

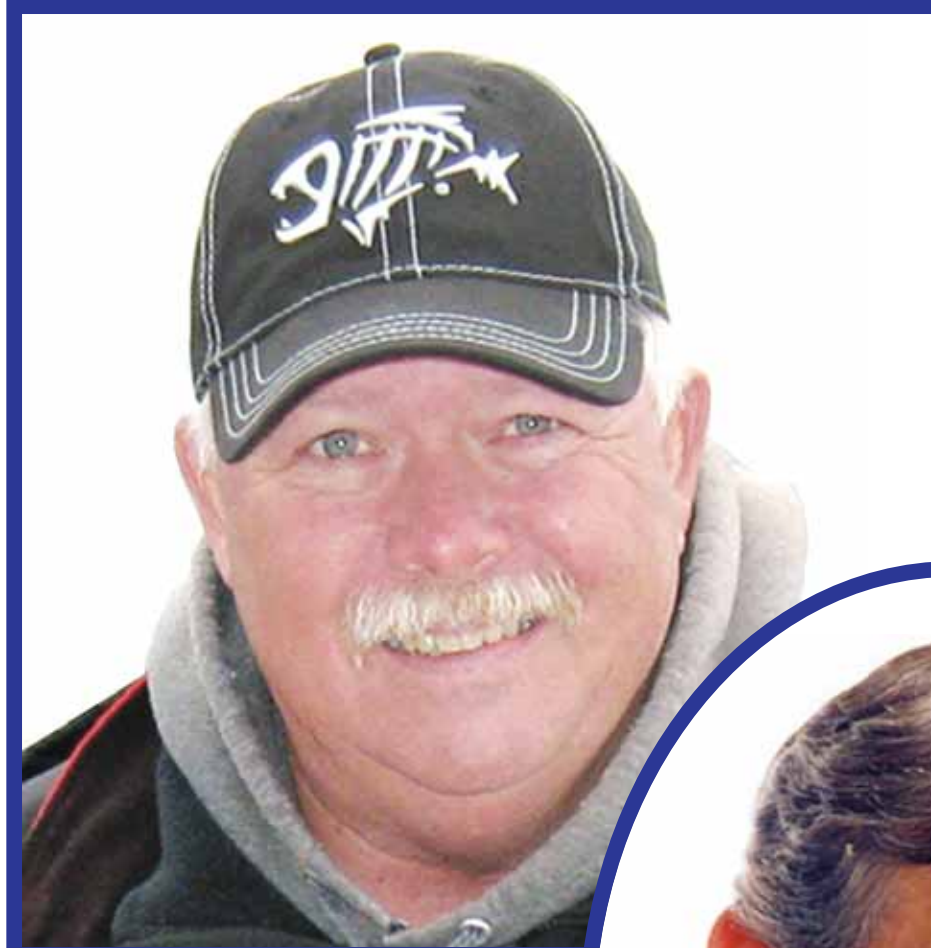


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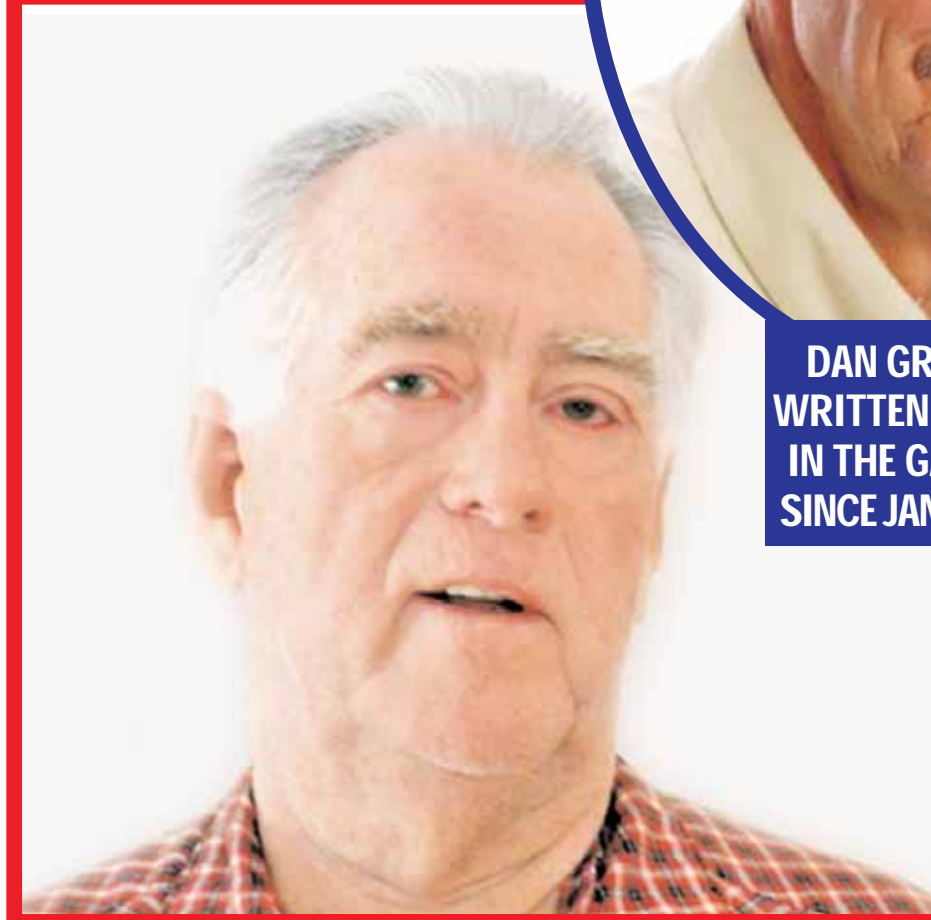
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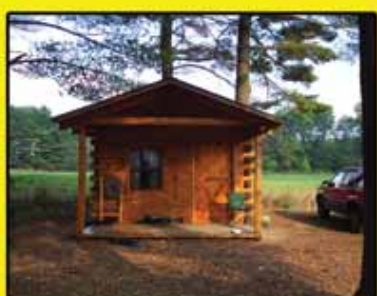
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Honoring The Five Writers Who Have Continued Appearing in The Gad-a-bout Since I Stopped Printing The Gad-a-bout And It Continues Only on my Website

Following is a narrative I asked these five writers to send me telling you readers a little about their writing careers that continues today and any thing else they wanted to add.

When I published The Gadabout and it was printed on paper and distributed to pick up locations in Indiana and bordering states I had at one time 14 writers who sent articles quite regularly. But since I had to end the printed version due to many issues, mainly the Covid 19 Pandemic, but also due to cost of delivering it and upkeep on my vehicle. It now can be only read on my website www.thegadabout.com. As I have said previously, appearing in a publication that can be read only on line and not printed on paper isn't the same as appearing in a printed version that is available to the public to hold in their hand. So I understand why it isn't as appealing to appear in it.

Since ending the printed version I've only been able to keep these five writers who have continued sending their articles to have them put in The Gad-a-bout on line.

In this issue though I do have an article from Shirley Willard, Fulton County Historian in Rochester, Indiana. I hadn't been getting hers due to a problem on my end, for some reason her e-mails wasn't getting to my e-mail page. I hope we solved that problem, I will contact her from now on each month to see if she sent something. Her article is on page 7.

PASTOR TED CHALK WRITES HIS FIRST-DEVOTION COLUMN IN THIS ISSUE

I am honored to announce that Pastor Ted Chalk begins his first Devotion Column in The Gad-a-bout this month. You can read it on page 12, adjacent to the Centerville United Methodist Church Food Ministry Volunteers Unloading Fresh Fruit & Vegetables article on page 13.

I've recently become more aware of the Food Ministry effort by the members of the church who work tirelessly gathering food to be given freely to people who need it regardless of where they live, from Church



RICHARD CREASON - DECEMBER 1999 - 2022

Currently I am writing monthly for the GAB as I have for the last 21 years. I have a regular column for the Pendleton Times-Post newspaper and am a staff editor and writer for the Backwoodsman magazine. I am now writing publicity stories for Minelab Metal Detectors. Just today I was asked to interview Gary Drayton of the TV show "The Curse of Oak Island" for several stories. Susie is with me on all my travels, as she has been for the last 50 plus years, mostly for fishing and metal detectng. I also have written a monthly story for 3 years for adventure sports outdoors magazine.

Ray As you readers can read here Rich and Susie Creason continue their active outdoor activities non stop. Normally we would see each other this week at the Renfro Indianapolis Sport Show, but unfortunately I won't be attending this year. I have to get this issue finished and sent to my webmaster who puts it on line for me next week.

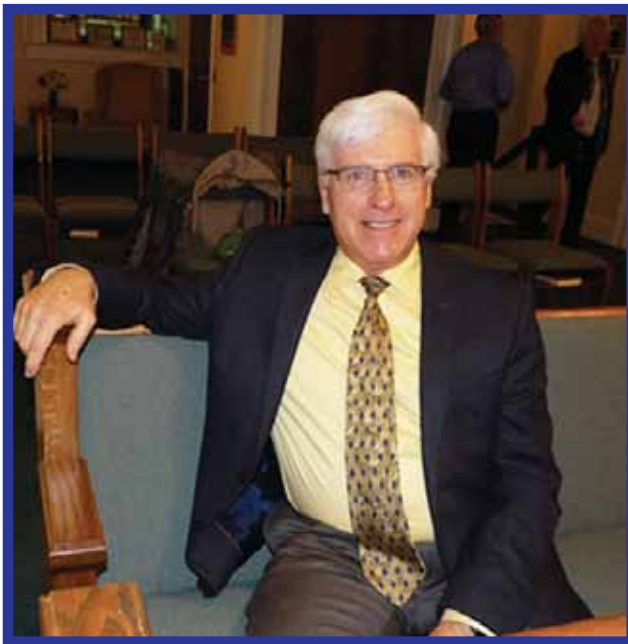
Rich and Susie also delivered The Gad-a-bout for a long time when it was printed.



DAN GRAVES - JANUARY 2000 - 2022

After 20 plus years of writing for the Gad-a-bout, 22 years of weekly newspaper columns and a book, I'm looking forward to another decade of a weekly column for a nursing home titled, "The Bone Creaking Gazette". Thank you Ray for being brave enough to publish all that tripe.

Ray Dan and his wife Judy are now resting as Dan awaits an operation that will enable him to resume writing some time in the future if he still wants to do so. Currently until then I am reprinting articles he has written in the past. Dan is an exceptional writer who as you can see has been appearing in The Gad-a-bout since January 2000. I receive lots of e-mails from readers about the writers appearing here and by far Dan's Misfires and Snags is mentioned many times. I welcome any comments about Dan from readers and would be glad to send them on to him. I know he would welcome any comments you have, especially when he is recuperating. By the way Dan doesn't write tripe, all his articles are very professional and very interesting as my readers will attest too!



Methodist Pastor Ted Chalk.

members Kevin and Liz Smith. There is another article and photos of their food effort on page 14.

Pastor Ted Chalk also is the Pastor for the First United Methodist Church in Richmond, Indiana. He divides his time on each Sunday morning equally between the two churches. He is a dynamo of passion for his congregations, there is no mistake about that.

One thing that he does every Sunday early on in his sermon he invites the children to sit up front along the altar railing while he sits on the floor across from them telling them a bible story in which he includes them by asking questions and interacting with them constantly keeping their attention focused on the subject he has chosen and ending with a subject matter for them to think about. Than he always has some candy for them to pick up a piece as they hurry down stairs, as he continues with his sermon.

I have fond memories of the Centerville Methodist Church. My first memory of it was a very long time ago when I was very young. My cousin Barbara Dickerson and her fiancé, Chelcie Culbertson was married in the Methodist Church. This may sound weird but the only thing I can remember about it is afterwards sitting at a table where they held the reception in a room that had a kitchen in it on the ground floor and I was eating nuts and candy out of a small cup of some kind.

If my memory serves me correctly I didn't begin attending Sunday School there until I was in 6th or 7th grade in school. I know I continued going there until I graduated from High School and joined the United States Air Force, leaving Centerville for four years and the church for a very long time.

Sherry and I have been attending Sunday Church
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CRAIG "TAG" NOBBE - FEBRUARY 2001 - 2022

My name is Craig Nobbe, but everybody calls me Tag. My brother is 18 months older than me and when he tried to say Craig it came out Tag and that stuck. I was born in Batesville, Indiana, and moved to Brookville in 1961. I am now 61 and still living on the same piece of property. My first job when I was 10 was raising tobacco on the family farm and started working with my family in concrete construction at 14. We built 52 Pik-Up convenient store and tackle when I was 28 and still operate it to this day. I have been married for 30 years and we have 2 children and 1 grandchild and hopefully more on the way. I have fished my entire life and started guide fishing at the age of 37 and have taken all type of people fishing from preachers, the Amish and prison guards. I calculated that more than 10,000 people have been fishing with me, everyone enjoys fishing.

Ray To schedule trips contact Tag at tag-nobbe@gmail.com or call his cell 765-265-3238. He guide fishes for walleye, and crappie starting in mid-April till the end of December 7 days a week on Brookville lake. He fishes out of a 2017 pro V 2075 with a 250 Honda outboard engine. He supplies everything all the way down to cleaning the fish. He can take 1 – 5 people. The price is according to how many go \$500.00 for 5 people \$475.00 for 4 people \$425.00 for 3 people \$375.00 for 2 people and \$325.00 for 1 person. Tag is fully Licensed and insured for 25 years now.

I have fished ever since I was knee high to a grass hopper, wading the Nolands Fork and Greensfork rivers in Wayne County fishing with my Dad. Went fishing once with Tag on Brookville Lake, learned how to catch walleye.

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there now for some time and intend to keep on going for as long as we can do so.

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CAPTAIN MIKE SCHOONVELD - JANUARY 2005 - 2022

Some people are born with a passion. I was lucky enough to have been born with two and doubly lucky I have been able to meld them together after a fashion. Passion number one was the outdoors - specifically, a love for wild fish and wildlife and a passion to hunt, fish and trap for them close to home and the far reaches of North America.

My second passion has been writing stories about my adventures, my love of wild things and wild places and the responsibilities that all humans have to care for and be a part of our natural world. It's all interrelated in that my writing gave me opportunities to go places and do things most small town Indiana boys don't have the chance of doing. My fishing passion led to me starting a charter fishing service on Lake Michigan which gives me the chance to go fishing much more than I could otherwise and hopefully, share my love and passion for the outdoors with the many friends I'd never have made any other way.

I've been blessed with my health, the love of my family and the support of many friends. Along the way, I've had lots of fun, several thrills, a few frustrations and very few disappointments. To quote an old Sinatra song, "I did it my way."

Ray If I remember right I think I met Captain Mike Schoonveld when I joined the Hoosier Outdoor Writers, some time ago. His articles added a missing ingredient in The Gad-a-bout, an expert guide and fisherman on Lake Michigan.

If you want to be able to catch fish in Lake Michigan see his advertisement on page 6. He is a member of Indiana's North Coast Charter Association and all their contact information is on their website www.charterfish.org.

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DONNA SCHROEDER - APRIL 2015 - 2022

I'm a native of Fayette County, and I've never left. I married Bob Schroeder who passed away in 2014. We have three children and five grandchildren.

I am on the board of Historic Connersville, Inc., and I volunteer at the museum several hours each week. I served as president of the organization for eight years. I also serve on the Fayette County Tourism board. In the past, I served on the board of the Connersville Historic Preservation Commission as one of the initial members.

I am the southeast district director for the Indiana Genealogical Society and serve as the Fayette County Historian, as well as recording secretary for the John Conner Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

My current project is my work with the Fayette County Cemetery Commission, helping update the records of our pioneer cemetery cemeteries and chronicling the lives of early Fayette County families, as well as updating the records of City Cemetery in Connersville.

Ray Where do I start, Donna is one of the most knowledgeable historians in The Whitewater Valley. I don't remember how I was able to talk to her for the first time. However I remember meeting with her, it may have been when I was inquiring about information on the Canal House or possibly the history of Fayette County.

But the important thing is that we did meet and she began writing her column in The Gad-a-bout. She knows more history about that area and Indiana than anyone I have ever met. For more information about Fayette County her e-mail is schroederdonna4@gmail.com.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

SCREAMING LURES IS NO SECRET

As we were driving over to Lake Erie last year I mentioned to my fishing companions traveling with me I was bringing some "secret" lures to try out. "The secret," I said, "is instead of having rattles inside to attract the fish, they have an internal electric sound maker which would activate when the lure went into the water. The sound is supposed to mimic the 'scream' baitfish make as they flee for their life when a predator is near."

They laughed and looked at me trying to

gauge if I was serious or just joking to make the miles to the Erie Islands area go a little quicker. I told them, "Seriously, I've got several of these." They continued giving me the stink-eye look as their bull-stuff meters pegged well into the red. (Actually, my BS meter was pretty well pegged, as well.)

On the boat, that first afternoon, I tied on one of the "scream-like-a-baitfish models" from Livingston Lures - an EBS Walleye 90 - licked my thumb and fore-finger, then touched my digits to each of the hook hangers to complete the circuit and activate the "sound system." Then I held the lure up to their ears so they could hear the sound. Whether or not it sounds like a screaming baitfish, I don't know. To me, it sounded something like a squeaking mouse. In use, the water activates the switch that turns on the EBS - electric baitfish sound.

I sent the lure out on one of the planer boards and in a few minutes, we caught our first fish of the trip. It came on the "screamer" lure, as my fishing partners dubbed it. Then it caught another and another - not every fish, but it got enough bites we tied on an Livingston Lure Voyager 15 Walleye model and put it on the other side of the boat. These lures, in the Purple Tiger and Wonder Bread colors, caught their share and more that first afternoon and for the next few days. The EBS

Walleye 136 stickbait in Fire Tiger deployed deep using divers and downriggers contributed to our limits each day, as well.

Livingston Lures feature VMC hooks, sturdy hardware, great paint and most important, even the deep diving Voyager 15 ran true at speeds over 3 mph. These are well made lures and I'm sure if all they did was rattle like other lures they'd still be very impressive lures with a solid performance. Does the electronic screams make them better?

There's no doubt the addition of some sort of "sound" makes a good lure better, whether that's a rattle, a spinner blade or something else. Why not a sound produced electronically?

The Livingston Lures guys say their EBS "screaming" baitfish sound attracts fish three times farther than rattles. The battery life is 300 hours. I'm sure I have some lures which have more than 300 hours on them, but not many, and if I lost one of those veterans, I'd happily purchase a replacement. I've already ordered some other "screaming" baits in different models and colors to use for salmon and trout.

My BS meter is back in the green. Available at retail outlets as well as online at <http://www.livingstonlures.com>

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(Editor's Note: This article was suppose to appear last month. Unfortunately it didn't!)



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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

March Fishing Brookville Lake

The month of March is that month where things start to change from the winter to the spring. The fish have been held up in that deep winter pattern for 3 or 4 months and are itching to get shallow and find some warmer water. Walleye for sure as they will want to spawn when the surface temperature in the lake reaches 46 degrees. This usually happens around the end of March with a normal Indiana spring. Keep in mind the lake will probably still be at winter pool.

A couple things to remember, your fishing licenses will expire on March 31st and your lake use permit expires at the end of the calendar year that you purchased it. You can purchase both of these at 52 Pik-up Convenience store and tackle located in Brookville at the south end of town on state road 52.

Your fishing tactic should be very deep or very shallow live bait and or artificial. If your fishing deep use a simple jig and hold method. When the fish are still deep they are still in that winter lethargic state where they are slow to react. The bait has to be just right there in they're face and easy to catch. A painted jig from an 1/8oz to a 1/4oz tipped with a bass minnow is a good choice. Just get it to the bottom and a slow lift and fall with a steady hold works the best. Another good choice is a blade bait. When using a blade bait don't tip the hooks with anything, as this will just hamper what the blade bait is designed to do, and that is to vibrate and fall. What this looks like to a fish is a dying bait fish. One thing you can try is to apply a scent attractant to the blade bait. Now this may or may not help, but if it gives you more confidence then do it. Really pay attention to your Fish finder. Fish finders made in this day and age are super clean and clear on picking up fish. If you see fish and you aren't getting bit start switching colors or vary how high you lift the bait or try not moving it at all, a lot of times your sweet spot is 3 inches off the bottom.

In the month of march though these fish could just as easily be in 3 foot of water. When looking

for fish shallow use jerk baits or swim baits. A jerk bait is a floating or suspending bait.

It's just a cast retrieve pause jerk pause retrieve jerk like that. When using a swim bait it's just a cast and steady retrieve. What you can do is count the bait down to a certain depth and then a steady retrieve. When doing any of this keep it slow. Even though the water is getting warmer the fish will still be pretty slow.

The only way to really find the warmer water is to put your boat in the area and look at your temperature gauge. Places to look are anywhere there is outside water coming in the lake from feeder creeks or rivers. This incoming water will always be warmer than the lake water in the spring. Another good spot is rocky shore lines. With the sun getting higher in the sky these rocky spots will absorb and hold the sun's heat. Remember keep moving as this type of fishing should really be called hunting not fishing.

Good Luck Tag

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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard
Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

The Lone Ranger and Other Radio Programs

On January 30, 1933, a new radio program began, entitled: The Lone Ranger. With the William Tell music and a holler "Hi ho Silver," a masked man on a white horse rode into our lives. Ant his faithful companion, Tonto.

When I was a kid in the 1940s, The Lone Ranger program came on shortly after my brothers and I got home from school. We listened to it and many other programs offered by WLS (World's Largest Store -meaning Sears Roebuck of Chicago). The descriptions were so vivid and the sound effects so realistic, it formed visions in our heads. It was like seeing a movie!

There were several other programs we listened to: Sky King, Red Skelton and his impersonation of Junior the mean little kid and his "I did it, I did it." Fibber McGee and Molly and their closet so full everything fell out whenever opened. The squeaky door of The Thin Man. The Great Gildersleeve, Lum and Abner, Baby Snooks - I remember them.

Terry and the Pirates was so scary to me that I went outdoors to avoid hearing it. Even in winter I put on my coat and went out. I think it had tortures and shootings and killings - I didn't stick around to hear it after the first time scared me.

I think it was Red Skelton who was on at bedtime. I remember that we were all in bed and when Skelton was over at 9 p.m., Mom said "Turn off the radio and go to sleep. You have school tomorrow."

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Like most dedicated treasure hunters, Troy McCormick does a lot of research trying to find prospective sites to use his metal detector. Besides surfing the internet, perusing old newspapers, and talking to elderly folks about their memories, he drives back roads looking for possible foundations, ruins, or other indications of abandoned houses. He also stumbles across these locations while deer hunting.

Last fall, McCormick was slowly cruising the county roads of southern Indiana, watching for deer in the fields. Since the leaves were mostly off the trees, he was able to spot an old ruin. On closer observation, the remains of a two-story brick home, with matching chimneys on either end, came into view. Despite being about a quarter mile off the road, and covered in brush and vines, the structure was impressive.

Next came more research. McCormick had to find who owned the property so he could get permission to search it. After locating the owner from a current plat map, he received permission to detect the area, including the 50 plus acres surrounding it. He was told the house was built in 1812 with handmade bricks which were made right on the property. The house had been lived in from the time it was built until the 1960's. This meant there should be lots of lost items to find.

McCormick loaded up his Minelab CTX 3030, his Minelab Pro Find 35 pinpointer, and his digging tools and headed for what he hoped would be a great hunt. He started detecting around the old house site. When asked what centuries old items he found there, he replied, "I was really disappointed at first. I was finding very few targets in the old yard. It was almost like another detectorist beat me to it."

He moved away from the main house to a fallen down outbuilding. While searching in the rubble, McCormick found a bunch of porcelain dishes and stoneware jars dating back to the mid 1800's. He then moved to the remains of an old spring house and began swinging his CTX 3030 around it. Moving further into the surrounding woods, he discovered an old cellar hole from a lost log cabin which pre-dated the brick house. He began hearing multiple targets there. He



Assorted buttons found by Troy in southern Indiana. (Author Photo)



Troy McCormick searching near old house site. (Author Photo)

spent the next two days digging pewter spoons and forks, dozens of flat buttons, a wick turner from an oil lamp, an axe head, and other assorted artifacts.

When reminiscing about how he got started metal detecting, he said he acquired his first machine when he was 13. It was a brand popular back in the early 70's, and one he was able to afford at the time. He said he used it a lot in high school and college, then put it away. When asked why he quit detecting, he related, "I just got busy with family and career, and my hobby just got put on hold."

He put his machine in the closet and it

stayed there for several decades. A couple years ago, McCormick began noticing many of his friends and hunting buddies had detectors and he decided to return to the fun of the hunt. When asked why he chose a Minelab detector to resume the hobby, he responded, "I told myself when I got back into it, I wanted the best detector out there, and in my mind, that was the Minelab CTX 3030. If you're going to do something, then, do it right!" He said he wanted a quality detector with great discrimination, something that was waterproof, and a machine that could hit the deeper targets when needed, and that was the Minelab.

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Half dime and Spanish reale found metal detecting around old house site.



Old time pottery found in shed behind house. (Author Photo)



Minelab CTX 3030 metal detector with Spanish reale coin. (Author Photo)

While finding a lot of assorted “treasure” around the old site, McCormick felt there should be more there, so he kept searching. He slowly covered the ground with his CTX 3030 and finally heard a signal which indicated a coin. Careful digging brought his first coin to the surface. It was an 1856 seated lib-

erty half dime. More swinging brought another coin signal indicating a silver coin. After removing some of the dirt, his Pro Find 35 pinpoint-er gave a loud continuous signal indicating a non-ferrous target. Another coin came out. He rubbed most of the dirt off, but didn’t recognize the face on the object. Turning it over, he discovered a royal crown and shield. He yelled, “A Spanish real!” (Also spelled “reale”.) Actually, he was half right. It was an 1805 Spanish 1/2 real.

McCormick continued searching the old site for several days. His finds kept accumulating. Dozens of flat buttons dating through the 1700’s and 1800’s made of various materials were discovered by his Minelab detector. He also uncovered an 1834 congressional campaign button. The winter weather didn’t slow him down. One morning it was 17 degrees outside and the ground was

frozen down about two inches. McCormick switched to a smaller coil on his CTX 3030 to better locate the good finds in areas filled with iron and trash. It worked. Out of the ground came a 1740 pewter rat-tail spoon, a 19th century metal spoon, two Civil War era buttons, more silver buttons, and three nice buckles.

McCormick wasn’t done with this property. Like most detectorists, he knew there was probably more lost items to be found. He returned again to what he now calls his “Spanish Silver” site. Snow was on the ground, but the Minelab machine didn’t care. It gave off a good signal and out came another unknown coin. After researching the find, he had discovered a copper, 2 Kopeks coin from a couple centuries ago. While the date was worn off, this design was made at the Saint Petersburg Mint of Goznak, Russia, sometime between 1801 and 1825.

When asked if the Minelab CTX 3030 was the only detector he had, McCormick admitted, “The 3030 is always my go-to machine, but I also have other Minelabs including the Equinox 800, and the GPZ 7000 which is used for finding gold. I plan on going out west and searching for gold nuggets with the 7000.”

Spanish silver. A Russian coin. Civil War era artifacts. All found in one area in Southern Indiana. What else might be discovered at this site before the search is over?


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We Are Looking for Metal Detecting Sites by Rich Creason

My wife, Susie, and I have been metal detecting together for over 40 years. We are always looking for new areas to search. If any of you readers have an older house, more than 80 years old, we would like to get permission to detect your yard for coins, buttons, relics, etc. We also are looking for farm fields which used to have a house site, cabin, school, church, etc. on the property where we can search when the crops are off. If you are interested, we would be glad to teach you how to use one of our detectors on your property while we are there.

We also search for lost rings if you know the general area where they were lost. Please reply if we can have permission to metal detect on your land. Thanks, Rich.


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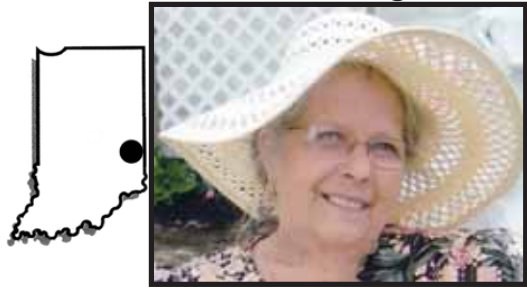
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Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder
Fayette County Historical Museum

Firsts and Foremost

I am writing this in February, which is Black History Month. You will see it in March, which means March Madness and Women's History Month will be in full swing. I thought it might be fun to do an article that combines a little of all.

First of all, allow me to introduce you to Sanford Castleman. He was born into slavery in Gallatin County, Kentucky, on April 2, 1850 to Henry and Jane (Dean) Castleman. At the age of 15, he joined the Union Army and received an honorable discharge. The Freedmen's Bureau records show that he and a number of other freed slaves were "run out of Gallatin County" on August 15, 1866.

There are few records of his life until September 27, 1877, when he was married to Eliza Jane Berkshire in Covington, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Abraham and Roxie (Nee Lone) Berkshire.

He and his family moved to Connersville, Indiana, in 1885. At least two of his brothers, Louis and Daniel, came to Indiana. Daniel lived in Connersville, and Louis settled in Rising Sun.

Sanford and Eliza settled into a happy life in Indiana. They were very active in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church where Sanford acted as a trustee for many years. He farmed, and she raised their family.

In March of 1894, the local paper announced that the Castlemans had added a ten pound baby boy to their family. Thus began the story of Everett Castleman.

Tragedy struck the family in 1901. Sanford was taken ill and died after a short illness, leaving Eliza to provide for their five children and her aged mother. She became a domestic in the home of local industrialist J. T. Wilkin whose family lived at the corner of 9th and Grand in Connersville. She remained active in the good works of Mt. Zion Church.

By 1910, all of the children had left home, except Everett and his brother, John, who was older and had finished high school. Everett, nicknamed Bunny, was a student. In 1911, the brothers suffered another loss. Eliza was taken ill at the Wilkin home and died a few days

later. Her mother followed a few years later at the age of eighty eight.

Bunny continued his studies, but there was more to his story. In the early spring of 1910, he became the first Black high school basketball team member at Connersville Senior High. It is believed that Connersville had the very first integrated high school team in the state.

The first game in which "Bunny" played was against Richmond, and it was feared that Richmond would launch a protest due to his being "colored", but cooler heads prevailed, and the game proceeded. Richmond was favored 3 to 1, and they did win, but only by two points.

Castleman played the rest of the basketball season and continued to be part of the basketball team until his graduation in 1914.

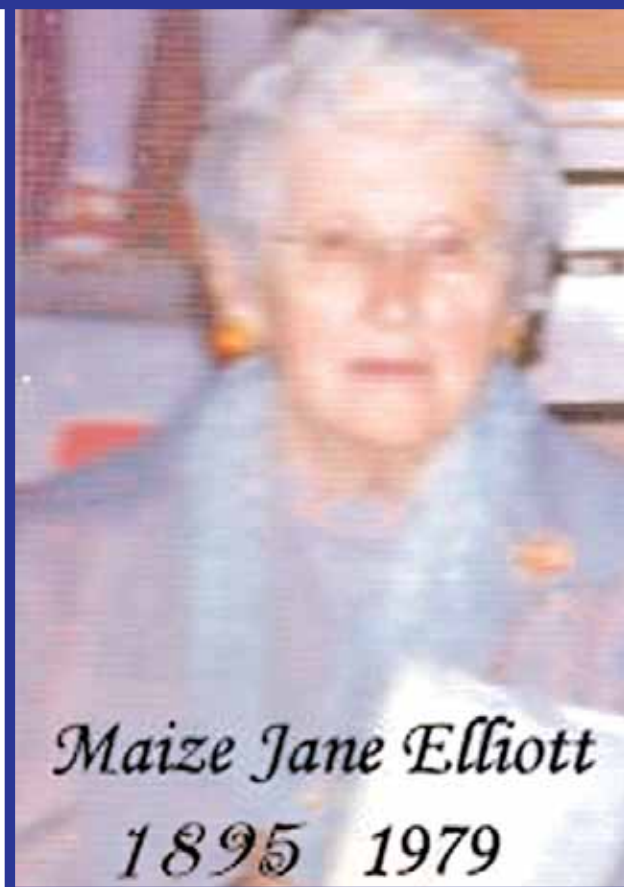
When the 1910 baseball season began, Bunny was part of the team. He excelled as a pitcher, and continued to play baseball throughout high school and long after. Many towns, including Connersville, had industrial leagues where workers of different factories played against each other. While in high school, he was the obvious choice for discus on the track team.

Castleman and his wife moved to Rushville in 1924, and he continued to play in men's baseball there. He died in 1966.

On the subject of Connersville basketball, it would be a mistake to overlook Phil Cox, a member of the 1972 team that won the state championship. He lettered three years at Connersville, graduated from IU, and was a coach at Kokomo at the time of his death in 2018 at the age of 64. Phil was an associate minister at Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church. He was Indiana's Mr. Basketball 1972 and was part of the Connersville High School State Basketball Championship Team in 1972.



SENIOR CLASS - CONNERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 1912
MAIZE ELLIOTT - FRONT ROW - FIFTH FROM LEFT



As Mr. Basketball he was a member of the Indiana All-Stars team in 1972. Phil was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009.

In the 1912 Connersville yearbook that contains the team photos of Everett "Bunny" Castleman, there is a picture, naturally, of the 1912 Senior Class. In the front row, fifth from the left, sits Miss Maize Elliott. Miss Elliott was born in Fayette County in 1895. The comments about the members of the class say that her nickname was "Snookums" and that was innocent and known for blushing and having red cheeks.

After high school, Maize went on to receive

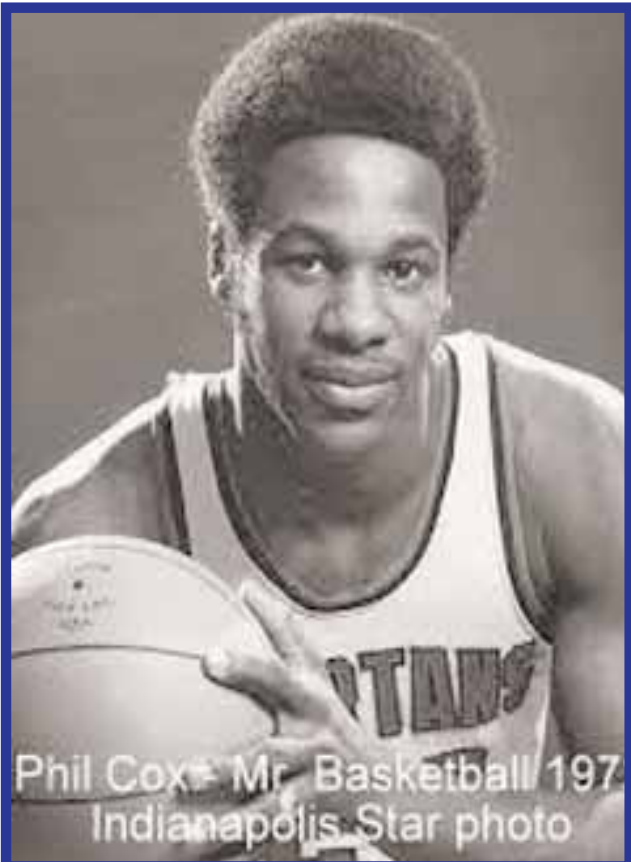
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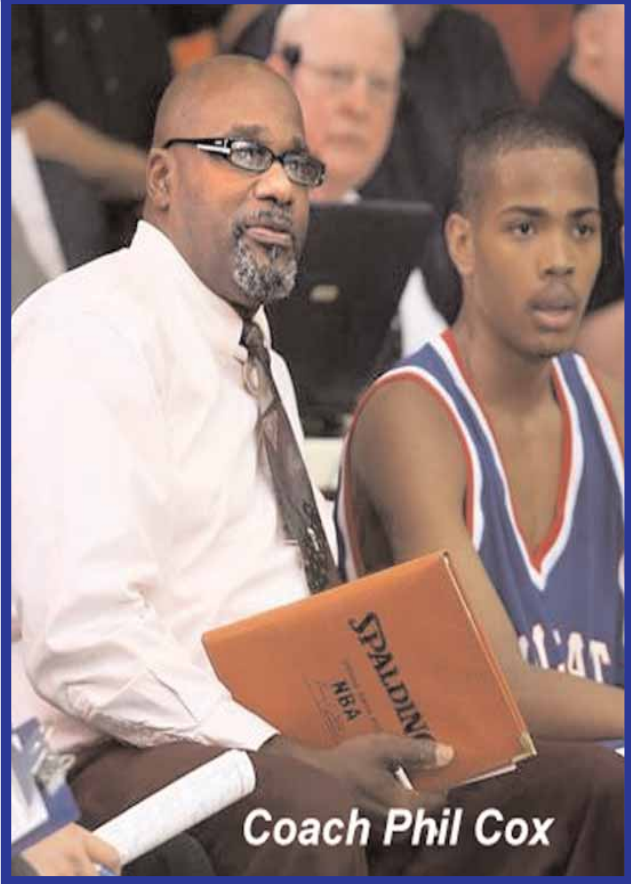


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Phil Cox - Mr. Basketball 1972
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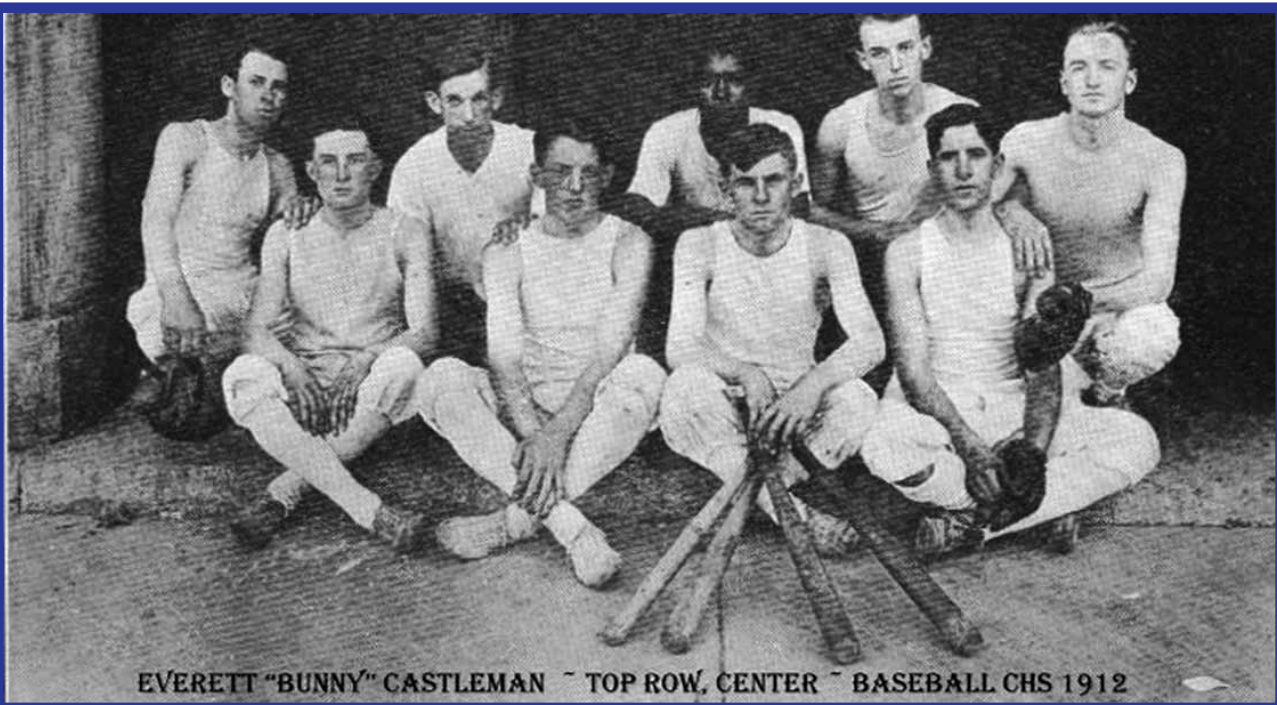


Coach Phil Cox

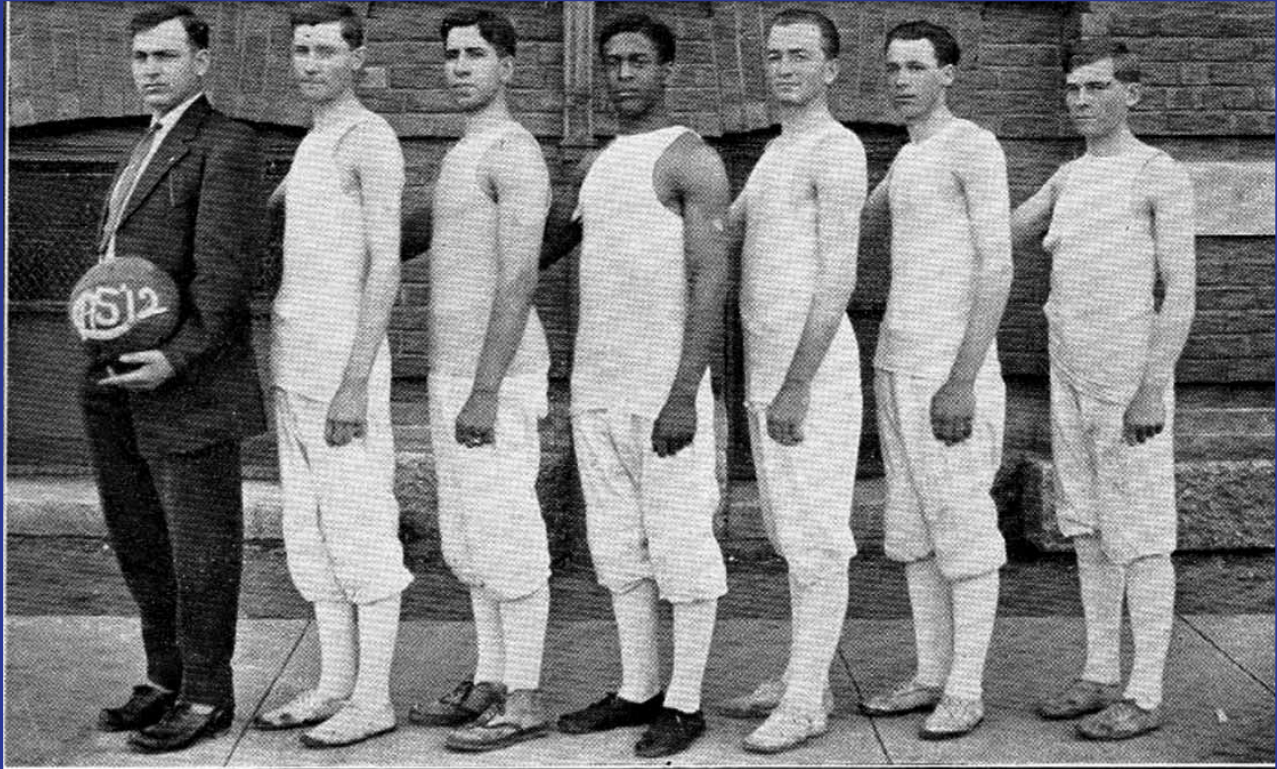
Top Photo: Phil Cox - Mr. Basketball 1972 (Indianapolis Star Photo). Bottom Photo: Coach Phil Cox.
a B.S. in education from Indiana State Normal College and a master's degree from Indiana State Teachers College. She came home and taught in Fayette County Schools until her retirement in 1946. In 1930, she became the first female county school superintendent in the state of Indiana, a position she held in Fayette County until 1942 when she returned to the classroom.

She passed away in 1979, having spent her entire life in the home where she was born.

Fayette County invites you to come visit and learn more about our colorful past and present. The museum is open 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays at 200 West 5th Street. Hope to see you soon!

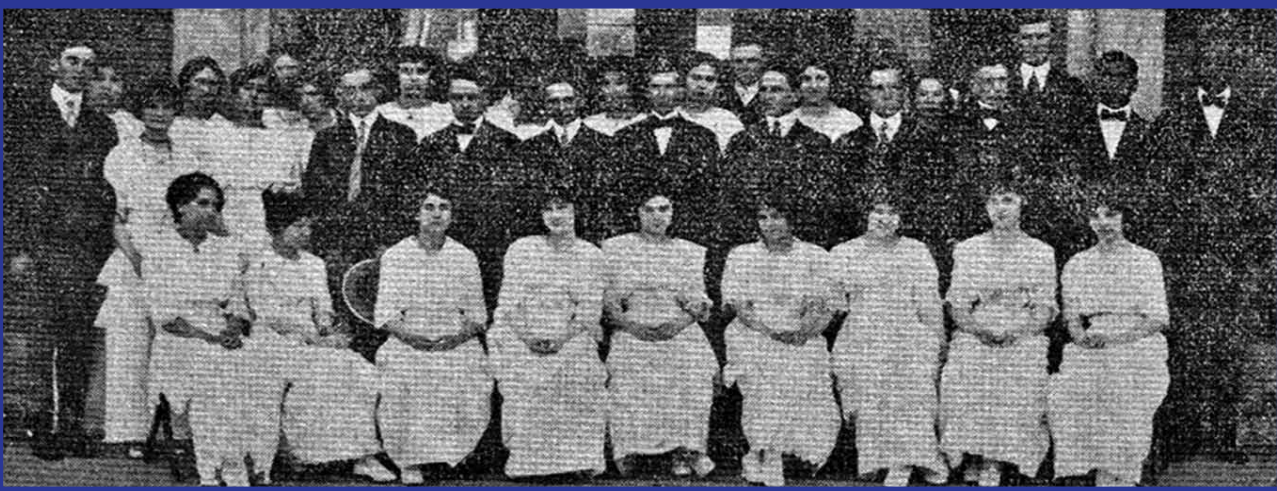


EVERETT "BUNNY" CASTLEMAN ~ TOP ROW, CENTER ~ BASEBALL CHS 1912



Connersville High School basketball team 1912
Everett "bunny" Castleman -center
There is no yearbook available for his first year on the team in 1910

Graduating Class of 1914 Connersville H.S.
Who Were Awarded Diplomas Last Evening



Left to Right - Back Row: Marie Utter, Florence Adams, Verna Preston, Nellie Clark, Hazel Banning, Cassia Anderson, Ruth Bailey, Marie Bray, Ima Bell, Russell Perkins, Gladys Crouse, Lulu Wiggins and Leo Pohlman.
Middle Row: James Carter, Irene Welch, Ruth Lenglade, Claude Weston, Fritz Henry, Francis Heeb, Russell Myers, Harold Tilson, Neff Ashworth, Russell Veatch, Everett Castleman and Claude Castleman.
Front Row: Serena Ostheimer, Jesse Eddy, Elizabeth Cain, Gertrude Baker, Zelma Ogle, Mabel Bilby, Dorothy Gray, Louise Schroeder and Jean Porter.
Two graduates, Donald Gray and Wilson Obrecht, were not present when the photograph was taken.



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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

FISHING WITH BROADWAY BILL

With the weather finally turning wintry I've spent the last few days sitting at the living room window watching sparrows trying to land on ice covered limbs only to skid over and hang swinging like pendulums in the breeze. The dog has refused to go out and I expect him to explode like a water balloon at any time. I can sympathize with any short legged critter that has to relieve itself on what must seem like an ice pack at the arctic circle, especially a pampered cocker spaniel who howls if the thermostat is set lower than 75 degrees.

Such musings bring back memories of living on a farm and those times when someone had left the privy door open in a blizzard. Needless to say, little time was spent loitering over the Sears and Roebuck catalog with ten inches of snow covering the throne. On really cold mornings, mom would warm up the kitchen with her cooking stove before us kids came down for breakfast. Since to her the dogs ranked a little higher than our hogs, they would be brought inside to lay in front of the stove, at least until we had left for school.

One morning as we choked down our oatmeal, the shepherd suddenly stood up in front of the stove and blessed us with a noxious emission that would have had every barn fly in the neighborhood heading for greener pastures. As us kids retreated gasping to another room, mom showed the dog the error of his ways by leaving him standing up to his nose in snow in the back yard. Such fond memories warm the heart and keep me from chewing the paper off the walls until the return of spring. There is another subject during the cold months that keeps me out of a straight jacket and brings a ray of hope to even the worst case of cabin fever.

Fishing, nothing chases the winter time blues faster than anticipating the harassment of the local aquatic critters with a variety of lures and baits. This was especially true in past years when my home town was surrounded by a number of abandoned stone quarries, most of which were pretty good fishing holes. One incident stands out to prove that fishing and fashion have a lot in common.

A friend and I decided to honor the occupants of one quarry with our presence, where we would invite as many as possible to dinner. Bill, who had just got off work, refused to change from his usual attire of sports shirt, slacks, and a pair of sparkling white bucks. We looked like a yacht salesman taking his retarded brother out for a day of angling. Dress code notwithstanding, I knew the day would turn ugly when on the way, a farmers stray bantam rooster failed to move fast enough and disappeared into my grill in an explosion of feathers. For fifteen minutes I grumbled and removed various chicken parts from the grill while Broadway Bill stood by. After all, chicken remains were difficult to remove from starched shirt cuffs. At the quarry we chose our spots and began beating the water into a froth. I expected to get immediate results from those fish who would show up to ogle the guy dressed like a butler, but after an hour we were still empty handed. Bill then decided to crawl out on a cliff face about ten feet above the water where he was sure the big ones were hanging out. I questioned the wisdom of such a move but at the time it seemed like the proper thing to do while wearing white bucks. He inched out on a ledge that wasn't

more than two inches wide and disappeared around an outcropping. I could see his bait hit the water as he cast and retrieved. Suddenly, he yelled that he had a big one on. Exclamations of "That is one big crappie" changed to "Whoops, Whoop, Whoop, YAAAAAH" as he started one of the best dressed swan dives I have ever seen. Looking like Liberace performing in Water Follies, he disappeared in a plume of water. I envisioned the headlines. "Fisherman Pulled Off Ledge By Giant Crappie. Legions of Fishermen Descend On Quarry."

Still grasping his pole, he swam to the bank as I asked him if he would like me to hold his billfold for the next performance. Crawling out, he reeled in the six inch long reason for making his tailor a happy man. Within two hours the white bucks were as stiff as if they had been bronze plated. I suggested that next time he wear a tie so that I would have something to help pull out of the water. For obvious reasons he wasn't in a joking mood. On the way home I made him ride in the back seat so no one would think I was hanging around with a yuppie version of The Creature From The Black Lagoon.

In another incident my brother and I decided to try our luck on White River using one of dad's old flat-bottom fishing scows. This thing was fifteen feet long, mad of a wood that weighed about as much as concrete, and was as streamlined as a Ford Falcon. We were strictly forbidden to use one of dad's motors, and with no oars we were reduced to propelling the thing with four foot long sections of 1 x 6's. Swallowing our pride we flogged into the river amongst the fine runabouts that cruised by from the boat club a half mile downstream.

Sweating profusely, we paddled to mid-stream, threw our concrete block anchor overboard and settled back to catcalls and humbling derision from the jet set. By mid-day, being thoroughly cooked from the sun, I decided to take a cooling dip in the sluggish sewer. Standing on the bow I assumed my best diving stance and launched into a one-and-half gainer with a double twist. Two feet below the surface my head jammed into the murky bottom as the rest of my body above water crumpled like an accordion, then wilted like a flower in a garbage dump. Standing up wearing a crown of slimy river bottom I climbed into the boat with as much dignity as I could muster and announced that the fishing trip was over.

As my brother howled hysterically, I vowed to never again believe stories about the giant catfish that inhabited the river. What self respecting fish would live in a place where its stomach dragged the bottom while its dorsal fin dried out from constant exposure to the air. Coupled with the prospect of being sucked into a propeller or some fool diving out of an old flat bottom fishing boat and smashing it into the mud would make life too interesting.

Maybe the Creator in all his wisdom, has a purpose for winter other than harassing sparrows and cocker spaniels. It gives fishermen a chance to reflect on past mistakes and instills in them a resolve to dress properly and check the water conditions, like they should. ■

Introducing New Column Beginning This Month

CENTERVILLE & RICHMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



by Pastor Ted Chalk

This is my first time writing a devotion for the Gad About. I'm thankful for the opportunity. I am the pastor at Centerville United Methodist and First United Methodist in Richmond, Indiana. For this first devotion I thought it might be good to begin with one of my favorite scripture passages, Micah 6:8

Micah 6:8 NRSV

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The prophet Micah is writing at a time when God's people were struggling. Hopelessness, violence, hatred and injustice were so prevalent. Micah is giving guidance and instruction. He (God) has told you, O mortal how to live. What does God ask of God's people? To do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

In our understanding of justice, we tend to understand it as correcting something that was done wrong, making things right. Micah is instructing God's people to do justice, in other words, to take the right action and make the right choices beforehand, so that the wrong does not need to be made right. To best overcome hopelessness, violence, hatred, and injustice requires seeking God's guidance before we act.

Micah then says we are to love kindness. We are not only to be kind, but we are to love kindness, to be passionate about it, and to let it be a guiding force in our lives. This is what it means when we love something or someone that it becomes the central focus of our lives.

Micah's last words in this verse are to walk humbly with God. Being humble means we are not so caught up in our own importance. A humble person is considerate and listens to and values others. To walk humbly with God means to listen to what God may be saying to us in how to live and how to act, as a part of living our everyday lives.

Come to think of it, Micah's instruction, which was written in the late 8th century BC, may be important words for us to hear today. ■

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Left to right - Jim Potter, Larry Snyder, Kevin Smith and Kenny Martin unloading fresh fruit and vegetables that was picked up in Indianapolis at the Gleaners Food Bank. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Centerville United Methodist Church Food Ministry Volunteers Unloading Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Another fresh load of food picked up at the Gleaners Food Bank in Indianapolis by members of the Centerville United Methodist Church being unloaded.

All the food gathered since their last monthly Food Ministry was given out on February 19th in the parking lot at the Centerville United Methodist Church.

Last month Kevin Smith wrote an indepth article about their Food Ministry with lots of photos and information on pages 20 & 21 of my February Gad-a-bout. You can see and read it on my website www.thegadabout.com

Since its inception the Monthly Food Ministry has been blessed with generous donations from many area businesses: United Way of Whitewater Valley, United Methodist Foundation, NATCO Community Empowerment Center, United States Postal Carriers, Harvest Land Co-op (now Co-Alliance), Land O'Lakes Co-op, REMC Operation Round-Up, the Centerville Academic Christian Preschool, Warm Glow Candle Company, Meijer Stores, and Oler Fence & Construction. However, the vast majority of our financial support comes from the members and friends of the Centerville United Methodist Church.

Our last Monthly Food Ministry was held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the parking lot of the Centerville United Methodist Church. Since the onset of the Corona virus pandemic, all food distributions are done outdoors as a drive-thru. All families in need



This photo was taken a week or two prior to the above photo. Here Sam Dickson at left and Kenny Martin at right are standing inside the Methodist Church kitchen waiting for David Angi who is standing at the other end of their make-shift unloading ramp getting ready to begin transferring can goods and other food stuffs into the church. I took this photo a week or two earlier than the photo above.

of food assistance are welcome to come by.

The Centerville United Methodist Church is located at 112 South Morton Avenue in Centerville, Indiana.

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Methodist Church Food Ministry volunteers who helped unload food from left to right: Sam Dickson, Jim Potter, Kenny Martin, Rick Armstrong, David Angi, Larry Snyder, Pat Bowers, Karen Dickson, Kevin Smith and Ray Dickerson. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

CENTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST FOOD MINISTRY EFFORT HAS FULL SUPPORT OF CHURCH MEMBERS

All Kevin Smith has to do is mention in church that their Food Ministry needs help unloading food items for their next food ministry in the church parking lot and he has more than enough help.

This past Sunday Kevin received help from a young Church member who presented him with a check for \$500.00 for the food ministry.

The young man was Memphis Lee, shown here at the right handing Kevin the check in church this past Sunday, February 13, 2022.

How this came about was when the Indianapolis Colts announced on October 25 a creation of the Colts High School Man of the Year award, presented by Methodist Sports Medicine, which would recognize an outstanding Indiana high school football player who exemplifies character, leadership and teamwork on and off the field.

School or team administrators across Indiana were invited to nominate one deserving junior or senior member of their current football team.

An internal selection panel evaluated all nominees based on their community service, academic accomplishments and football performance.

The top five finalists were announced in late November and recognized on Colts social media platforms.

The final High School Man of the Year was announced on December 13, 2021,

The Colts recognized the winner, Memphis Lee, a member of the Centerville High School Football team and Centerville United Methodist Church member too.

Memphis Lee’s gift of \$500.00 exemplifies the true spirit of this young man and further indicates his Christian motivation to help where help is needed.



Indianapolis Colts High School Man of the Year Recipient Memphis Lee at left handing Kevin Smith a check for a \$500.00 donation for the Centerville United Methodist Monthly Church Food Ministry. (Photo by Liz Smith)

Our Next Monthly Food Ministry:

Saturday, March 19,
2022
10:00 - 11:00 AM

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Centerville, Indiana Troop 16Left to Right - Front Row: Cameron Stiggleman, Andrew Laster, Andy Purcell, Eli Brummett and Aaron Shuman. Second Row: Matthew Laster, Nathaniel Sweigart, Samuel Paddock, Dakota Hayes and Scott Laster (Assistant Scout Master). Back Row: Kyson Wright, Gavin Stiggleman, Ian Stiggleman (Assistant Scout Master), Scout Master Mark Culbertson, Isaiah Hollingsworth, Gus Linde (Assistant Scout Master) and Jack Rider (Assistant Scout Master).



History of Troop 16 by Connie Gareiss

Founded: 1937; Joined by Troop 94 in 1991; Sponsored by Centerville United Methodist Church.

Numbers: 19 Active Members; 10 Active Adults. 56 Eagle Scouts from the beginning.

Service Projects: Landscaped Centerville High School sign and flagpole. Take care of and decorate the Christmas tree at Wilbur Wright Birthplace/Home last 2 years. Placing of Christmas in Centerville Luminaries for many many years. Clean up Summit Lake Park for National Good Turn for Nature last 2 years. Clean up at Randolph County Infirmary. Clean up at Wayne County Museum Clean up at Whitewater State Park Set up, serve, tear down and provide Honor Guard at the Wayne County Veterans Annual Dinner at the Kuhlman Center for at least 5 years. Annually do Scouting for Food, last year collected at least 1500 food items.

Annually put out the flags at Centerville and Goshen Cemeteries for Memorial Day. Provided Honor Guard at the Traveling Wall Annually help carrying book for the Centerville Public Library book sale.

Camps: The troop tries to camp once a month year round. They have camped at Scout Camps Ransburg, Kikthawenund, Bear Creek, and Redwing in Indiana, Woodland Trails in Ohio and Skymont and Pellissippi in Tennessee. They also camp at several state parks in Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, Tennessee including McCormick’s Creek, Summit Lake, Whitewater, Pokagon, Turkey Run, Shades, East Harbor and Hocking Hills. Other camping experiences include Peterloon in Cincinnati, the Hagerstown Airport and Old Trails Gun Club.

Trips: They have taken several trips for specific events and places. They traveled to Tennessee twice to see Rock City, Lookout Mountain, Clingmans Dome, to hike on the Appalachian Trail and to go whitewater rafting. They went to Alabama to see the Space Museum, Michigan to see USS Silversides and Ohio to see Lake Erie and Put-in-Bay.

Goals: Provide leadership training for boys at Patrol Leader Conferences and National Youth Leadership Training and for adults at Wood Badge Training. We want to give every boy from 11 to 18 the opportunity to take part in the best leadership and development training in the nation plus provide safe and fun activities for our young men.

Future Plans: Keep providing the best program available for young men. Encourage and provide the opportunity for all boys to become Eagle Scouts. Increase our interaction Cub Scout Pack 94 Plan a trip out west. They have also had a Robotics Team that competed with other teams around the state. They encourage boys to participate and earn The Nova Award which is a STEM program.

Scout Sunday: The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of

young people and adults to scouting. However, each chartered organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to **prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling** in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Oath: On my honor I will do my best. To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law: A Scout is: Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent

VISION STATEMENT: The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

AIM: The Scouting program has specific objectives, commonly referred to as the “Aims of Scouting.” They are **character development, leadership development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.** Leadership development is also one of Scoutings eight methods contributing to both good character and good citizenship. ■

Wayne County Veteran Services Office Has New Service Officer & Has New Hours

I was contacted by Wayne County Veteran Service Officer Ron Weadick that a new Veteran Services Officer had been hired to replace Pete McDaniel's position. The new Veteran Services Officer is Buddy D. Strunk, I interviewed him on February 16th at their office in the Wayne County Courthouse Annex. First and foremost they have new office hours. Their new hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Veteran's Officer Buddy Strunk served in the United States Air Force. He went in for 4 years, out for 5 years and back in again taking an early retirement in October of 1995 after his first wife passed away, he had two kids at home to take care of so it was best for him to retire. His retirement pay began in 1995 and was pro-rated by time served in the Air Force.

Buddy was born in Kentucky, raised in Richmond and lives in Greens Fork now.

His first four years in the Air Force he was a Security Policeman. The second time he went in he was in Aircraft Maintenance. He was stationed at Grissom Air Force Base for eleven years working on the KC-135's. From Grissom Air Force Base he went to Castle Air Force Base in California. From there he went to Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio till his retirement in 1995.

Now he lives in Greens Fork and he is the Town Board president among other things since 2005.

Of course now, he and Ron will be working a divided schedule that works for the both of them equally and is a lot more convenient for all of us Veterans who need to see them occasionally.

Ron Weadick and I have known one another for many, many years. Ron rides a beautiful blue motor-cycle and participates in Veteran activities state wide. A unique thing about his motor cycle is the sign he has on the rear of it. The sign has a bulldog on the left side and a U.S. Army insignia on the right. In between is a list of he and his family of Veterans.

Francis Weadick - WWII

Charles Weadick - WWII,

Ron Weadick - Vietnam,

Steve Weadick - Vietnam,

Ken Weadick - Desert Storm.

"God Bless All Veterans"



Wayne County Veteran Service Officers at left, Ron Weadick (U.S. Army) and at right, Buddy Strunk (U.S. Air Force). Buddy replaces Veteran's Officer Pete McDaniel (U.S. Marines) who was unable to return to his position due to a health issue. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

operations, and drainage installation. This closure is anticipated to continue through March 20.

Eastbound traffic will be detoured to New York Street throughout the duration of this closure. Access to downtown Indianapolis will be maintained via:

- I-70 westbound collector/distributor (C/D) ramp exit ramp to Michigan Street (13-ton declared vehicle weight restriction in effect)
- Pine Street entrance ramp to I-70 eastbound from Ohio Street, Michigan Street and New York Street.
- I-65 northbound/I-70 eastbound exit ramp to Washington Street (13-ton declared vehicle weight restriction in effect)
- I-65 northbound and southbound to Martin Luther King, Jr./West Street.

- I-65 southbound to Meridian Street.
- I-65 northbound to Meridian and Pennsylvania Streets.
- All existing ramps on I-70 west of the South Split.

Project information can be found at north-split.com.

INDOT encourages drivers to slow down, exercise caution and drive distraction-free through all work zones.

Stay informed

For up-to-date project information, visit north-split.com or text "NORTHSPLIT" to 468311. Follow the North Split project's progress on social media at:

- Facebook: [Facebook.com/NorthSplit](https://www.facebook.com/NorthSplit)

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**INDIANA INDOT - FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE NORTH SPLIT IN
INDIANAPOLIS OHIO STREET CLOSING
FEB 28 - MAR 20, 2022**

MARION COUNTY, Ind. – Starting tomorrow, weather permitting, Ohio Street will close under I-65 between College Avenue and New York Street to allow for structure demolition, pile driving



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SENATOR JEFF RAATZ DISTRICT 27

THE RAATZ ROUNDUP

Submitted for use on Feb. 25, 2022

**Helping the nursing shortage in Indiana
By State Sen. Jeff Raatz (R-Richmond)**

As we saw during the pandemic, Indiana's healthcare professionals, including our nurses, are an important part of our society. But even before the pandemic, Indiana was facing a nursing shortage. Indiana must work to address this shortage in order to make sure Hoosiers are able to have proper health care available to them.

House Enrolled Act 1003 was created and passed as an effort to relax state regulations and bolster Indiana's nursing workforce. This legislation would allow nursing programs that have a sufficient passage rate and have been in operation for at least five years to increase their enrollment by any rate they deem appropriate. Nursing programs that don't meet these criteria can still increase their enrollment by up to 100%, giving these programs more flexibility.

According to Ivy Tech Community College, in 2021, they were forced to turn away 300 qualified students who wanted to get into the program because the school was limited to 1,700 spots. By removing the requirement that more than half of a state educational institution's associate degree nursing program faculty be full-time employees, HEA 1003 would authorize associate degree nursing programs to hire more adjunct instructors. In addition, this legislation would give nursing programs the option to substitute clinical hours with simulation hours.

HEA 1003 also includes language that will continue Indiana's policy of allowing temporary licensure for recent retirees and recent graduates to help bolster our nursing workforce as we deal with these shortages.

Additionally, while HEA 1003 allows nursing programs to have a better ability to admit, teach and graduate nursing students, there is still a sufficient check and balance to ensure graduates have the skills needed to enter the nursing profession.

Nurses play a vital role in our health care system, and it is imperative we make sure that they are treated fairly and supported. I will continue looking for ways to support our nurses and having conversations with our community to improve this situation.

Having been amended in the Senate, HEA 1003 was concurred on in the House of Representatives and will now move to the governor for consideration.

As always, feel free to contact my office with your questions and concerns by email at Senator.Raatz@iga.in.gov or by phone at 317-233-0930.

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- Twitter: [@NorthSplit](https://twitter.com/NorthSplit)
- Instagram: [@IndyNorthSplit](https://www.instagram.com/IndyNorthSplit)

Indiana motorists can monitor road closures, road conditions, and traffic alerts any time throughout the state, here: <https://www.in.gov/indot/2420.htm>.

For details on the lane restrictions and closures associated with the current work, please visit [511 Cars](https://www.in.gov/indot/2420.htm) for more information.

INDIANA STATE POLICE-VERSAILLES POST IS CRACKING DOWN ON DANGEROUS, AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Starting tonight, the Versailles District of the Indiana State Police will be stepping up patrols to help curb dangerous and aggressive driving. The enforcement campaign will run from Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, through Monday, March 21, 2022.

The safety initiative is designed to reduce crashes and traffic fatalities and to promote safe driving around St. Patrick's Day and the NCAA Tournament. It also comes at a time when roadway deaths continue to climb across the state and nation.

In response, officers will be conducting high-visibility patrols over the next several weeks, showing zero tolerance for anyone driving aggressively, over the speed limit, or under the influence. The extra enforcement is funded through National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

Nationwide, traffic fatalities continued to rise at a record pace last year, according to newly released federal data. NHTSA projects that an estimated 31,720 people were killed on U.S. roadways in the first nine months of 2021, a 12% increase from the same period in 2020.

In Indiana, preliminary data from ICJI shows that 941 people died in fatal crashes last year. While that's up 5% from 2020, it's a 16% increase from pre-pandemic 2019 and represents the highest number of traffic fatalities since 2005.

Alcohol and drug impairment, distracted driving, speeding, and not wearing seat belts are some of the leading causes behind the rise in fatalities. "Last year, Indiana saw more traffic fatalities than we've seen in over a decade, and it doesn't appear to be improving," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "So far this year, fatal crashes in Indiana have claimed the lives of 2.5 people every day on average with over 100 lives lost already. It's going to take an all-hands-on-deck approach to turn this around."

Throughout the campaign, the Indiana State Police Department will be encouraging motorists to focus on safe driving and follow the rules of the road. This means wearing a seat belt at all times, driving sober, watching for pedestrians, driving distraction-free, and obeying all posted speed limits.

The Indiana State Police is urging those who consume alcohol to designate a sober driver ahead of time or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.

"We cannot and should not tolerate the continuing crisis on our roadways," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "Every driver and vehicle occupant has a responsibility when traveling. We need more people to take this seriously and to drive as their life depends on it – because it does."

Motorists are encouraged to call 911 if they encounter an impaired or unsafe driver on the road.

To learn more about the Indiana State Police, please visit: www.in.gov/isp or follow the Versailles District on Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) [@ISPVersailles](https://www.instagram.com/ISPVersailles).

RUSH COUNTY CRASH RESULTS IN DEATH OF GREENSBURG WOMAN

Rush County – A Greensburg woman was struck and killed this morning on State Road 3 south of Milroy in rural Rush County. The Rush County Sheriff's Department received 911 calls reporting a woman had been struck on SR3 near the Rush/Decatur County line shortly before 7:00 am.

The preliminary crash investigation by Master Troopers Mike Ooley and Tom Schwendenman revealed Colleen Bray, 21, of Greensburg, IN was traveling south on SR3 when her 2007 Chevrolet pickup left the roadway. The vehicle rolled over and came to rest along the west side of the roadway. Ms. Bray was able to escape the vehicle and for an unknown reason wandered from the scene and began to walk north on SR3. Evidence at the scene indicates she became incapacitated and was laying in the northbound lanes of SR3. Birdia Carter, 67, also of Greensburg, IN was traveling north on SR3 when her 2010 Chevrolet Traverse struck Ms. Bray as she lay in the roadway. Ms. Bray was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Rush County coroner.

Ms. Carter was transported to the Rush County Hospital, where she submitted to a chemical test as required by Indiana state law. There is no indication that drugs nor alcohol were a contributing factor in the crash.

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Due to the complexity of the crash, Indiana State Police detectives and CSI personnel were called to the scene to assist with the investigation. Once completed, the investigation will be forwarded to the Rush County Prosecutor's office for review.

The Indiana State Police was assisted at the scene by: ISP Versailles Post, Rush and Decatur County Sheriff's Departments, Anderson Township Fire/EMS, Rush County Coroner, and Davis Towing.

INDOT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CULTURAL RESOURCES OFFICE ARCHAEOLOGIST JOB POSTING

Good morning.

The Cultural Resources Office in the Environmental Services Division of the Indiana Department of Transportation has an opening for an Archaeologist at the Environmental Manager 2 level. This is a full-time, permanent position with benefits, and is located in Indianapolis, Indiana. Applicants should be familiar with Section 106 and NEPA as well as pertinent state and federal laws regarding archaeology. Experience in Midwestern archaeology, including fieldwork and laboratory methods and techniques, a high level of proficiency in ArcGIS and some knowledge of geophysics and use of related software is desirable. Pay is commensurate with education/experience. Applications must be received through the state job bank. Please see the link below for a full job description and details on how to apply.

<https://workforindiana.in.gov/job/Indianapolis-Environmental-Manager-Indianapolis-IN-46204/850931400/>

Please share with anyone who might be interested!

For any questions about the position, please contact Cultural Resources Office Manager Anuradha Kumar at 317-296-0799 or akumar@indot.in.gov.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION & ARCHAEOLOGY

For those who may have known Dr. Goodwin, an archaeology colleague:

Dr. R. Christopher "Chris" Goodwin passed away on February 18 at the age of 73.

Dr. Goodwin was a dedicated scholar and practitioner of anthropology and archaeology, having graduated from Tulane University (B.A. Honors 1971), Florida State University (M.S. 1973), and Arizona State University (Ph.D. 1979). One of the nation's leading experts in cultural resources management, he was passionate about preserving the past, making it relevant for today, and shaping a better future.

After serving as a Research Associate at the Yale Peabody Museum and a Research Fellow at the United States National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Goodwin established R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc. As its President and Chief Executive Officer for more than 40 years, he led hundreds of major cultural resource and archaeological investigations, including underwater projects along the Atlantic Coast, the Chesapeake Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, and in rivers ranging from Connecticut to the Mississippi,

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Smokin' on the Water - BBQ Festival By The Lake (Free Parking & Admission!)

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as well as land-based projects across regions including the Gulf Coast, the Mid Atlantic, the Great Plains, and the Northeast.

Over his distinguished career, Dr. Goodwin received numerous awards, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Preservation Honor Award, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Administrators Award of Excellence "in recognition of outstanding service to the nation," Louisiana's Professional Archaeologist of the Year Award, and Preservation Connecticut's 2020 Award of Merit for his work on Hurricane Sandy resiliency planning studies on land and offshore. He was a respected author of more than 500 monographs and technical reports, including his first monograph Villa Taino de Borqueron: The Excavation of an Early Taino Site in Puerto Rico, published in 1975. His scholarly articles were featured in American Anthropologist, American Scientist, American Antiquity, Florida Anthropologist, and Revista Interamericana.

Chris was a longtime resident of the D.C. metropolitan area and a lifetime lover of New Orleans, Louisiana, the city where he launched his career and that he considered his second home, for its cuisine and music as well as its people and culture. Chris leaves behind his wife of 43 years Cyd, his son Scott, his daughter Kristina and grandson Merlin. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He was a consummate storyteller, mentor, and friend. He will be sorely missed.

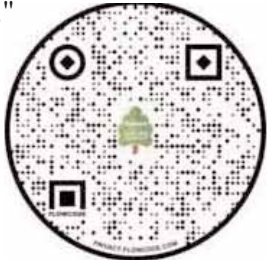
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NEW LOCATIONS AND PRIZES ADDED TO THE INDIANA STATE NATURE PASSPORT

The Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) launched the Indiana State Nature Passport last year. To date, over 17,000 travelers have signed up for the passport. There are 22 new locations to discover and additional prizes are now available for outdoor adventure-seekers.

"From State Parks to forests and lakes, the passport now includes 81 outdoor locations to explore," said Lt. Governor Crouch. "The more you visit, the more you earn." The free "digital passport" encourages visitors to discover new places and enjoy the outdoors. Participants sign up online for the passport and receive prizes for visiting multiple parks



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and properties across the state. Visitors need to check in from their smartphone at one of the designated passport locations.

Passport prizes

Participants can claim prizes with more visits:

- 10 check-ins, a pair of sunglasses
- 25 check-ins, a water bottle
- 40 check-ins, a hat
- 59 check-ins, a backpack

"If a person visits all 81 locations, they will receive a custom passport completion pin," Elaine Bedel, IDDC's Secretary, and CEO said. "Those who complete all 81 locations will also qualify for special grand prize giveaways throughout the year."

For more information go to VisitIndiana.com/Explore or scan the QR code. To follow on social media, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).

*The passport does not replace the entrance fee for a state property.

**All prizes are available while supplies last.

PUBLIC MEETING ON J.C. MURPHEY LAKE RENOVATIONS, MARCH 1

The Indiana DNR will host a public meeting to discuss upcoming renovations to be done on J.C. Murphey Lake at Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area on March 1.

The public meeting will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. CT at the Newton County Government Center in Morocco. DNR property management and fisheries staff will give a presentation providing details about the renovations and answer questions about the project.

The lake requires periodic renovations to maintain habitat for the maximum number of species and recreational opportunities. The renovation not only will provide habitat for rare and endangered species, but also will improve opportunities for waterfowl hunters, anglers, and wildlife viewing.

Lake renovations are expected to take until 2024 to complete, with the drawdown beginning this spring. Recreational opportunities will be affected while the lake is drawn down and maintenance is performed.

For more information about this event, visit <https://bit.ly/355BM2A>.

The Newton County Government Center is at 4117 S. 240 W., Morocco, IN 47963

To view more DNR news releases, please see

dnr.IN.gov.

SOUTH BEND WOMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN SNOW MOBILE ACCIDENT

South Bend woman seriously injured in snowmobile accident (LaPorte County)

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a snowmobile accident that occurred last night in the city of La Porte.

At approximately 9:45 p.m., LaPorte County Dispatch received a 911 call reference an accident in the 300 block of US Highway 6.

Initial investigation has revealed that Spencer Laskowski, 20, of Osceola, was operating a snowmobile with one passenger while attempting to cross US Highway 6 from private property. While crossing, the snowmobile collided with a passenger car being operated by Travis Bryan, 20, of La Porte. As a result of the collision, Laskowski and his passenger, Alysén Walls, 21 of South Bend, were ejected from the snowmobile.

Walls was airlifted to South Bend Memorial Hospital where she remains in critical condition with a serious head injury. Laskowski was treated at Northwest Health Hospital in Laporte for minor injuries.

None of the occupants on the snowmobile were wearing helmets or safety gear.

The accident is still under investigation and alcohol is considered a contributing factor.

Conservation Officers were assisted on scene by the Laporte County Sheriff's Department, Kingsford Heights Police Department, Laporte County EMS, and

Conservation Officers would like to remind everyone to always wear a helmet and protective riding gear when operating an off-road vehicle (ORV). For information on off-road vehicle laws and safe operating procedures, as well as the legality of operating off-road vehicles on public roadways, please visit <https://www.offroad-ed.com/in/handbook/> and <https://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4431.htm>.

THREE ARRESTED AFTER POACHING INCIDENT (NEWTON COUNTY)

Indiana Conservation Officers have arrested three Chicago men on multiple wildlife violations.

The arrests stem from an investigation that originated on the evening of Feb. 15, when conservation officers were contacted after witnesses reported shots coming from a vehicle illuminating

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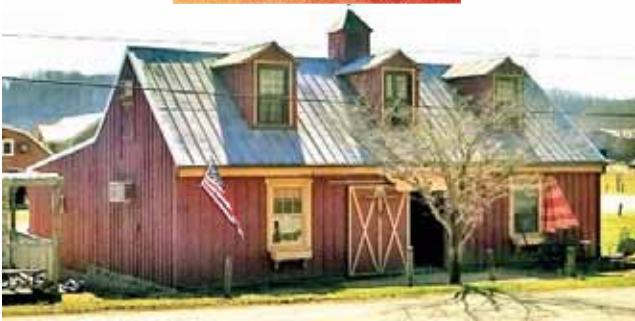
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a rural area with a spotlight.

Shortly after the call, a Newton County Sheriff's deputy observed a vehicle matching the suspected vehicle commit a traffic violation and conducted a traffic stop. While on the stop, the deputy observed blood on the vehicle's license plate and a freshly killed deer in the bed of the truck.

Conservation officers arrived on scene, and the investigation determined the three occupants, Perfecto Torres Fuentes, 35; Elvis Gandara, 43; and Julian Jasso, 33; were involved in the illegal taking of the deer. All three were arrested and booked into the Newton County Jail on multiple misdemeanor wildlife violations.

A shotgun, spotlight, the involved vehicle, and additional items were seized as evidence.

All suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Conservation Officers in both Indiana and Illinois have recently received multiple complaints of this type of activity near the Indiana-Illinois state line. If you see or suspect wildlife violations, call DNR Law Enforcement Central Dispatch at **812-837-9536** or **1-800-TIP-IDNR**.

STATE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR GOVERNOR'S CENTURY, HALF CENTURY BUSINESS AWARDS

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 17, 2022) – The state of Indiana is currently accepting nominations for the Governor's Century and Half Century Business Awards, which honor Hoosier businesses that have remained in operation for at least 100 or 50 years, respectively, and have demonstrated a commitment to serving the community.

Qualifying criteria are as follows:

- The business must have had continuous operations in Indiana for 100 or 50 years by Dec. 31, 2021.
- The business must have participated in the same line of work for the duration of its operations. If different, an explanation of the evolution into the current business must be provided on the nomination form.
- The business must have had its base in the state of Indiana since it was founded.
- The business must recognize, acknowledge and agree that it is in full compliance with the Indiana Secretary of State.
- The business must not have previously received a Century or Half Century award from the state of Indiana. Previous Half Century award recipients may qualify for a Century award.

Eligible companies are encouraged to complete the [online application](#) by April 1, 2022. Please visit the [Indiana Economic Development Corporation website](#) for additional details.

About IEDC

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, [@SecChambersIN](#), and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, [@GovHolcomb](#), the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and

entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit [iedc.in.gov](#).

MONROE LAKE, MARCH 2022: PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS! DIVISION OF STATE PARKS

Monroe Lake March 2022 E-Newsletter

- Land Stewardship for the Birds, February 19
- Winter Exploration Hikes
- Woodcock Watch, March 30
- Upcoming Virtual Programs
- Virtual Program Collection: View on demand!

Monroe Lake Website: [on.in.gov/monroelake](#)
Monroe Lake Program & Event Calendar: [bit.ly/monroelakecalendar](#)
Monroe Lake on Facebook: [facebook.com/monroelake](#)

Land Stewardship for the Birds: Volunteer Workday, February 19 (Fairfax SRA)

Winter is a great time to monitor and control woody plant populations in our hardwood forest ecosystems! Please join Monroe Lake, Sassafras Audubon, and the IU Ornithology Club as we learn about good land stewardship for birds with Ellen Jacquart from MC-IRIS (Monroe Country Identify and Reduce Invasive Species) and work on removing woody invasive species to improve on this popular birding location.

Please register by noon on February 18 at [bit.ly/landstewardshipforbirds](#).

While the workday will run from 1 to 4 p.m., volunteers do not need to be there for the entire 3 hours; please come and participate as you are able during the time period. Volunteers are encouraged to bring work gloves and tools for cutting vines and small stems. Event leaders will guide volunteers on identifying and removing the invasive plants. All ages are welcome with supervision of a responsible parent or guardian. Indiana DNR requires a completed volunteer form to participate in volunteer activities at their properties--forms will be available at the event.

Winter Exploration Hikes

Our Winter Exploration Hike Series features off-trail hiking through lesser-known areas of Monroe Lake. These are exploratory in nature so there is no "set" path; we'll have a general route in mind, but plenty of freedom to veer off as things of interest catch our eyes. Hikers should be prepared for the possibility of rugged terrain, lack of formal toilet facilities, and lots of fun! Recommended for ages 12 and up.

• **Winter Exploration Hike: Nebo Ridge (2hr), Tuesday, February 22 at 10 a.m.:** Sign up at [bit.ly/weh-feb22-2022](#) by February 20, free but limited to 20 people. ***FULL, follow registration link to add yourself to waiting list**

• **Winter Exploration Hike: Salt Creek SRA (2hr), Tuesday, March 8 at 10 a.m.:** Sign up at [bit.ly/weh-mar8-2022](#) by March 6, free but limited to 20 people. ***17 spots still open**

• **Winter Exploration Hike: Lucas Ridge (2hr), Tuesday, March 15 at 10 a.m.:** Sign up at [bit.ly/weh-mar15-2022](#) by March 13, free but

limited to 20 people. ***17 spots still open**

Woodcock Watch, March 30 (Fairfax SRA)

American woodcocks begin their search for a mate in early spring. As the sun goes down, we'll try to sneak a peek at the male courtship behavior. The combination of a distinct call and an aerial display make this an enjoyable bird to both watch and hear! Recommended for ages 8+; limited to 20 people. 1 hour

Registration required by March 28 at [bit.ly/woodcock2022](#) *16 spots still open
Upcoming Virtual Programs

• **LIVE PRESENTATION! Thursday, February 24 at 11:30 a.m., The Dormant Days:** Since some temperate woody plants live for many decades, or even centuries, they must have mechanisms in place which allow them to survive cold winters. Monroe Lake naturalist Jill Vance will explore how dormancy allows woody plants to survive unfavorable conditions. **The live stream will be hosted on this Facebook Event page.** (For those unable to watch live, a video recording will be available on the [Monroe Lake Facebook Videos tab](#), as soon as the live stream concludes.)

• **LIVE PRESENTATION! Thursday, March 31 at 11:30 a.m., Friendship Cemetery:** Monroe Lake Interpretive Naturalist, Jill Vance, will dive into the history of one of the historic cemeteries in the Salt Creek Valley, Friendship Cemetery. Jill has extensively researched this cemetery and her presentation will discuss not only its history but how she has pieced together a more complete list of burials than previously existed. She will also share stories and history about some of the people laid to rest at Friendship. **The live stream will be hosted on this Facebook Event page.** (For those unable to watch live, a video recording will be available on the [Monroe Lake Facebook Videos tab](#), as soon as the live stream concludes.)

Virtual Program Collection: View on demand!

NEWLY ADDED! Return of the Bald Eagle
NEWLY ADDED! A Conversation with Al Parker (audio only)

DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION & ARCHAEOLOGY

The DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is sponsoring the Historic Preservation Month photo contest again in 2022. The subject of entry photos must be in Indiana, be at least 50 years old, and be something that was designed/built by people. It can be a building that's been restored to perfection or one that needs some love. The idea is to show the value of historic preservation. Photos of exclusively natural elements are not eligible.

The photos should be JPEG files (less than 10MB). Each photo and the required entry form should be emailed to [aborland@dnr.IN.gov](#) as attachments. Photographers can submit up to three photos, but submit only one photo and entry form per respective email.

For the complete rules and guidelines and the required entry form, [visit our website](#). The contest deadline is Friday, April 1.

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Delphi, Indiana

VICTIMS:
ABIGAIL WILLIAMS
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Delphi Homicide Suspect



As We Approach the Five-Year Anniversary of the Abby and Libby Murder Investigation

Delphi, IN - On February 13, 2017, Abigail Williams and Liberty German went missing while walking on a trail near the Monon High Bridge in the town of Delphi, Indiana. On February 14, 2017, their bodies were discovered. The Carroll County Sheriff's Department assisted by the Indiana State Police, Delphi Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies continue to work diligently to bring this case to a close.

Law enforcement continues to utilize county, local, state, and federal resources to accomplish our goal. There is still a dedicated, multi-jurisdictional team working on this case every day, which includes two Carroll County detectives, two Indiana State Police detectives, and other law enforcement officers. We continue to actively investigate all tips and leads we receive by phone and email. This type of violent crime cannot and will not go unanswered.

Anyone with information about this crime is encouraged to contact law enforcement by utilizing the **TIP HOTLINE: abbyandlibbytip@cacoshrf.com or (765) 822-3535**. Provide as much information as you possibly can. For example, the name of the person of interest, their date of birth or approximate age, physical description, address, vehicle information, why they could be involved, and if they have a



connection to Delphi. Investigators would also like any individual that communicated with, met, or attempted to meet the anthony_shots profile to contact law enforcement utilizing the tip hotline listed above. Please provide as much information as you possibly can. For example, when you communicated with anthony_shots, how you communicated with the profile, what social media applications the account used, and if anthony_shots attempted to meet you

or obtain your address. If you have saved images or conversations with the anthony_shots profile, please attach them to your email.

Listed below are Statements from the Sheriff of Carroll County and the Superintendent of the Indiana State Police.

"We continue to diligently seek the justice so honorably owed to Abby, Libby, their respective families, and our dedicated, local community. To that end, I want to stress that the investigation is still quite active and is NOT a cold case. We also continue to encourage the submission of valid and valuable information which will help us to attain the goal of justice for our precious Abby and Libby. Thank you to all who have come alongside us in our ongoing efforts."

- Sheriff Tobe Leazenby
"Working diligently every day with our county, local, and federal partners, we continue to give our very best efforts to solve this case. Abby, Libby, their families, and the Delphi community deserve nothing less. We also continue to ask for tips to be submitted, because one day we will obtain that one piece of information we seek...the identity of the person responsible for this senseless crime."

- Superintendent Doug Carter
This is all the information that will be released at this time. ■



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Becoming an outdoors woman. (DNR Photo)

The annual Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop is April 29 to May 1 at Ross Camp in West Lafayette. The workshop is open to women ages 18 and older and limited to 85 participants.BOW

The program is designed for women to learn outdoor skills in a relaxed, low-pressure environment. Participants will choose four activities from more than two dozen offerings, including fishing, archery, geocaching, wilderness survival, natural gardening, wild edibles, wildlife tracking, shooting firearms, and outdoor cooking.

The workshop is for women who have never tried these activities, but have hoped for an opportunity to learn; who have tried them but are beginners hoping to improve; or who know how to do some of the activities, but would like to try new ones.

Women who enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded individuals and who seek time away to reconnect with nature are also prime candidates for BOW.

Registration, which opens March 1 and runs until there are 85 registrants, can be done online at Indianabow.com. The cost for the workshop is \$250 and includes all equipment, meals, and lodging.

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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION & ARCHAEOLOGY

Upcoming Program

March 14, 2022, 4 p.m. EDT

Join the Illinois State Archaeology Survey for the second annual Intersection of Indigenous Knowledge and Archaeology Lecture Series. This lecture will feature Chief Benjamin Barnes of the Shawnee Tribe.

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UPDATE: SOUTH BEND WOMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT (LAPORTE COUNTY)

The passenger, Allysen Walls, 21, of South Bend has died as the result of injuries she sustained in the accident.

Additional investigation has determined the accident occurred when the snowmobile struck a stationary vehicle on a private driveway and not in the actual roadway in the 300 block of US Highway 6.

The investigation is ongoing.

Release as of February 20, 2022, at 7:03 p.m.

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a snowmobile accident that occurred last night in the city of LaPorte.

At approximately 9:45 p.m., Laporte County Dispatch received a 911 call reference an accident in the 300 block of US Highway 6.

Initial investigation has revealed that Spencer Laskowski, 20, of Osceola, was operating a snowmobile with one passenger while attempting to cross US Highway 6 from private property. While crossing, the snowmobile collided with a passenger car being operated by Travis Bryan, 20, of Laporte. As a result of the collision, Laskowski and his passenger, Alysens Walls, 21 of South Bend, were ejected from the snowmobile.

Walls was airlifted to South Bend Memorial Hospital where she remains in critical condition with a serious head injury. Laskowski was treated at Northwest Health Hospital in Laporte for minor injuries.

None of the occupants on the snowmobile were wearing helmets or safety gear.

The accident is still under investigation and alcohol is considered a contributing factor.

Conservation Officers were assisted on scene by the Laporte County Sheriff's Department, Kingsford Heights Police Department, Laporte County EMS, and

Conservation Officers would like to remind everyone to always wear a helmet and protective riding gear when operating an off-road vehicle (ORV). For information on off-road vehicle laws and safe operating procedures, as well as the legality of operating off-road vehicles on public roadways, please visit <https://www.offroad-ed.com/in/handbook/> and <https://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4431.htm>.

UPDATE: SEARCH UNDERWAY AFTER MAN GOES MISSING IN LAKE MICHIGAN (PORTER COUNTY)

The missing person in Lake Michigan has been identified as Bryce Dunfee, 22, of Indianapolis. Dunfee was last seen wearing a gray shirt with black sleeves, khaki pants, and black shoes. Family has been notified, and the search is ongoing.

Release as of February 21, 2022, at 9:17 p.m.

A search is underway after a man went missing this afternoon in Lake Michigan.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. CST, responders were dispatched to West Beach at Indiana Dunes National Park reference a person in the water.

Once on scene, responders learned that five people had entered onto shelf ice along the shoreline when it began to crack. The group began to retreat to shore when one person fell into the water.

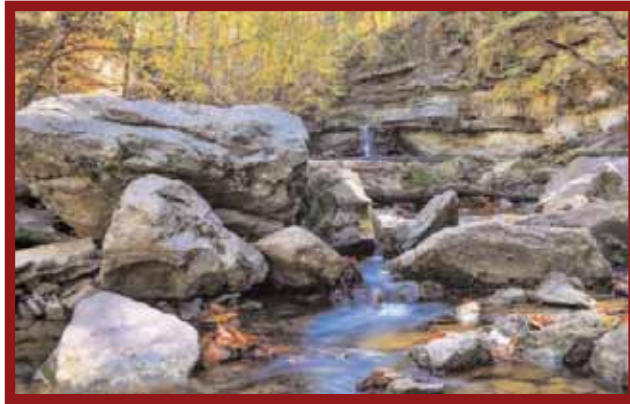
Members of the party attempted to reach their friend, but the large waves and unstable ice hin-

dered their efforts.

Indiana Conservation Officers along with Portage Fire department, Porter Fire department, Lake County Sheriff's Department, Ogden Dunes Fire department, Indiana Dunes National Park Rangers and United State Coast Guard all responded to the scene and are currently searching.

The identity of the missing person is being withheld pending family notification.

Indiana Conservation Officers urge the public to stay off shelf ice along Lake Michigan as it can be unpredictable and extremely dangerous.



McCormick's Creek State Park - DNR Photo

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New locations and prizes added to the Indiana State Nature Passport

The Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) launched the Indiana State Nature Passport last year. To date, more than 17,000 travelers have signed up for the passport. There are 22 new locations to discover, and additional prizes are now available for outdoor adventure-seekers.

The free "digital passport" encourages visitors to discover new places and enjoy the outdoors. Participants sign up online for the passport to receive prizes for visiting multiple parks and properties across the state. Visitors need to check in from their smartphone at one of the designated passport locations to be eligible.

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The DNR's 2022 Indiana Recreation Guide is the source for information on state parks, state forests, lakes, fish & wildlife areas, nature preserves, state park inns, and other DNR properties.

Soon, free printed copies of each will be available at local retail outlets, state parks, lakes and other DNR properties.



Free Fishing Days - DNR Photo

Mark your calendars for 2022 Free Fishing Days

This year's four free fishing days are May 1, June 4-5, and Sept. 24. Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout stamp to fish in public waters on these days. Free Fishing Days are a great opportunity to give fishing a try or share fishing with a friend or family member.



Donaldson Cave DNR Photo

Take a guided hike at Donaldson Cave Nature Preserve, April 23. The hike begins at Spring Mill Inn, from there we will walk through a high-quality dry-mesic upland forest with unique plants that thrive in thin, rocky soils. We will pass through a small, unique glade with a wonderful diversity of plants more associated with prairies than with the surrounding forest.

See more Indiana DNR releases beginning on Page 4 in my Roaming The Outdoor Releases. ■

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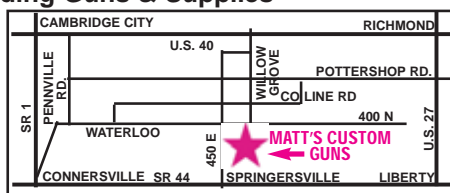
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POLICE CRACKING DOWN ON DANGEROUS, AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Motorists encouraged to drive sober during St. Patrick's Day and the NCAA Tournament

INDIANAPOLIS — Starting this week, more than 200 state and local law enforcement agencies will be stepping up patrols to help curb dangerous and aggressive driving. The enforcement campaign will run from Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, through Monday, March 21, 2022.

The safety initiative is designed to reduce crashes and traffic fatalities and to promote safe driving around St. Patrick's Day and the NCAA Tournament. It also comes at a time when roadway deaths continue to climb across the state and nation.

In response, officers will be conducting high-visibility patrols over the next several weeks, showing zero tolerance for anyone driving aggressively, over the speed limit or under the influence. The extra enforcement is funded through National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"Last year, Indiana saw more traffic fatalities than we've seen in over a decade, and it doesn't appear to be improving," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "So far this year, fatal crashes in Indiana have claimed the lives of 2.5 people every day on average with over 100 lives lost already. It's going to take an all-hands-on-deck approach to turn this around."

Nationwide, traffic fatalities continued to rise at a record pace last year, according to newly released federal data. NHTSA projects that an estimated 31,720 people were killed on U.S. roadways in the first nine months of 2021, a 12% increase from the same period in 2020.

In Indiana, preliminary data from ICJI shows that 941 people died in fatal crashes last year. While that's up 5% from 2020, it's a 16% increase from pre-pandemic 2019 and represents the highest number of traffic fatalities since 2005.

Alcohol and drug impairment, distracted driving, speeding and not wearing seat belts are some of the leading causes behind the rise in fatalities.

"We cannot and should not tolerate the continuing crisis on our roadways," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "Every driver and vehicle occupant has a responsibility when traveling. We need more people to take this seriously and to drive like their life depends on it — because it does."

Throughout the campaign, state and local officials will be encouraging motorists to focus on safe driving and follow the rules of the road. This means wearing a seat belt at all times, driving sober, watching for pedestrians, driving distraction-free and obeying all posted speed limits.

However, some precautions should be taken before getting behind the wheel. For plans that involve alcohol, designate a sober driver ahead of time or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.

Motorists are encouraged to call 911 if they encounter an impaired or unsafe driver on the road.

Visit www.cji.in.gov to learn more about the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

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About the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is the state planning agency for criminal justice, juvenile justice, traffic safety and victim services. ICJI is designated as the state administering agency for distribution of federal funds and as the state Statistical Analysis Center for research. ICJI is responsible for coordinating and collaborating with local, state and federal entities to identify, assess, plan, resource and evaluate new and emerging issues facing the criminal justice and public safety spectrum. Visit www.cji.in.gov to learn more about the agency.

(From: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.)



TROOPER PHIL COOLEY

TROOPER PHIL COOLEY PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

Indianapolis, IN - Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter recently announced the promotion of Trooper Philip Cooley to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Cooley will serve as a supervisor for a squad of troopers in the

Indianapolis District. He was selected for this position through a competitive process including a written test, oral interview and review of performance evaluation.

Sergeant Cooley is from Grapevine Texas and was a 1994 graduate of Grapevine High School. He continued his education at the University of Dallas where he also played baseball. In 2014 he graduated from the 73rd Indiana State Police Academy and was assigned to the Indianapolis District. Cooley transferred from a patrol position to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division in 2019 where he primarily focused on school bus safety.

Sergeant Cooley also serves as a Staff Sergeant in the Indiana National Guard and recently returned from active duty. He was deployed within the United States to the southwest border on a United States Border Patrol Assistance Mission for one year.

In his new position Sergeant Cooley will serve as a mentor and supervisor for a squad of troopers assigned to the Indianapolis District. Indiana State Police Indianapolis District Commander Lieutenant Josh Watson said, "Sergeant Cooley brings valuable experience to our district and we are fortunate to have him in a leadership role. He is a consummate professional when it comes to serving his community both as an Indiana State Trooper and a member of the Indiana National Guard."

Phil currently resides in Hamilton County with his wife and two teenage sons.

MILAN WOMAN KILLED IN DEARBORN COUNTY CRASH

On February 22, 2022, at approximately 8:30 pm, Troopers with the Indiana State Police-Versailles Post responded to a two-vehicle crash on US 50 in western Dearborn County that resulted in the death of a Ripley County, Indiana woman.

The initial investigation by Troopers with the Indiana State Police-Versailles Crash Reconstruction Team indicated that a 2003 Peterbilt truck pulling a trailer, being driven by Andrew R. Plowman, age 50, Berea, Kentucky exited a fuel station located on the south side of US 50 near Lake Dilldear Road onto westbound US 50. For an unknown reason, a 2015 Buick Regal being driven by Felicia V. Fraasman, age 31, Milan, Indiana, that was also traveling westbound on US 50, collided with the rear of Plowman's trailer.

As a result of the collision, Fraasman sustained fatal injuries. She was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Dearborn County Coroner's Office. Plowman was not injured in the crash.

The investigation by Indiana State Troopers is



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The Dearborn County Sheriff's Department, Dillsboro Fire Department, Dearborn County EMS, and Dearborn County Coroner's Office all assisted.

Felicia Fraasman's family has been notified.

**TWO NEW INVESTIGATORS
AT THE SELLERSBURG POST**

Sellersburg - Indiana State Police (ISP) Superintendent Doug Carter recently announced the re-assignment of two troopers assigned to the Sellersburg Post.



Detective Mike Bennett

Master Trooper Robert M. Bennett is now assigned as a Detective to the Sellersburg Post. Trooper Bennett is a 1994 graduate of Jasper High School and graduated with a Bachelor's in Criminology from Indiana State University in 1998. He was appointed as an Indiana State Trooper in 1999 when he graduated from the 57th ISP Recruit Academy.

First assigned to the Sellersburg Post, Trooper Bennett worked as a road trooper until 2012 when he was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Section as an Investigator. During his time with ISP, Trooper Bennett has also served as a district Marijuana Eradication Coordinator, as a member of the Tactical Intervention Platoon, and as an ISP Dive Team member.



Detective James Ferguson

Senior Trooper James Ferguson is now assigned to the Cybercrimes and Investigative Technologies Section and will serve as a Detective with the Internet Crimes against Children Unit. Detective Ferguson will serve the citizens of southern Indiana and will continue to work out of the Sellersburg Post.

Detective Ferguson is a 1993 graduate of Jeffersonville Highschool and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1994 until 1998 and the U.S. Army from 1998 to 2002. He is a graduate of the 68th ISP Recruit Academy and has served at the

Sellersburg Post since 2007.

Both officers were selected for their positions through a competitive process, including a written test, oral interview, and review of performance evaluations.

**DRIVER STOPPED FOR 104 MPH
ARRESTED FOR OWI**

Scottsburg - A Henryville man was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated and other charges after being stopped for driving 104 mph on I-65.

In the early morning hours Friday, Trooper Cameron Collins was sitting stationary on I-65 just north of the Scottsburg exit observing traffic. Shortly after 2 am, a southbound car approached at a high rate of speed. Trooper Collins "clocked" the vehicle, a red Ford Escape, at 104 mph in a 70-mph zone. After passing Trooper Collins, the car moved into the right-hand lane and tailgated a semi-truck dangerously close before taking the Scottsburg Exit.

Trooper Collins stopped the car on SR 56 in Scottsburg and identified the driver as Blake C. Provenza, 24, of Henryville, Indiana. After observing signs of possible impairment, Trooper Collins began an OWI investigation. After administering field sobriety tests, a preliminary breath test registered .18%, over twice the legal limit. The investigation also uncovered Blake Provenza was operating in violation of his driving conditions. Trooper Collins then transported Blake Provenza to Scott Memorial Hospital for an official blood draw.

Blake Provenza was transported to the Scott County Jail without further incident. Blake Provenza is preliminarily charged with Operating While Intoxicated, Operating While Intoxicated with Endangerment, Reckless Driving, and Violation of Driving Conditions.

**INDIANA STATE POLICE ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS FOR MUSEUM
COLLECTIONS MANAGER**

(Indianapolis, IN)-The Indiana State Police is accepting applications for the position of Museum Collections Manager. This position serves as a member of the Public Information Office who oversees the care and preservation of the historical collection of the Indiana State Police Museum located in Indianapolis.

Primary responsibilities include but are not limited to maintaining the long-term viability of the collection and keep a proper inventory of all collection pieces. Oversee the production of displays and provide information on the collection pieces for display and historical purposes. Interact with the public and train other agency members on the care of the collection and provide information of historical value for program presentation. Create and present programs on the history of the Indiana State Police.

A Bachelor's degree in Museum Studies, Public History, or relevant subject area is required. A Master's degree is preferred. A minimum of two-and-a-half years of experience in collections care and management work is also required.

Pay starts at \$37,778.00 per year but may be adjusted based on education, experience, and training. Benefits include medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement plans and accrued time off.

The deadline for applications is Friday March 11, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/indianasp>. Questions should be directed to Brandon P. Lowe, Personnel Officer for the Indiana State Police Human Resources Division at blowe@isp.in.gov or (317) 232-8238



Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church recognized Lt. Ronneal Williams (left) and Lt. Roosevelt Williams (right) for their Community involvement through programs offered to them by the church's Pastor, Wayne Moore.

**LOCAL CHURCH RECOGNIZES
TWO ISP LIEUTENANTS FOR THEIR
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

(Indianapolis, IN)-Two Indiana State Police Lieutenants were recognized recently by the Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church for their involvement in the local community through programs offered to them by the church's Pastor, Wayne Moore.

Over the last five years, ISP twin brothers and nearly 10 year veterans, Roosevelt and Ronneal Williams have worked with Pastor Moore in cultivating opportunities to develop positive relationships with the congregation and the neighboring community.

The Williams brothers appear on a Facebook Live program called "The Morning Fellowship" with Pastor Moore on the second Tuesday of each

month to educate listeners and viewers about the Indiana State Police, sworn and civilian career opportunities within the department and to seek more minorities interested in a career in law enforcement.

They hope to perpetuate their working relationship through programs involving the young members of the community.

Pastor Moore presented each of the Williams brothers a "Special Recognition Award" on this past Tuesday's The Morning Fellowship program. Lt. Ronneal Williams currently serves in the Recruiting Section of the ISP Human Resources Division and Lt. Roosevelt Williams currently serves in the ISP Field Support Services Division.

See Indiana State Police releases in my Roaming The Outdoors releases that begin on page 4 and also page 21 SpecialPolice Report. ■

Gad's Corner - Activity Page

Photos sent to The Gad-a-bout for Gad's Corner Activity Photos should have enough information as possible about the Activity Photo so the reader can enjoy reading about your experience, especially if it's your first time enjoying that activity and also tell who you were with (Dad, Grand Pa, Mom or someone else if applicable). I will not accept any photos for this page that include anything about alcohol, tobacco or gambling. Send a phone number in case I need to contact you. Send regular size, i.e. square and horizontal rectangular photos. Large vertical photos can only be used when I have enough space to use them. Send Photos to: **The Gad-a-bout, 105 E. South St., Centerville, IN 47330** or E-mail jpg photos to: raythegadabout@gmail.com Questions Call Cell Phone: 765-960-5767 (Leave message if no answer)

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June 1



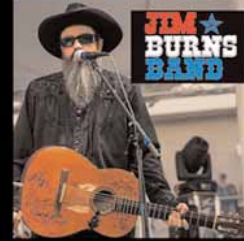
July 6



August 3



September 7



1st Wednesday of the month 6-8:30pm!

Announcing

LIBERTY 4th of July Festival

MIDWAY RIDES

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Saturday, JULY 2 open 4-11pm
Sunday, JULY 3 open Noon-5pm



Festival also includes:

- Vendors
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- Parade
- Freedom Run 7.5k
- Contests
- Food Vendors
- Car Show
- Beer Garden

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Everton Volunteer Fire Dept Bass Tournament

Brookville Lake * Fairfield Ramp * April 30, 2022

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 20, 2022**. 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". ***There shall be no trailering of fish during weigh-in***
- 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 20, 2022. 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 * April 30, 2022

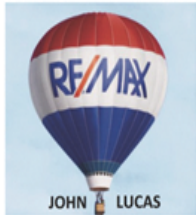
**** \$2500.00 First Place Guaranteed ****

*****Boat #1 starting position to be auctioned off morning of tournament*****

\$100.00 team entry fee includes big bass

<p><u>Check-in no later than</u> <u>6:15 at ramp</u> 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>Entries and fees must be received no later than April 20, 2022 Entries will be taken day of tournament but will be CASH ONLY</p>
<p>*New Entry Option* MUST EMAIL ENTRY AT SAME TIME PAYPAL PAYMENT IS MADE You will <u>not</u> be entered until both PayPal payment and email entry is received. <u>There is a \$3.50 PayPal convenience fee so the entry will be \$103.50</u> PayPal - @evertonvolunteerfire Email – lisaayers717@yahoo.com</p>		<p>Make checks/money orders payable to: <u>Everton Volunteer Fire Department</u> Mail Entries to: Chip Ayers * 504 S. Poplar St. Greensburg, IN * 47240 * 70% Pay Out - All proceeds will be donated to the Everton Volunteer FD</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.

Boater name _____ Partner's Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Cell # (____) _____ Cell # (____) _____

E-mail _____ E-mail _____

Insurance Co & Policy # _____

Boat (yr., make, model) _____

Motor (yr., make, model) _____

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Mail entry to Chip Ayers * 504 S. Poplar St. * Greensburg, IN * 47240 * Questions? Call 812-593-8915