

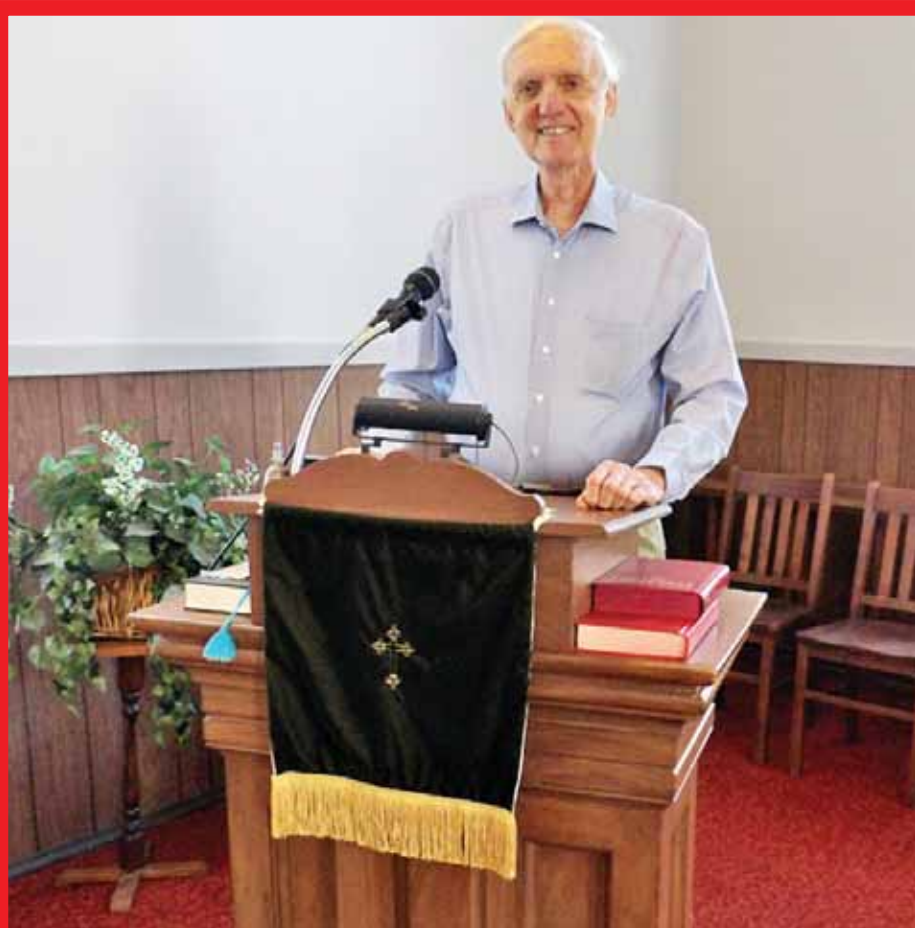


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# Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson  
The Gad-a-bout

**PASTOR MALCOLM B. GREENE**

Sherry and I visited the 4th Street Fair in Richmond, Indiana a few weeks ago. I don't know if I had ever attended it, but this year I noticed when I was reading the Western Wayne newspaper about the coming 4th Street Fair. It would be much larger this year and Sherry told me she wanted to go to it. So we visited it. It was big alright and very well attended. As we walked along 4th Street I took some photos, Sherry knew quite a few of the vendors and greeted many friends as we walked along. Reaching the southern most end of the booths we reversed and headed back north.

It was on our way back when I heard a voice I recognized coming from one of the booths. I stopped and lo' and behold I saw a very familiar face and recognized the accent I had heard many times before, it was Malcolm Greene. I snapped a quick photo before he was up and shaking my hand.

I think the very first time we ever met was when he volunteered to help us at Treaty Line Pioneer Village in Dunlapville at my re-enactment of the Life and Times of Miami Chief Little Turtle, William Wells and Frances Slocum from 1991 to 2001. Since that time we had only met occasionally by chance like this time at the 4th Street Fair. As we talked and reminsed about back when we first met at Frontier Days and just a few times since they moved to Richmond, what was he doing now?

He told us about his being the Pastor at the United Methodist Church at 211 West Main Street in Boston, Indiana. I told Malcolm we attended the United Methodist Church in Centerville and we would come to his church as soon as we could. Especially now that we know where and when to find him and his wife Carol.

On Sunday October 9th Sherry and I attended his



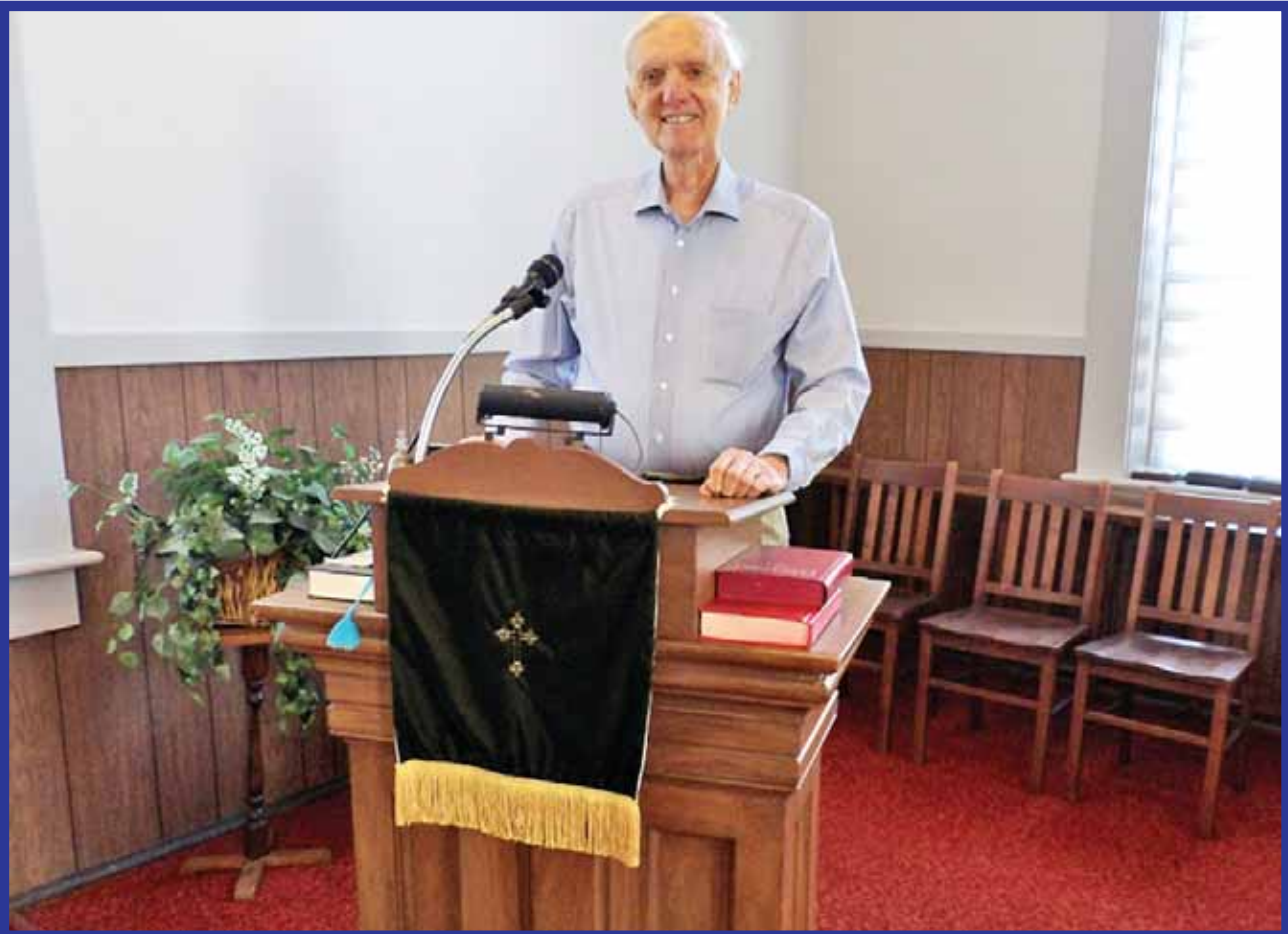
4th Street Fair booth - The Order Of Red Men booth Miami Tribe 633. Sitting Left to Right is Mathew Fisher, Fred Stoeckel and my good friend Pastor Malcolm B. Greene. In the past we could only meet Malcolm & Carol by chance every now and then, but now we can visit them more often at their Methodist Church in Boston, Indiana on a Sunday. (Author Photo)

Boston United Methodist Church in Boston, Indiana. I've driven past that church many times passing through Boston going into Ohio. We got there a bit early, his Church service begins at 10:30 a.m. so I left a bit early due to not knowing how long it would take from Centerville to get there. Malcolm's wife Carol, greeted us and introduced us to Church members as we entered the church.

We sat between Carol and Malcolm near the front talking and reminsing about former times as

we waited for the church service to begin. I was amazed to find that his service and ours in Centerville was very similar especially with the use of songs and scripture projected onto the wall instead of handling books and printed material.

We have since attended a second time, that's when I took this photo of Malcolm standing at his church podium. For more information you can call Malcolm at 765-259-1958.



Methodist Church Pastor Malcolm B. Greene standing at his pulpit in his church in Boston, Indiana. Sherry and I became acquainted with Malcolm when he volunteered to help us with Frontier Days at Treaty Line Pioneer Village back in the 1990's. He performed in the reenactment of the Life and Times of Miami Chief Little Turtle, William Wells and Frances Slocum I was putting on there. He was a very talented Minister back then and he also did very well at portraying a Native American Indian in the reenactment. We just recently learned about his being the Pastor at the Boston United Methodist Church when we talked to him at the Fourth Street Fair a couple weeks ago in Richmond, Indiana. His Church in Boston is located at 211 West Main Street. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. (Author Photo)

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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

## BOAT SCISSORS - DO YOU HAVE THEM?

Do you have a pair of scissors on your boat? Other than a couple of pairs of cheapo scissors supposedly made to cut braided line I never had “boat scissors.” Some of the braid cutter scissors did a terrific job of cutting braided line. Most were not much better than the traditional nail-clipper style line cutters. The clipper-style cutters are terrific when used with monofilament or fluorocarbon line but they’d gnaw through braid when needed. Even then, line clippers are basically, single task tools - perhaps dual task if you find yourself in need of an emergency manicure while fishing. The line scissors I’d use were basically single task tools as well, most of them were smaller than the small round-end scissors we were allowed to use at craft time when I was in kindergarten.

I don’t like single-task tools - especially on a boat. But when I saw the SPRO 9" Sportsman Scissors at the mid-summer ICAST show, it caught my eye. Not only are they top notch “braid cutters,” they are decidedly a multi-use tool.

So I got a 9" Sportsman Scissors to add to my fishing tool assortment and have been using them ever since. I was worried about the size - a nine-inch scissor is a rather robust tool, especially compared to a fingernail snipper. However, what I found is it’s easier to do “micro” jobs with a large scissor than to tackle a “macro” chore with a mini-set of clips or snips. I also found the large scissors solved one of the problems I had with the small, braid-only scissors. Where are they when you need them? Usually at the bottom of a drawer or in the back of my glove compartment. When I need these brutes, they are easy to spot - even when stored away.

A few of the details about the scissors: they are stainless steel, naturally; have a serrated edge (necessary to cut braid) and a non-slip, man-sized, rubberized grip. Inside the grip is what SPRO calls a nut (as in walnuts) and claw cracker (as in crab claws). I’ve not cracked any walnuts or crab legs with them, but I have grabbed the scissors several times to use the crab-cracker as pliers when I needed a better grip on a stubborn something. When the blades are opened fully, the two blades of the tool will pop apart allow-



A pair of scissors is a multi-tasking boat tool every fisherman needs to have. Author Photo

ing the fish-scaler and bottle opener to be used. Besides cutting braided line, I’ve used the scissors to open new blister-packed lures, trimming flies and other chores. They’ve proven to be multi-taskers.

One task I assign them on almost every trip is to bleed the fish I plan to keep and fillet. I think bleeding the fish enhances their flavor and it definitely cuts down on the bloody mess at the cleaning station.

It’s simple with most trout and salmon, their gills are very fragile and it’s hard to avoid making them bleed. Walleyes, perch and several other species are harder to bleed purposely.

Most of the salmon on my boat go into a cooler as soon as they are unhooked after making them bleed. Walleye and perch go into a livewell so near the end

of the trip, I grab the Spro scissors. The sharp blades snip through the gills easily and the long handle gives extra leverage when making the cut.

There are some brands of fishing products that are recognized as being the highest quality. SPRO is one of those. From snaps and swivels to tackle storage to tools, if it’s a SPRO I know it’s well made and isn’t going to let me down. I’ve used these SPRO scissors for a couple of seasons now and I wish I’d had them sooner. If you don’t have a pair of scissors on board your boat, you need a pair and the SPRO nine-inches will do the multiple jobs you’ll find for them. To check out the SPRO scissors, go to [www.SPRO.com](http://www.SPRO.com).

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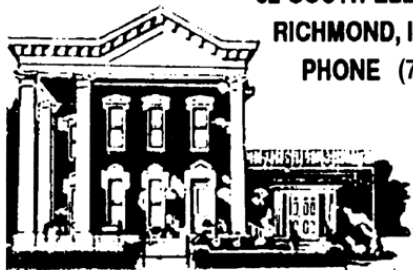
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# Misfires And Snags



by Dan Graves  
"Humorist Writer"

## YOU WANNA DO WHAT?

(Goin' bear huntin' when you know your powder's wet is like invitin' your mother-in-law over for a week. Either way, you're gonna end up being chewed on.)

A real outdoor person is one who truly appreciates nature and spends as much time as possible enjoying it. Sitting in quiet solitude at the edge of a farm pond with a ten dollar fishing pole in your hand and a two dollar dog lying by your side is indeed quality time. The sight of a good setter or pointer on hard point and the anticipation of trying to explain the reason for missing another clear shot to your hunting partner is sheer pleasure (I do it on purpose. Why hurt the poor little things?) However, there are some outdoor activities that rank quite high for blood pounding excitement while others seem like quilting bees. Some time ago I got involved in one that I thought would be comparable to a snoring contest and found out that you can't judge a rattlesnake by the smile on its face.

One evening a friend of mine asked if I would like to accompany him to one of the local creeks for a frog hunt. Now my idea of fun doesn't include wading around in a shallow mud bottomed creek at midnight carrying a miniature pitch fork and trying to stick it into a green, slime covered bug-eyed critter that spends its time sitting in cold water all night, sounding like a kid with the croup. Frog legs are a great delicacy, but if I have to collect my food and there's a choice between frog legs and chicken legs, I'll take a shotgun to the chicken coop every time. It's easier.

The only excuse I could think up on a moments notice was that my gall bladder had been acting up lately and I was planning to make an appointment to have it removed that afternoon. "No problem", he said. "Forget the appointment and we'll kill two birds with one stone (poor choice of words). We'll go frogging tonight and tomorrow, you show me where a gall bladder is located and I'll remove the thing." Since he apparently wasn't going to take no for an answer, I bought a gig, cut the handle off an old broom and attached the gig to one

end of it. Armed to the teeth to take on the wiley bull frog, I stood in front of a mirror and assessed the sight of the average frogger heading out to do battle with a worthy adversary. Ratty old sneakers, battered blue jean shorts, a t-shirt that I had planned to use as a car polishing rag, and a multi-pronged spear gave me the appearance of Lucifer after a bad Saturday night on the town.

"You better put on a pair of socks" my friend said. "Why?", I asked. "The water should be fairly warm this time of year."

"Leaches" he answered. "The socks might keep them off, at least for a little while."

"Whoa, whoa, Kemosabe", I snarled. "What's this with leaches? I'd rather pull a good sized water moccasin off my bum than a leach off my leg. A frog big enough to pull a hay wagon isn't worth a leach on the leg. Besides, I don't donate blood to the Red Cross, much less to a bunch of mindless vampires."

"Calm down" he said. Pulling out a large, black cigar he explained how he would use it to remove any that I should pick up. "Just great", I whined. "Not only will I have sucker marks all over me, you're going to add a few cigar burns to them." If I had been a runner I would have worn my heel to neck Spandex tights for protection.

Standing on the creek bank I shined my light into the dark, sluggish water, looking for what I knew was a two foot long leach just waiting for me. As I slid in I began whapping the water with the gig and started shouting "HYAA---HYAA". My partner ( he stopped being my friend an hour before) shouted "Whaddayou doing?" "Clearing a path through this leach farm" I replied. After he explained the effect such action had on frogs we started wading upstream, shining our lights on the bank and listening for the melodious, amorous call of the web footed amphibians. I recalled a time on another frog hunt years ago, where one man scanned the bank of a pond with a flashlight, while another served as the executioner, armed with a .32 caliber revolver. I was the bag man, responsible for retrieving the deceased in case the gunman got lucky and hit one. Surprisingly enough, we dined on a nice mess of frog legs that evening in camp, but I had a difficult time digesting a meal that kept trying to climb out of the skillet. It's true that frog legs will move around for some time after being separated from the rest of the carcass. I'm not used to eating game you have to chase around the plate.

Finally resigned to my fate I began looking for croakers in earnest when a question popped to mind. Do I try to get close enough to stick a frog while holding the spear or do I throw it? "Sneak in as close as you can and jab him" the frog man answered. Stealthily, we waded upstream, our flashlight beams showing nothing on the bank. Suddenly, a pair of sparkling eyes began moving across the surface towards us and was soon joined by two or three other pairs. Frogs? Naw, just snakes, explained the frog man. Two things happened simultaneously. I forgot all about leaches, and I broke the long standing record held by Him for walking on water. Standing on the bank I explained to

frog man that he was now on his own and that if I had any leaches on me, we would both be going to the hospital. Me to get my gall bladder removed and him to get a three pronged spear removed from his posterior.

Since that night I've enjoyed frog legs, but they've been served by someone named Pierre in three star restaurants. Expensive, but served without leaches or snakes. ■

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### MONROE LAKE

#### NOVEMBER 2022 E-NEWSLETTER

#### Elkinsville History Tour, Nov. 2 at 9:30 a.m. (Story, Indiana)

Join us for a combination driving and walking tour through the "town that was!" Elkinsville was once a center of commerce and community for a remote part of Brown County. That all changed with the construction of Monroe reservoir. Discover the history of this town, walk its former main street, and find out what happened to it after the lake went in. *2 hrs 30 min (including drive time). Cost is \$10 per person. Limited to 14 people; recommended for ages 14 and up. Sign up at [bit.ly/elkinsville-2022](http://bit.ly/elkinsville-2022) by noon on Oct. 30. \*7 spots open*

#### Owl Prowl Hike, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. (Fairfax SRA)

Join a naturalist for an evening walk through forest and field to learn about the species of owls found in southern Indiana, which habitats they prefer, and what they sound like... along the way, we'll attempt to call one of our local owls in close enough to hear or see it! 60 minutes. **Limited to 20 people. Sign up at [bit.ly/owlprowl-nov2022](http://bit.ly/owlprowl-nov2022) by noon on Nov. 3. \*12 spots open**

#### November Craft Workshops (Paynetown SRA)

Savannah, our seasonal naturalist, is sticking around for the month of November to showcase her skills as a former art teacher! Join her for one or more of these fun, seasonal craft workshops...

#### • Raffia Basket Workshop, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.:

Add a special touch to your autumn decorations with a handmade raffia basket! During this workshop, you'll construct a 5-inch basket out of this natural fiber and learn how to add a special touch with dyed raffia stitching. *90 minutes. Cost is \$10 per person. Limited to 10 people; recommended for ages 12 and up. Sign up at [bit.ly/raffia2022](http://bit.ly/raffia2022) by noon on Nov. 3. \*7 spots open*

#### • "Painting the Lake" Watercolor Workshop,

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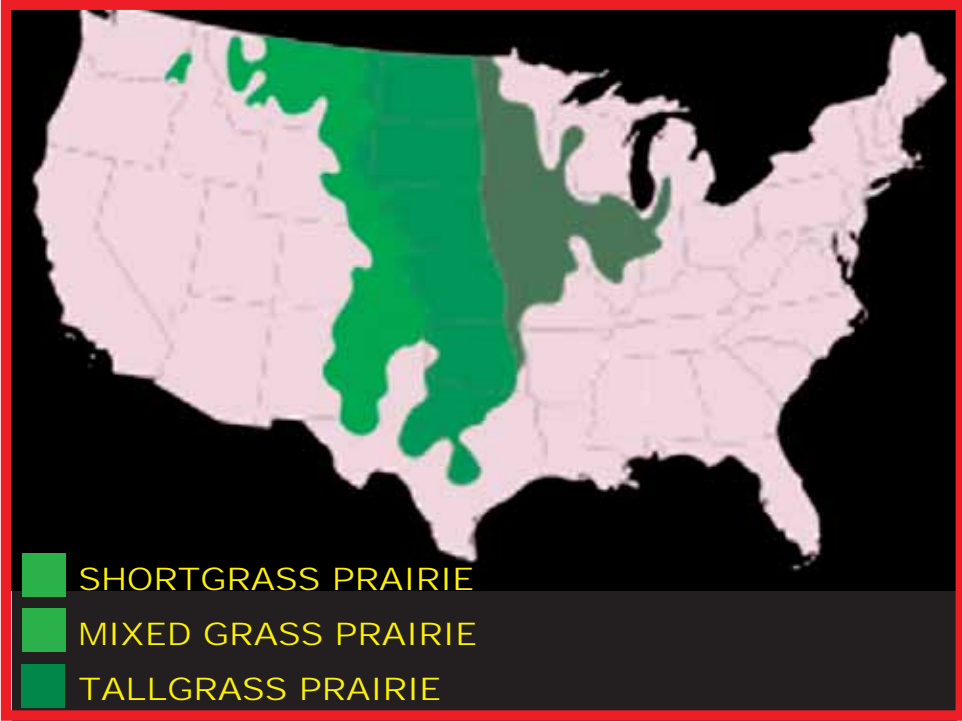
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Tallgrass prairie in relation to the Great Plains. (Wikipedia Photo)



Flowering big bluestem, a characteristic tallgrass prairie plant. (Wikipedia Photo)

## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### THE TALL GRASS PRAIRIE

Imagine hundreds of buffalo stampeding, elk grazing, wolves hunting their prey, eagles and hawks soaring through the sky, badgers digging up ground squirrels, and thousands of other predators, rodents, birds and insects living their daily lives. This is what you might see if you were dropped back in time 200 years into a tall grass prairie. But the most prominent feature you would see would be grass. Grass taller than a horse. Grass stretching for many thousands of acres. Grass interspersed with the beautiful flowers of forbs. Grass broken only by a few scattered trees.

The easternmost North American grassland was the tall grass prairie. At one time, fields of grass four to eight feet tall extended through most of Indiana and even into areas of Ohio and the southwest tip of Michigan.

On its eastern edge, the prairie and the forests fought a constant battle for dominance. Dry seasons favored the grasses, wet ones gave the trees a chance to advance.

Grasses were the most important part of the prairie, supplying 60 to 75% of the total plants. Most common were big and little bluestem, Indian grass and switch grass. These grasses and even the prairie itself owed their lives to their extensive root system. The deep taproot and the extensive root system formed almost solid masses underground, allowing the plant to utilize all available water. These roots anchored the grass to prevent a grazing animal from pulling the entire plant up. They held the soil and prevented serious erosion. Food was stored in the roots so the plant would quickly re-establish itself after a fire or severe winter. Dense mats of sod was formed by the intertwining of all these roots creating such a tough material that it was said several yoke of oxen were needed to pull a plow through the ground. The grass itself supplied food for the grazers and insects and rodents, and shelter for the ground nesting birds.

But grasses were not the only prairie plants. Early Hoosiers saw fields of beautiful flowers interspersed with the grasses. These broad-leaved non-woody perennials called forbs dotted the prairies with brilliant reds, yellow, purple, and orange blooms. Blooming time was staggered and colors were present from early spring until late fall. These forbs were basically wildflowers such as shooting star, liatris, coneflowers, indigo, milkweed, clover, goldenrod, sunflowers, asters and more. Some of these plants had

roots 20 feet deep and lived as long as 30 to 50 years. Few woody plants lived in the tall grass prairie for various reasons, one of which was fire. Fire was, and is, a necessary part of a prairie landscape. This fire could be started accidentally by a lightning strike during a severe storm or intentionally set by man. Either way, the prairie benefited. Fire killed off any woody shrubs or tree seedling trying to get a start. It controlled the thatch and the few annual weed seeds attempting to sprout. Fire left a layer of ash rich in nutrients for the grasses and forbs to utilize and burned and broke down the many piles of buffalo "chips" or dried dung. These piles smoldered for days, often re-igniting fires in patches not fully burned. It also created a lush new green growth that the grazing animals needed. Only the bur oak tree seemed able to establish itself on the edges, its thick bark protecting it from the heat and flames.

But as settlers moved westward, the prairie fell under the plow. Soil began to erode from being exposed to wind and water. Corn replaced the grass. Annual plants, shrubs, and trees invaded the prairie. The tall grass prairie in Indiana was basically gone. The animals and birds that lived in this grassland were gone too. Some moved westward, some died out forever, a few prairie animals adapted and still remain in Indiana. The mighty buffalo once roamed all over Indiana, as did the elk. Wolves, coyotes and eagles kept the deer mice and ground squirrels under control.

Today in Indiana, the buffalo are gone, the elk moved out before 1840, the wolves and coyotes and eagles moved to better hunting grounds. (The coyotes and eagles are return-

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ing with some help.) You will probably never see a wild badger or prairie dog in our state again. But, if you look in the right area, you might see a tiny remnant of Indiana prairie. It might be a natural remnant, probably in the northwest corner of the state. It could be recreated along our western interstates or highways in certain rest areas near Wolcott and Lebanon and Crawfordsville and other spots. You can even see a few square feet of planted prairie at the Indiana State Fairgrounds behind the natural resources building.

But short of taking a ride in a time machine, none of us will ever see Indiana as our ancestors did--from the back of a covered wagon being pulled through horse-high grass.

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the historic craft of needle-felting and make two needle-felted holiday ornaments out of wool fiber (each is about 2.5 inches in size). *60 to 90 minutes. Cost is \$10 per person. Limited to 12 people; recommended for ages 12 and up. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/ornamentworkshop-nov2022> by Nov. 21. \*10 spots open*

• **“Snowy Pinecone” Candle Holder Workshop, Nov. 27 at 2 p.m.:** Craft a beautiful seasonal decoration, as we transform a plain mason jar into a votive candle holder with a snow and pinecone theme! The naturalist will also introduce you to a few of the pinecone-producing trees that grow locally. *60 minutes. Cost is \$10 per person. Limited to 12 people; recommended for ages 12 and up. Sign up at [bit.ly/candle-nov2022](http://bit.ly/candle-nov2022) by Nov. 21. \*12 spots open*

**Fairfax Homestead Hike, Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. (Fairfax SRA)**

Did you that Fairfax SRA is named after an actual community that was located here before the reservoir was built? Learn about the history of the town of Fairfax, as we hike to the remnants of one of its homesteads. *60 to 90 minutes. Limited to 20 people; recommended for ages 14 and up. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/homesteadhike2022> by Nov. 16. \*18 spots open*

**3rd Annual Monroe Lake Holiday Hiking Challenge, Nov. 24-27**

We challenge you to forget about shopping and holiday stress... spend your time outside instead, exploring the beauty of the outdoors along our Monroe Lake trails! **The Holiday Hiking Challenge consists of hiking ALL of Monroe Lake’s trails and completing the challenge activities!** Each of our trails will have at least one challenge station where you will need to complete

the posted activity and take a photo to document it. Everyone who completes the challenge and submits their photo set by the deadline will be entered into the prize drawing! *For more information, go to the Event page at [bit.ly/2022-monroe-hike-challenge](http://bit.ly/2022-monroe-hike-challenge)*

### Upcoming Virtual Programs

• **Thursday, Oct. 20 at 11:30 a.m., The Haunted Forest:** Mysterious and creepy noises aren’t restricted to haunted houses... step into a virtual “haunted” forest with Monroe Lake’s interpretive naturalist, Jill Vance, and explore the not-so-scary animals behind some of the weirdest sounds you may hear outdoors! **Watch us live at [facebook.com/events/1468005940306447](https://facebook.com/events/1468005940306447)**

• **Thursday, Nov. 17 at 11:30 a.m., Take a Hike at Monroe Lake:** In honor of National “Take a Hike” Day, Jill Vance, Monroe Lake’s interpretive naturalist, will profile the three new trails opening soon at Fairfax SRA! Vance will use photos and video clips to highlight what you can see on each of the new trails and discuss how their names were chosen. She’ll also talk about an upcoming special event, the Holiday Hiking Challenge, where people hike all of Monroe Lake’s trails over a 4-day period, completing a variety of fun “challenges” along the way. **Watch us live at [facebook.com/events/1458943314515882](https://facebook.com/events/1458943314515882).**

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Dove: Nov. 1 – Nov. 27  
Pheasant (Cock only): Nov. 1 – Dec.15  
Rabbit: Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2023  
Raccoon, Opossum: Nov. 8 – Jan. 31, 2023  
Quail:  
– (north of Interstate 74): Nov. 1 – Dec. 15  
– (south of Interstate 74): Nov. 1 – Jan. 10, 2023  
Canada Geese:  
– North Zone: Nov. 19 – Feb. 12, 2023

– Central Zone: Open until Nov. 6, reopens Nov. 19 – Feb. 12, 2023

– South Zone: Nov. 5 – 20, Nov. 26 – Feb. 12, 2023

#### Ducks:

– North Zone: Open until Dec. 11

– Central Zone: Open until Nov. 6, reopens Nov. 19 – Jan. 8, 2023

– South Zone: Nov. 5 – 6, Nov. 26 – Jan. 22, 2023

#### Trapping

Beaver: Nov. 15 – March 15, 2023

Mink, Muskrat, Weasel: Nov. 15 – Jan. 31, 2023

Raccoon, Opossum: Nov. 8 – Jan. 31, 2023

River Otter: Nov. 15 – March 15, 2023

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Find more information about deer licenses, seasons, and regulations on our website. Remember, the resident youth consolidated hunt/trap license includes all deer hunting privileges. Always check your license for accuracy before your hunt.

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### COEXISTING WITH COYOTES

Indiana’s coyotes start to put on their winter fur this time of year. While this makes them look large and fluffy, they weigh in at less than your average sleepy beagle. Coyotes can be helpful to people by feasting on mice that invade homes in winter and voles that raid crops and stored feed. Most coyotes live near people, pets, and livestock, and never cause any problems.

People can help ensure problems remain few and far between in a few ways. Licensed hunters and trappers can help maintain healthy coyote populations through regulated harvest, and people can also take steps around their homes and live-

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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.

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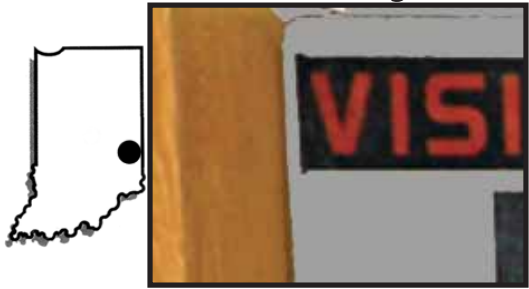
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# Whitewater Valley History



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## THE FAYETTE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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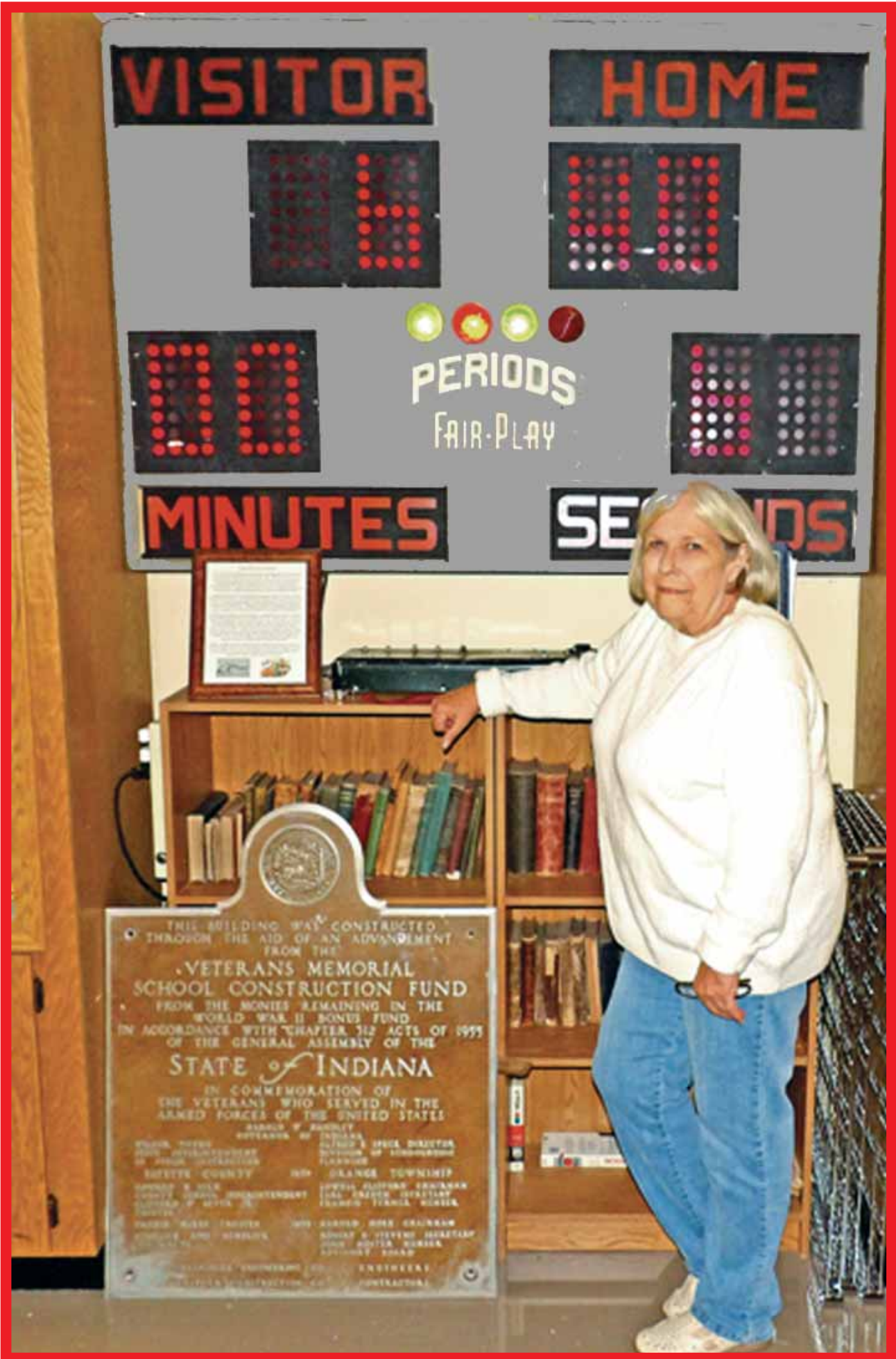
Most of our tours start in the car room. Fayette County had a wide variety of carriage and wagon builders. With the invention of motor vehicles, it became evident that manufacturing would need to change with the times. The McFarlan family led the way in the transition. In addition to automobiles and components, Connersville built almost half a million Jeep bodies during WWII, as well as airplane wings and munitions. We had women (Rosie the Riveters) who worked in many of the factories, changing the dynamics of Hoosier families while many of the men were away at war.

The Stant display features gas caps and hood ornaments produced in Connersville for many brands of cars.

The Kennedy bridge model is a replica of the one that spanned the river on east 5th Street. It had walkways for pedestrian traffic. There were several smaller, less elaborate Kennedy bridges throughout the county. The only one left was replaced in the 1970s and was moved from the Longwood area of Fayette County to Roberts Park. The burr arches inside the bridges gave them stability, allowing a clear span over the waterways.

Adjacent to the car room, the canal room has the instruments used to survey the route of the Whitewater Canal. There is a picture of Gayle Ford, captain of the Patriot, the first boat to reach Connersville. The bell in the room is from a canal boat and was owned by Finly Gray, Congressman and mayor of Connersville. After the canal was no longer used for transportation, it provided water power for Connersville industries. The Whitewater Valley Railroad is built on the tow-path the horses used to pull the boats

The conference room is an eclectic collection of local items. The hair wreath is made of human hair and was often a way for people to honor deceased family members. The newspaper in the case is one of the first printed in Connersville. The organ on the east wall came from Trinity Episcopal Church. It's a common pump organ, and the pipes are fake - just added for effect. The Krell Auto Grand Piano was made in the south end of Connersville. Krell started in Ohio, moved to



Fayette County Historian Donna Schroeder shown with the circa 1939 scoreboard which was saved when Orange School burned in 1958. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

New Castle and then came here. They made both regular and Auto Grand players. They made fancy ones like the one in the school area, as well as less expensive models. The communion set is from the old German Presbyterian Church on East 4th

Street. Due to structural issues, this church was razed some time ago, marking the end of the city's oldest church building.

The display on the north wall is mostly advertising items, many of which are no longer in exis-

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Sherry Dickerson, author's wife, checking out the beautiful interior of the 1937 Cord Beverly. This car has many innovative features, including front wheel drive, hidden headlights, and electric self starter.



1924 McFarlan, this car had the most powerul engine of any American made car of the time and a top running speed of 75 mph. It was the equivalent of a Rolls Royce with a selling price of \$9,000.00.



This 1935 Auburn was manufactured in Connersville, as were all the cars in the museum. It was ordered by and shipped to the American ambassador to Norway and spent its first thirty four years in Europe before being returned to North America.



U.S.S. Connersville was built during World War One and honored Fayette County due to having the highest per capita enlistment of servicemen of any county in the United States.

tence. The political items are national and Fayette County. Finly Gray was a U. S. Congressman and two term mayor of Connersville. He also lived in the Canal House, and he and his wife donated the family farm in memory of their only child to the Audubon Society The land is now known as the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary southwest of town.

The Fritz Conwell paintings are displayed in this room. Fritz was the son of an American acrobat and a Russian tapestry painter who met when his father was in Russia with the circus. Fritz painted the signs on the buildings downtown, as well as being an athlete. He was a very talented skater. His father wanted him to be a circus acrobat, and his mother wanted him to be an artist. His career combined the two.

In the kitchen, you will find cabinets made by American Kitchens in Connersville. The Philco refrigerator was made here, as well as the D & M dishwasher. The buffet is a product of one the city's many furniture manufacturers from the late 1800s.

The Native American artifacts were, for the most part, found in Fayette County and are examples of what they used for tools, grinding corn, hunting, and weapons.

The cabin is the approximate size that a typical pioneer family would have had. It's built of hewed barn beams, rather than logs. Most cabins had a loft for sleeping. The large bowls on the mantle were used to make bread dough. The fireplace was used for cooking and warmth. There are butter churns and a wheel used to spin yarn for weaving into clothing. Wool or locally grown flax provided the fiber for clothing. The Manlove cradle was made in the 1790s and brought here from the Carolinas with early settlers.

The country store represents the day when most of the items a family couldn't make were available for purchase in one location, much like today's department stores.

The cabinet in the hall has bottles that were manufactured here or contained local products. The medical case has medicine bottles, as well as

items used by doctors and dentists. There's a sign from the office of Dr. Uriah Tingley - Dr. U. B. Tingley.

The school room contains memorabilia from county schools of the past, as well as the former Bear Creek Boy Scout Camp.

The manufacturing area notes that H. H. Robertson made the frames for the windows that were in the Twin Towers. There are several examples of Roots blowers, including an early central vacuum system used in homes and businesses. The vibrating weight loss machine was made here.

The military area has uniforms from WWI and forward. The Red Cross display reminds us of the important role played by the organization in aiding the effort to care for wounded soldiers and other victims of disasters. There are many items from both world wars, including the story of the U.S.S. Connersville, named by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson to honor the county for having the largest per capita enrollment of any county in the country

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Much of the clothing worn by pioneers was made at home from flax or wool. The museum also has examples of the products of the woolen mills that were located here, including



Sherry Dickerson and her granddaughter, Breanna Smock, among the exhibits from Fayette County's small high schools. These township schools disappeared with consolidation into Connersville High.



Left Photo: The Museum contains many items from the Civil War era. Fayette County, while part of the Union, had many Confederate sympathizers due to the settlement here of many families from the southern states. Right Photo: The military section honors the men and women of all wars.



Every village had at least one store. The Faikert Brothers, along with the mother, were the proprietors of the general store in Nulltown. Their mother also served as the post-mistress for the area in southern Fayette County.



Before the age of power tools, all farms and woodworkers depended on a wide variety of hand driven tools. The museum has a wide array of them.

into Pogue's Run, a creek in Indianapolis, when Union soldiers tried to confiscate them at a Democrat meeting. The Butternuts sent money and supplies to the south, including cloth that was dyed with butternut shells, thus the name Butternuts. The cloth was not the traditional gray. Rather, it was a tan color. Equally important is that Pogue's Run is a creek in downtown Indianapolis, named for George Pogue. Pogue and John McCormick, Jr., both of Fayette County, were the first to settle where downtown Indianapolis now stands.

Thus ends your tour. We hope you will visit us soon! The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., and tours can be scheduled at other times upon request. See Penrose trophy photo on Page 13.

Centerville, Indiana Methodist Monthly Food Ministry:

**Saturday, November 19, 2022**

**10:00 - 11:00 AM**

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The lobby of the museum contains a McFarlan carriage from the 1870s. The McFarlan family saw the need to advance from horse drawn to motor driven vehicles, as well as starting the first industrial park in the United States.



Items created and used by the area's large Native American population.



The typical pioneer cabin, built of logs, usually measured about 12' x 16'. The hearth provided a cooking space, as well as warmth. A second floor was used for sleeping.



Connersville boasts the first high school band in the country, initiated by Dr. Otto Meisner. Meisner went on to design instruments, write music instruction courses, and head up the music departments of universities.



The City Bicentennial poster features the 1973 Connersville Spartan team that won the state championship, as well as Connersville's Matt Howard who gained acclaim playing for Butler University.



Dress belonging to Catherine Ansted, wife of manufacturing magnate Edward Ansted. The Ansteds provided the funding for Fayette Memorial Hospital. The dress was purchased from L.S. Ayers about 1910.

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The Krell Auto Grand Piano Company produced both standard and player pianos in Connersville. After the production of pianos ceased, the factory became the home of the Indiana Furniture Company.



American Kitchens made a wide line of metal kitchen cabinets which were shipped worldwide. A Philco refrigerator and a D & M dishwasher, also in the kitchen display, were produced in Connersville, as well.



Brothers Philander and Francis Roots invented the Roots Blower. Philco-Ford produced refrigerators and auto parts.



The Van Amburgh Circus wintered in Fayette County and traveled throughout the world. Connersville also had a number of cigar makers in early times. The ornate frames pictured are known as "Tramp Art" and were hand carved from the wood of cigar boxes.

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### **COLUMBUS MAN CHARGED WITH MAKING FALSE COMPLAINT AGAINST TROOPER**

A 38 year old Columbus man was recently charged with false reporting after making false allegations against an Indiana State Trooper.

In September 2022, Detectives with the Indiana State Police, Versailles Post, began an investigation when Alan Parker, age 38, Columbus, Indiana, reported that he was being harassed and poisoned by a neighbor, who was a 19 year veteran of the Indiana State Police. During the investigation, Parker

stated that he believed the trooper had given him a poisonous substance. He also accused the trooper of turning off his electricity and internet service, as well as looking through his windows and using power tools during the night to harass him.

The investigation determined that the information provided by Parker was incorrect and the initial allegations against the trooper were made while Parker was intoxicated.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the case was presented to the Bartholomew County Prosecutor's Office for review.

As a result, Parker was charged with one misdemeanor count of Making a False Report Against a Police Officer. Parker was issued a

summons to appear and will soon make an initial appearance in the Bartholomew County Superior Court.

### **INDIANA STATE POLICE INVESTIGATING POLICE INVOLVED SHOOTING IN HARRISON COUNTY**

Laconia, Indiana - Friday, November 4, 2022: Detectives with the Indiana State Police are investigating a police-involved shooting after a sheriff's Deputy attempted to serve an arrest warrant at a rural Harrison County address.

Around Noon on Friday, the Harrison County Sheriff's Department requested ISP detectives and crime scene investigators



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respond to an address in the 10,000 block of North Tobacco Landing Road SE, near Laconia, Indiana, after one of their deputies was involved in a police-involved shooting. When Investigators arrived, they learned that Harrison County Deputy Sean O'Sullivan went to the residence attempting to arrest 28-year-old Michael W. Kerns on warrants out of Kentucky and Indiana. Investigators believe that Officer O'Sullivan located and approached Michael Kerns, who was standing inside a detached garage with an open garage door. The investigation revealed Kerns then disobeyed the officer's orders, going further into the garage and retrieving a shotgun. Investigators believe Kerns exited the garage and raised the gun at Deputy O'Sullivan, who then fired his department handgun and struck Kerns in the shoulder. Kerns was taken into custody and provided

emergency medical treatment by officers and ambulance personnel before being transported to University Hospital in Louisville with non-life-threatening injuries. This case is still under investigation. Lead detective Travis Baker advised more charges are likely pending the completion of the investigation. No Deputies were injured in the incident. At the time of the incident, Deputy O'Sullivan, a six-year veteran of the department, was in full uniform and in a marked police car. Sheriff Nick Smith advised that, per his department's policy, Deputy O'Sullivan will be on paid administrative leave during the investigation.

**FIVE STOLEN VEHICLES DISCOVERED DURING TRAINING EXERCISE (MARION COUNTY)**

(Indianapolis) Indiana Conservation Officers were recently reminded that there is no such thing as routine training.

Last week, while completing sonar training on the White River near Raymond Street, officers discovered what appeared to be multiple automobiles under the water. In all, five vehicles were located and marked for search and removal.

Yesterday, members of the Indiana Conservation Officers Dive Team, with the assistance of Curtis Garage and Wrecker Service Inc., were able to search and remove the vehicles from the river.

After removal, it was confirmed all five vehicles were reported stolen dating back to 2008.

The vehicles were located as far as 40 yards from shore in a stretch where the river reached depths of 12 feet.

Indiana Conservation Officers Dive Team consists of 37 Public Safety SCUBA divers. They respond to and investigate drowning incidents and other types of water related investigations, including evidence recovery, vehicle recovery, swift water rescues and boat accidents across the state of Indiana.

**INDIANA STATE POLICE INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT NOW HIRING DISPATCHERS**

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For questions about these specific dispatch openings please contact ISP Radio Region Five Supervisor Casey Bloos at 317-899-8577

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## REMEMBER TO TEST YOUR DEER FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

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Can't make it to an FWA or SFH? Hunters may also independently submit their deer for testing to Purdue Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab (ADDL) for a fee. Hunters should complete the submission form and follow the shipping instructions on Purdue ADDL's website.

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## ARREST MADE IN CLARKSVILLE SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

Clarksville, Ind. - Wednesday, November 2, 2022: Detectives from the Indiana State Police (ISP) in Sellersburg arrested an individual on two counts of Attempted Murder after shots were fired into a Clarksville residential address in September.

On September 18, 2022, ISP Detectives responded to the home of the Clarksville Police chief after someone fired several rounds into his house. No one was injured in the incident; however, Clarksville Police Department detectives, crime scene technicians, and ISP detectives recovered multiple shell casings at the scene. The investigation also uncovered evidence that numerous rounds struck and entered the residence.

ISP Detective Chris Tucker continued the investigation with the assistance of the Clarksville Police Department and in conjunction with the Clark County Prosecutor's Office. As a result of the investigation, on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, Detective Tucker, armed with an arrest warrant, arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile on two counts of Attempted Murder and one count of Criminal Recklessness with a Firearm, a level 5 Felony.

The juvenile was arrested in Floyd County and transported to the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center without incident.

This investigation is ongoing.

## HARRISON COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR CHILD MOLESTATION AND OTHER CHILD SEX CRIMES

Lanesville, Ind. - Troopers arrested a Harrison County man for multiple child sex crimes after an ISP investigation that began in July.

Trooper Mackenzie Benham began the investigation in early July of this year after a victim contacted the police. The investigation continued over the next few months and included several interviews, including that of the suspect, Rex W. Sheckell, 57, of Lanesville, Indiana.

During the investigation, Trooper Benham learned that the alleged molestations and other crimes occurred in the late 1990s and early 2000s and allegedly occurred in Rex Sheckell's residence as well as a camp located within Harrison County.

Based on information gathered during the investigation, Trooper Benham requested an arrest warrant for Rex Sheckell through the Harrison County Superior Court. On Thursday evening, Troopers from the Sellersburg Post arrested Rex Sheckell at his residence. Troopers then transported Sheckell to the Harrison County Jail without incident.

Rex W. Sheckell was arrested on the following charges:

1. Child Molesting - Level 1 Felony 1 (4 Counts)
2. Incest - Level 4 Felony
3. Sexual Misconduct with a Minor-Level 4 Felony

4. Incest - Victim Less Than 16 Years Old - Level 5 Felony

If anyone has information or feels they could be a victim in relation to this case, they are encouraged to contact Trooper Mackenzie Benham at the Indiana State Police Post in Sellersburg by calling 1 -812-248-4374.

## TWO ARRESTED ON NUMEROUS CHARGES DURING RIPLEY COUNTY TRAFFIC STOP



This illegal drugs, guns, US Currency, and additional evidence related to the dealing of illegal drugs.

Batesville-Yesterday, October 21, 2022, a traffic stop by an Indiana State Trooper on I-74 in Ripley County led to the discovery of illegal drugs, guns, US Currency, and additional evidence related to the dealing of illegal drugs. Two Indiana residents were arrested on numerous charges as a result of the investigation.

The investigation began shortly before 1:00 pm when Master Trooper Randel Miller stopped a white GMC Acadia for a traffic violation on I-74 Eastbound near the 151-mile marker, just east of Batesville, Indiana. While speaking to the occupants of the vehicle, Trp. Miller observed signs of criminal activity including the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

During a search of the vehicle, troopers located approximately 20 grams of suspected crystal methamphetamine, multiple controlled substances and legend drugs (pills), marijuana, two firearms, and approximately \$3,700 in US Currency.

As a result of the investigation, the driver of the vehicle, Dashawn Powell Jr, age 28, South Bend, Indiana, and a passenger, Kenya R. Hamilton, age 27, Indianapolis, Indiana were arrested on numerous felony and misdemeanor charges related to the Dealing and Possession of Methamphetamine, Controlled Substances, Legend Drugs, and Marijuana. Powell was also arrested on a charge of Possession of a Handgun by a Serious Violent Felon.

Powell and Hamilton were both additionally arrested on charges of Neglect of a Dependent. Four young children in the vehicle were taken into the custody of the Indiana Child Protective Services.

Trp. Miller was assisted by other troopers from the Indiana State Police-Versailles Post.

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# **FORT WAYNE REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER NOW HIRING MULTIPLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

(Fort Wayne, IN)- The Indiana State Police is accepting applications for multiple positions within the Fort Wayne Regional Dispatch Center (RDC2) located at [5811 Ellison Road](#).

This RDC covers the eleven counties that comprise the Fort Wayne Post (Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Jay, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley), as well as the seven counties that comprise the Peru Post (Cass, Fulton, Grant, Howard, Miami, Tipton, and Wabash).

**There are (2) Shift Supervisor positions open at this time.** This supervisory position is classified as a civilian employee of the Indiana State Police, whose primary responsibility is to provide direct supervision to our Regional Dispatchers to ensure efficient and accurate telecommunications operation relating to operational and personnel functions at the Fort Wayne RDC.

To be considered for a position as a Shift Supervisor, a successful applicant must:

- Be a high school graduate or possess the equivalent GED.
- Successfully pass the Department typing test.
- Take a department approved dispatch simulation test.

**• Have acquired a minimum of two (2) years of experience as a Dispatcher in the public safety communications field.**

• If not currently certified, must obtain and maintain certifications in all of the following areas: **IDACS Coordinator, IDACS MDD Instructor, Association of Public Safety Communications Official (APCO) Communications Training Officer, and Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) instructor, maintaining the Generalist instructor rating.**

- Must be able to successfully pass a background investigation.
- The Dispatch Center runs on a continuous 24 hours per day, 7 days per week cycle. Must be able to work multiple or rotating shifts, requiring weekends and/or holidays.

• An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification is preferred, but not required.

This is a full-time position that offers an attractive benefits package, with a starting annual salary of **\$53,222.00**. \*This salary may be adjusted for education, experience, and training.

**There are (3) Regional Dispatcher positions open at this time.** The primary responsibilities of a dispatcher are to receive, record, and accurately dispatch information to police personnel, other law enforcement agencies, and other support services through the use of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, Records Management System (RMS), Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL), Geographic Information System (GIS) and other Regional Dispatch Center resources.

A high school diploma or GED equivalent is required as well as the ability to be seated in a confined area for extended periods of time. Two years of public safety communications experience preferred.

Pay starts at **\$47,320.00** per year, and may be adjusted based on education, experience, and training. Benefits include medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement plans and accrued time off.

\*Applications for these positions are only accepted electronically. The deadline to apply is November 4, 2022.

For more information on these positions and to

apply online, please go to <https://www.in.gov/isp/3627.htm> (Indiana State Police-Career Opportunities-Civilian Opportunities).

Questions can be directed to Brandon P. Lowe, Personnel Officer for the Indiana State Police Human Resources Division at [blowe@isp.in.gov](mailto:blowe@isp.in.gov) or **(317) 232-8238**.

## **HUNTINGTON COUNTY JAIL INMATE DEATH UNDER INVESTIGATION**

(Huntington, IN)- The Indiana State Police is investigating an inmate death at the Huntington County Jail. Preliminary information has found that at approximately 3:00am this morning, Huntington County jail staff were alerted by another inmate of a possible medical condition in one of the cellblocks. Jail staff found inmate Nicholas Parks, 42, of Bunker Hill, Indiana, unresponsive. Jail staff immediately attempted medical resuscitation until EMS personnel arrived and took over emergency medical treatment. On scene treatment was unsuccessful. Parks was pronounced dead by the Huntington County Coroner at the jail.

ISP Detectives stated that there did not appear to be any sign of physical altercation or struggle. Parks has had previous medical problems in the past. Toxicology and autopsy results to determine cause/manner of death are pending with the Huntington County Coroner's Office.

Family notification has been made.

This is an ongoing death investigation. At this time there is no further information to release.

\*Any media requests regarding Parks term of incarceration should be directed to the Huntington County Sheriff for official comment.

## **TIPS FOR AVOIDING DEER ON THE ROADWAY**

Each year in Indiana, several thousand dollars of damage occurs from vehicle-deer crashes. In many cases motorists can be severely injured or killed when drivers panic and swerve to miss a deer, and then lose control of their vehicle and crash.

Last year in the state of Indiana there were over 15,000 accidents involving deer. Out of those accidents there were 366 with injuries and two fatalities. The Pendleton District would like to pass along a few safety tips to help you avoid a possible collision with a deer this year.

**• Be cautious while driving during dusk or dawn hours**

Deer are most active at dawn and dusk, but can appear at any time, especially during the mating season, which is in full swing from October through December. Please remember though that deer can appear at any time. Ensure that you and your passengers are wearing seat belts at all times, in case you need to make a sudden stop.

**• Pay attention to deer crossing signs**

Be alert and observe your surroundings for any signs of deer while on the road. Deer are abundant in forested areas, so it's important to drive cautiously even if you're no longer in a deer-crossing zone.

**• Stay alert if you spot a deer**

Deer tend to travel in packs so if you see one deer, slow down and proceed with caution, be prepared for more to follow. If you see a deer, slow down, tap your brakes to warn others, or flash your lights and sound your horn to warn other motorists. It will give everyone an opportunity to slow down.

**• Take precautions when driving at night**

If there is no oncoming traffic, turn on your bright

lights. You'll not only be able to see clearer, but you'll have a greater chance of spotting a deer from a distance and allow you to react accordingly.

Drivers should watch approaching vehicles to see if what interrupts their headlights beams could be a passing deer. This technique allows extra time to slow your speed and be alert for the deer.

Remember when looking for deer on the side of the road, look for the reflection of the deer's eyes caused from the headlights.

**• Don't swerve to avoid hitting a deer**

Do not swerve to avoid a deer collision. By swerving you put yourself at risk for a worse collision with another motorist or running off the roadway. Brake firmly and stay in your lane.

**• Report the deer-vehicle collision**

If your vehicle strikes a deer do not touch it. A frightened or wounded deer can cause you serious bodily injury. Remain in your car, make sure you and your passengers are safe, and call the police to obtain a crash report for your insurance company. You must report this as you would any other crash.

Remember deer are unpredictable and could dart into traffic at any time, so be alert at all times!

## **INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE FELONIES RELATED TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FRAUD**

(Indianapolis, IN)- A 25-year-old man from Indianapolis is facing four counts of theft, all Level 6 felonies following a more than two-year long investigation by the Indiana State Police Special Investigation Section, Organized Crime and Corruption Unit.

According to Sergeant Jeff Coffey, a man by the name of Covenant Ben was identified as being the recipient of unemployment benefits in the form of benefit debit cards from the State of Nevada. Ben conducted numerous transactions, which occurred on or about December 11, 2020 through February 10, 2021, at a Bank of America ATM located at 4875 W. 56th Street in Indianapolis. These transactions were confirmed by Bank of America records, ATM video surveillance footage and additional assistance from the FBI.

Additionally, the FBI helped to confirm that Covenant Ben had utilized the personal identifying information (PII) of four unsuspecting men without their knowledge or consent to apply for the unemployment benefits through the State of Nevada.

The total number of unemployment benefit cards mailed to Covenant Ben's residence as a result of this alleged criminal activity totaled \$42,660.00. "This case showcases the collaborative work between agencies in multiple states working toward the same goal...to hold accountable those who use other people's information for their own personal and financial gain", said Coffey.

Upon its completion, this case was forwarded to the Marion County Prosecutor's Office who levied the following charges: Four (4) counts of Theft, all Level 6 felonies.

Ben subsequently turned himself in to the Marion County Jail and has since been released on bond. Coffey was assisted by the FBI, the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation Keeper of Record and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office.

If you believe you are the victim of unemployment fraud, visit this link to start the reporting process [Report Unemployment Fraud](#)

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## 18 STATE PARKS SCHEDULED FOR DEER MANAGEMENT HUNTS

Select Indiana state parks will close for four days in the coming weeks to allow for controlled deer management hunts. The dates for the closings are **Nov. 14-15**, and **Nov. 28-29**.

### The properties are:

Brown County State Park  
**Cave River Valley Natural Area** at Spring Mill State Park  
Chain O'Lakes State Park  
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Stay safe in the field. Here are some important safety measures to practice when hunting with a firearm.

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Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Remember to make sure your firearm is pointed in the opposite direction of your hunting partners as you walk to your hunting spot. Practice muzzle control, even when you know the firearm is not loaded.

Keep your finger off the trigger. Outside of the trigger, guard your firearm until you are ready to shoot at your target.

Always identify your target and what lies beyond your target before pulling the trigger. Know for certain that any noise you hear in the bushes is a deer and not a person.



## TWO NEW TRAILS OPEN IN BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK

The Indiana DNR, Next Level Trails (NLT), and Hoosier Mountain Bike Association (HMBA) held an official opening and ribbon cutting of the newly completed West Gate and Gnowbone trails in Brown County State Park on Oct. 7.

"The trails at Brown County State Park attract visitors from all across the state and country," said DNR Director Dan Bortner. "These two new trails will provide additional mountain biking opportunities for locals and trail tourists alike."

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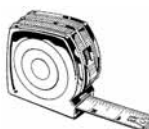
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The public is invited to cut up and remove certain downed trees at Summit Lake State Park for firewood.

Trees eligible for firewood have fallen as a result of natural causes or have been dropped by property staff. They are along roadsides or in public areas such as campsites and picnic areas.

Permit sales and cutting both begin Nov. 9 and go through Feb. 15.

The cost of one pickup-truck load is \$10. All proceeds will be used for resource management and restoration efforts, including replacement of trees in campgrounds and other public areas.

A firewood permit must be obtained for each load at Summit Lake's office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Permits are not available on observed state holidays.

Firewood may be cut up to 30 feet from roadsides in designated areas; however, vehicles are not allowed off roads. The use of tractors, UTVs, and ATVs is prohibited. Wood may be cut and removed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 765-766-5873.

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## MARTINSVILLE MAN FACES CHARGES FROM ORV ACCIDENT (MORGAN COUNTY)

A Martinsville man faces criminal charges regarding an Aug. 6 off-road vehicle (ORV) accident that left a passenger seriously injured.

Responders were dispatched to the area of the 6500 block of Beech Grove Road in Morgan County that evening for a serious ORV accident with injuries.

Indiana Conservation Officers' investigation showed Bobby Walker, 53, of Martinsville, was operating an ORV in a wooded area when he struck a tree. The collision caused his passenger to be ejected, causing serious injuries, and that Walker was operating the ORV while under the influence of alcohol.

As a result, Walker has been formally charged by the Morgan County Prosecutor Office with two misdemeanors, Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) and OWI with endangerment, and one felony of OWI causing serious bodily injury.

All suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Assisting agencies included the Carmel Police Department.

## WATERFOWL HUNTERS DISCOVER SKELETAL REMAINS (LAKE COUNTY)

Al (Griffith) Indiana Conservation Officers and the Griffith Police Department are investigating after partial skeletal remains were discovered by a waterfowl hunter this morning near the area of Cline Avenue and River Drive.

At approximately 7 a.m., the hunter discovered what appeared to be bone protruding from a piece of clothing in a marsh area while searching for a downed duck. A 911 call was immediately made, and Indiana Conservation Officers as well as officers from the Griffith Police Department and Lake County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene.

The remains were confirmed to be human and were recovered by Indiana Conservation Officers and members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Dive Team.

The identity of the remains is currently unknown, and the investigation is ongoing.

Other assisting agencies include Lake County 911 Center, Coroner's Office, and the Griffith Fire Department.

## DNR CELEBRATES TWO TRAIL OPENINGS IN GREENFIELD

The Indiana DNR, Next Level Trails (NLT) and the City of Greenfield celebrated the opening of the Franklin Street and Brandywine Connector trails with a joint ribbon cutting this morning. The Franklin Street Trail is a 1.4-mile asphalt multi-use trail that was constructed by the city with the help of a \$699,200 NLT grant. The award was



Indiana Department of Natural Resources celebrates two trail openings in Greenfield, Indiana. (DNR Photo)

announced by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb in May 2019 as part of the first round of NLT.

"Trails are one of the most desirable amenities for residents," said DNR director Dan Bortner. "The DNR is glad to see cities like Greenfield take advantage of our grant programs like the popular Next Level Trails to make important connections within their community and improve the quality of life."

The Franklin Street Trail project extends and closes gaps in the Greenfield Greenway system on the city's northwest side along Franklin Street and New Road. The trail connects Beckenholdt Park, Hancock Regional Wellness Center, Mary Moore Park, Hancock County Public Library, and Greenfield Central Junior High and High School, as well as several residential neighborhoods and major employers. These connections provide safer mobility for city residents, including some of its youngest.

"The Franklin Street Trail extension project is a critical connector project," said Greenfield Parks director Ellen Kuker. "Without the Next Level Trails grant program, this major connector trail would not have been possible."

As part of the governor's Next Level Connections initiative, NLT is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. The \$150 million program is administered by the DNR and facilitates critical trail connections within and between Hoosier communities. Including the Franklin Street Trail, 13 of the 73 NLT projects are complete, totaling more than 40 miles of trail.

More information about NLT is at [on.IN.gov/NextLevelTrails](http://on.IN.gov/NextLevelTrails).

The new 1.1-mile Brandywine Connector Trail runs along scenic Brandywine Creek on the city's southeast side, connecting Brandywine Park to the Pennsy Greenway. The project was partially funded by a \$200,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant awarded in 2019.

The LWCF is a federal National Parks Service program administered at the state level by the Indiana DNR Division of State Parks. The program provides 50% reimbursement grants to assist park and recreation boards in acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas for public use. To date, more than \$50 million has been provided to local agencies through the program. More information about LWCF is at [dnr.IN.gov/state-parks/recreation/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund](http://dnr.IN.gov/state-parks/recreation/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund)

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**ARREST MADE FOR THE MURDERS OF ABIGAIL WILLIAMS AND LIBERTY GERMAN**

**Carroll County** – After an extensive investigation, the Delphi Double Homicide Task Force made an arrest for the murders of Abigail Williams and Liberty German.

On February 13, 2017, Abigail Williams and Liberty German were tragically murdered while visiting the Monon High Bridge in Delphi, IN. Shortly after, the Indiana State Police and Carroll County Sheriff's office created the Delphi Double Homicide Task Force, which encompassed federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. This task force has worked diligently the last five and a half years to ensure this horrendous crime did not go unsolved.

On Wednesday, October 26, 2022, detectives with the Delphi Double Homicide Task Force took Richard Allen, 50, from Delphi Indiana into custody at the Indiana State Police Lafayette Post for the murders of Abigail Williams and Liberty German. Allen was transported to Carroll County Jail, where he was being held.

On Friday, October 28, 2022, Allen was formally charged with two counts of murder and transported to the White County Jail, where he is currently being held without bond.

We would like to thank everyone who was involved throughout this investigation, which included the Indiana State Police, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Delphi Police Department, Carroll County Prosecutor's office, United States Marshals Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and numerous other federal and local agencies. These agencies have invested countless hours and resources into this investigation.

This is an active and ongoing investigation. There is no further information to release at this time.

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**ISP MAKES ARREST IN CASE INVOLVING UNIDENTIFIED CHILD FOUND IN SUITCASE CONTINUING TO SEEK PUBLIC'S HELP IN LOCATING SUSPECT**

**Sellersburg, Ind. - Wednesday, October 26, 2022:** Detectives with the Indiana State Police (ISP)



Dejuane Ludie Anderson Smiling  
Georgia BMV Photo

in Sellersburg have arrested a suspect in connection with the death of the unidentified boy found inside a suitcase in rural Washington County, Indiana, in April of this year.

When ISP detectives originally began the case, there was little information available to assist in the investigation. A local mushroom hunter located the child in a distinctive Las Vegas-themed hard-shell suitcase approximately 80 feet off Holder Road. Holder Road is a dead-end road situated in an isolated area of southeast Washington County in southern Indiana. No family members, witnesses, or acquaintances came forward to identify the boy or provide any information. Leads from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children also proved unsuccessful, as well as tips called in by the general public. Information gathered from the autopsy shed little light on the investigation and listed the cause of death as "electrolyte imbalance," likely caused by a "viral gastroenteritis."

From the onset of the investigation, ISP crime scene technicians, detectives, and ISP Laboratory personnel utilized any physical evidence collected in hopes of determining and locating a suspect in the crime. No crime scene investigation technologies were spared in this investigation, including recent advanced technologies only available through federal and outside agencies.

Detectives and ISP criminal intelligence analysts also utilized a variety of electronic, digital communication, and social media forensic techniques in the course of their investigation.

As a result of the investigation and physical evidence gathered at the scene, detectives identified two suspects in the case. Detectives also identified the deceased child.

On October 14, 2022, the Washington County Circuit Court issued felony arrest warrants for Dawn Elaine Coleman, 40, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Dejuane Ludie Anderson, 37, of Atlanta, Georgia, for



Dejuane Ludie Anderson in Yellow Shirt  
Louisville Kentucky Metro Corrections Photo

charges of Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Death, a Level 1 Felony, and Obstruction of Justice, a Level 6 Felony. Additionally, investigators identified Dejuane Anderson as the biological mother of the deceased child.

As a result of information gathered during their investigation, ISP Detective Matt Busick and ISP Detective Chris Tucker traveled to San Francisco, California. On October 19, 2022, Detective Matt Busick located and arrested Dawn Coleman with the assistance of the San Francisco Police Department. Continuing with information collected as part of the investigation, both detectives traveled to the Los Angeles, California, metro area but were unsuccessful in locating Dejuane Anderson.

Based on information gathered during Detective Busick's continuing investigation, on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, the Washington County Circuit Court issued an arrest warrant for Dejuane Ludie Anderson for the charge of Murder.

Dejuane Ludie Anderson is currently at large, and her location is unknown. The Indiana State Police request the public's assistance in locating Dejuane Anderson. She is described as a Black Female, 5-05, approximately 135 pounds. She had short, dark brown hair in her last known photo (shown below), but she is known to often wear wigs or hair extensions. Her last known location was the Echo Park area of Los Angeles, California; however, she is known to travel and has recently been to San Francisco, San Diego, Las Vegas, and Houston, Texas. Anyone who observes or has current location information on Dejuane Anderson's is asked to contact the local police department with jurisdiction at that location.

At this time, we can identify the child. He was five-year-old Cairo Ammar Jordan from Atlanta, Georgia. Cairo would have turned six on Monday, October 24, 2022. Authorities with the Georgia Bureau of Investigations assisted in locating and



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contacting Cairo's biological father after investigators were able to confirm the child was Cairo.

MEDIA NOTE:

Photo of wanted suspect Dejuane LudieAnderson (mother of deceased) attached. Investigators believe the Georgia BMV Photo (Smiling) is most accurate, although not the most recent. The mug shot photo (yellow shirt) is courtesy of the Louisville, Kentucky Metro Corrections

“All subjects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty”

JOINT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARRESTS OF CASS COUNTY MEN

**Logansport** – Yesterday, a bilateral criminal investigation by police officers from the Indiana State Police and the Cass County Sheriff’s Department led to the arrests of Justin Robinson, 33, and Dakota Beebout, 29, both from Logansport, IN. Both men were incarcerated in the Cass County Jail to face criminal charges for burglary, theft, criminal mischief, and conspiracy to commit burglary.

On August 2, 2022, officers initiated a criminal investigation after a pole barn in the 2400 block of East Wabash River Road, Logansport, was burglarized. During the investigation evidence revealed that Robinson and Beebout allegedly made forced entry into the barn and purportedly stole hunting equipment and various items. The approximate value of the stolen items and damage to the barn was \$2,000.00.

Officers developed enough probable cause to be granted Cass Superior Court II arrest warrants for Beebout and Robinson. The warrants alleged criminal charges for burglary, theft, criminal mischief, and conspiracy to commit burglary. Beebout, was served his warrant by correctional officers at the Cass County Jail, where he was held on unrelated criminal charges. Officers from the Indiana State Police and the Cass County Sheriff’s Department took Robinson into custody when they served him with the warrant at his Logansport home. Robinson was incarcerated in the Cass County Jail.

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TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO RECOVERY OF A STOLEN HANDGUN AND DEALING CHARGES

**(Anderson, Indiana)** A trooper with the Indiana State Police Pendleton District conducted a traffic stop that lead to an arrest of an Anderson man for possession of a stolen handgun and multiple drug charges.

On October 30, 2022, at approximately 9:30 P.M., Trooper Michael Garcia was patrolling Madison Avenue in the area of 60th Street, in Anderson. Trooper Garcia noticed a tan, 1999, Cadillac Escalade with an expired registration and checked the registration to determined that it was expired and returned to another vehicle. Trooper Garcia activated his emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop at Madison Avenue and 53rd Street. Trooper Garcia made contact with the driver and noticed a large bag of suspected marijuana in the center console of the vehicle. During the investigation, the following items were found inside the vehicle:

- 8 ounces of suspected Methamphetamine.
- 2 ounces of suspected Heroin.
- 91 suspected Fentanyl pills .
- 1 gram of suspected Cocaine.

- 161 pills suspected to be Gabapentin.
- Approximately 90 grams of Marijuana.

A loaded Springfield XD .40 caliber handgun was located on the driver's side floorboard. The handgun was checked, and it was determined to have been previously reported stolen out of Anderson.

**Robert Haywood Hill**, 29, 913 Woodlawn Drive, Anderson, Indiana was arrested and preliminarily charged with:

- Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony.
- Dealing in Cocaine, a Level 2 Felony.
- Possession of Cocaine, a Level 3 Felony.
- Unlawful Carrying of a Firearm, a Level 5 Felony.
- Theft of a Firearm, a Level 6 Felony.
- Dealing in Marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Hill was transported to the Madison County Jail. Trooper Garcia was assisted by Trooper Matt Dickerson, Trooper Blake Stephenson of the Indiana State Police - Pendleton District and Officer Lanane of the Anderson Police Department.

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TWO VEHICLE CRASH ON I-465 CLAIMS A LIFE

**Indianapolis, IN** - A two vehicle crash on I-465 earlier today claimed a man's life. At 11:12 a.m. Indiana State Police Dispatchers began receiving calls about a serious two vehicle crash on I-465 northbound near the 20.1 mile marker, just north of the I-65 interchange. When first responders arrived they found the driver entrapped in the wreckage who was unresponsive. Despite life saving efforts the man was pronounced deceased at the scene. Two other people were transported by ambulance from the scene with non-life threatening injuries.

Preliminary investigation determined a vehicle was entering I-465 northbound from I-65 northbound driven by the deceased man. The man lost control and spun sideways into the path of oncoming traffic. The vehicle was then struck in the driver's side door by a vehicle that was northbound on I-465. A passenger in the vehicle being driven by the deceased man and the driver of the second vehicle were both injured. All occupants were wearing seatbelts.

Several lanes of I-465 were closed for nearly three hours while the crash was investigated and the wrecked vehicles were removed. The Indiana State Police was assisted by the Pike Township Fire Department, Indianapolis Fire Department, INDOT, The Marion County Coroner's Office and Indianapolis EMS.

The identity of the deceased man is being withheld at this time to allow time for positive identification and notification to family members.

INDIANA STATE CAPITOL POLICE CORPORAL ACHIEVES MILESTONE

Indianapolis – Indiana State Capitol Police Corporal Michael Sarchet was recently awarded Master Trainer for Explosive Odor Detection. During the Indiana Seminar, Dogs for Law Enforcement recognized Corporal Sarchet’s dedication and hard work towards selecting, training,



Indiana State Capitol Police Corporal Michael Sarchet was recently awarded Master Trainer for Explosive Odor Detection. (Indiana State Police Photo)

and utilizing explosive detection canines for the State Police.

Corporal Sarchet started as an Indiana State Capitol Police Officer in 2009. He was selected to join the Indiana State Police Explosive Ordinance Disposal team as a K9 handler in 2011. After working several years as an Explosive Detection Canine (EDC) handler, Sarchet attended a Canine Trainer Course in 2015. Since then, Corporal Sarchet has developed the training program for the six EDC teams utilized by the State Police.

JOINT OPERATION LEADS TO MASSACHUSETTS MAN ARRESTED FOR MURDER

**(Cambridge City, Indiana)** A joint operation between troopers from Indiana State Police Pendleton District and the US Marshall Fugitive Task Force lead to the arrest of a Massachusetts man wanted on warrant for murder.

On Wednesday, October 26, 2022, Sergeant Brian Metcalfe, Master Trooper Patrick Yeend, and Trooper Avery Weisbrodt of the Indiana State Police Pendleton District were given information about Jason M. Palmer, 45, of Littleton, Massachusetts. Troopers were told Palmer was parked in the rear of the Sinclair Gas Station at State Road 1 and Interstate 70 (exit 137) in a semi tractor trailer and had multiple felony warrants out of the State of Georgia. Officers located the semi at the Sinclair Gas Station and conducted a high-risk traffic stop. Palmer complied with the trooper's commands and was taken into custody without incident. There were no other occupants in the vehicle.

**Jasom M. Palmer, 45, 3 Pickard Lane, Littleton, Massachusetts**, was arrested and preliminarily charged with:

- Murder, a Felony.
- Aggravated Assault, a Felony.
- Concealing Death, a Felony

Palmer was taken to the Wayne County Jail and held with no bond pending extradition back to Georgia

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