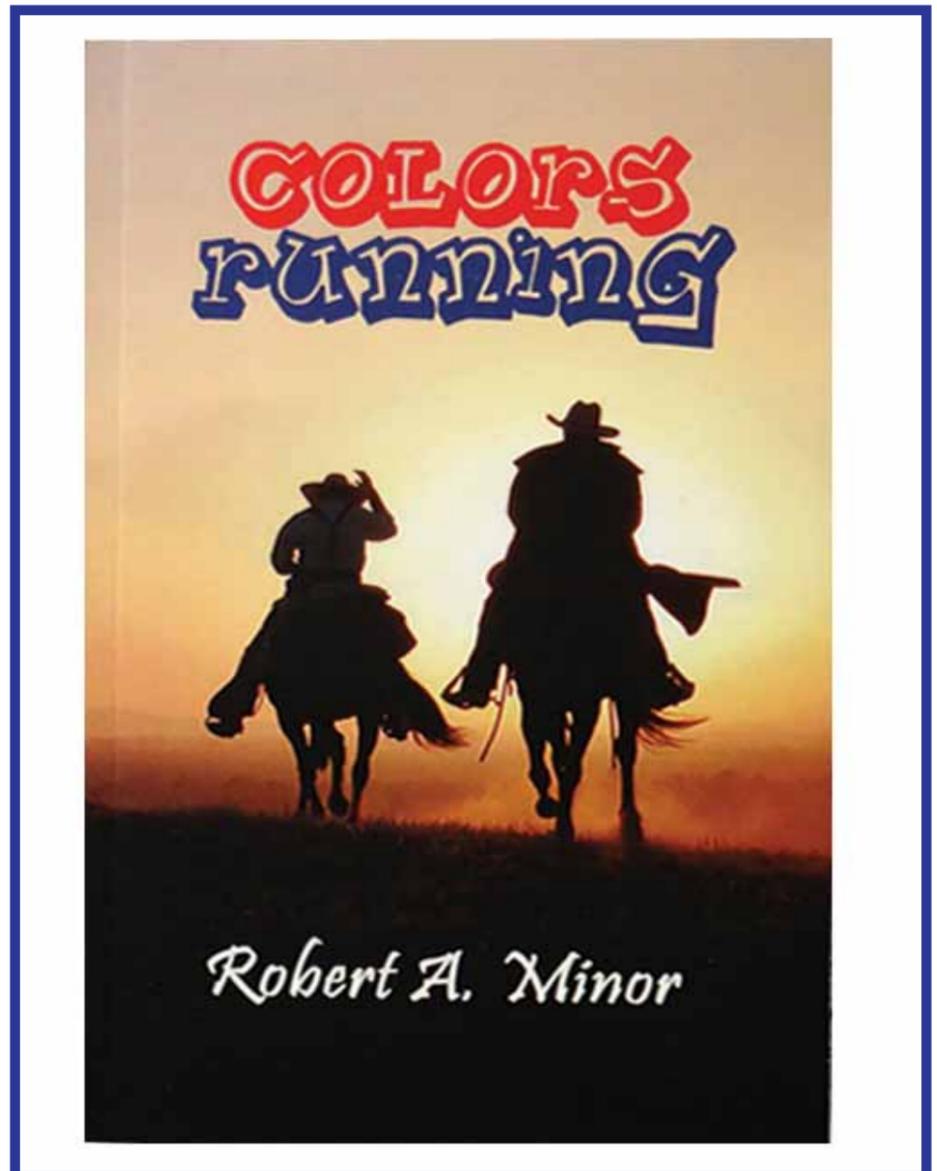
After Thaddeus Walker rescues a runaway slave, Buford Owens from hanging, he finds the companionship lost after his brother died from a snake bite. Convincing Buford to go west with him, Thad gives Buford his brother's gun and teaches him how to use it. Thad also gives Buford a new name, William Buford Chance, teaches him how to ride, herd cattle, and most of all, how to be a free man. Now free, Buford earns the respect of others by being himself, an honorable and courageous man. His greatest fear is that Thad's thirst for danger will get them killed.

Colors running is available in print and digital format from Barnes and Nobel and Amazon books. ■

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Left Photo: Author Robert Minor holding his book, Colors running. (Photo by Paula Minor)



Right Photo: Photo of Robert's book, Colors running. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



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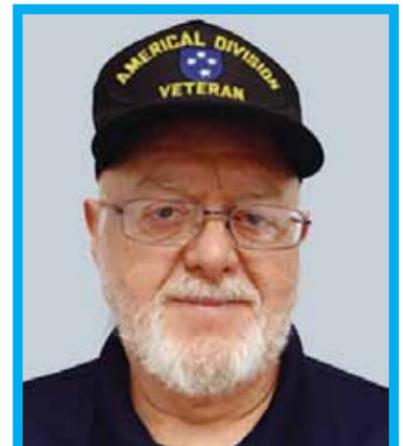
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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

May Fishing Brookville Lake

May is my favorite month to fish, and I will tell you why, Its dependable. In the real world there are a lot of things that can make fish not want to bite, but in May it doesn't seem to matter so much. A few things that make fish not want to bite. The first thing I want to talk to you about is the wind. For the most part a blowing wind will Help with the fish bite, as long as it's blowing from the right direction. A north or south wind in the summer time on Brookville lake is a welcome site especially if your drift fishing for walleye. Brookville lake is a Long narrow lake that lays north and south so its well suited for this. A west wind works also but it feels like your cutting across the grain a bit for drift fishing. You can always anchor up and cast to the wind ward side of the shore. What the wind is doing is muddying up the water and pushing bait against the shore. The bait that is there is trying to stay in a school, but the constant pounding of the water against the shore has them disoriented and the predator fish know this. Couple this with the muddy water and its easy pickings. The dreaded east wind is the worst. The only reason I can figure is usually after an east wind there is a big storm. So, I'm thinking the wind from the east is not really being blown at all, its really being sucked to the west by the approaching storm. What this also does is change the barometric pressure. Which in turn affects the swim bladder of fish, and for what ever reason makes them not want to bite. Now this is just a guess on my part, so if I'm way off base here please let me know.

Things that make fish want to bite are water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and an abundance of food. In May the water temperature is rising on a daily due to the sun, rain, and warm wind. This is triggering everything to grow, expand, and spawn. This urge is so strong that even in the worst conditions they're still going try. In May almost all the fish in the lake are spawning. The only ones that are not are walleye, musky, and cat-fish. What's creating all the urges is water temperature. In a fishes' world the water temperature is everything right behind oxygen. In May the water temperature is moving from 60 to 70 degrees. What this is going to do is put all the fish in the same place at the same time, and this is all done by

an urge to spawn which is driven by the water temperature. You add an abundance of dissolved oxygen to the mix and you have the perfect storm.

Places to look. Brookville lake is 17 miles long with a river feeding it from the north and a control tower at the dam dumping it off. It has 9 boat ramps 2 beaches and 3 marinas. It has 4 big coves, Hanna creek, Garr hill, Templeton's creek and wolf creek. There are 2 fishing piers one at the north end of the lake by Quaker town beach and the other in Templeton's creek cove on your way to the mounds beach. There are two causeways one at the north end of the lake and the other mid lake and all these places hold fish especially in May and do you why? If you said water temperature, then you are correct.

The great thing about all these places is they can all be accessed by car and a small walk except for maybe wolf creek. There is a trail around the lake that would take you to wolf creek but you better put on your big boy pants on, because it would be a hike.

What your looking for is the right water temperature. If you're in a boat most all depth finders have temperature Gage settings built right in them for this very reason. If your hoof and ankling it (walking) you can use any type of thermometer to stick down in the water and check. If you get to your first place and you find that the water Is still in the fifties and you make a few casts and you get any bites make a mental note and come back in a few days and check it again. Now when you come back and the water temperature is now in the mid-sixties, you should catch fish. What you will need

to remember is the lake warms up at a different rate depending on what part of the lake you're fishing in. for example; the north end of the lake will warm up faster due to the influx of the warmer water coming from the river. Another reason is the water is darker in color and shallower. While the water down by the dam will warm up slower do to depth of the water. If you want to Gage this watch the white bass run. In mid-April they are spawning in the river above lake, and in mid-May they are spawning on the face of the dam, but this never happens at the same time and do you know why this is. You guessed it, Water temperature,

Good Luck Tag

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SURPRISE 4-1/2 TO 5 INCHES OF SNOW FELL WHILE WORKING ON GAD-A-BOUT

I worked until 3 this morning trying to get finished. Little did I know of the April surprise awaiting me outside. When I walked out of the porch into about five inches of snow. My van looked like a huge pile of snow. The snow was heavy and damp, it clung to everything, but fresh enough to easily remove from the van. I started it up an left it sit to warm up a bit. It was really cold, but not windy any more. Earlier the wind was very strong trying to make up its mind whether to travel east or west.

This morning it was quite beautiful, but the snow was quickly dropping from the trees and vehicles as the sun started peeking from behind the clouds. When I got back over here I quickly took some photos, the scene behind the house were just beautiful.

Back to work now!

BETTER TIMES ARE COMING!

I think we've lived through the worse of the Covid-19 era, at least I want to believe that to be true.

We have many other concerns looming ahead of us, but we are a resilient country and can see to it that we can see most anything through to a happy conclusion.

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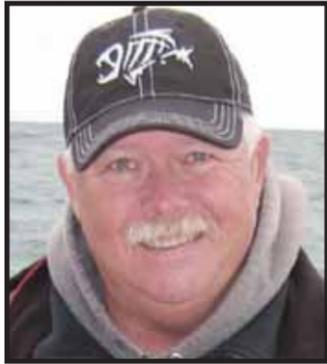


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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

DOES BEST NAME EQUAL BEST PERFORMANCE?

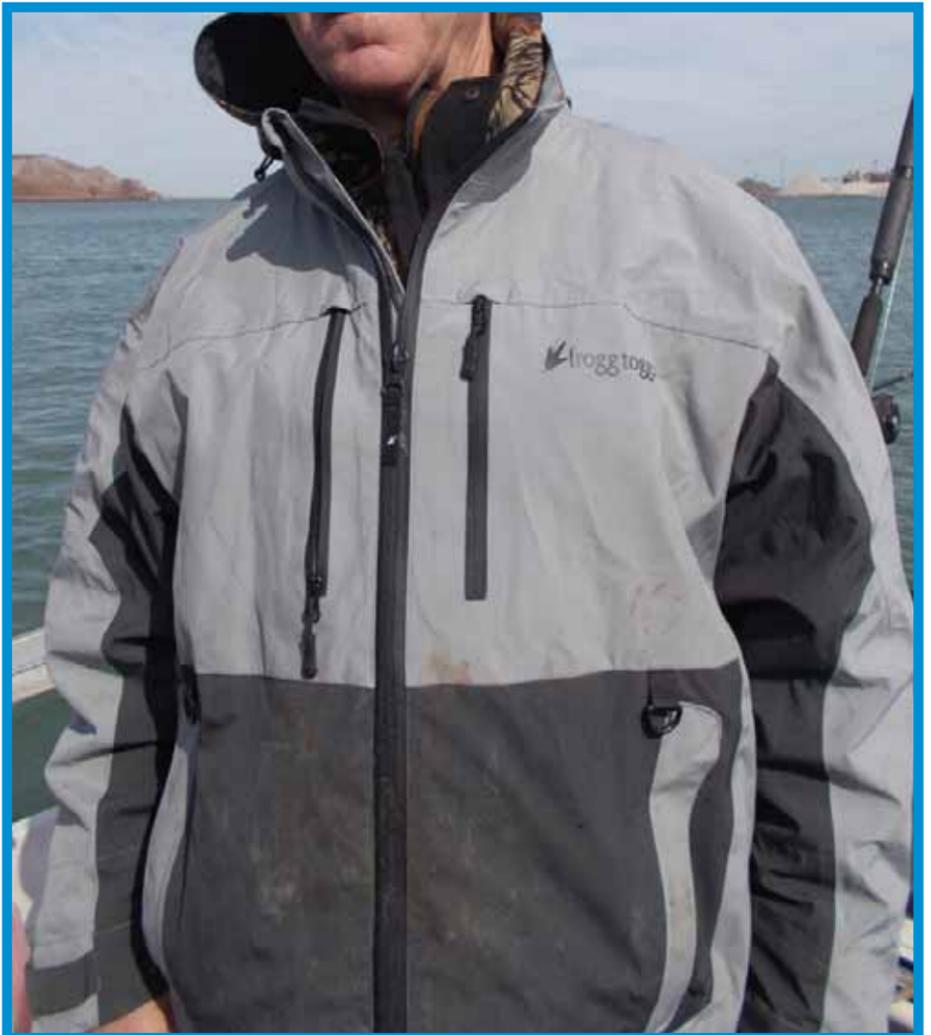
I remember when the first Frogg Toggs rain suits were invented. "This is either the smartest thing ever," I thought, "or the worst." They looked and felt like they were made of paper, with a sort of waxy crumpled newspaper feel to them, but according to the marketing hype which came with them, they were both waterproof and breathable.

Waterproof and breathable were "miracle words" in the rainwear industry, words that spelled the end for plastic and rubber waterproof outerwear. Gore-Tex and other materials proved

outdoorsmen could stay dry on the inside when it was wet on the outside and not get wet on the inside just from sweat and or condensation. Products made with those technologies are winners, but they come with a cost. A hefty cost, since a Gore-Tex lined rain parka will set a wet-weather fisherman back well over \$200.

A Frogg Toggs rain suit (they really aren't paper) cost less than 20 bucks. The combination of three facts proved them to be winners, as well

- 1) A lot of fishermen are cheap-skates.
- 2) The "paper-like" rain suits delivered on their claim to be both waterproof and breathable.
- 3) Frogg Toggs is absolutely the best name for a rain wear company, ever!



All Frogg Toggs products are widely available online and many sizes and colors are kept in stock at leading retail outlets. (Author Photo)

Still, for guys like me who are outside almost every day and especially in the early spring, I'm wearing my expensive, durable, hi-tech products for protection from wind, spray and rain. The original Frogg Toggs, wouldn't hold up, day in, day out, but what do you expect for 20 bucks.

A few years ago, when passing shower had everyone on my boat digging for their wet weather gear, a customer pulled out a great looking, high-tech looking rain suit with the familiar, Frogg Toggs logo on it. What?

Forward looking companies don't just rely on a single product line to continue growing. Frogg Toggs still produce inexpensive rain suits (under \$30), still made of their paper-like, polypropylene material, but they also have developed other fabrics made from non-paper like materials – layered, bonded, still waterproof and breathable – to outfit a variety of users.

By summer, where I usually fish on Lake Michigan, the "rainy" season is over. Sure, there are squalls, some drizzly days, but I don't have to be suited up all day in my heavy duty, "100 MPH" parka and bibs. Thank goodness! They are great when it's 50 degrees, they might as well be made from polar bear fur when it's 70.

Last summer, Mother Nature didn't get word the rainy season was ended. I needed a suit of "summer weight," quality rain gear so I turned to Frogg Toggs to see if they had a model to fill my need. I selected the Pilot II Jacket and bibs (also available as pants) and found them perfect for my needs.

First, they were lightweight and comfortable enough to be able to wear during a summer squall, even on a hot day – or to slide into and wear for hours on a dreary, drizzly day. Second, they were both comfortable and tough. Third, the Pilot II suit is well designed for active anglers with good zippers, plenty of pockets – secure and in the right places – and it looks good!

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

THE GADDERS DRIVING MANUAL

(Where you end up driving a hay wagon depends a lot on how much influence you have over the mules)

The best way to test your survival instincts is to get in your car and try to make it to any destination either alive or sane. With the volume of traffic having increased immensely over the past few years, just finding a space in the jam large enough for your vehicle is like threading a needle while wearing boxing gloves. In some large cities it's so bad that a driver has to follow the flow and hope he or she can eventually break out of it and backtrack to his or her destination. The law of the jungle seems to prevail as the weak are consumed by the strong. Those who drive dinky little cars and who aren't the aggressive type fall victim to larger vehicles and their drivers who regularly have Volkswagens and sports cars removed from their grills.

A long time ago I fell prey to the siren song of those little two passenger tinker toys and I've been paying the price, both on the road and to the bank ever since. One of things I'm getting sick of is the smart cracks from drivers of larger machines (everyone else). It's not uncommon to be sitting at a stop light and have a semi with a name like Bull Jenkins Gorilla Trucking Company painted on the door pull alongside and the driver lean out and say, "Hey boy, does your baby brother know his go-cart is missing?", or whassamatter boy, ain't the bank gonna let you have the rest of your car until that half is paid for?"

My normal reaction is to spit on their hubcap. If the truth be known, people who make fun of dinky cars are jealous. They too would like to experience the thrill of driving an underpowered roller skate among a herd of two ton haymakers, their hair blowing in the hurricane of wind generated by a car with no top. Nothing equals the thrill of driving 70 miles per hour and seeing nothing in your rear view mirror but the bug spattered bumper of a 20 ton GMC car hauler carrying a batch of

Cadillacs and driven by someone who puts foreign made cars in the same category as smallpox. Driving these things is not for the fainthearted.

Sometime when I wasn't looking, there must have been a new book written on the rules of the road and the new rules apply only to cars and trucks that exceed 20 feet in length and 5000 pounds in weight. In response to this, I'm submitting a book of rules for those of us who drive smaller machines. Please be aware however, that sometimes the physical stature of the driver matches his or her car and that some of the following might have to be backed up by aggressive action. In other words, you may have to go nose to nose with someone who is trying to shove your book of small car rules - up your nose. I would recommend that you either work out to develop your physique or take Tai Kwon Do lessons for a year before driving by the following "suggestions" (a sneaky way of saying, it ain't my fault if you get in trouble).

Road Rules For The Dinky Little Car Driver:

Rule #1: Most disputes arise from over who owns the road. A little homework will have you prepared for this approach. Figure your annual income and determine how much of it is paid in taxes for road upkeep and repair. Next, divide this amount by the number of miles of road in the state and you have the length of highway that belongs to you. However, if your adversary can prove he made more money that you in the previous year and subsequently paid more taxes, be gracious and surrender the debate. Otherwise, be prepared to defend yourself. I would recommend you carry a certain type of building material, and should a problem arise, simply hold up a piece of this material and a sign that reads "This Brick's For You". It might work.

Rule #2: Note the maximum speed shown on your speedometer. It may take four hours for that little 3 horsepower engine to get you close to the maximum speed, but try to get within 80 percent of it anyway. This is a psychological move to

make drivers of big machines think you are either a fearless race driver or a psychopath. In either case, they will hesitate to mess with someone driving a car at that speed that looks like it should be bolted to a merry-go-round. This rule applies only to those cars with speedometers that register at least sixty miles per hour.

Rule #3: I like to live by the rule, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and a wisecrack for a wisecrack. Before applying this rule, re-read the paragraph concerning Tai Kwon Do. Most people in large vehicles can't resist making remarks about small cars. One of their favorites is, "What else did your daddy get you for Christmas little boy?" To this try replying, "At least he can afford store-bought dentures, which is more than I can say for you". Judge your opponent closely before making such a comment. Even someone who looks like he worked as a wheel greaser for Brigham Young's wagon train to Salt Lake City could be hard to handle.

Another approach to try is the old "killing with kindness" tactic. Someone in a car about the size of the U.S.S. Enterprise pulls alongside and yells. "Hey kid, you get that outta a vending machine or does your mama wear it around her neck when you ain't usin' it?" Smile sweetly and reply, "Your mama must be a very gracious and condescending woman". Be careful here, because your heckler might be an English teacher who sniffs glue and drives in demolition derbies on weekends.

Rule #4: Hang around with motorcyclists as often as possible. This is a group that understands your problems and who will occasionally lend a sympathetic ear. The reason to associate with them is because no one will mess with a gang of bikers with a killer instinct. Offer your services as a mascot and travel in peace with a biker escort. Better yet, sell your toy, buy a RipSnort 9000 bike and visit your local tattoo artist. Join the gang, travel roads where common hand gestures replace verbal assaults and Gad a bout in peace. ■

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sion. In this issue several local coming events are going to happen, at least the planners are planning and making sure they happen. See Page 3 for the list and pages the information on the events can be found.

READERS WILL BE HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO READ DAN GRAVES MISFIRES & SNAGS COLUMN AGAIN - SEE PAGE 7

Dan Graves who has been writing humorous articles in The Gad-a-bout for many years has returned to Indiana from his winter stay in Florida and appears in this issue on page 7. His article for this issue is "The Gadders Driving Manual."

He and his wife, Judy live in Decatur County. I'm not sure though since Indiana is experiencing a not

so warm spring if coming back here was a good idea. Mother Earth evidently needs for this to happen and even though she has the plan for what happens with the weather I hope we see warmer temperatures soon. I'm getting an itch to go mushroom hunting. I was talking to a reader the other day who said he found 8 gray mushrooms. Grays or black ones are usually the first ones found in our neck of the woods. The earliest I've found was fifteen black ones on April 17 several years ago.

This coming week the weather person forecast is for snow and a couple freezing temperatures at night. Brrr, possibly several inches!

WAYNE COUNTY 4-H FAIR TO OPEN IN JUNE

We are back and we missed you! We are excited to announce the 2021 Wayne County 4-H Fair is June 19-26. The Fair will include your favorite events: fair food, 4-H shows and projects, Poor Jack

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My two Brute Magnetics magnets (Author Photo).



Grandson Benjamin with magnet he caught while magnet fishing. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Magnet Fishing is not Fishing for Magnets

When a friend called me last summer and informed me he had just returned from magnet fishing, I guess I thought he had lost some type of magnet overboard when he went fishing and was trying to retrieve it somehow. When he stopped laughing at me, he informed me he was fishing WITH a magnet for sunken items. I had never heard of this before, but I soon became interested.

Having metal detected for the last 40 years, unearthed dinosaur bones, dug geodes, split rocks searching for fish fossils, panned gold, and done most other pastimes associated with looking for any kind of treasure, I quickly realized this might be another hobby to find neat stuff.

I invited Ron to dinner with Susie and me later that week so I could learn more about what I needed to do to get started magnet fishing. He brought a carrying case about the size of one that would carry a portable drill. When he opened it, it contained a magnet about two inches in diameter, and a rope with a carabiner on the end to attach to the magnet. It also held a small bottle of glue to coat the threads on the hook which screwed into the magnet where the rope attached. This keeps the hook from coming detached from the magnet.

I asked him where he found this outfit and he informed me it was manufactured by Brute Magnetics, out of Georgia. He also told me they had a variety of other size magnets and accessories. He gave me their website and I looked them up as soon as I could get to my computer. (www.brutemagnetics.com) I went through all of their options and thought this was something my grandson, Benjamin, would enjoy. Since

Christmas was coming soon, I asked Ron to order me two of the same kind he had. I got the Brute Box, single sided, 2.95 inch magnet, with rope, carabiner, and thread locker. I had a friend I planned to give the second magnet. At that time, I thought if I wanted to try magnet fishing, I would borrow the one from Benjamin.

After the two kits arrived, and I had given them away, I was looking back through the Brute website and noticed the section which had finds from other magnet customers. I was amazed at the variety and quantity of finds! I figured the magnets might pick up some nails and other assorted junk. I enlarged many of the

website pictures to get a close-up of some of the discoveries. I was hooked. (Or, should I say "attracted".) I decided to get my own magnet and see what I could discover.

After looking over the selections on their website, I decided to go with the Brute Box, Double Sided, 1200 pound neodymium magnet. While some of the magnets have the attachment ring on the flat side, the double sided one also has a ring on both the flat side and the edge. This allows the user to fasten the rope to the location which will work best for his purposes. Information on their site explains the different uses.

What can you find when magnet fishing? Almost anything which is attracted to a magnet. Do not expect to find a lot of coins in the water. A magnet will not pick up U.S coins. It will however, grab Canadian coins. When my friend, Ron, and his girlfriend Deann, were dropping his magnet off of a bridge, she came up with a Canadian nickel.

While you will probably come up with nails, washers, and other assorted junk, you might also find some neat stuff. Go to the "Finds" on the Brute website to see some of the items found by other users.

Many assorted guns can be found in the water. I guess bridges are a great place to get rid of unwanted firearms. Bicycles are a common find, as are tools, signs, knives, and fishing lures. Chad, owner of Brute Magnetics found a 10 pound Parrott shell, which is a Civil War artillery shell. Another user found a cannonball. An antique pay phone which still had old silver dimes inside was another magnet find.



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Left Photo: This gun safe was caught with a Brute magnet. Unfortunately, it was empty.



Right Photo: Old signs are fairly common find with magnets. (Brute Magnetics Photos)



Various guns are common finds off bridges. Call 911 if you find one. (Brute Magnetics Photo)

Bridges aren't the only place to use your magnet. My wife and I do a lot of fishing in both the states and Canada. I plan on throwing my magnet (attached to the rope) around all of the boat docks. I have used my metal detector in many of these spot before and had great luck, but with the magnet, I can recover items in deeper water. Beaches, ponds, and any other place you can find water will probably have lost metal objects waiting to be found.

While the title says magnet fishing is not fishing for magnets, that is just what our grandson, Benjamin, did this past weekend. I took him to a local park which has a large creek running through it. As is normal, he pulled in numerous nails, several washers, a couple bolts, and a pair of large nail clippers. I was already heading back across the bridge to our vehicle when he started hollering at me. His mom and my wife were also yelling, so I figured he was hung up in a limb and couldn't retrieve the magnet. When I went back, he was proudly holding a large magnet which he had caught with his magnet. Apparently, someone didn't properly fasten the rope to their equipment.

Check out all of the options on the Brute Magnetics website. When you decide which product you want to purchase, remember, Brute offers a 15% discount to military personnel.

Water too deep for your metal detector? Fish not biting? Maybe it's time to try magnet fishing.

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Amusements, free entertainment, fireworks and track events. New for this year will be monster trucks on Monday evening. Plans are underway to provide 8 days of safe family fun for all ages.

County and CDC guidelines may change our schedules. To stay up to date with your 4-H Fair, please follow and like our Facebook page. Full schedule will be published mid-May. Thank you, we hope to see you at the fair.

INLAND STREAM TROUT SEASON OPENS SATURDAY APRIL 24, 2021

DNR staff have been busy stocking more than

23,000 rainbow trout in preparation for this year's upcoming stream trout opener on Saturday, April 24. Trout stocking

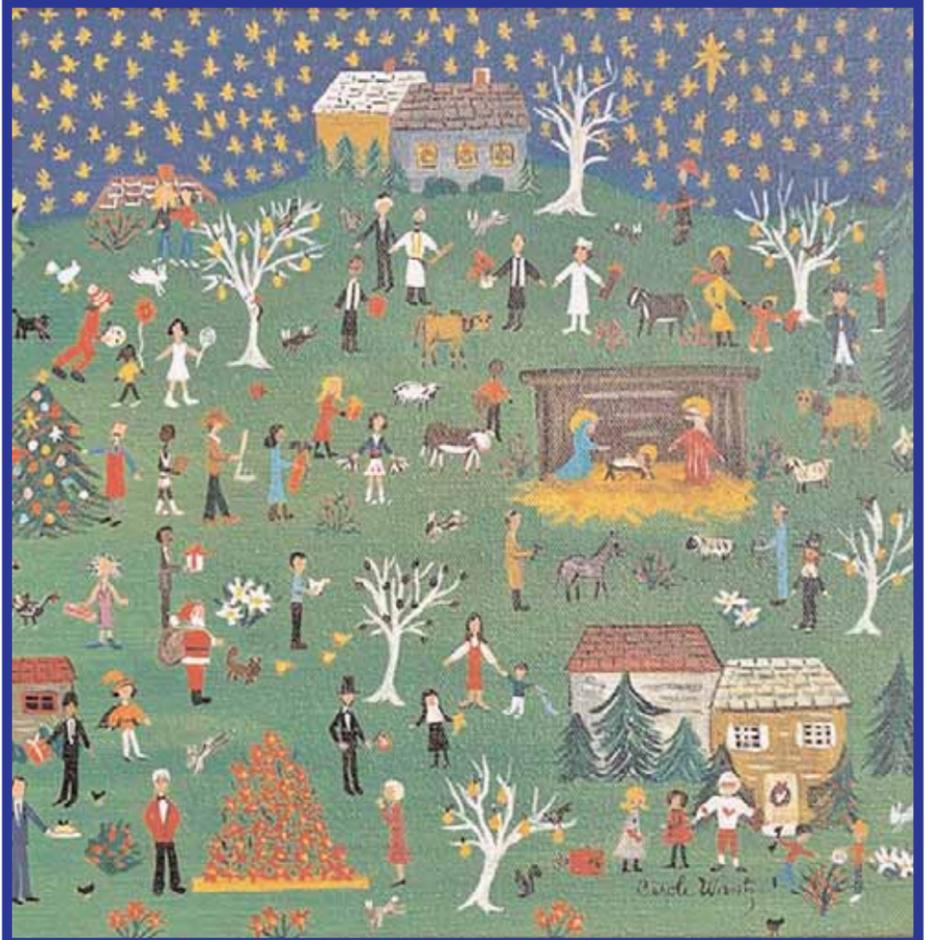
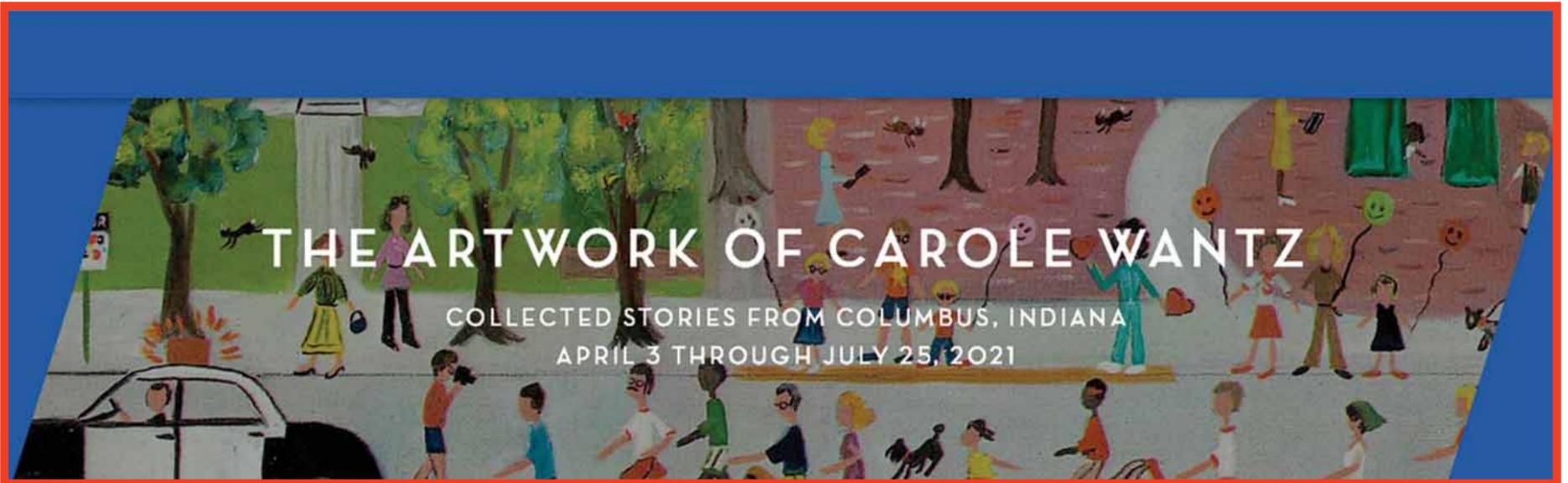
The season officially starts at 6 a.m. local time. By opening day, the DNR will have stocked 23,425 rainbow trout in 17 streams in 12 different counties. The stocked trout come from Curtis Creek Trout

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Images Courtesy of Landmark Columbus and Hadley Fruits. I received in a News Release from the Columbus, Indiana Museum. The exhibit is curated by Richard McCoy, director of Landmark Columbus Foundation, whose mission is to care for, celebrate and advance the cultural heritage of Columbus, Indiana.

Columbus Museum Carole Wantz Paintings

Paintings of the Who's Who

In the 1970s and early '80s, Carole Wantz painted the who's who of Columbus, Indiana, society. It was said that you had arrived when Wantz painted your family or you had one of her works in your home or office. Come see for yourself what excited the people of Columbus.

Her artwork can be found on the King Bridge Gallery. This experience is included with the purchase of museum admission.

Carole Wantz was commissioned by Columbus corporations and individuals to paint unique family portraits based on moments or settings associ-

ated with the individuals. Paintings of individuals who enjoyed sailing would feature a sailing vignette. If they attended or hosted an important social event, that would be incorporated into the painting. From approximately 1975 to 1985, Wantz completed about 150 paintings depicting life in Columbus. This exhibit will feature 30 of them.

Wantz is now 80, living in St. Louis, and getting renewed interest (and new commissions) from people in Columbus. This is her first museum exhibition. In a phone interview, she shared some stories.

"Wantz's paintings are primitive, in the genre of Grandma Moses," said Mark Ruschman, the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites' senior curator of art and history. "They're charming pieces that represent a very specific place in the world of fine art."

"I'm just humbled," said Wantz, who's now 80 and lives in St. Louis. "Someone asked me last

week what my greatest achievement was. First, it's my children. But it's people. I have such a passion for people. When somebody is telling you their life story and they're telling you what is important to them, it's a very powerful feeling. To see all these paintings coming together is amazing to me."

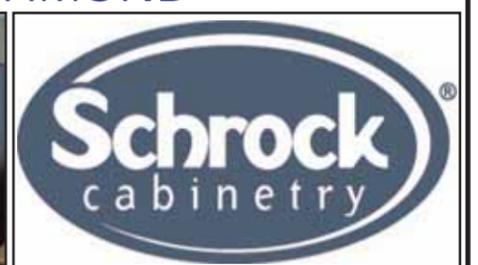
Editor's Note: To read a more in depth and very interesting article about Carole Wantz, it appeared in Western Wayne News Wednesday, April 7, 2021 issue in Cambridge City, IN. It was written by Rachel Sheeley. I received the above article in a news release from the Columbus, IN Museum, it didn't mention Carole was from Richmond, Indiana.

The Artwork of Carole Wantz, collected stories from Columbus, Indiana will be on display at the Indiana State Museum's Thomas A. King Bridge Gallery April 3 - July 25, 2021. The exhibit is free with museum admission. For more information go to indianamuseum.org.



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DNR staff stocking rainbow trout in preparation for this year's upcoming stream trout opener on Saturday, April 14. (IDNR Photo)

Rearing Station near Howe in LaGrange County and average roughly 11 inches in length.

To find a stocked stream near you, see the 2021 Trout Stocking Plan at <https://bit.ly/39TaLy>.

Trout will bite on a variety of artificial baits such as spinners and flies, but natural baits such as worms and bee moths tend to be the most popular.

Anglers 18 and older will need an Indiana fishing license and a trout/salmon stamp to fish for trout. The bag limit for trout in inland waters, other than Lake Michigan and its tributaries, is five fish per day with a minimum size of 7 inches. No more than one of these can be a brown trout. Additionally, any harvested brown trout caught below Brookville Tailwaters must be 18 inches or larger. There is no closed season for taking trout from inland lakes.

For more information about inland trout regulations, visit: <http://www.eregulations.com/indiana/fishing/inland-trout-regulations/>.

To view more DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

MONROE LAKE ACTIVITIES

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- Virtual Program Collection: View on demand!
- Monroe Lake Website: on.IN.gov/monroelake
- Monroe Lake on Facebook: facebook.com/monroelake

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Daily Program Schedule

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend programs and activities are typically offered at Paynetown SRA (and occasionally at other SRAs around the lake) at least five days a week through the summer. Most of them are not featured in this e-newsletter due to space.

Check our [FULL ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR](#) prior to visiting. The online calendar is currently finalized through May 31.

Wildflower Foray, April 23-25

The Wildflower Foray in Brown and Monroe counties returns in a hybrid format this spring with a mix of small in-person guided hikes (pre-registration required, limited space available), self-guided hikes, and virtual programming. Event details and registration links can be found at browncounty.com/wildflower-foray/.

Welcome Back Weekend, May 1-2 (Paynetown SRA, Fairfax SRA)

Join us on Saturday, May 1, for camping-themed craft activities, and on May 2 enjoy free park admission and a statewide free fishing day, which means no fishing license is required for Indiana residents.

Event details are available on the [Facebook Event page](#), or on our [online calendar](#).

Flora Field Day, May 4

Want to work on your flora identification skills? Practice with a naturalist! This field day's emphasis is on the proper use and application of an ID key, which opens the door to identifying thousands of

species. The naturalist will work with each attendee based on their prior experience. If you've never worked with flower ID before, this is a great way to learn. If you have prior experience, this is a fun way to practice your skills. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. at Fairfax SRA. Registration is required by May 2 at bit.ly/florafieldmay2021.

Kids to Parks Day, May 15 (Paynetown SRA)

Three fun activities are scheduled for children with the naturalist on this day, all free with property admission. Campers and day visitors are welcome. Families could put together a whole day by going for a hike on park trails between the afternoon sessions. Don't forget to pack a picnic dinner to enjoy before the evening craft. Event details are available on the [Facebook Event page](#), or on the [online calendar](#).

Activity Center Reopening, May 28 (Paynetown SRA)

The Activity Center at Paynetown SRA, located next to the swimming beach, will open for the 2021 season on May 28. Summer hours will be Wednesday-Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The center includes the naturalist office, daily craft and coloring table, kids' play area, live snakes, wall displays, board games, puzzle table, library, information, the Hoosier Quest, and a recycling center for aluminum cans and plastic beverage bottles. Facial coverings will be required inside the building and will be available at the door for those who don't have their own.

Cicada Celebration, May 29-30 (Paynetown SRA)

The 17-year periodical cicadas have arrived. Don't fear them, instead, celebrate them with us during a full weekend of cicada-themed programs! Event details are available on the [Facebook Event page](#), or on our [online calendar](#).

POSITION POSTING

EWPO STORM WATER MS4 SPECIALIST

INDOT has posted a Storm Water MS4 Specialist position in the Ecology and Waterway Permitting Office, Environmental Services Division. Look for position ID 201181. The posting will be open until 4/28/2021 unless extended. The direct link to the position is

<https://workforindiana.in.gov/job/Indianapolis->
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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Rochester's Circus Wagons in Wisconsin

I was told that the Ringling Circus Museum in Baraboo, Wisconsin, had obtained and restored some wagons from the Cole Bros. Circus of Rochester about 1960. I wrote to them in 1980, and got a list of the wagons. I was not able to find out if the wagons were sold or given away to be restored.

Dave SaLoutos of Circus World Museum, Baraboo, Wisconsin, reported that there were two parade wagons that Circus World got from the A.C. Bradley farm. They were the #28 Cole Bros. Hippo Den, (picked up from Fulton County in 1963), and the #82 Cole Bros. Air Calliope wagon, (picked up in 1965).

Bradley's farm was located on CR 300 N, just east of the jog around the sink hole, on the south side of the road, now owned by Paul Howard and his son Jeff. An old barn is still there. The circus wagons sat by the pond and on the corner near the road, north of Rochester and east of state road 25.

Wagon #28 was built in 1929 by the Robbins Bros. shop in Granger, Iowa. It was purchased by Jess Adkins and Zach Terrell in the fall of 1934 for the Cole Bros. Circus. On August 15, 1938, the hippo wagon with six cars of Cole equipment joined the Robbins Bros. Circus at Bluefield, West Virginia. In 1939-1940, it was stored at the Rochester Winter Quarters where it was damaged by the big fire Cole Bros. Circus suffered on February 20, 1940.

At that time the older and damaged wagons were sent to A. C. Bradley's farm where they sat for the next 20 plus years. In 1963, it was picked up by Circus World Museum. The Bradley family gave the wagons to CWM to be restored.

According to a letter Charles "Chappie" Fox, Circus World Museum director and historian, sent to Joe Bradbury in September of 1965, Circus World also picked up the remains of nine baggage wagons stored at the Bradley farm when they got the Hippo Den in 1963. Some photos of the wagons on the farm were printed in "Bandwagon" magazine Nov./Dec.1981 issue. A 1950 publication listed six baggage wagons and one air calliope wagon. The Baraboo Museum had plans for the re-building of six Cole Bros. baggage wagons (which are probably six of the nine baggage wagons picked up at Bradley's farm). These six actually had scaled architectural plans drawn for the rebuilding of the wagon, but were never restored, according to Pete Shraker, Circus World archivist, in his letter to me April 12, 2018. Pete found the plans but says these wagons may have been in too rough shape to be restored, as they are not on the master list of historic vehicles at Circus World Museum today.

The six wagons included a Cole Bros. platform wagon that may have been used on the Buck Jones Wild West, #30 Cole Bros. water wagon, #31 Cole Bros. cookhouse wagon, #65 and #96 Cole Bros. baggage wagons, and #99 Cole Bros. ring curb wagon. Baraboo Museum also had the remnants of #61 Cole Bros. side show wagon, and #107 stringer wagon.

Cole Bros. Air Calliope Wagon #82 was built in 1915 for Fred Buchanan's Yankee Robinson Circus, and remained with that show until its final season in 1920. Buchanan later used the wagon on his 1923 World Bros. Circus and 1924-1931 Robbins Bros.

Circus. Akins and Terrell purchased most of the Robbins Bros. show equipment and animals to start the Cole Bros. Circus. They passed the calliope wagon back and forth between Robbins and Cole circuses, as they owned both. It landed on the Cole Show in 1935 through 1937 with a Una Fon instrument inside. In 1938, it went back to the Robbins Bros. Circus, and after that to the Bradley farm.

When discovered in 1960, the wagon was in shambles and being used as a coal bin. Robert Bradley gave the wagon to CWM in 1965. It was re-built twice - once in the 1960's and then again in the winter of 2008-2009. So much restoration was done, that the wagon is actually a replica. It has been restored to its appearance on the Cole Bros. Circus of 1937, and holds a Tangley air calliope today. It is used in circus parades at Baraboo.

The Circus World Museum has beautiful color postcards for sale of wagons from the Cole Bros. Circus of Rochester. Their website at www.circus-worldbaraboo.org has directions and museum hours, which vary by the season.

Cole Bros. Circus Wagons at Kelly's Circus Farm

Many of the Cole Bros. circus animals lived at the Paul Kelly farm after Cole Bros. closed. The elephants were performed by Paul and Dorothy for almost 25 years after Cole Bros. closed. The hippo, purchased to replace the hippo that died in the fire, was sold to their cousins who toured the Kelly-Morris Circus with a couple of the Cole Bros. elephants.

The last wagon at the Circus Hall of Fame that came from the Cole Bros. Circus is the fighting lion cage, converted into a wardrobe wagon. Used as the fighting lion act in the Side Show in 1946, 1947 and 1948, it wasn't used in 1949. In 1950, it was closed-in as a wardrobe wagon.

The Cole Bros. - Robbins Bros. baggage wagon carried the rolls of canvas that was used in the circus. It may have been the menagerie tent or horse tents, etc. Built in 1937 in the Rochester winter quarters, it was used in 1938 on the Robbins Bros. Circus and never used again. Ollie Miller saved this wagon, and it was sold at his estate sale to Bob Sapita who donated it to the Circus Hall of Fame, Peru.

The triple-head stake driver had a motor in the center of the wagon with pulley drives that raised the heavy heads into the air. A stake was placed under the head and it was dropped. The handle was engaged to raise the head again and repeated until the stake was driven into the ground. This wagon had three heads that could drive stakes all at the same time. Built in 1937 in the Rochester winter quarters, this stake wagon survived at the Paul Kelly farm for 40+ years before they sold it in 1996.

The fourth Cole Bros. wagon at Peru's Circus Hall of Fame is the two arch cage # 50. It was built in the winter of 1923 -1924 at the Peru winter quarters of the American Circus Corporation. It was used in the Hagenbeck -Wallace Circus

through 1935, then sat idle until the Cole Bros. Circus bought it in 1940, after their horrible fire at the Rochester winter quarters. The Cole Bros. Circus used this cage through the 1951 season and then it sat at the Paul Kelly farm for 40+ years before it was sold at their auction in 1996. It has been at the Circus Hall of Fame since then.

Harvey Jackson's wrecking services tore down the last of the Cole Bros. buildings at E & B Paving between Wentzel and Lucas streets, pictured in the Rochester Sentinel, February 17, 2000. Built in 1937, it contained a circus costume shop and storage space, equipped with massive metal rings to tie up elephants. Noble Krugman used the doors from the lion's quarters in his workshop at Lake Manitou. He has an elephant ring, which had been attached to the concrete floor for fastening elephants with a leg iron.

The circus is gone but mementos remain and Rochester will never forget.

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Thank you,
Shawn Slaymon
Storm Water Team Lead

LARE GRANTS AWARDED FOR LAKE & RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

DNR recently awarded \$499,970 in grants through the Division of Fish & Wildlife's Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program to improve the waterways in several Indiana counties.

DNR grants totaling \$325,410 were awarded and will be used for logjam and sediment- removal projects for nine projects in nine counties (bit.ly/3abzChB). The other \$174,560 was awarded to fund 10 projects to remove aquatic invasive plants in 21 lakes in seven counties (bit.ly/3tnwwyH).

The first category of funded projects includes grants for logjam projects and the planning and implementation of sediment removal. The removal projects help improve recreation and eliminate excess nutrients near inlets. Logjam projects include the removal of massive amounts of debris that block streams. Only large logjams that block entire streams, causing bank erosion or the creation of new streams, creeks, or river channels, are eligible. Projects to remove accumulated sediments (i.e., dredge) from lake inlets or boating access channels receive the highest priority for LARE funding.

The second category of funded projects, controlling aquatic invasive plants, will help manage aggressive non-native aquatic species that replace Indiana's native aquatic species and dominate aquatic plant communities. Examples include Eurasian watermilfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, and starry stonewort. Invasive aquatic plant control may also provide economic benefits to lake communities by improving and increasing public access opportunities for anglers and boaters.

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How to Get a Vessel Safety Check This Season

No cost, no penalty inspection can improve safety aboard your boat

SPRINGFIELD, Va., March 31, 2021 – No cost, no penalty vessel safety checks, which up until last season were given more than 150,000 times each year by hundreds of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons volunteers at launch ramps, boat clubs and marinas, are back.

While COVID may still be with us, both groups are ramping up efforts to get vessel examiners back in the field, responding to individual requests from boaters seeking potentially life-saving vessel safety inspections, as well as encouraging new DIY virtual safety checks. With program sponsorship from the Boat Owners Association of The United States, here's how boaters can get a vessel safety inspection this boating season.

DIY virtual safety check: A new virtual safety check continues the tradition of no-cost inspections by offering a combination of an easily downloadable virtual safety checklist – the same used by actual vessel examiners – along with online guide that makes it easy for any boater to perform their own examination. To start, go here.

Doing a DIY virtual safety check does two things: It can give first-time boat owners a line-by-line recipe for making their boats safe. It can also greatly increase the chances of any boat successfully passing an in-person vessel safety check. Examiners note that it's often just one or two items, such as expired flare or a burnt-out navigation light, that prevents a boat from earning a passing grade. The Auxiliary and Power Squadrons also note that some boaters desire to earn a vessel safety check decal to display



A vessel safety check can greatly increase safety aboard your boat. All in-person vessel safety checks follow COVID safety protocols. (Photo Credit: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary)

aboard the boat, which can only be earned through an in-person vessel check.

In-person vessel safety check: While COVID has affected many groups, including the Auxiliary and Power Squadrons, each is endeavoring to get vessel examiners in the field this year. The easiest way to find out if a marina, boat club, or launch ramp will be the site of a scheduled vessel safety check event is to contact your local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons. You can also request an individual vessel safety check at cgaux.org/vsc, but note that scheduled vessel safety events may offer the surest way to earn a vessel safety check decal this season. All in-person vessel safety checks follow COVID safety protocols.

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paid by recreational boat owners annually when they register their boats with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This user-funded program benefits boaters throughout the state. The grants allow for the completion of projects that would be difficult for local organizations to fund on their own. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis, and local sponsors share at least 20% of the cost of the projects.

The list of all projects by water body, county, project type and grant award is at bit.ly/3rDCXfa. LARE policies were recently updated and apply to any projects awarded LARE grant funds beginning in 2021, as shown at bit.ly/3dCah1p.

Learn more about LARE at LARE.dnr.IN.gov. **WHITEFISH STATE RECORD BROKEN AGAIN**
Phil Duracz of Chesterton broke the state record for whitefish while fishing on Lake Michigan near Portage on March 6. Whitefish Duracz's catch weighed 9.34 pounds, besting the



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previous record from 2019 by 1.65 pounds. Lake whitefish state records are the most frequently broken in Indiana in the past decade. This is

the eighth time the record has fallen since 2012. Prized as excellent table fare, whitefish are becoming more sought after by Indiana's Lake Michigan anglers. They can be caught near shore from November to April, typically when water temperatures are below 50 degrees.

"Whitefish are usually caught by pier anglers using simple techniques, such as bottom fishing with a slip sinker rig with a short leader, small hook, and single salmon egg or piece of night crawler," said Ben Dickinson, Lake Michigan biologist with the Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "As the ecosystem changes due to invasive species, whitefish are switching from eating mostly invertebrates to incorporate more small baitfish such as invasive round gobies. "We're also seeing more boat anglers targeting them successfully using jigging spoons or small swim baits worked slowly on the bottom."

Find out more about Indiana's state record fish online: wildlife.IN.gov/3588.htm. Lake Michigan

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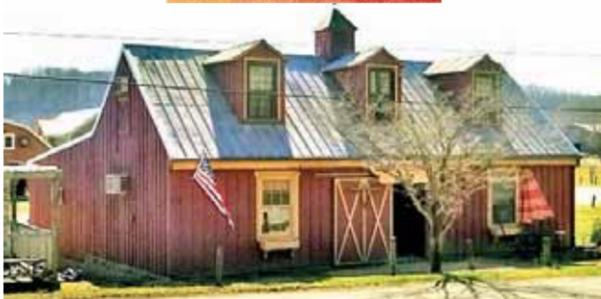
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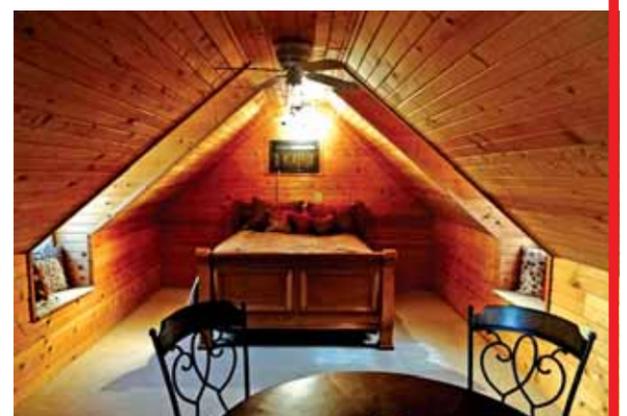


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LIBERTY'S OLD FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

July 2-4, 2021

Friday night always brings fun with a water ball competition put on by the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department. A friendly competition with neighboring fire departments shows off the firefighters' skills and accuracy while having fun and entertaining the crowd. It is the 50th annual Water Ball Competition! A live band, Sean Lamb Band will follow on the square to dance the night away!

Saturday will start with The Freedom Run 7.5k which brings runners and walkers from miles around for a run through the beautiful countryside. The day is filled with contests, from Hula to the most Patriotic Baby. The evening will bring the Line of Freedom, a salute to our troops, the 4th of July Parade, and another family friendly concert featuring Jay Jesse Johnson.

Sunday is a lazy summer day with a Patriotic Chalk Art Competition and fun activities on the square.

Food and craft vendors all weekend. For more information about the 50th Annual Liberty 4th of July Fest please visit www.ucdc.us

4th of July Celebration Schedule of Events

Visit www.ucdc.us for up to date listings

(Times are subject to change)

Friday, July 2

Vendors Open 5-11pm
Beer Garden 4-11pm
Water Ball Competition 6pm



Sean Lamb Band 8-11pm



Saturday, July 3

Freedom Run 8:30am start
Vendors Open 9am - 11pm
Pie Baking Contest 10am-2pm
Hula Hoop Contest 1pm
Freckle Contest 2:30pm
Patriotic Baby Contest 4pm
Beer Garden 4-11pm
Line of Freedom Ceremony 6pm
Parade 7pm
Jay Jesse Johnson 8-11pm



Sunday, July 4

Vendors Open 11am - 4pm
Patriotic Chalk Art Competition
11-2pm





One of the many BBQ cooking equipment setups waiting for results of their contest.



Liberty Lion Carl Sharp's BBQ setup, note State Farm on canopy, Carl's my agent too.



One of the many booth setups at Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival.



Lots of eating places throughout Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival.



This Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival auto show was packed with lots of entries.



Tractor Show entries lined up overlooking the Pioneer Village cabins.

- 01:00 pm - Pork Shoulder
- 01:30 pm - Beef Brisket
- 02:00 pm - Celebrate Real Pork
Bone-in Pork Chop
- 02:30 pm - Anything Butt
- 02:30 pm - National Pork Board
Kids Que Contests
- 03:00 pm - OBR Mystery Meat
- 04:00 pm - Awards Ceremony

- 12:30 pm
Car Show Registration Ends
Car Show Judging Begins
- 1:00 pm
Live Music Begins - The Joy River Band -
On Porch (Outdoors)

- 03:00 pm
Car Show Awards Ceremony Begins

- 04:00 pm
BBQ Contest Awards are Presented
(In Praise Auditorium)

- 5:00 pm
Festival Closes.

(All times and events subject to change)

DIRECTIONS TO SMOKIN' ON THE WATER FESTIVAL





ELI & ELIZABETH BASS

Great grandchildren of Eli and Elizabeth Bass. (Author Photo)

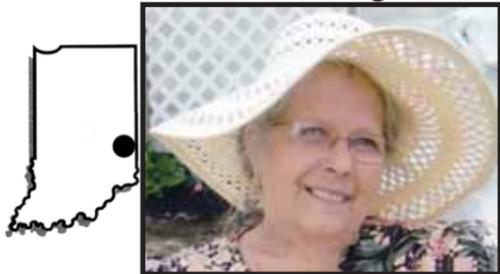


Standing: Elizabeth Williams & Vickey Webb, Seated: Paul Day Sr. and Eugene Day (Author Photo)



Mason Window. (Author Photo)

Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder
Fayette County Historical Museum

Looking at History Through Windows at the Museum

The recent demolition of the German Presbyterian Church on East 4th Street generated a renewed interest in the history of the building. Built for a Methodist Episcopal congregation, it subsequently housed several other denominations. Among them was the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which moved there from its former location at 510 Water Street.

The Fayette County Historical Museum acquired two stained glass windows when the building was demolished. One is inscribed "Family of William Mason", and the other bears the name Bass.

William Mason was a cobbler who was born

in West Virginia in 1833, the son of James Mason. Newspaper articles from those days suggest that he was making shoes in Connersville as early as 1859. He was active in the church, and his participation in church functions included playing the violin for various events. He died in 1925, and is buried in City Cemetery with his wife, Melissa (Robinson) Mason, a well known and highly regarded nurse who died in 1917. The couple had at least three children, but none lived beyond infancy.

The Bass family is fairly easy to trace, and many descendants are still living in the area.

Eli Uriah Bass was born in 1837, the son of Uriah Eli and Farabee (Childs) Bass, at the Beech Settlement near Carthage in Rush County, Indiana. It was a farming community formed by free Black families in the early 1830s, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The accompanying photo gives a brief history, but there are several internet sites that tell more about these families and how they happened to come here.

As a young man, Eli moved to Wayne County and trained to be a barber before coming to Connersville. He and Fannie Moore were married here in 1857. She died soon after their marriage, leaving no children. In 1866, he married Elizabeth Williams from Franklin County. They had eight children, four of whom were living when Eli passed away in 1914.

His home here was at 318 Central Avenue. This building is still standing and is now an office. His barber shop was located in the basement of 417 North Central, the present location of the city parking lot. The building housed

Beck's clothing store on the main floor, as well as business and professional offices on the second floor.

In addition to his leadership role in his church, Eli took an active part in community affairs. He led the barbers in Connersville to unionize and was involved in politics.

A look through the old newspapers gave insight into the life of Eli Bass and his wife.

He shaved the prisoners at the jail. On one occasion, a man named Doolittle and another convict decided to escape, and Eli stopped Doolittle's attempt to seriously injure the sheriff. The other man didn't succeed in escaping, but Doolittle did. He was captured and promptly placed in the dungeon in the basement of the old jail. (That interested me because I worked in that building for a time and saw the dungeon. The iron rings used to restrain prisoners are still in the walls. There is no lighting, and it has a dirt floor. Since this event happened in 1883, I want to look into when they stopped using the dungeon. Another story for another time.)

There are several humorous articles about things Eli said and did. His shop was next to the courthouse and across the street from the newspaper office, so I'm sure it was a hangout for reporters and others. There were probably many discussions of court and community happenings that would have generated stories for the paper.

Mrs. Bass seems to have been a somewhat liberated woman for that day. She did a great deal of traveling, usually with a group of friends. She entertained church groups and friends at their home frequently.

Of course, like other families of the day, there

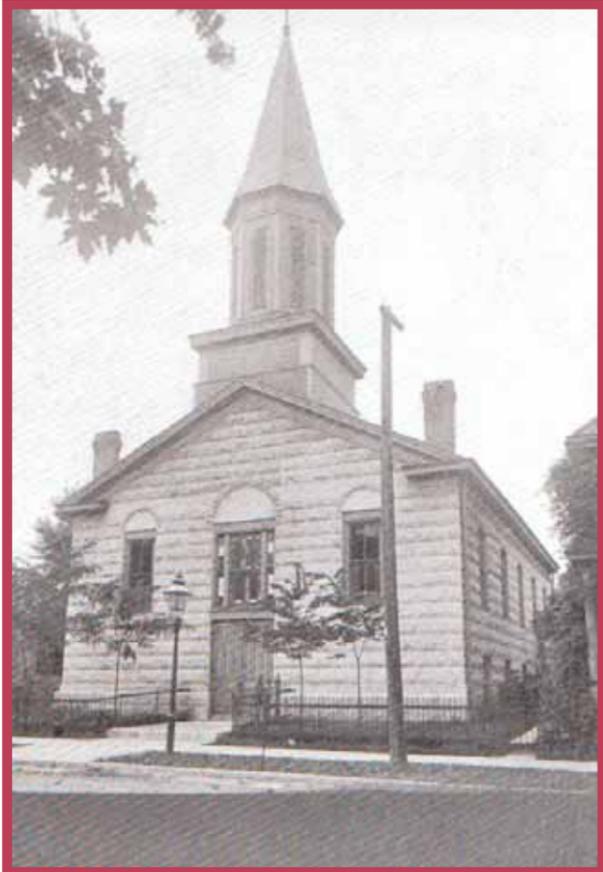
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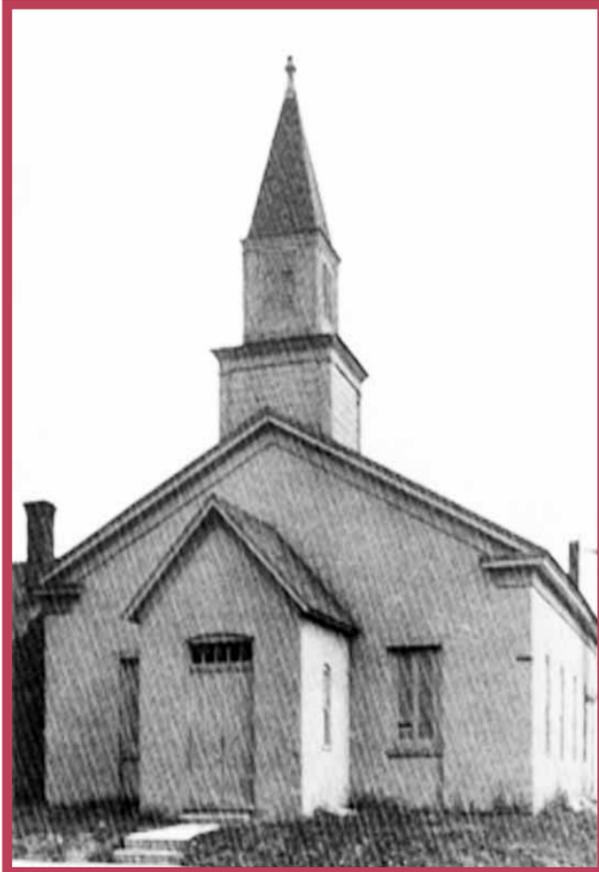


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4th Street Church (Author Photos)



Water Street Church (Author Photos)

were the sad stories, too. They lost at least three children to childhood disease.

Eli Bass died as the result of head injuries suffered in a fall on the way to his shop on a Saturday morning in January of 1914. The account of his accident states it was the first Saturday he hadn't been at work in fifty years. His obituary describes him as charitable, gentle, and possessing a keen sense of humor. Nine years after his death, in 1923, Elizabeth Bass passed away. They are buried with some of their children at City Cemetery.

Rick Lemen of Connersville Mirror Works has placed the two stained glass windows inside the lobby windows of the Fayette County Historical Museum. While working on them, he had doubts that the 4th Street church was their original location, due to the way they're constructed, but there was no way to verify it.

Recently, four great grandchildren of Eli and 'Lizzie' visited the museum and shared their memories of both churches. They confirmed that the windows came with the congregation to 4th

Street from their original home in the church on Water Street. The church on Water Street was also built in the 1840s, and was demolished years ago.

Siblings Elizabeth Williams, Eugene Day, and Paul Day, Sr. are the grandchildren of Eli and Elizabeth's daughter Cora. Vickey Webb is the granddaughter of the Bass's daughter Farabee.

During the final phase of the demolition of the 4th Street church, the original cornerstone, dated 1840, was uncovered by Chad Friend and donated to the museum. It will be displayed soon. The windows and cornerstone are pieces of the history of two of the city's earliest houses of worship, reminders of places and people from days gone by.

The museum is now open! We are still taking precautions, but glad to see visitors! We are open 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. There is no admission charge. Donations are always welcome. Come visit us soon at 200 West 5th Street in Connersville, Indiana!



Cornerstone from the 4th Street Church. (Author Photo)

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fishing information is available at wildlife.IN.gov/3625.htm.



CAMPING RESERVATION SITE GETS NEW LOOK

The website for making camping reservations at DNR properties has a new look and features to make booking your next getaway a snap. Camper

You now have more options to search for camping, cabins, or day-use facilities by filtering your search results to look at park activities, specific site types, accessibility needs, and your desired date range.

Other features allow you to:

- Discover available sites for the upcoming weekend for last-minute trips
- Save favorite campsites, cabins, and facilities for quicker access to making future reservations at those locations
- Shop for a variety of Indiana State Parks products, including gift cards, park passes, clothing,
- Check the balance of a DNR camping gift card
- Donate to support Indiana State Parks

Now is a great time to book your next trip at camp.IN.gov. If you have not already done so, be sure to create an account to track your reservations, favorite campsites, and opt in to receive news, information and special offers from DNR.

STATE PARKS RECOGNIZE TOP EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE

The DNR Division of State Parks recently honored volunteers, partners, and employees for their commitment to conserve, manage and interpret resources while creating memorable experiences for guests in 2020. Outstanding Volunteer Awards were given to two Hoosiers who shared their time and expertise with Indiana State Park properties.

• Bruce Fisher of Ramsey was recognized for his service at Hickory Hollow Nature Center at O'Bannon Woods State Park. He contributed nearly 700 hours, caring for the live hellbender exhibit and the oxen that power the park's historic haypress, among other duties.

• Charlie and Mary Lou Simpson of Osceola volunteered as campground hosts at Potato Creek State Park. Throughout their stay they helped with a variety of park woodworking and construction in addition to cleaning campground fire rings, monitoring campsites, and welcoming campers.

Partnership Awards recognize cooperative efforts by a property and a community organization to support projects and facilities that serve property guests.

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You Have Until May 14 to Think of a Better Way to Recycle Fishing Line, Soft Bait:

\$30,000 in Prize Money Is at Stake

BoatUS Foundation and Berkley Recast & Recycle Contest seeks new ideas, concepts

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 5, 2021 – You’ve likely seen the fishing line recycling bins in many marinas and boatyards, but what really happens after that line is collected? Recycling it into new products is labor-intensive, requiring a series of workers to comb through, sort, clean, remove hooks and weights, and separate out encrusted debris from miles of entangled fishing line. There also aren’t any recycling programs for fishing-related materials like soft baits.

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water and Berkley have teamed up with the Recast and Recycle Contest to offer \$30,000 in prize money (\$15,000 first place, \$10,000 second place, and \$5,000 third place) for new and innovative ideas that could improve the process, increase the amount of fishing line and soft baits that can be recycled, create new recycled products, or offer a technology breakthrough in the way line is recycled and reused.

Contest submissions can address any part (or multiple parts) of the process of taking fishing gear from end of life to a new life. Professionals, amateurs and students are all encouraged to apply, as are school teams and groups. Judges will add weight to contest submissions that actually work, are practical, innovative, and have the potential to have a significant impact.

The deadline for contest entries May 14, 2021. Entries can be easily submitted by [sending a link](#) to a video demonstration of the idea (limited to 4 minutes) or a one-page graphic summary.

Contest rules and conditions, details on the current recycling process and videos on how various plastics and soft baits are recycled can be found at the Recast and Recycle website BoatUS.org/Contest. View a contest video is here.

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Suggested Tweet and Facebook post:

You have until May 14 to think of a better way to recycle fishing line and soft baits for your chance at reeling in up to \$15,000 in prize money <https://bit.ly/31FcT95> @BoatUSFoundation @BerkleyFishing #recycle #repurpose #fishing #fishinglinerecycling #fishingline

About the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water:

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating. Funded primarily by donations



Do you have any better ideas on how to recycle soft baits and old fishing line? There's \$30,000 in cash prizes at stake in the Recast and Recycle Contest. (Photo Credit: BoatUS)

from the more than half-million members of Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), the nonprofit provides innovative educational outreach directly to boaters and anglers with the aim of reducing accidents and fatalities, increasing stewardship of America's waterways and keeping boating safe for all. A range of boating safety courses – including 36 free state courses – can be found at BoatUS.org/Courses.

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Two were presented:

• The Friends of McCormick’s Creek spearheaded a fundraising campaign to restore the park’s fire tower. More than \$100,000 was raised. The group’s efforts in partnership with McCormick’s Creek State Park staff allowed the restoration and an entry plaza to be completed and opened to the public.

• A Year to Volunteer was recognized for work on projects in partnership with Versailles State Park staff, including construction of a large observation

deck at Bradt Natural Area, trail construction, replacement of flooring in the group camp recreation hall and other projects. This group, led by Char and Phil Roos, brought skilled volunteers from across the country to complete these projects.

Indiana Dunes State Park staff members were honored with the Property Achievement Award for completing the Trail 3 wetland boardwalk restoration in a team effort that included demolition, installation of 2,561 feet of new modular segments, signage and observation deck construction.

The Resource Stewardship Award was presented to the staff members at Patoka Lake for managing more than 1,500 acres of the property through pre-

scribed fire, shoreline management and habitat restoration, as well as major improvements in the crop lease program, and continued work to strengthen partnerships with local conservation groups. Awards were also presented to several individual State Parks employees.

• Billie Snell of Carrollton, Kentucky was Inns Field Employee of the Year for his skill set and work ethic, which saved Clifty Inn and Clifty Falls State Park dollars and time. His projects included new HVAC line/ducts in the kitchen, repairing roofs, and installing internet cabling.

• Tom Peet of Auburn was Inns Employee of the

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9 GUNS GARY W. SMITH

I got a call from 9 Guns owner, John Foster or Wes as everyone knows him by, telling me that his long time employee Gary W. Smith passed away on November 3, 2020 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

In the photo on the right Wes is on the left and Gary is on the right holding the gun.

I met Gary for the first time when I took over Anderson, Indiana delivering my Gad-a-bout newspaper which included 9 Guns located at 2213 S. Scatterfield Ste. #6. I became very good friends with the owner John Foster, Gary and the rest of the crew.

I really enjoyed delivering at 9 Guns, Wes and his crew were always so friendly and interested in how things were going with The Gad-a-bout. When Covid-19 invaded in early 2020 everyone endured the hardships it caused. I didn't print my May or June issues, starting back up with July, ending the printed copy with my October issue. Unfortunately I didn't get to see Gary on my last visit. I know he is missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

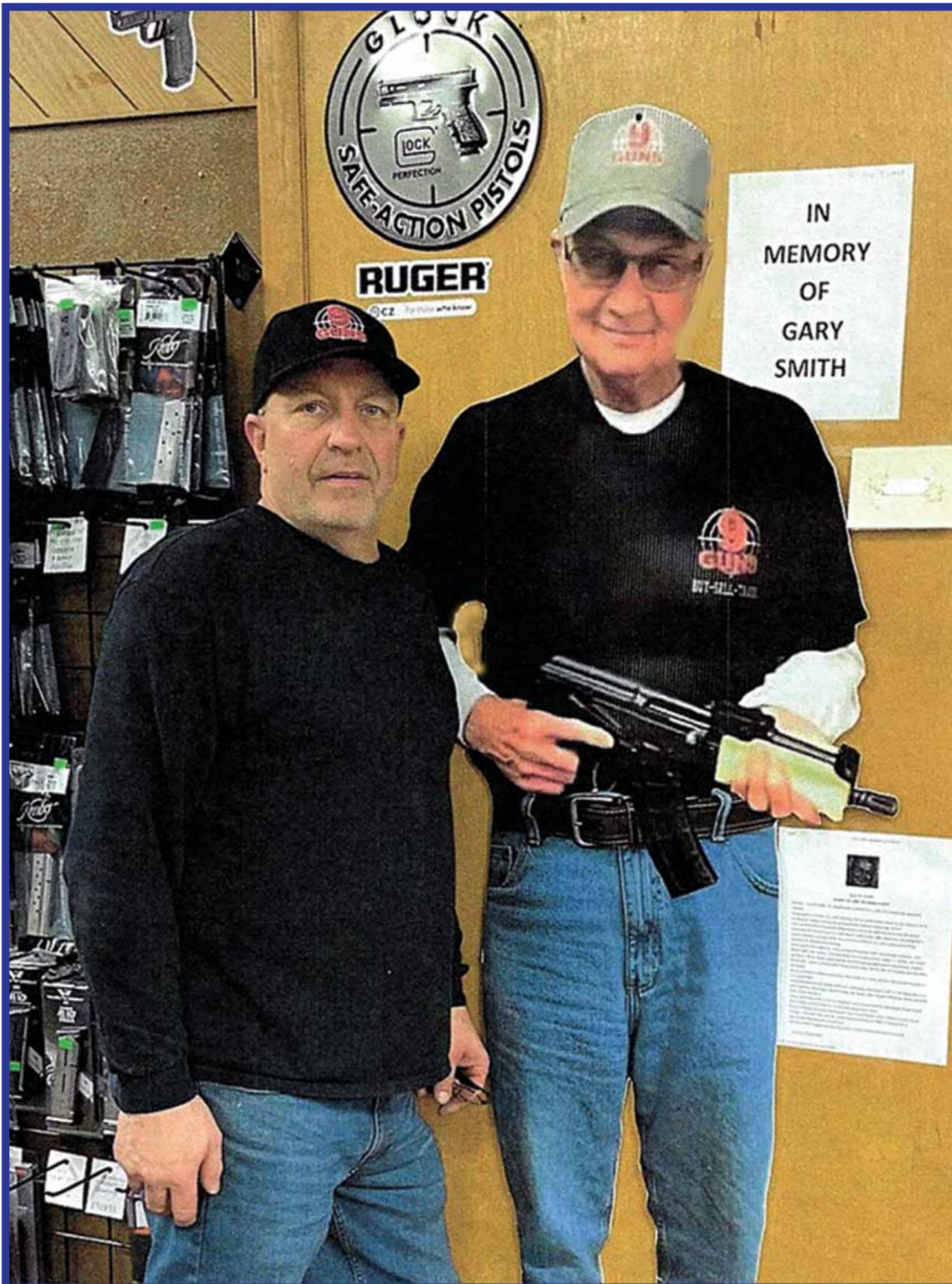
Gary was born on October 28, 1948 in Muncie, the son of Bob Smith and Dova Rae (Greene) Smith.

Gary worked as the professional photographer and as the audio/visual Director for Maxon Corporation for 33 years until his retirement in early 2000's. After retirement, he worked for 9 Guns in Anderson. He was a pilot, an excellent marksman, an archer and enjoyed riding motorcycles, boating and camping.

Surviving are four daughters, Laura Campbell, Anita Ramey, Melissa Smith and Jessica; five sons, Robert Smith, Eddie, C.J. Smith, John Smith and Shawn Smith; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two broters, Stephen Smith of Muncie and Timothy Smith of Yorktown and one sister Robin Reid.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bob Smith; his mother, Dova Smith, and his companion, Lori Lamachione.

Funeral Service was held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at the Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, with Pastor Jerry Thomas officiating. Burial was at Elm Ridge Cemetery.



John "Wes" Foster, Owner of 9 Guns located in Anderson, Indiana and Gary Smith holding the gun. (9 Guns Photo)



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Year for serving on the planning teams for the division's professional staff training and DNR's Junior Achievement JobSpark participation, and filling in at inns.

• Allison Pudlo of North Liberty was Intermittent Employee of the Year for her work at Potato Creek State Park managing the nature center and park communications, presenting programs, and coordinating deer management hunts.

• Noelle Wilcox of Clarksville was presented with the Hospitality Award for her efforts at Falls of the Ohio State Park making guests feel welcome and informed.

• John Brantley, Scottsburg, was Field Employee

of the Year for designing and leading crews to improve the hiking experience at Clifty Falls State Park. This included five new trail structures, four staircase renovations and two waterfall observation decks.

• Brown County State Park's Patrick Haulter was Interpretive Naturalist of the Year for innovative programming and community engagement, including the development of a mountain biking training program for youth and adults, and creative virtual programming during the pandemic.

• Tessa Manuel of Lafayette was Office Manager of the Year for her focus at Prophetstown State Park on guest services and hospitality, her expertise in administrative processes and participation in division-wide initiatives, and her annual leadership of the Trail of Scarecrows.

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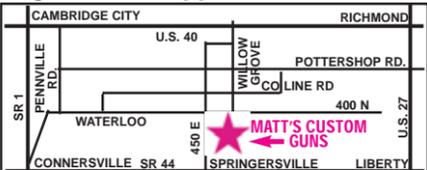
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Pictured is a Hoosier Farmer moving their planter to the field. Farm equipment is wide and sometimes takes up most of the road. Be alert and careful on rural roads this spring. (ISDA Photo)

PLANTING SEASON IS HERE STAY ALERT ON RURAL ROADS THIS SPRING

INDIANA (April 12, 2021) - Spring weather is here and farmers are beginning to plant their crops across the state's 15 million acres of farmland. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture and several state agencies are reminding Hoosier motorists to be alert, be courteous and be patient when they encounter farm equipment on Indiana's rural roads.

"Planting season is a crucial time for our Hoosier farmers, they have a lot of ground to cover in a short amount of time," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture. "I want to encourage all motorists to stay alert and be cautious while driving on rural roads this spring and to make room for large farm equipment so our roads remain safe for everyone."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2018 farm equipment vehicles were involved in 98 crashes across the U.S., with two farm equipment vehicles being involved in fatal crashes in Indiana.

Bruce Kettler, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, encourages motorists to share the road with farmers.

"Each year, fatal accidents unfortunately occur on Indiana's roads as large farm equipment moves from field to field," Kettler said. "I want to remind all Hoosiers that farm equipment typically travels around 25 miles per hour or less, so please remain alert, slow down and share the road when approaching farm machinery."

While the term "farm equipment" encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter during planting season

include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.

Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.

Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.

Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over to allow a pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.

Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

"Springtime in Indiana means crisp cool mornings and farm machinery of all sizes operating on and crossing county and state roads as they move from field to field," said Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. "For the safety of both motorists and farmers, we ask for everyone to be attentive, patient and cautious when driving in rural Indiana during the active planting season."

For a list of safety tips, click here or visit isda.in.gov. The following organizations will be working together to share this important safety message during planting season: Hoosier Ag Today, Indiana Department of Homeland Security,

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- Garrett McAdams of Versailles was Assistant Property Manager of the Year for his leadership at Versailles State Park. He excelled in the oversight of property operations, including work with the Year to Volunteer group that spent a month serving at the park.

- Brad Walker of Madison was Property Manager of the Year for his leadership in spearheading major improvements in trails, comfort stations, energy efficiency, hazard tree removal and vista clearing to improve the guest experience of viewing waterfalls and Clifty Canyon.

- Dave Nance of Mooresville, who works for the DNR Division of Water, was presented with a Director's Award for his assistance with seawall stabilization design and construction, geotechnical evaluations and design for bank stabilizations and erosion issues, and lake design.

- Dan Bortner of Bedford received the Tulip Tree Award, the highest honor the division gives to a single person. His leadership as director of the Division of State Parks before becoming DNR director included innovations in all aspects of the division's work.

- Milt Grissom of Grissom Commercial Real Estate, Franklin, received a Special Recognition Award for donating a significant supply of office furnishings that could be used at DNR properties across the state.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION The Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility Promotes Ranata Preston to Sergeant

Pendleton, Ind. - Warden Mike Minthorn and Deputy Warden Chris Blakey of the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility, is pleased to announce the promotion of Ranata Preston to Sergeant.

Ranata Preston began her career with the Indiana Department of Correction at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility in May 2017, as a Youth Development Specialist. In October 2019, she then became a Field Training Officer (FTO) working in various areas of the facility training new staff and influencing their development into future leaders. She was promoted to Sergeant in March of 2021.

In receiving her promotion, Sgt. Preston said, "I am very motivated to work with the youth and staff, as I continuing my career in the Indiana Department of Correction."

The Indiana Department of Correction and Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility wishes Sergeant Ranata Preston the best of luck in her new position.

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INDIANA DIVISION OF STATE PARKS 2021 SPRING EDITION

What names come to mind when you think about the early naturalists in our country? John Muir, Henry David Thoreau, Gene Stratton Porter, Aldo Leopold?

How about John Chapman? John who you ask? How about if I said Johnny Appleseed? Oh, that John Chapman. For many of us, the image that comes to

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mind when Johnny Appleseed is mentioned is of a barefooted man with a tin pot on his head picking apples from trees then walking around the countryside randomly scattering apple seeds, often with the help of animals from the forest. As is frequently the case with Disney cartoons, this portrayal of Johnny Appleseed is based more on folklore than fact.

While not as renowned as the others mentioned, John Chapman did play a part in the early naturalist movement. He was born on September 26, 1774 in Leominster, Massachusetts, the second of twelve children. Little is known of his early life, and in later years, it's often difficult to distinguish between fact, folklore, and legend. As a young man he apprenticed at an apple orchard. Unlike today, apples at that time were rarely eaten. They were mainly used for cider, or dried and used to make apple butter. Many of the early pioneers were wary of drinking water due to the unclean water conditions in the countries they had left behind. They needed a beverage, and apple cider was an easy solution. (For those wanting an alcoholic substitute, hard cider could be as high as 66 proof.)

Chapman's apprenticeship inspired him to become his own businessman. When he was in his twenties, he began traveling ahead of the settlers moving west, on the outer edge of American civilization, to plant cider apple nurseries—he didn't "just scatter the seeds as he traveled" as depicted in the cartoon features. Today, there's a difference of opinion as to which variety of apple he actually planted, but he would acquire a plot of land and establish a nursery for his trees. Then he would sell (or sometimes give away) seedlings to people moving into the area at an average price of 6½ cents each. He evidently didn't like to stay in one place very long, so he would find a local partner to care for his nursery and sell trees, agree to split the profits with him at a later date, and then would move on to another location. Chapman supposedly owned apple nurseries in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Each year, when he ran out of seeds to plant, he'd return to Pennsylvania or Massachusetts and get more seeds from cider presses. The seeds were free; the owners of the presses didn't seem to mind having someone dig through the discarded pulp and collect seeds.

Some Native Americans thought Chapman was "touched by the Great Spirit," and he chose to lead a frugal life. He was a vegetarian, usually barefooted, and often dressed in clothing discarded by others. He was well liked and believed in not harming anyone or anything (including venomous snakes and mosquitoes). He often slept outside and was a great storyteller, mostly about himself and his adventures. As a devout follower of Swedish Lutheran theologian Emanuel Swedenborg, he also preached The New Church gospel as he travelled.

John Chapman died near Fort Wayne, IN, in March of 1845 from exposure. There is some disagreement as to both the date of his death, (the 18th or 22nd), and his grave site: two different locations in Fort Wayne maintain grave markers for him. He never married, believing he would find his mate in heaven. When he died, he owned 1,200 acres of apple nurseries. After his death, his legend continued to grow. There are two museums in his honor, and in 1966 the US Postal Service issued a 5-cent stamp commemorating him. In addition, the Fort Wayne Tin Caps are named in his honor, although it was more likely that he wore a hat, rather than a tin pot, on his head.

So, next time you take a sip of apple cider, think of one of the early naturalists, John Chapman.

STATE PARK CHALLENGES

by Alan Arnold, AIMN

Last summer my family spent a week at Lake James. While there, I noticed Pokagon State Park had a Hell's Point Challenge, an 8-mile hike over various trails and to Hell's Point. My daughter and I completed that.

Soon after, I saw in the newspaper that Chain O'Lakes State Park had a challenge where you paddled the nine lakes. I then completed that. Later, I saw Jody Heaston of the DNR, and she informed me that there were several other challenges. I looked them up on the website and saw that there were six others listed. She also told me that Fort Harrison Friends had a challenge with their park so, I made a goal to complete all the "Challenges" in 2020. I went to Indiana Dunes State Park and completed the 3-Dunes Challenge, the trail challenges at Spring Mill State Park and Fort Harrison, the 7-Vista Challenge at Brown County, the 5-mile Trail Challenge at Turkey Run, the Six Ravine Challenge at Shades, and finally the Three Falls Challenge at Clifty Falls.

All of these challenges were really fun. The most challenging was the ravines at Shades State Park.

The 7-Vista Challenge at Brown County is a drive thru challenge. The Three Dune Challenge is quite strenuous but very scenic. After completing these challenges, you are given an opportunity to purchase a sticker, T-shirt or other challenge items. If you want the satisfaction of conquering the challenges, get out there and do some hiking, paddling or driving. Info at dnr.IN.gov/state-parks/programs/fitness.

**THEY ARE BACK -
BROOD X RETURNS TO INDIANA**

by Phil Cox, IMN council member

The Brood X is coming, the Brood X is coming! No, I'm not Paul Revere, and Brood X are not the British, but they are periodical cicadas, and they are coming by land. Brood X are 17-year cicadas, and 2004 was their last big emergence. Periodical cicada populations emerging within a geographic range are called a brood and "X" stands for the Roman numeral 10. This is because broods are numbered sequentially using Roman numerals. Charles Marlatt, an American entomologist, first described this grouping system in 1898. Today there are 15 active recognized periodical cicada broods in the United States. Magicicada is the genus of the 13-year and 17-year periodical cicadas of eastern North America, with five of those species having been reported in Indiana. Brood X is composed of three species — M. septendecim, M. cassini and M. septendecula.

The 15 different brood ranges fit together like a puzzle, and Brood X, nicknamed "The Great Eastern

Brood", will emerge in 15 states and Washington D.C. from Illinois to the Atlantic coast. In Indiana, we can expect to have more cicadas emerging than most states, with the whole state being considered in the range of Brood X. There are seven counties (Cass, Crawford, Jasper, LaGrange, Newton, Wabash, and Whitley) that the U.S. Forest Service doesn't include in its "Active Cicada Broods of the United States" (May 2013) map for Brood X. Of course, cicadas don't know county boundaries, but they do know where trees are, so just about any area that had woodlands in 2004 or before (and especially if the woodlands are still there) are prime habitat for Brood X. So, if you saw cicadas in 2004, and the habitat hasn't been altered too much, you can count on them being back in the same area this year. It is predicated that southern and central Indiana will have the most cicadas, whereas the more open northern landscape will have fewer. Hopefully, citizen scientists can help determine any changes for the 2021 Brood X emergence boundaries.



Picture 17-year cicadas are about 1-1/2 to 2 inches long and have much brighter colors than their annual cousins. They can be recognized by their bright red eyes, black bodies, and orange wing veins. [Check out this video](#) to see the full life cycle and hear what a chorus of cicadas sounds like. *Image by John Obermeyer, Purdue Entomology, Purdue University.*

Some cicadas are observed annually. Last year, you may have seen annual cicada species, sometimes nicknamed "dog-day cicadas", that emerge every year through unsynchronized life cycles that last from one to nine or more years; or a different periodical cicada brood. These may have even been "straggler" periodical cicadas that are just out of sync with their brood. Periodical cicadas' strategy of long life-cycles and emerging en masse is called predator satiation, since predators are sated when they have had all the cicadas that they can gorge. This strategy leaves plenty left to go about their business of reproducing after predators have had their fill.

As I write this article in mid-March, Brood X has been in the soil up to 2 feet deep feeding on the sap of deciduous tree roots (primarily) for the last 17 years. When the top 8 inches of the soil reaches a steady temperature of 64 degrees Fahrenheit, the final nymphal instar will construct an exit tunnel to the surface and emerge. In Indiana, this usually starts sometime in May depending on how warm April temperatures are. For fun, you might want to try the cicada emergence calculator at cicadamania.com/cicadas/cicada-emergence-formula. After emergence, they find the nearest vegetation or object to climb up and shed their skins for the last time and emerge as winged adults. The remaining exoskeletons are a favorite for young naturalists to collect. Plan on having a large container for these collections, as emerging cicadas could be millions

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per acre in some hot spots.

Courtship begins with the males “singing” via specialized abdominal membranes called tymbals. Tymbals vibrate very quickly when pulled by tiny muscles. Once fertilization occurs, the male dies and the female flies to trees to lay eggs in tree branches that are about 3/16 inch and 1/2 inch in diameter, then she dies, too. Some of the squeamish may be afraid of cicadas, but for the most part they are harmless as neither sex bites, stings, or eats vegetation. However, while laying eggs cicadas do injure trees, as females have a sharp knife-like organ that acts like a sewing machine that can “stitch” 400 to 600 eggs each into the small twigs. These egg-laden twigs will die, turn brown, and break, resulting in what is called “flagging”. The females are not too particular about what tree species they lay their eggs in, as more than 200 species have been reported, including some favorites like oak, hickory, maple, flowering fruit trees, and grapes. Large mature trees can handle this “natural pruning”, whereas small young trees might lose many small branches and die or be set back a year under heavy pressure.

There are a few things that can be done to help manage tree damage. The first is not to plant in years that periodical cicadas will be emerging or at least wait until after the females are finished laying eggs. However, if you have already ordered and maybe even received seedlings for conservation plantings, that advice is too late. For future planning, please see extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/E-47/E-47.html. This publication, by Cliff Sadof, Purdue Extension Entomologist, details where and when the other six Indiana periodical cicada broods will emerge.

Lenny Farley, Purdue Sustaining Hardwood Extension Specialist, asked foresters what they had observed in prior periodical cicada emergence years. “They all indicated that the newly planted seedlings were impacted significantly by the egg depositing activities of the cicadas, but those same seedlings were able to recover and produce successful tree plantings. Many deciduous species are able to resprout from roots or lower stems after damage to the stem,” Farley said. He also said dieback of the damaged stems is an additional stress on plants, so measures to support the growth of these seedlings can improve their potential to recover. Small trees and shrubs can be protected from female egg-laying activity by covering them with no larger than 1/2-inch mesh netting while cicadas are present. This needs to be done before or right when the males start “singing”. If there is damage, delay pruning until the cicadas are gone; then prune and discard the damaged egg-laden twigs before the eggs hatch (in approximately six weeks) and the first nymphal instar drops into the soil to start the 17-year cycle again. There are also insecticides that will help control cicadas somewhat, but applications must be very frequent. Netting reduces injury by over 95%, while insecticides only reduce injury by 75%. In addition, using insecticides is usually costlier and kills beneficial insects. Therefore, using insecticides is usually reserved for commercial orchard operations.

Brood X is not all gloom and doom. More adventurous naturalists may want to try cicadas in recipes like El Chirpo tacos or cicada stir-fry, found in “CICADA-LICIOUS: Cooking and Enjoying Periodical Cicadas” at

tullabs.com/cicadaworld/cicadarecipes.pdf. I’m sure an internet search will find many fun cicada activities for young and old alike. Please consider participating in cicada citizen science by joining [Cicada Safari](#) to help map the 2021 emergence of Brood X. Simply download the free app from the Apple app store or Google Play, then go on a safari to find periodical cicadas. Lastly, the best way to keep up to date with this phenomenon is to sign up for the Purdue Entomology [Cicada Newsletter](#) or follow Purdue Entomology on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#). Updates about the emergence timeline, management recommendations, community science programs, crafts for kids, and more will be shared. Let’s all try to have as much fun with this as possible, as Brood X won’t be back again until 2038.

VOLUNTEERING AT HANGING ROCK by Tim Brauch, AIMN

As Indiana Master Naturalists, we spend a lot of time in nature. Indiana has some great state parks, lakes, and reservoirs, but those are not the only options. City and county parks can provide a nice getaway, and private organizations also have nice properties, such as ACRES Land Trust in northeast Indiana.

ACRES Land Trust is Indiana’s oldest and largest land trust, started in 1960. To date, the organization protects more than 7,000 acres of land on 117 properties in northeast Indiana, northwest Ohio, and southern Michigan. More than 50 of these properties have trails that are open to the public. If I am not at a state park property, I am likely hiking, picking up litter, or clearing the trails at an ACRES property.

One property that I spend a lot of time at is Hanging Rock National Natural Landmark in Lagro, near the confluence of the Salamonie and Wabash rivers, just a few miles from Salamonie State Forest. ACRES took control of the property in 2009 but has been involved in property since 1958, two years before ACRES was officially incorporated. The history of Hanging Rock is much older than that, however.

Towering more than 80 feet above the farm fields and floodplains that surround it, Hanging Rock is a great place for scenic views. While much of northern Indiana was flattened during the Wisconsin and Illinoian glacial stages, this rock persisted.

Hanging Rock was formed 400 million years ago as remnants of shelled sea creatures that inhabited the Wabash Reef. These remnants were covered in mud. The glaciers churned this sea floor debris, mud, and mess, compressing some of the mud into rock layers and stripping off the softer layers. Hanging Rock was born, but likely remained hidden for mil-

lions of years.

Then, 13,000 years ago, the Maumee Torrent ripped across Indiana, carving through whatever was left as the glaciers retreated. Much of the coral reef immediately around Hanging Rock was washed away. However, the hard dolomite layers around the limestone survived. Erosion keeps wearing away at the rock today.

Hanging Rock is more than its geology. It has served as a waypoint in the Wabash River for centuries. The Miami people inhabited this part of Indiana and they have a legend about Hanging Rock. There are a few versions of the legend with variations in the minor details, but this is my favorite: Wy-nu-sa was a Miami maiden. She was in love with two brave warriors and could not make up her mind which one to marry. The two warriors decided to fight to the death atop Hanging Rock. The winner would win the hand of Wy-nu-sa. One foggy October evening, they met for the battle. As the fight dragged on, one of the warriors stumbled and fell to his death. It was at that moment that Wy-nu-sa realized who her true love was, the warrior who had just fallen to his death. She was overcome with grief and leaped to her own death, reaching out for the hand of her lover. The victorious warrior, realizing he had killed his friend and his lover had taken her own life, also made the leap onto the rocks below.

The spot is also popular with anglers. Some of them tell stories of seeing ghostly images jumping from the rock on foggy or dreary days. Other locals say that if you and your soulmate go to Hanging Rock together on a foggy day, you can hear the cries of Wy-nu-sa and see her ghost jumping off the rock again.

Tim Brauch is chair of the Bittering Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at Manchester University. He completed his IMN courses at Mounds State Park in May 2019.

THE ACORN PROJECT by Jan Cain, AIMN

We can all agree that 2020 was a radically different year than we had envisioned. All our goals and plans for the New Year quickly vanished by the middle of March. That is when I began my sheltering in place and working from home (until my retirement in May).

When making retirement plans for this summer, I had intended to immerse myself in volunteering at Shades and Prophetstown State Parks and NICHES and Nature Conservancy properties. My hopes were to find a volunteer project or projects to fulfill my hours needed for the Advanced Indiana Master Naturalist Certification. Hopefully I can proceed with those plans in 2021.

Jody Heaston, DNR’s volunteer and master naturalist coordinator, has been helpful throughout the pandemic sending out emails connecting volunteers with opportunities for distance education and hours. One such project was collecting acorns from one white oak tree in your local area for the White Oak Genetics and Tree Improvement Program, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Kentucky, research headed by Laura De Wald. Since we had dubbed our property “Windy Oaks” when we moved here 28 years ago, having several oak trees, it seemed like a perfect opportunity for me. No commute time. Easy social distancing. No mask required. Total Zen time each day circling a beautiful, stately oak tree looking for acorns.

Things I learned from Laura De Wald in her instructions and further emails:

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- Acorns needed to be brown, not green.
- The caps of the acorns need to come off with slight touch of finger or not have a cap on at all.
- Acorns dropped in water that floated are not viable because they will not grow, so I only kept those that sank to send to her.
- Once acorn weevil larvae leave the acorn they will not burrow into another acorn.

Things I learned on my own or from subsequent research:

- My particular oak tree is 102 inches in circumference. The height to the first branch is over 13 feet.
- Acorn weevils infest a lot of the acorns.
- Acorn weevils are looking for soil to burrow in to complete their life cycle.
- The viability rate is around 40% or less of those I collected (I was a bad citizen scientist and for got to log the first three days).
- I need to pay closer attention to the small details in nature to really learn.

I noticed:

- Acorns from the same tree come in many shapes, sizes, and colors.
- Viable acorns come in many shapes and sizes.
- A single acorn can contain many colors.
- Some acorns have the larva of the acorn weevil in it just waiting to escape the box lid the acorn is drying in so it can scoot across the kitchen counter. (I cannot believe I did not take a picture of the larvae.)

I wonder:

- Does the size of acorn denote how successful the seedling will be?
Why do acorns that are not brown drop from the tree?
What causes one acorn to be viable and another not?
Do squirrels and chipmunks eat or bury only viable acorns?

My time walking around this mighty oak – starting at the center next to it and walking around farther and farther each time until I get past its drip line and into the direction the wind might blow the acorns down – has been really good for me to slow down and connect with God, nature, and myself. The breeze and the sunshine feel more relevant to my skin. I notice the small things – the shiny, bright acorns, the brown leaves or the more colorful clusters of leaves, a beetle or fly that might go past while I’m walking, the songs of the birds in the trees and at my feeders, the butterflies in my garden zinnias.

After sending the package to the University of Kentucky project manager, I received the email that my collection looked great and she had already planted them. She said that my acorns were of great quality, which relieved my mind as the weevil situation worried me. I cannot wait until the spring to hear how my new crop of oaks are doing. See white-oak-genetics.ca.uky.edu/acorn-collection to learn more.

ORCHIDS, ORCHIDS, AND MORE ORCHIDS!
by Elma Chapman, IMN Council Member

Have you tried one of the AIMN virtual educational presentations yet? Jody announces them via email, you click on the link, and voilà—an entertaining hour or more of education about the natural world. I “attended” the orchid program and found it very worthwhile. When I checked the participants, it said there were 35 people at our “meeting.” The presentation was by Erica Forstater who is the environmental education program coordinator and Rinard

Orchid Greenhouse assistant at Ball State University in Muncie. More information about the program is available at bsu.edu/orchids.

The orchid family is the second largest plant family in the world with 30,000 species. Rinard has a collection of 2,100 orchids and a total of 3,000 plants in three rooms, which are open to the public as a museum. The goal of the orchid greenhouse is conservation and education. The collection was started when an alumna of the university donated her orchid collection in 1970 and the greenhouse has grown since then. There is unfortunately illegal trade in rare orchid species, and the facility at BSU is one of the places authorized to accept plants confiscated by border inspectors.

The first room in the greenhouse is the conservatory for tropical, non-orchid plants. Among other things, we learned that bananas do not grow on trees, but are the largest herbaceous flowering plant. Trees grow bark; bananas do not. The second room is the Warm House, kept at a temperature of around 75 - 80 degrees. In here, among many other orchids, you can see the only orchid grown commercially for food. I did not know that vanilla is a kind of orchid! The third room is the Cool House, kept at temperatures between 50 to 60 degrees. It's still very humid, but the plants in here are native to higher elevations, thus the cooler temperatures. For each of the rooms, Erica showed us several representative plants.

Most orchids are epiphytes. They don't grow in soil, but rather their roots are exposed to the air. However, the 43 species of orchids that grow in Indiana —yes, we have 43 native orchids — are not epiphytic and do grow in soil, like the lady slipper orchid and putty root. Our native orchids can be found in forests, wetlands, prairies, and barrens, and they bloom from April through November, depending on the species.

The virtual program was interesting, fast-paced, and educational. There were ample opportunities to ask questions. The greenhouse in Muncie is open to the public Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and has special programs on the second Saturday of each month. It would be a great place to visit to learn more and see these orchids for yourself, but if you can't get there, this presentation is a great substitute. Jody did record this session, so if you'd like to see it, contact her, jheaston@dnr.IN.gov.

JOIN MINI-POLLINATOR DAY ON APRIL 24

Mini-Pollinator Day will take place virtually on April 24 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at sunnysidemg.org/pollinator-day. Webinars will start at 9 a.m. with Sunnyside Master Gardener and beekeeper Roger Thomas presenting “Beekeeping 101”.

At 10 a.m. Amanda Thomsen, with Kiss My Aster, will present on “How to Create a Great Backyard”. At 11 a.m. Troy Durham, a local horticulturist, will present “Not Just Nectar: Pollinator Pointers for the Home Landscape”. At noon, the Sunnyside Master Gardeners will cover “Seed Saving”.

To round out the day at 12:15 p.m. we will be unveiling our citizen scientist project titled “Sunnyside IN Pollinator Project 2021”. We are excited to start this citizen science project on April 24 because it will allow everyone to contribute to our fall Pollinator Day where we will release the results of our citizen science project. No registration is needed to attend the webinars.

If you have any questions please contact the Purdue Extension Floyd County Office at 812-948-5470 or email ANR Extension Educator Gina Anderson at gmanders@purdue.edu

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NEWS FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The Whitewater Canal State Historic Site in Metamora is looking for individuals interested in doing guided tours of the historic Whitewater Canal. Volunteers will be asked to give a 45-minute presentation about the history of the Whitewater Canal, its construction and its impact on communities. Volunteer training will be provided. Guided tours will be given to the public Wednesday through Sunday during the months of May through October. If you have any questions, please contact site manager Jay Dishman at jdishman@indianamuseum.org or by calling 765-647-6512. Volunteer applications can be filled out at www.indianamuseum.org/volunteer. Please make sure to note that you wish to volunteer at the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site.

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No fishing license required.

MOST POOLS AT STATE PARKS OPEN; LIFE-GUARDS NEEDED

State Parks properties will open Memorial Day weekend if the required number of lifeguards can be recruited and certified for each respective park property. Concession services will also be open at those pools. The openings follow last year's pool closures due to COVID-19.

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Lifeguards are being recruited for pools at Brown County, Clifty Falls, McCormick's Creek, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Turkey Run, and Versailles state parks, at Cagles Mill Lake (Lieber State Recreation Area), and for the aquatic centers at Prophetstown and O'Bannon Woods state parks. Lifeguards are also being recruited for the state park beach at Indiana Dunes. As their lifeguards return to school, the pools and swimming at Indiana Dunes State Park's beach will likely close in August or only operate on weekends during that month.

The DNR welcomes back lifeguards who worked before last year's closures and seeks to train new lifeguards. Lifeguard training includes virtual coursework followed by a water skills assessment test.

"Lifeguarding is a great way to spend a summer and find out what working at an Indiana State Park is like," said Brandt Baughman, deputy director for operations for State Parks, who began his career as a lifeguard at Spring Mill State Park.

Lifeguard positions are open to applicants age 16 and older. For more information, contact the state park property nearest you that is listed above. State Parks property phone numbers are listed at stateparks.IN.gov under "Find a park".

The pools at Mounds and Harmonie state parks will not open this year. DNR is evaluating whether reopening the existing aquatic facility at each is the best option at those respective state parks or if another type of water feature for guests and the respective communities would be more efficient and appropriate.

Beaches will open for swimming on Memorial Day weekend at Chain O'Lakes, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Summit Lake, and Whitewater Memorial state parks, at Starve Hollow and Deam Lake SRAs, at Brookville, Cagles Mill (Lieber SRA), Cecil M. Harden (Raccoon SRA), Hardy, Mississinewa, Monroe, Patoka, and Salamonie lakes, and at Ferdinand State Forest.

The aquatic center at Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park and the pools at Clifty Inn (Clifty Falls State Park), Potawatomi Inn (Pokagon State Park), Spring Mill Inn (Spring Mill State Park), and Turkey Run Inn (Turkey Run State Park) will continue to remain open for guests at each inn while in compliance with any COVID-19 restrictions.

NEW ARCHAEOLOGY SITES IN MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST DOCUMENTED

As part of a Historic Preservation Fund grant, archaeologists from the Applied Anthropology Laboratories, Ball State University, explored the Morgan-Monroe State Forest in Monroe County this past summer. Attend the virtual presentation on Friday, April 16 at 7 p.m. (ET) to learn about the results of this project.

This presentation can be accessed via Zoom at <https://bsu.zoom.us/j/95253476179>. It will be recorded and available on the Ball State Applied Anthropology Laboratories YouTube channel after the event.

The public presentation will review project goals, objectives, and results of this year's surveys and will concentrate on what the features and artifacts tell us about historic Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) Camps in the Morgan-Monroe State Forest.

Archaeologists will have artifacts from the surveys available to view virtually and will show images that highlight their field and laboratory methods.

This project was funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

For more information, please contact Christine Thompson, Archaeologist, Applied Anthropology Laboratories, Ball State University at **765-285-5328** or ckkeller2@bsu.edu.

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INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY AFTER SECOND BALD EAGLE FOUND SHOT (SULLIVAN COUNTY)

Investigation underway after second bald eagle found shot (Sullivan County)

Indiana Conservation Officers are now investigating the shooting deaths of two juvenile bald eagles in the same area of the state.

Officers located the second juvenile eagle after responding to a call to a rural area in northern Sullivan County along County Road 800 West, approximately 8 miles west of Shelburn. As part of the investigation, the body of the eagle was recovered from a tree and found to have been shot. Officers believe the shooting occurred in early January.

The first juvenile bald eagle determined to have been shot was discovered in a southern Vigo County tree on March 10. Officers determined that juvenile eagle was killed from a gunshot to the breast area.

A joint \$2,000 reward is being offered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Indiana Turn-in-a-Poacher, Inc. (TIP) to anyone with information leading to conviction of the responsible party/parties. If you have information, or know who is responsible, please contact DNR Law Enforcement Central Dispatch at **812-837-9536** or the TIP hotline at **1-800-847-4367** (TIP-IDNR).

INDOT ANNOUNCES NEXT STATE RAIL PLAN VIRTUAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING

INDIANAPOLIS — INDOT will host a virtual meeting on May 19 to discuss some of the preliminary findings and recommendations for the state rail plan, which provides guidance on the improvement of freight and passenger rail investments in rural and urban areas throughout the Hoosier state. Federal law requires an update of INDOT's state rail plan every four years.

Meeting Details

The rail industry committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., for stakeholders interested in the development of INDOT's state rail plan. The meeting will be held using the Webex virtual meeting platform. Rail industry stakeholders interested in attending the meeting can RSVP to INSRP@hdrinc.com by Wednesday, May 12 to receive a calendar invitation.

This will mark the third stakeholder meeting INDOT will host as part of its state rail plan outreach and engagement. So far, more than 100 rail stakeholder participants have attended the rail industry stakeholder meetings to provide important feedback for INDOT's state rail plan development. INDOT received more than 1,000 completed responses for the state rail plan public survey in fall 2020, with majority of responses (60 percent) coming directly from the general public. The final state rail plan will be released in fall 2021.

For project updates and events, visit www.rail.indot.in.gov.

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INDOT CULTURAL RESOURCES OFFICE-UPDATED TRIBAL COORDINATION ARCHAEOLOGY REPORTS

We have recently been informed by some of our Tribal partners that they would like to receive the results of archaeological fieldwork even though they may have not responded to the Section 106 Early Coordination Letter. THPOs are often inundated with requests to review Section 106 documents from several federal agencies and DOTs across many states. All too often, ECLs are overlooked or simply ignored because some THPOs simply do not have time to respond in the allotted 30 days. Based on discussions with some of our more active THPOs, FHWA and INDOT-CRO have decided to modify how they implement Tribal consultation. Archaeology reports will now be sent to all Tribes claiming an interest in the county, or counties, in which a project occurs regardless of whether the Tribe responded to the ECL. HPR's, Effect Letters, Findings, etc. will still only be sent to those Tribes that responded to the ECL. **Report Distribution Letters accompanying archaeology reports will now need to list the appropriate Tribes using the Tribal Contact table available on our website.** This guidance is effective immediately.

Thank you for your continued assistance in helping to administer FHWA and INDOT Tribal consultation!

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Shaun Miller at smiller@indot.in.gov.

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Everton Volunteer Fire Dept Bass Tournament

Brookville Lake * Fairfield Ramp * May 1, 2021

RULES

1. **TRUTH VERIFICATION TEST.** Cheating will not be tolerated. Deceiving tournament officials or doing any act in order to obtain an unfair advantage will lead to disqualification. By signing the entry, contestants agree to submit to a truth verification test (polygraph or voice stress test). At the conclusion of each tournament a truth verification test may be administered to one or two teams placing in the top ten positions or winning the Big Bass award. Should a team placing in the top ten or catching Big Bass leave the tournament site making themselves unavailable if asked to take the truth verification test, their catch may be disqualified. Lastly, tournament director reserves the right to request any contestant to submit to a truth verification test within seven days of the conclusion of the tournament. Failure to submit to a test when requested or failure of the same shall result in disqualification and banishment from further tournaments.
2. **REGISTRATION.** There will be a short mandatory meeting approximately 15 minutes prior to take off. Entries and fees must be received no later than April 23, 2021. Starting positions will be determined by date of postmark on entry.
3. **PARTICIPANTS.** Everyone (male/female) is welcome to enter, however, the tournament director reserves the right to refuse entry from any contestant. Anyone under 18 years of age may fish only with parent, legal guardian or other adult if a signed statement is provided. ***ANGLERS MAY NOT FISH ALONE***
4. **BOATS AND MOTORS.** All boats must be equipped with a lanyard type kill switch. Boat must be at least 15 feet in length. Trolling as a method of catching fish is prohibited. Stick steering is considered dangerous and shall not be permitted. Jet motors and tiller steering is allowed. Every boat must have an aerated livewell large enough to maintain a live limit of fish. Altering a boat from factory specifications to gain length or height is not permitted.
5. **HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS.** Your motor must not exceed the manufacturers or Coast Guard horsepower rating for your boat. Jet drives are allowed, however motor power head rating must still comply. Any questions please contact tournament director.
6. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT.** Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork strips or rinds, etc. Only one rod and reel may be used at any one time, however, several may be rigged and ready for use. Rods shall not be more than 8 feet in length.
7. **SAFETY.** Safe boating conduct should be observed at all times. Competitors must have a US Coast Guard approved P.F.D. on and secured any time the gas engine is running. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. An operating lanyard type kill switch must be attached to boat and operator when gas engine is in operation. Boat operator must test kill switch prior to each tournament.
8. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS.** Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except areas designated by state or federal officials or any other water determined by the tournament officials. **ALL ANGLING MUST BE DONE FROM THE BOAT. Anglers shall not leave the boat to land a fish or gain access to fishing waters.** Anglers must be in contact with the boat at all times except in case of emergency or brief excursions in "nature calling".
9. **PENALTIES.** Only largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass will be weighted. At no time shall a team have more than a limit of five (5) fish in their livewells. Doing so is grounds for disqualification. The length for fish shall be 14 inches or otherwise regulated by the state. Fish will be measured with mouth closed on a "**Golden Rule**". As solely determined by tournament official, undersized fish will be penalized at the rate of one pound per fish and dead fish at the rate of one quarter of one pound per fish. The dead fish penalty applies only to the total creel weight and not towards any big bass weights/awards. A team who arrives at the official check-point area after prescribed check-in time will be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute. After 10 minutes all weight shall be lost for that day. Late penalties do apply to any "Big Bass" weights. At no time shall a bass be stringed and doing so will lead to disqualification.
10. **RULINGS.** The tournament officials shall reserve all rights for rule interpretations and to refuse an entry. Furthermore, tournament officials have the authority to announce or present any rule revisions (printed or not) as deemed appropriate. Violating tournament rules may be reason for disqualification.
11. **SPORTSMANSHIP.** Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Alcohol and abused drugs are not permitted in a boat during tournament hours. Fish must be caught in a sporting manner, therefore, snagging fish is not permitted.
12. **TIES.** All monies will be totaled and split equally.
13. **PROTEST.** Protest against another competitor must be in writing, signed and in the hands of tournament director within 15 minutes after scales are closed.
14. **REFUNDS.** Your entry may be refunded only if the tournament director is notified by entry deadline of April 23, 2021. There is a \$20 bank charge for returned checks.
15. **INSURANCE.** Adequate liability insurance is required of all contestants using their boats in the tournament.



Everton Volunteer Fire Dept Bass Tournament

Brookville Lake * Fairfield Ramp * May 1, 2021

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| <p><u>Check-in no later than</u> 6:15 at ramp 6:30 AM – Mandatory meeting 7:00 AM – Take Off 3:00 PM – Weigh-in</p> | <p>Starting positions determined by date of <u>postmark on entry</u> This is a team tournament Anglers may not fish alone</p> | <p><u>Mailed Entries</u> and fees must be received no later than April 23, 2021 Entries will be taken day of tournament but will be CASH ONLY</p> |
| <p>Make checks/money orders payable to: <u>Everton Volunteer Fire Department</u> 70% Pay Out - All proceeds will be donated to the Everton Volunteer FD</p> | | <p><u>Mail Entries to:</u> Chip Ayers * 504 S. Poplar St. Greensburg, IN * 47240 * Questions? Call 812-593-8915</p> |

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I have read and am familiar with the rules and in signing this application I hereby waive and release all contestants, sponsors, tournament and state officials from all claims due to injury or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. In signing, I submit myself to a truth test at the discretion of tournament officials and agree to abide to the results as interpreted by professionals conducting the test. I also agree to abide by those decisions and rulings of the director conducting these events. I swear that the facts below are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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