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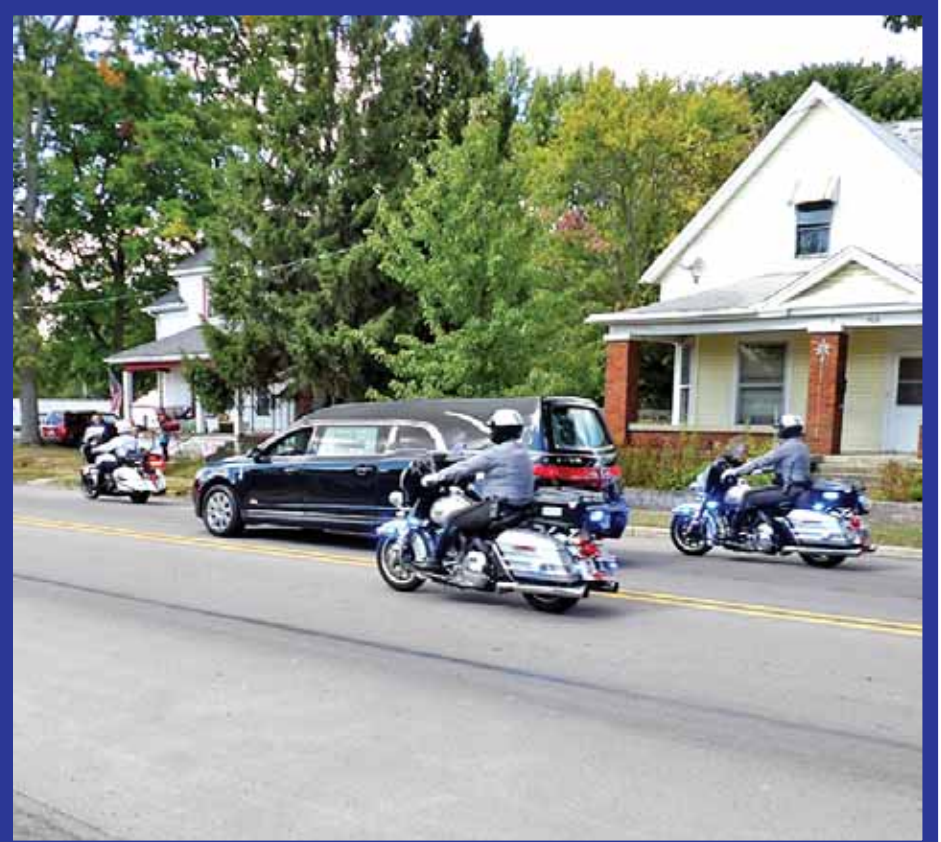
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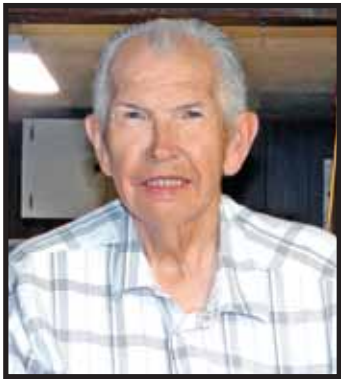
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# Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson  
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**“INDIANA STATE POLICE RELEASE”  
RICHMOND POLICE OFFICER SHOT  
DURING A TRAFFIC STOP  
OFFICER SEARA BURTON FUNERAL INFO**

**\*\*THE INFORMATION BELOW IS BEING  
SENT AT THE REQUEST OF AND ON  
BEHALF OF THE FAMILY AND RICH-  
MOND, INDIANA POLICE DEPARTMENT\*\***

**Richmond, Indiana** – The Richmond Police Department provided the following information for the visitation and funeral services in honor of Officer Seara Burton.

The visitation for Officer Burton was held at 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2022, at Richmond City Building, 50 North 5th Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374.

The funeral was held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Richmond High School (Tiernan Center), 380 Hub Etchison Parkway, Richmond, Indiana 47374. Police officers began arriving at 8:30 a.m. At the conclusion of the funeral.

**The Procession Route Information for the Funeral of Officer Seara Burton was as follows.**

The procession route from **Richmond High School (Tiernan Center), 380 Hub Etchison Parkway, Richmond, Indiana** to Crown Hill Cemetery (34th street entrance) **700 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208** is as follows:

- **Richmond High School to Southwest G Street**
- **East (Left) on Southwest G Street to South 5th Street**
- **North(Left) onto South 5th Street to North A Street (US 40)**
- **West (Left) onto North A Street (US 40) to West Main Street**
- **West(Right) on West Main Street to Southwest 5th Street**
- **South(Left) on Southwest 5th Street to US 40**
- **West (Right) on US 40 to Illinois Street**
- **North (Right) on Illinois Street to 34th Street**
- **West (Left) onto 34th Street into Crown Hill Cemetery**

The procession paused in front of the Richmond Police Department, located at **50 North 5th Street, Richmond, Indiana** for the final 10-42 call. The procession then continued under a Garrison Flag, which was located at 1st Street and West Main Street in Richmond. Officer Burton was escorted by 557 Police cars to Crown Hill Cemetery for interment in the Heros of Public Safety Section at 700 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208.



Richmond Police Officer Seara Burton and her K-9 Brev  
Photo provided by Indiana State Police, Pendleton District)

## CONGRESSMAN GREG PENCE’S STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF RICHMOND POLICE OFFICER BURTON



**Columbus, IN** - Congressman Greg Pence issued the following statement regarding the passing of Richmond Police Officer Seara Burton:

*“It is with profound sadness that Denise and I stand together with Hoosiers across Indiana in offering our deepest condolences to Richmond Police Officer Seara Burton’s loved ones and fellow officers. There are very few words to describe the bravery and courage it takes to serve in the line of duty as a law enforcement officer. A dedicated police officer, Officer Burton answered the call to protect the community she loved - and never wavered in that commitment, even in the face of danger. This tragic loss is a heartbreaking reminder of the great sacrifice, often ultimate, our fearless heroes in Blue make on our behalf. I ask you keep Officer Burton, her friends and family, and the Richmond Police Department in your prayers as they grieve during this difficult time.”*  
**Editor’s Note: The above release and funeral information for Richmond Police Officer Seara Burton was held previous to my sending this issue to have it placed on my website. I took the liberty of changing the contents to read so it is in the past tense, not still coming.**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WARNS OF HARVEST TRAFFIC ON RURAL ROADS

INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 21, 2022) — Harvest season is here, and Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Director Bruce Kettler, Hoosier Ag Today and many other state agencies have teamed up to promote roadway safety this fall encouraging motorists to watch out and slow down for farm equipment on rural roads this harvest season. To kick off the campaign ISDA



Farm equipment during harvest season could include tractors, combines, grain carts, grain wagons and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

and Hoosier Ag Today created a Public Service Announcement to inform drivers of what to do when encountering farm equipment on roadways.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture, is a staunch supporter of Hoosier farmers and wants to ensure everyone gets home to their families safely.

“There is nothing more beautiful than rural Indiana in the fall,” said Lt. Gov. Crouch. “But, with that beauty comes heightened roadway dangers during harvest season. I am encouraging all Hoosiers to be alert and be patient on rural roads this harvest season.”

In 2020 three vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in two deaths, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

“Rural road safety is something we all take very seriously. Each year Hoosiers lose their lives unnecessarily,” said Bruce Kettler, Indiana State Department of Agriculture director. “I want to continue to encourage roadway safety for motorists and for farmers. These accidents can be prevented if we all slow down and use caution around farm equipment this fall.”

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

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

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

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

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

Please be aware of farmers working near the road and semi trucks and trailers parked alongside rural roads.

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

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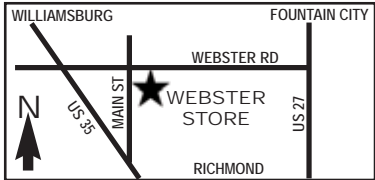
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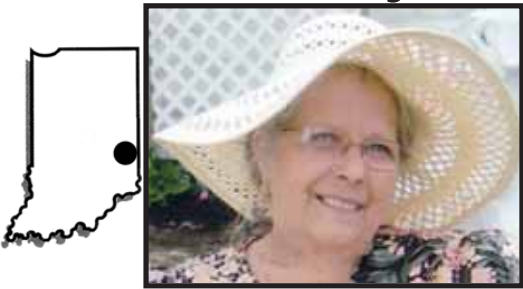
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# Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder  
Fayette County Historical Museum

## PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Fayette County has been abuzz with happenings the past couple of months. Historic Connersville sent its Cord automobile to Kentucky for a show, and the 1924 McFarlan went to Pebble Beach in California. There were eight McFrlans on display, probably half of those now in existence. The Connersville car hadn't been started in about twenty years, but, with a little tuning and a new battery, it started and ran. As with anything, human or mechanical, after almost a hundred years, it has a couple of leaks and doesn't work perfectly. It's doubtful that today's autos will last that long or look that good a century from now. It's a real testament to the materials and craftsmanship that went into building cars of that era.

The Canal House, Historic Elmhurst, and Connersville's City Cemetery will offer a rather spooky atmosphere in October. Elmhurst is having "Spooky Tours" and other activities, October 21 - 23. The same weekend, Robinson's Campground, south of town, is hosting a variety of fall themed activities. The evening tours at Elmhurst will be



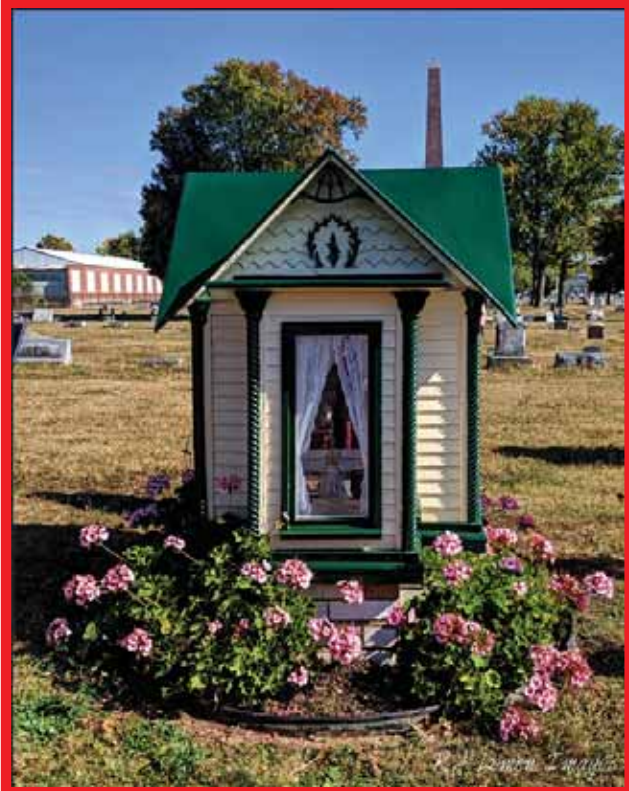
Cord by Rick. Fayette County Historical Museum. (Author Photo)

an invitation to the spirits to come forth. There will also be costume contests, a showing of the movie "hocus Pocus", and other Halloween related activities.

Historic Connersville's Canal House will be themed as a Civil War House in mourning on October 29 & 30. Tours of Canal House, as well as City cemetery will be offered. For ease of getting around the fourteen acres, transportation will be available. These tours are \$10.00 per person. Tickets are available at the Fayette County

Historical Museum, 200 W. 5th Street. The museum will be open both weekends, and tour proceeds will benefit the museum. Call (765) 825-0946 for more details.

Like all old cemeteries, City has many stories to tell. Revolutionary War Veteran John McCormick, Sr. is buried there. You might recognize his last name. McCormick's Creek State Park and McCormick's Creek which runs through downtown Indianapolis are named for this family. His son, John Jr., was the first to settle where our



Vivs House. (Author Photo)



October. Elmhurst is having "Spooky Tours" and other activities, October 21 - 23.. (Author Photo)

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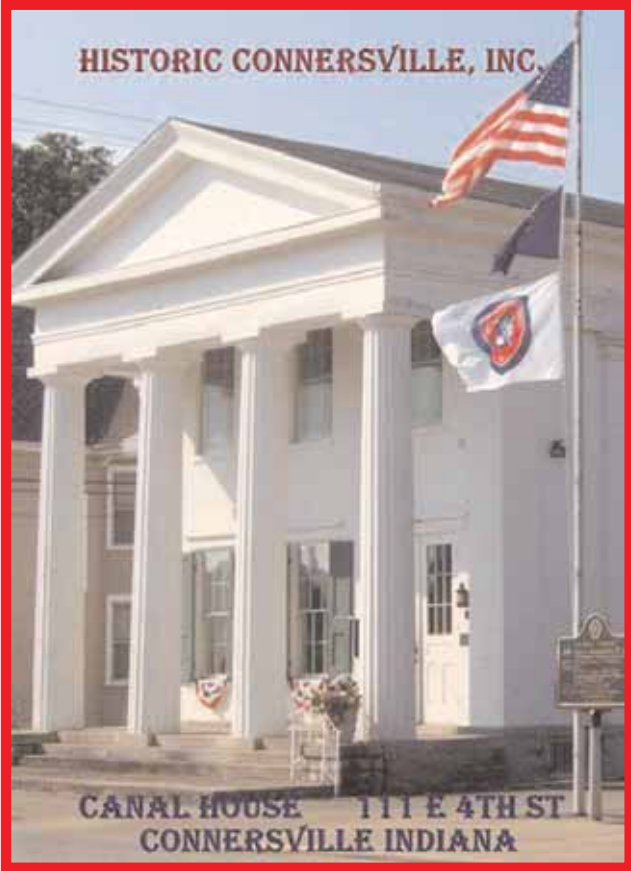
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Connersville's City Cemetery will offer a rather spooky atmosphere in October. Photo 1 & 2 (Author Photo)



Historic Connersville's Canal House will be themed as a Civil War House in mourning. (Author Photo)

Indianapolis now stands.

There are many children buried here. Freddie Schoenholz was the son of a local baker. He died after his mother gave him what she thought was quinine for a fever. A local druggist had mistakenly sold the family morphine, instead. Freddie was two years old.

Ten year old Georgie Hotchkiss has a beautiful cherub as his marker. He was the son of painter Augustus Hotchkiss who painted the wagons of the VanAmburgh Circus that wintered here.

Little Sammy Frybarger died seventeen days after the death of his mother, Desdemona Ginn Frybarger, the daughter of one of the county's first Clerks of Court, Gabriel Ginn. Desdemona died in childbirth. Her husband was a Union Army officer, Col. William Frybarger.

Many of the graves have a connection to the Civil War. The Veteran's Circle holds some of them. In another section are brothers, Nelson and Gilbert Trusler, Union officers. Fifteen year old Oscar Wetherald rests nearby. He was a drummer boy who died in Tennessee. His mother took the train to find him and brought his body home.

Major John McIlwain was killed near Kennesaw, Georgia. His remains were received at Connersville and taken to Canal House, the home of his father in law, Elisha Vance. Mr. Vance had been instrumental in Fayette County's funding of

the Union Army. Within two weeks, Elisha Vance also died, and his wake was also held at Canal House.

Martha Cookus, a native of West Virginia, came here after the war with her family. They had previously lived in a town that had wavered between Confederate and Union control, and the Cookus family were known northern sympathizers, a stance that didn't set well with some neighbors. As a teenager, Martha was known to wear a United States flag draped around her waist when Union troops would enter the town. She lived a long and productive life here, having worked in both the courthouse and the post office, jobs that were traditionally held by the men of her day.

You can visit Historic Connersville or Historic Elmhurst on Facebook or call (765) 825-0946 for more details.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad will be offering trips to Metamora during that time, also.

Looking ahead to November and December, the Polar Express will be in town from November 11th through December 17th.

Connersville will host Winterfest December 2nd and 3rd. Santa will be in town. There will be carriage rides, food, fun, and more.

There's always something fun to do and history to be learned in Fayette County. Come and visit soon.

# Roaming The Outdoors

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

"Despite encouraging motorists and farmers alike to take extra precaution on roadways during harvest season, crashes still occur every year," said Doug Carter, Indiana State Police Superintendent. "One death is one too many. I want to remind everyone to remain alert and exercise caution as you travel on Indiana's rural roads this fall."

For a list of safety tips, click here or visit [isda.in.gov](https://isda.in.gov). To view the full Public Service Announcement, click here. The following organizations will be working together to share this important safety message during planting season: Hoosier Ag Today, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana State Police.

**INDIANA DEER HUNTERS URGED TO REMEMBER SAFETY TIPS**

With the deer reduction zone season underway and the statewide archery deer season starting Oct. 1, Indiana Conservation Officers remind hunters to stay

safe.

The various deer hunting seasons run through Jan. 31, 2023. It is estimated that more than 300,000 people will participate in some form of deer hunting in Indiana during that span.

The most common injuries during deer seasons are accidents involving tree stands and elevated platforms. Hunters should follow the safety tips listed below when hunting from an elevated position.

**Before the hunt:**

- Read and understand the tree stand manufacturer's instructions.

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Benjamin prizes from this spring hunt.. ((Author Photo))



Hunt participants looking at just a few of the prize tables. ((Author Photo))

# Outdoors



With Rich Creason

## KADOHA TREASURE FEST #5 WILL BE BEST YET

If you own a metal detector, or if you have ever considered buying one, finding a gold coin, or a silver dollar, possibly a rare Civil War relic, or maybe a valuable piece of jewelry would probably be on the top of your list of things to find. Chances are you would have to spend hundreds of hours swinging a detector and walk many acres of ground before finding one of the above treasures. My wife and I have detected for over 40 years and have yet to discover a gold coin or silver dollar in a yard or field or water.

If you would like to improve your chances of finding any (or all) of the above items, consider attending the KadoHa Treasure Fest #5 in Murfreesboro, Arkansas this coming

October. Brandon Sutton and his crew appear to be outdoing themselves for hunt #5. Susie and I attended #3 and #4 and are signed up for the October event. I think #3 had over 2,000 prize tokens in the ground and #4 had 4,000. There is a spring and fall hunt each year. Last fall, 20 tokens worth \$100 each and 10 worth \$1,000 each were included in the prize list. This spring had the same cash tokens plus a grand prize token of \$5,000 cash. For the fall, 2022 event he is using the \$5,000 prize to purchase multiple gold coins to use as prizes. Again, he will have dozens of valuable rings, necklaces, bracelets, and other jewelry.

The 4,000 prizes for the last event were displayed on around 20 long tables. These included Civil War tokens good for bullets, buttons, buckles, powder flasks, hat pins, spurs, muskets, artillery shells, clay pipes, and many other prizes from the War period. Also on the tables were display cases of silver dollars, century old coins, Roman coins, gold nuggets, and multiple display cases of Native American artifacts, which included arrowheads, beaded necklaces, and more.

Brandon always seems to come up with some very unusual items for prizes. This spring, he offered several relics from the Titanic, including small pieces of carpeting and coal. Not large items, but certainly things which few collectors possess.



Susie and I have been attending these “seeded” hunts for over 40 years. I figured we had gone to these events in over 20 states and Canada. Most of them offer three or four hunts a day, each running about 30 minutes. They are held in a field usually about one or

two acres in size, sometimes smaller. When there are 50 to 100 entrants in a field this size, almost all the coins and tokens are found in about 10 minutes. This isn’t a major problem if you are an experienced hunter. If you are a newcomer to the hobby, or slowing down because of age or other reasons, you might not find a lot of targets.

When you attend a hunt like KaDoHa, your chances are much better to find multiple targets. There will probably be 200 other people searching for the buried targets, but the hunt lasts about eight hours (and you can quit anytime you want), but the field on Saturday is probably sixty plus acres. Speed is not a factor in this hunt. The field on Sunday is even larger than the first day. Beginners have an excellent chance of going over multiple targets with their detector.

Susie and I took our 16 year old grandson, Benjamin, to the Treasure Fest #4 this spring. He doesn’t get to detect often, but on Saturday, he found 16 tokens. He located three more tokens on day two. I uncovered 21 for the two days and Susie bested us both with a total of 33. Her last target on Sunday was a token good for \$100 cash. We turned our tokens in for Civil War relics, lots of arrowheads and other Native American artifacts, multiple silver dollars and other old coins, 4 gold nuggets, a clay pipe, three Indian trade bead necklaces, several nice fossils and unusual minerals and crystals. Benjamin was hoping to win a Civil War artillery shell for his 4-H collection, but none of us found one of those in hunt #4. Maybe the October hunt will be lucky for us.

# STEVE'S MARINE

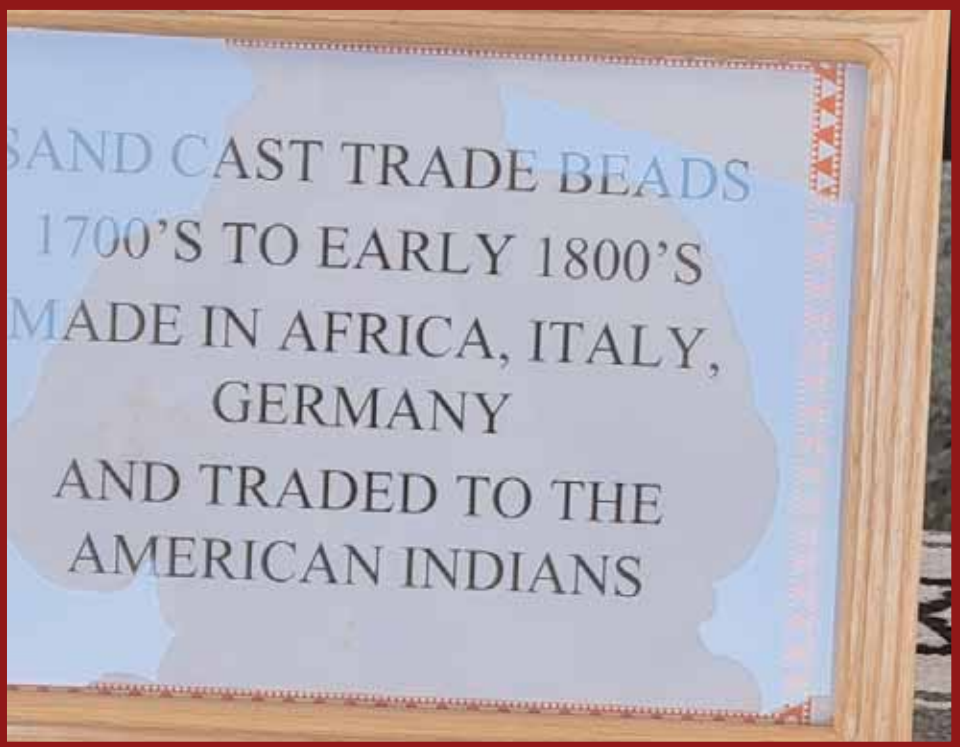


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Huntmaster Brandon Sutton offered relics from the Titanic as prizes. ((Author Photo)



Sign explaining about the Indian trade beads necklaces for prizes. (Author Photo)

Between hunts or during meal breaks, we strolled through the KaDoHa Indian Village Museum. This is at the treasure hunt site and includes the museum showing artifacts from the prehistoric Indian culture which was in this area. A self-guided tour includes the excavated mounds showing bones, pottery, and other relics of past life. There is also a field where you can hunt for arrowheads and crystals and a metal detector rental for hunting an area seeded with great treasures for kids.

While we were in Murfreesboro for the treasure hunt, Benjamin wanted to go about three miles down the road to the Crater of Diamonds State Park to hunt for diamonds. This is one of the only places in the world where the public can search for diamonds and keep what they find. For a small entry fee, you can search the 37 acres of an eroded surface of a volcanic crater. You can bring your own equipment or rent shovels, buckets, and other mining tools to aid in your search for real diamonds.

If you are interested in attending KaDoHa Treasure Fest #5 in October, 2022, go to the Arkansas History Unearthed Facebook page or Google KaDoHa Treasure Fest #5 for more information. Cost per person is \$300. Hit the right token and you can recoup that in one dig. Call **870-285-3736** to pay by phone. If mailing checks, mail to and make payable to Caddo Trading Company, Inc., PO Box 669, Murfreesboro, AR 71958. You can also contact me at the below email for more information.

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A table full of great Civil War items for prizes. (Author Photo)



Civil War era clay pipe Susie won as a token prize.



Old coins and a gold nugget I won as some of my prize tokens.

## 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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by Tag Nobbe

Professional Fishing Guide

## Fishing Brookville Lake In October

October is one of those months where things will start to change in the lake. This is called a seasonal transition period. As the water temperature starts to cool on the surface it gets heavier. When the surface temperature gets colder than the deep water the surface water will sink through the the deep water and reoxygenate it. So now all the fish can go as deep as they want. From this point they are just looking for the right water temperature for their liking. For the last 4 months, the water temperature has been hovering in the low 90's. This can be quite stressful for some of the fish in the lake. Black bass, catfish, crappie, and bluegill seem to take it in stride, but cold-water fish like walleye and striped bass tend to struggle a bit, but with the water cooling down and fall turn over behind them, these fish get their secondwind. What this means to us as fisherman is now their catchable.

The fall bite can be just as good as the spring bite. The water is cool and well oxygenated and full of bait. The only issue now is the fish can be 60 feet deep if they want to be, and at times they will be, plus there's bait everywhere. This is where the hunt begins. Use your depth finder use your fishing pole and use your eyes. Put your fish finder to work. With today's fish finders having side scan and structure scan the process of elimination happens at a glance, you just have to know how to interpret it and trust it. I would say the best help you can find is on you tube or get on a boat with somebody that already knows. I always tell people the fish are going to be deep or shallow. They usually look at me and go really, boy you're a genius. I laugh and say I mean like straight below the boat deep or shallow on the bank in 2 foot of water. With side scan you can just drive along the shore and scan the bank for fish or you can turn on structure scan and find all sorts of fish hold structure on the bottom or turn on the sonar and find fish holding close to the bottom. This all sounds pretty easy right. Well its not. There are still a lot of deciding factors that go into play. I know east wind kills fishing, I know cold fronts in the fall kills fishing, I know when the lake is being drawn down in the fall it pulls fish off the banks, but it doesn't kill fishing, it just puts them in a different spot. But only for short

time. See at first the fish think the lake is drying up so they pull out over deep water and suspend. But after about a week of this they get use to it and start to use the falling water to their advantage. Let's face it, it's getting colder every day and the fish know thatthe very cold weather is on the horizon.

When the fish are deep look for them on deep humps, at the bottom up drop off ledge or holding around submerged brush. When there shallow, they are usually chasing bait. Look for them on shallow flats or along a shore that the wind is blowing into. If there is a mud line fish along the mud line. Keep in mind that in the fall all the crawl dads, worms and bugs have all went dormant and the predator fish know this, so they won't target them. Your best bet is to stick with bait that looks like fish. A few baits that I like to use are chubs, shiners and bass minnow. To use them shallow just use a small split shot to know weight at all or fish them under a bobber. To fish them deep just use a heavier weight. When using artificial baits shallow you can use crank baits, jerk baits, swim baits, or spinner baits. If your fishing artificial deep use spoons, blade baits or jigging raps. Just keep fishing and let the fish tell you want they want I f you see fish and you're not catching them, change up your technic or your baits.

Good Luck Tag

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- Check tree stands and equipment for wear, fatigue, and cracks or loose nuts/bolts, paying particularly close attention to parts made of material other than metal.
- Practice at ground level.
- Learn how to properly wear your full-body safety harness.

### During the hunt:

- Wear your full-body safety harness.
- Use a tree stand safety rope.
- Make certain to attach your harness to the tree before leaving the ground, and that it remains attached to the tree until you return to the ground.
- Maintain three points of contact during ascent and descent
- Use boots with non-slip soles.

- Use a haul line to raise and lower firearms, bows and other hunting gear.
- and safety is on before attaching them to the haul line.

### Additional safety tips:

- Carry emergency equipment, such as a cellphone and flashlight.
- Make a plan before you hunt.
- Tell someone your plan, including where you will be hunting and when you plan to return.
- Stick to your plan.
- Identify game before pointing a firearm
- Know your target and what is beyond it.

For more information, see [hunting.IN.gov](http://hunting.IN.gov).

### DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF RETURNS TO PATOKA LAKE OCTOBER 8, 2022

Bring your best Dutch oven recipes, cookware, supplies, and ingredients for a friendly competition at Patoka's Autumn Getaway Dutch Oven Cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Judging will be at 3:30 p.m. Advance registration is required this year by Oct. 5 and can be made by calling the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

The competition must have no fewer than 15 dishes registered or the event will be postponed until 2023. All culinary skill levels are welcome to compete. Winners will be announced in the cooking area at 4:30 p.m. in the Patoka Lake modern campground. This program is free after paying the state park entrance fee \$7 per vehicle and \$9 for out-of-state vehicle. [Patoka Lake \(on.IN.gov/patokalake\) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513](http://Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513).

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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

## PLANO FROST COOLER

One thing I noticed a few years ago at the annual ICAST show was the number of booths solely or partially dedicated to selling “rotomolded” coolers. Rotomolding (short for rotational molding) has been around for decades and so have plastic coolers. So what was all the buzz about?

Through much of the plastic cooler history, the goal was to produce plastic coolers which would do a reasonable job of keeping things cold (occasionally hot) for a reasonable price. We’ve all used dozens of these in different brands and sizes over the years. And we’ve all had hinges break, lids fly off, corners crumple or miscellaneous other problems with these inexpensive cool-boxes.

Then a couple of brothers from Texas attacked these problems by producing a line of coolers (using the rotational molding process), added heavy duty hardware, better insulation and thicker, tougher sides. Then they gave their “super-coolers” a catchy name - Yeti - and attached a super-sized price tag to them.

In so doing they proved people were willing to pay roughly ten times more for these “super-coolers” and for many reasons. Some like them because they will withstand bear or gorilla attacks. Some like them because they will keep things cold two or three times longer than traditional coolers. Some like them because an adult can sit on them without crushing the lid. Some like them because they are cool, the same reason people buy Cadillac, Porsche and Mercedes products instead of Ford or Chevrolets.

One of the things I noticed at last summer’s ICAST was the smaller number of “super-cooler” sellers displaying their wares. I also noticed, however, that for the first time, Plano had jumped into the rotomolded cooler market.

Why not? Plano is one of the oldest names in the fishing tackle industry, making tackle boxes since 1932 – though their early models weren’t plastic. Now they make plastic tackle boxes, general storage boxes, rod cases, gun cases and storage options for anything outdoors. And now they make a “storage” box for my lunch – actually, it’s the mid-size model of Plano’s entry into the super-cooler market.

Called “Frost,” they come in three sizes, a 14 quart, 21 and 32 quart. I selected the 21 because it was the perfect size to serve as a lunch box for

the small group of friends I usually fish with. I didn’t measure it in advance, but unlike other coolers I’ve use for the same purpose, I found that a tube of Pringles fits neatly across the bottom, a 16 ounce Diet Mountain Dew will stand up in the corner and there is enough space for sandwiches, fruit, cookies and the rest of the essentials my friends and I need. There’s even a small basket that can suspend items above the food and drinks below, like my cookies or crackers for the sardines.

I haven’t put it to the test against any bears or gorillas, but it’s passed every test I’ve put to it including a 250 pound person sitting on it, boating in 30 knot winds and keeping my Mountain Dew cold for the drive home from the lake. Available at many online and retail outlets or direct from Plano at [www.planomolding.com](http://www.planomolding.com).

THE END

Caption: Plano's mid-size Frost cooler has proven to be the perfect size lunchbox for a hungry crew of fishermen.

Plano's mid-size Frost cooler has proven to be the perfect size lunchbox for a hungry crew of fishermen.



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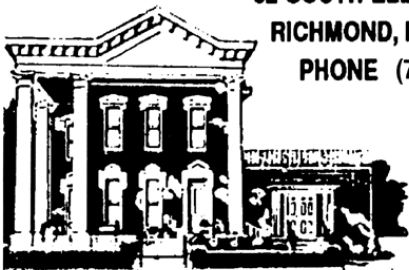
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## News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

### Potawatomi Coming From Washington State to Trail of Courage

News release from Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E 375 N, Rochester IN 46975  
[fchs@rtcol.com](mailto:fchs@rtcol.com) [www.fultoncountyhistory.org](http://www.fultoncountyhistory.org)

Teri (Melot) Schwiethale of Port Angeles, Washington, was the honored Potawatomi at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival this year, Sept. 17-18, 2022. Descendants of the 1838 Trail of Death are honored at the festival each year. The Trail of Death was the forced removal of the Potawatomi from Indiana to Kansas in 1838. The Potawatomi were marched down Rochester's Main Street Sept. 5, 1838. The historic festival is held at the Fulton County Historical Society grounds four miles north of Rochester on U. S. 31. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. Admission charge.

Teri wrote: My first "known" Potawatomi ancestor is Watcheke (Watseka) Bergeron (married name). She is my great- great- great-grandmother. Her daughter, Catherine Melot, is my great- great- grandmother. Her son Joseph Melot (whom I am registered through for Citizen Band Potawatomi) is my great-grandfather. His son, "Pat" Melot, is my grandfather, and his daughter Jamie (Melot) Lawrence is my mother.

Watcheke was on the Trail of Death from Indiana to Kansas in 1838. Watcheke was very intelligent and known for her involvement in the community, so much so that Watseka, Illinois, is named after her. My cousin, George Godfrey, in charge of Indian dances at the Trail of Courage, knows much more about her than I do, and I am looking forward to learning from him what he knows. The Melot clan was known as a "wild" bunch and my grandfather Pat lived up to that reputation.

My husband Dereck (German) and I have been married 38 years and have three grown married sons. Seth is married to Sarah, and has daughter Hannah. Zac is married to Kiri, has one daughter Noelle and one son Noah. Levi is married to Raivita, one daughter Ellie and one son Mattie...we are blessed

Dereck recently retired from general con-

tracting and I am a registered nurse with a Master's degree in Nursing Science (MSN-Ed). I am currently working for a college as a Program Director for a nursing program, educating future nurses. My tribe Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) paid for my Associates degree in nursing and half of my Master's degree in nursing. I am very grateful as I might not be a nurse if it were not for their help.

My husband and I met in a high school in Colorado. We moved to Arizona to be close to family, where two of our sons were born. After nine years, we moved back to Colorado. We unexpectedly became pregnant with our third son and I had to fly to Phoenix for maternity care and for the birth at the Phoenix Indian Hospital because we had no maternity insurance at the time. So all three sons were born in Phoenix.

In 1996, when our youngest was under one year old, we went to my uncle Glen Melot's family reunion in Washington state. This was August, no rain, but spectacular green everywhere. We decided to move to Washington close to my uncle and cousins. After a year in the Seattle area, my husband and I, being small town kids, decided to relocate our family on the Olympic Peninsula in the Port Angeles area. We bought a 100-year-old farmhouse on acreage and have been there for 25 years. Now two of our sons and their families live across the street from us....we are blessed.

My mother told me at 10 years old about my heritage. She had been somewhat disconnected from it, but when I was old enough, she thought it was important for me to know. When I had my own family, I educated our sons about our traditions and tribe. Two of our sons also received help from CPN for college, each earning Bachelor's degrees. The other son received an Associates degree and went into ministry.

I have visited our tribal land in Oklahoma on at least 10 different occasions, most being for family gatherings and one being my own naming ceremony - my Potawatomi name is B'menat (one who cares for others). I attend our regional meetings annually and have had gatherings on our property in Washington (pictures).

See you soon.



CAPTAIN BRAD P. HOFFEDITZ

the 71st Indiana State Police Recruit Academy and was appointed as a Trooper and assigned to the Indiana State Police Post in Indianapolis.

Hoffeditz was promoted to Sergeant in 2013 to serve as ISP Legal Counsel. In 2016, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant to serve as South Zone Legal Counsel.

During his career, Hoffeditz has served as ISP's Legislative Coordinator and Legislative Director and has been appointed to the Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans (IPATH) Policy Committee, the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Points Study Committee, the BMV Law Enforcement Committee, the Indiana Autonomous Vehicles Workgroup and the Indiana Hemp Advisory Committee.

Hoffeditz and his wife, Carrie, have three children (Nolin, Mabry and Ainsley) and are residents of Brownsburg, Indiana.

### HUNTERS CAN DONATE DEER TO HELP FEED HUNGRY HOOSIERS

Indiana Conservation Officers encourage Indiana hunters to donate harvested deer to help feed hungry Hoosiers.

The Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund administered by the DNR Division of Law Enforcement provides grants to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, the Dubois County Sportsmen Club, and Hunters and Farmers Feeding the Hungry to pay for processing fees when hunters donate legally harvested deer.

Participating in the program is simple:

Enjoy a deer hunting experience.

Harvest a deer.

Drop off the field-dressed deer at a local participating processor.

Processing fees are paid for by the Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund.

The processor will create healthy venison burger to distribute to food banks.

The participating organizations notify food banks throughout Indiana when venison is ready to be collected from certified Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund butchers. The food banks distribute venison to soup kitchens and food pantries.

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### STATE POLICE LIEUTENANT AND HENDRICKS COUNTY RESIDENT PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

(Indianapolis, IN) - The Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, Douglas G. Carter, has announced the promotion of Lieutenant Brad P. Hoffeditz to the rank of Captain. Captain Hoffeditz will serve as the Deputy Chief Counsel within the Indiana State Police Legal Office.

Hoffeditz, who is originally from St. Louis, Missouri, graduated from North County Christian High School in 1995; earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Central Missouri State University in 1999; and in 2011, earned a Juris Doctorate from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis and was admitted to practice law in Indiana. On March 16, 2012, he graduated from

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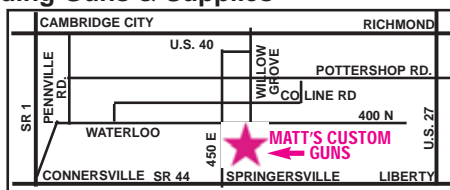
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# Misfires And Snags



by Dan Graves  
"Humorist Writer"

## DRIVING ON CHICKEN POWER

(Whoever said that there's nothing new under the sun has never struck a match near a compost heap and found out that there's more to a pile of fertilizer than a bad smell).

The worldwide quest these days seems to be aimed at finding a way to produce fuels that are an alternative to our present dependence on petroleum. Surprisingly, there are a number of choices, but very little progress has been made in developing any of them into economically feasible substitutes. However, with the advent of newer technology more emphasis is being placed on finding a way to cut the noose of dependence on fossil fuels. Automobiles which run on fossil fuels won't leave the driveway if fueled with say, Coleman Fuel. The combination of developing an alternate source of energy and the ability to use it means we will be held hostage by the major oil companies for years to come. But don't be discouraged. There may be immediate answers to this dilemma.

One of the most promising fuels is methane, a gas that is commonly a byproduct of the break-down of vegetable and animal waste. For instance, if a chicken coop is cleaned regularly and the stuff's stored in an enclosed space, it will begin to produce methane after a period of time. I can foresee a future when automobile dealers will offer not a cash rebate or a year's supply of gasoline with a new purchase, but a pen full of chickens to power your flashy SUV. Of course, you'll be responsible for keeping your fuel suppliers fed, but cracked corn is "chicken feed" compared to the cost of a gallon of fossil fuel. It's easy to visualize future homes with a two-car garage and an attached chicken coop with its methane producer. Other benefits will include an abundance of eggs, and chicken and dumplings will become a common in expensive meal.

Combustible fuels distilled from grain products have been in use for many years. Ethanol, or grain alcohol as its known, is normally

mixed with regular gasoline, I assume, to reduce fossil fuel consumption. Even though it can be economically feasible, it has one major problem. Due to its properties, it's also very popular as a consumable liquid. Certain distillers, especially in the mountainous regions of the former Confederate states, have been producing it for decades under such names as "moonshine" and "white lightning".

Unfortunately, the government has declared the liquid illegal and has waged a war to stamp out the practice. Should moonshine become a viable fuel source and legalized, how can a line be drawn between Exxon and Billie Bob, making one legitimate and the other a felon? Would it be reasonable to say that after a motorist fills his or her tank, he or she could top off their mug from the same pump and drive away? It's a certainty that a compromise will have to be reached and drunken driving laws altered to accommodate both parties before ethanol can be considered for widespread use.

The newest technology involves the development of fuel cells using hydrogen as the source of power. It can either be burned directly or fed into fuel cell batteries to provide electrical energy. The main advantage of using hydrogen, unlike fossil fuels, is the total absence of any form of polluting emissions. However, there is one drawback. Hydrogen must be extracted from water using either electricity or a chemical process. When used in internal combustion engines it reverts back to water which is expelled from exhaust pipes. This means that with 500 million automobiles in the world (half of which are here in our area), people in certain parts of the world will be up to their necks in water within two years. It will rain or snow 365 days a year and the entire planet will turn into a steaming tropical jungle. This in turn could result in a growing number of tropical predators. If you think stray dogs are a problem, just wait until you have to chase alligators off the front porch. If science could find a way to convert the water emission from hydrogen power into ethanol, the world's population could be saved by drinking their way out of oblivion or into it.

Another source presently being investigated, and in fact is in limited use, is natural gas. It's cheaper than regular gasoline and burns cleaner, but fluctuates in price per gallon according to demand (what's new?). According to an article on alternate fuels, natural gas comes from wells in this country and Canada. That surprised me because I thought natural gas came from another source. Just as methane results from the breakdown of certain elements, I have operated under the misconception that natural gas is the result of beans and hard boiled eggs. Subsequently, I was hard pressed to understand how it could power a home or car. As far as I've been concerned, it is no more than a source of acute embarrassment and social disgrace. I'm greatly relieved to learn that there must be vast reserves of it directly under our feet and that all one must do

to tap this resource is drill a hole down to it. Perhaps I'm wrong, but isn't that risky? I can't imagine opening up a giant pocket of gas that would be 10,000 times noisier than a Whoopee Cushion. But hey, if it helps to relieve a potential energy crisis, I'm all for it. Just don't do it in my neighborhood.

With all the strides being made to develop more efficient and cost-effective sources of energy, we can look forward to a time when being stuck for hours in a traffic gridlock might be a little more pleasant as we breathe cleaner air. At least it will be humorous to listen to cars idling while burning natural gas. ■

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As a result of the 2021 deer hunting seasons, Hoosier hunters donated 879 harvested deer that resulted in 45,326 pounds of venison being donated.

For information on donating your harvested deer and participating processors, please visit [sbf.IN.gov](http://sbf.IN.gov).

### GOV. HOLCOMB HEADS TO EUROPE TO ENHANCE LIFE SCIENCES, INNOVATION-FOCUSED INDUSTRY GROWTH

**INDIANAPOLIS** (Sept. 28, 2022) – Governor Eric J. Holcomb will lead an economic development trip to Germany and Switzerland next week joined by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers and other officials from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. They will be departing Indiana on Sunday, Oct. 2. This trip will further business development discussions in future-focused industries in Indiana, advance the state's medical device ecosystem, and engage key actors within the global energy transition.

"Germany and Switzerland have both been long-standing reliable partners with the Indiana for many years," said Gov. Holcomb. "As we think about the future of energy and industrial growth domestically, we must always keep in mind how far away global events effect our shared and connected economies. For example, the war in Ukraine has had serious repercussions that have rippled across all of Europe and Asia, and I'm particularly looking forward to discussions with our German partners about how we can assist and lead our way through these times of great industry change."

There are now 535 European-owned businesses in Indiana that support 117,600 Hoosier jobs, and in 2021 Indiana exported \$10.3 billion to Europe, just over 25% of the state's total exports. Indiana also imported \$36.6 billion from Europe which made up just more than 47% of Indiana's imports.

On Monday, the Gov. Holcomb-led delegation will begin the trip in Germany – Indiana's third largest foreign investor – where he and Sec. Chambers will focus on strengthening ties with current partners. The delegation will meet with representatives of some of the 138 German-owned

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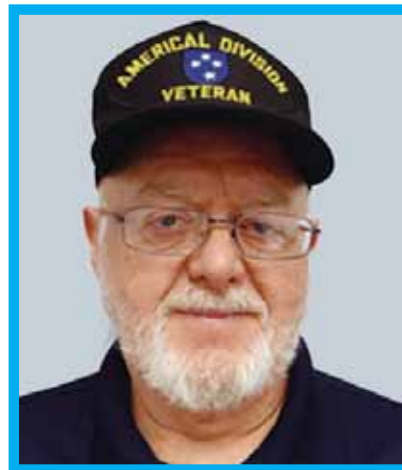
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# CENTERVILLE ARCHWAY DAYS

## AUGUST 26, 27 & 28, 2022

I was fortunate this year in finding time to attend Centerville's Archway Days on two of the three day weekend activity.

On the second day I was visiting the Republican booth talking to Gary Saunders who told me he was waiting for Congressman Greg Pence to return to the booth. I asked rather surprisingly, did you say U.S. Congressman Greg Pence? He replied yes he had been in the booth earlier, but had went to the restroom and should have been back before now. So I waited with Gary just for the chance to meet Congressman Greg Pence in person.

Time passed and I knew I had to get back to work on my October Gad-a-bout so I thanked Gary for letting me sit and talk with him and started walking back towards my van. A short distance from the booth I saw three men walking toward me.

By chance I asked, "Would any of you fellas be Congressman Greg Pence?" The one in the blue shirt on the left replied, I'm Greg Pence. Surprising myself, I spoke right back to him introducing myself saying I wanted to talk to him if I could. (Normally I'm rather shy when meeting important people) but I found myself talking to Congressman Pence rather easily. He sure was friendly!

I asked, "are you the brother to Vice President Mike Pence?" Greg replied, Yes sir, than emphasizing, "Older brother Ray!" Laughing I replied, okay older brother! He replied, Yes. I replied, "Well You guys need to keep up your good work!" He replied, "well thank you very much."

I showed him the cover of my last Gad-a-bout. Pointing to the top left photo I said this is Seara Burton, she is the Richmond Police Officer who was injured when the guy on the motorcycle shot her right in the head after she stopped him.

Pointing to the bottom left photo, this is Peter McDaniel who was one of the Veteran Service Officers in Richmond. Both he and Ron Weadick have written articles in The Gad-a-bout. Greg replied, yes he was a Marine. I added, yes he was and he also got me into the VA after I was turned down by them for my making too much money!

I then asked the name of the guy next to him in the photo I just took of them. He replied with his full name, I recognized his first name, Ryan, but his last name was lost in transition. I said, whoa! Run that last name by me again and spell it. Ryan spelled it, Karmula.

I asked the Congressman if it was okay with him for me to put their photo in my next Gad-a-bout and he said that would be okay.

I thanked the two of them for letting me have a conversation with them, than told Congressman Pence how anxious Gary was for him to return to the Republican booth.

We shook hands and went our separate way. I laughed as I hurriedly walked across the park toward my van which was parked behind the Christian Church in their parking lot. Thinking to myself, what a day, I had just met and talked to Congressman Greg Pence and got his photo too. I have to ask you, have you ever saw a more friendly smile than on these two gentlemen, Greg and Ryan?

Archway Days 2022 had certainly been one of the most interesting ones I've attended in recent memory. I must apologize though, it's been some time since Archway Days, but things have really been hectic around here since then so I'm running a bit late in getting the October issue finished.



A well attended Archway Days Car Show, just one of the high lights of the annual event. (Author Photo)



A Young girl climbing this imitation rock tower under the watchful of an adult ready to help if needed. (Author Photo)



On the left U.S. Congressman Greg Pence and Ryan Karmula visited Archway Days on August 27, 2022 (Author Photo)

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Gary Soper providing a free ride for children in his unique barrel train ride at our 2022 Archway Days. (Author Photo)



Wayne County Genealogical Society members sitting in booth. Sitting from left to right Wayne Klusman (Member), Marsha Sloan (President), Gladys Fannin (Member), Ronnie Baker (Vice President), Eugene Fannin (Member). Membership information: \$20.00 Per Person and \$25.00 Per Family. WEB PAGE: <http://www.waynet.org/nonprofit/WCGS.htm> (Author Photo).



Archway Days Parade (1 Jim Howell - Grand Marshall), (2 Ty Farmer, - Driver), (3 Phil Stevenson (Former Centerville School Superintendent), (4 Phil's Grand Daughter, Arianna), (5 Jim Resh Lions Club) & (6 Unknown). Author Photo)



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Wayne County Railroad Association CB & Q Caboose Display. ((Author Photo))



Wayne County Railroad Association CB & Q Caboose Walkway. (Author Photo)



Wayne County Railroad Association Maplewood Park Setup. (Author Photo)



Wayne County Railroad Association Appreciation Plaque to Reid Hospital. (Author Photo)

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business facilities in Indiana, honoring the long-standing relationship on German Unity Day. The delegation will also meet with business prospects and host an energy-focused, industry roundtable with the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany (AmCham Germany) to discuss the challenges and opportunities with the global energy transition and joint strategies for accelerating renewable resources.

“I’m looking forward to our continued discussions around innovation and industries of the future in both countries and in Indiana,” said Sec. Chambers. “Our partnerships with Germany and Switzerland have been crucial to industry growth and technological advancement across advanced manufacturing, industry 4.0, pharmaceuticals and orthopedics, energizing R&D and providing quality career opportunities for Hoosiers.”

On Wednesday, Gov. Holcomb, Sec. Chambers and the delegation will travel to Switzerland, home of some of Indiana’s largest employers. In Zurich, they will visit Dormakaba – a Swiss-based access and security company that in 2018 chose Indianapolis as its Access Solutions Americas segment headquarters, investing in a 200,000-square-

foot expansion – to tour its headquarters and learn about the company’s apprenticeship program.

Finally, on Thursday, Gov. Holcomb and the delegation will meet with key Swiss partners, including Medartis, which hosts its U.S. headquarters in Warsaw; and Roche, the parent company of Roche Diagnostics North America headquartered in Indianapolis. There they will focus on spurring continued growth and R&D in Indiana’s pharmaceutical and orthopedic industry.

This marks Gov. Holcomb’s 13th international trip as governor and his third visit to both Germany and Switzerland, including his recent trip to speak at the World Economic Forum in Davos-Klosters in May. The costs of the state delegations are being paid through private donations to the Indiana Economic Development Foundation.

Indiana is home to more than 1,050 foreign-owned business establishments, representing more than 40 countries and territories. In 2021, 47 foreign-owned businesses committed to locating or growing in Indiana. Together, these firms plan to invest \$3.55 billion in Indiana, creating jobs with an average wage of \$29.57 per hour and accounting for 14% of the total new jobs committed in 2021.

About IEDC

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WAYNE COUNTY RAILROADERS ASSN

The Wayne County Railroaders Association purchased a CB&Q Caboose and placed it in the Maplewood Park in Centerville, Indiana and are now developing the area around it, which includes Phase 1 - Open Now 1 Train  
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Phase 3 - Sidings / Turnouts - 4 Trains

In order for the Railroaders to accomplish their goal they are selling Caboose “Bricks.” This is a very worth while project. See above top & bottom right photos showing position of Bricks along walk. Fill out form on next page to order your “Brick.”

(Editors Note) I was a Yard Clerk for Penn Central RR in Richmond Yard Office from 1968 to 1972.

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Participants can see eagles and osprey along the two-hour journey. Bring binoculars, cameras, and life jackets. Nonmotorized boat launch permits are required and will be sold at the event for \$5.

For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at **812-685-2447**.

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



## BODY OF MAN RECOVERED FROM SHADYSIDE LAKE (MADISON COUNTY)

Body of man recovered from Shadyside Lake (Madison County)

Indiana Conservation Officers are assisting in an investigation after being contacted by the Anderson Police Department with a reported drowning at Shadyside Lake in Anderson late Saturday afternoon.

The victim, a 24-year-old male, reportedly disappeared while trying to swim across the lake with a companion. Several witnesses reported the man had shouted that he was tangled in something before going under the surface of the water.

Upon arrival, conservation officers utilized a boat equipped with side scan sonar to locate the victim.

At 6:56 p.m., the victim was recovered. It was discovered that the body was partially entangled in fishing line.

The identity is being withheld pending family notification.

Indiana Conservation Officers would like to remind the public of the hazards involved with swimming in undesignated areas and the importance of wearing a life jacket whenever entering the water.

## ORV CRASH CLAIMS LIFE OF A JUVENILE (JEFFERSON COUNTY)

ORV crash claims life of a Juvenile (Jefferson County)

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a serious off-road vehicle (ORV) accident that claimed the life of a juvenile.

Yesterday at approximately 5:09 p.m., Indiana Conservation Officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of N. 600 W. in Jefferson County for a serious accident with injury.

Upon arrival, responder located a side-by-side ORV on its side. A 13-year-old female who occupied the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene.

Details and the cause of the accident are still under investigation and additional information will be released as it becomes available.

Responding agencies included Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Hanover Police

## MIDDLEBURY MAN INJURED IN TREE STAND ACCIDENT (LAGRANGE COUNTY)

Middlebury man injured in tree stand accident (LaGrange County)

(Shipshewana) Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a tree stand accident that occurred yesterday afternoon in LaGrange County.

At approximately 3:30 p.m., officers responded to the 3500 block of West State Road 120 for a person seriously injured.

Upon arrival, officers discovered that Lyndon J. Slabach, 36, of Middlebury, had been removing a hang-on style tree stand from private property when the cables supporting the stand broke.

Slabach, who was alone and not wearing a safety harness, fell approximately 17 feet to the ground but was able to access his cellphone to call a relative, who then called 911.

Slabach was treated on scene by first responders and then airlifted by Parkview Samaritan to Parkview Regional Medical Center in serious condition with injuries to his legs.

Conservation Officers were assisted at the scene by the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, Lima Township Fire Rescue, and Parkview LaGrange Ambulance.

With deer hunting seasons approaching, Conservation Officers remind everyone using elevated platforms to always wear a full body harness, use a tree stand's safety rope, never try to put up or remove a tree stand by themselves, and to always inspect their tree stand before climbing up into it.

## INDIANA HISTORIC PRESERVATION & ARCHAEOLOGY

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Recipients of the Indiana Historic Preservation Award, which recognizes outstanding efforts in the field of historic preservation, have been announced by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA).

As the State Historic Preservation Office, the DHPA oversees the federally funded Historic Preservation Fund grant program, the federal Reinvestment Historic Tax Credit program, and the state's Historic Homeowner Tax Credit program. The agency also functions as Indiana's central repository for historic structures and archaeological site records.

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Cheryl Ann Munson is an archaeologist and Research Scientist Emerita in the Department of Anthropology at Indiana University-Bloomington. She has completed important archaeological



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research and field investigations at Indiana sites for decades and has worked to improve archaeological outreach. Her research focus has been understanding the last precontact cultures to inhabit southern Indiana and the Ohio Valley and led to the definition of the late Mississippian Caborn-Welborn phase (AD 1400-1650).



Powers Church

**The Powers Church and Cemetery Association** will be recognized for its rehabilitation of the bell tower and steeple of Powers Church. The church is named after four Powers brothers who settled in Steuben County in the late 1830s. The area became a thriving community, centered around a sawmill, a general store, a grist mill, and the church built in 1876. By the 1920s, the village was dwindling, and the church was closed up and abandoned. The association acquired the building in 1976. In 2019, the association applied for and received a Historic

Preservation Fund grant to assist with the rehabilitation, which it completed. The church displays an intact interior and is popular for weddings, family reunions, and other gatherings. The association also hosts several non-denominational services throughout the year despite the lack of elec-



Garfield Drive Historic District

The Garfield Park Neighbors Beautification & Walkability Committee in Indianapolis will be recognized for its efforts to nominate the Garfield Drive Historic District in Indianapolis for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The group led public meetings, research, writing, mapping, and photography efforts, a multi-year initiative that resulted in the district's listing. Bordered by Raymond Street, Shelby Street, East Garfield Drive and South Garfield Drive, the district is a significant example of how transportation and the Kessler Park and Boulevard Plan of 1909 helped shape the growth of Indianapolis. To view more DNR news releases, please see [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov).

#### BONUS ANTLERLESS QUOTAS LOWERED IN 4 COUNTIES

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) has impacted the deer herd in Wayne, Union, Fayette, and Franklin counties this year. As a result, Indiana DNR has reduced the County Bonus Antlerless Quotas (CBAQ) in these four counties to a maximum of one.

Humans are not at risk for contracting EHD, which is a viral disease that may affect white-tailed deer to some degree every year. It typically occurs during late summer and early fall, and there is evidence that outbreaks can be more severe in years in which there is a wet spring followed by a hot, dry fall. EHD is transmitted by flies commonly known as biting midges, sand gnats, and "no-see-ums."

EHD is often fatal to deer, but some survive the illness. Not every deer in an affected area will contract EHD. One sign that a deer has contracted and survived EHD is evidence of sloughing or breaking on their hooves. Indiana DNR asks that successful hunters use the [Deer After Hunt Survey](#) to report the condition of their deer's hooves, including both normal hooves and hooves that show evidence of sloughing or damage.

The DNR monitors for EHD annually. Severe outbreaks rarely occur in subsequent years due to immunity gathered from previous infections. EHD is not believed to have long-term impacts on the deer population.

The effects of the deer harvest and EHD will be evaluated after the deer season and additional changes will be made the next year if necessary.

Anyone that finds a deer that they suspect died of EHD, should report it using the form at [on.IN.gov/sickwildlife](http://on.IN.gov/sickwildlife).

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Scarecrows will be featured along Prophetstown's paved accessible trail for easy hiking, biking, and strolling. Promote recycling and upcycling by repurposing used items and materials to create fun (and funky!) art for this special event. It's free to participate, and there are no registration fees.

The public will have the chance to vote for their favorite scarecrows by making donations to the Interpretive Services fund for education, arts, culture, and history programs at Prophetstown State Park. Park guests can cast 100 votes for their favorite scarecrow by donating one dollar. Prizes are awarded for the most votes, so spread the word to vote for your scarecrow.

If you are unable to sponsor a scarecrow, please consider donating merchandise or gift certificates for contest prizes or gifting a monetary contribution to interpretive services programs.

Check out last year's Trail of Scarecrows picture album at [facebook.com/ProphetstownSP](http://facebook.com/ProphetstownSP) for fun and creative ideas.

To enter your scarecrow and receive registration materials, email Jenna Parks Freeman, Interpretive Naturalist, by Sept. 19.

For more information, call Jenna Parks Freeman at **765-320-0503** or email [jparks@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jparks@dnr.IN.gov).

Find us on Facebook [facebook.com/ProphetstownSP](http://facebook.com/ProphetstownSP) and see what's happening at Indiana State Parks events.[IN.gov/dnr](http://IN.gov/dnr).

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### THREE PENNSYLVANIA MEN ARRESTED ON MULTIPLE CRIMINAL CHARGES

Gas City – Yesterday at approximately 8:00 p.m. traffic stops made by Indiana State Police Trooper Edward Titus, the Grant County Sheriff's Department, and officers from the Gas City Police Department led to the arrests of Jamarr Parker, 25, Manheim, PA, Radames Vargas Jr., 27, Mountville, PA, and Christopher Brown-Conroy, 29, Lancaster, PA. They were incarcerated in the Grant County Jail.

Parker faces criminal charges for possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, obstruction of justice, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of a narcotic, and dealing a level two narcotic. Vargas faces charges of resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, possession of marijuana, possession of a narcotic, and dealing a level two narcotic. Brown-Conroy faces charges of obstruction of justice, possession of a narcotic, possession of marijuana, and dealing a level two narcotic. Parker was also found to be wanted on an arrest warrant from Pennsylvania for intimidation and a firearm charge.

Last night, Trooper Titus was on routine patrol when he allegedly observed a Chevrolet passenger car and a Ford passenger car commit traffic infractions on State Road 22 near Gas City. The vehicles appeared to be traveling together.

Gas City Police Sergeant Tommy Riggs arrived to assist with getting the vehicles stopped. He initiated a traffic stop on the Ford. The driver, later identified as Vargas Jr, refused to stop and led Riggs on a short pursuit. The chase ended when Vargas Jr stopped the Ford on East B Street near 2nd Street, in Gas City. Riggs and Titus conducted a felony stop on Vargas Jr and his passenger, Brown-Conroy, taking both men in custody. During a subsequent search of the Ford, officers allegedly found marijuana and approximately \$6,180 in United States currency. Officers also recovered a bag containing hydrocodone pills that were purportedly thrown out of the Ford during the pursuit.

Gas City Police Officer Easton Burton and Grant County Sheriff's Deputy Kody Lewis stopped the Chevrolet on East South B Street in Gas City. Lewis utilized his narcotics-detecting police dog to conduct a free-air sniff around the Chevrolet. The dog indicated the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. During a subsequent search, officers allegedly found counterfeit fentanyl pills, marijuana, 345 grams of suspected fentanyl, counterfeit Xanax bars, a nine-millimeter handgun, three bottles of promethazine with codeine, and approximately \$730.00 in United States currency. Parker, who was the driver of the Chevrolet, was taken into custody.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law

### STATE POLICE CAPTAIN AND SHELBY COUNTY RESIDENT PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF MAJOR

(Indianapolis, IN) The Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, Douglas G. Carter, has announced the promotion of Captain Sid Newton to



Major Sid Newton Laboratory Division Commander.

the rank of Major. Major Newton will serve as the Laboratory Division Commander, and oversee the Indiana State Police forensic laboratory system, crime scene investigations program and evidence management system.

Newton, a native of Indianapolis, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University. On December 24, 1995, he graduated from the 53rd Indiana State Police Recruit Academy and was appointed as a Trooper assigned to the Indiana State Police Post in Lowell. He later transferred to the Lafayette Post, and in 1998, he was appointed as Detective in the Drug Enforcement Section.

In 2007, Newton was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and served as a Polygraph Examiner. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant and served as the Polygraph Unit Supervisor.

In 2014, Newton was appointed to the rank of Captain, and served as the Deputy Commander of the Laboratory Division until this recent promotion. During his career, Newton served the Indiana State Police on the Tactical Intervention Platoon and the Clandestine Laboratory Team.

Major Newton resides in Shelby County with his wife and two sons.

### TRAFFIC STOP FOR EXTREME SPEED LEADS TO ARREST OF TWO JUVENILES (Indianapolis, IN) The

Seymour-This morning, a trooper with the Indiana State Police-Versailles Post stopped a vehicle on I-65 in northern Jackson County for traveling in excess of 100 mph. Following a brief investigation, two juvenile occupants of the vehicle were arrested on various charges.

At approximately 10:00 am, Master Trooper Randel Miller stopped a white Acura on I-65 Southbound near the 55-mile marker for traveling

111 mph in a 70 mph zone. The vehicle was being driven by a 17-year-old male juvenile from Crothersville, Indiana. A 16-year-old male juvenile from Seymour, Indiana was a passenger in the vehicle.

During further investigation, the driver was found to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage and a look-a-like marijuana substance. Two realistic looking fake firearms were also found in the vehicle. The 17-year-old was arrested on initial charges of reckless driving, possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor, and dealing in a look-a-like substance.

The 16-year-old was found to be a missing/wanted person. The juvenile was wanted on felony charges of burglary with a deadly weapon, robbery, and failure to appear.

Both juveniles were transported to the Jackson County Jail where they were initially remanded to the custody of the jail staff before being transported to a juvenile detention facility to be held pending court appearances.

Master Trooper Miller was assisted by Sergeant Stephen Wheelers and Master Trooper Jason Hankins.



Extreme Speed Leads to Arrest of Two Juveniles

### INDIANA STATE POLICE FORT WAYNE POST

### DETECTIVE/SERGEANT ROB SMITH PROMOTED TO DISTRICT INVESTIGATIVE COMMANDER

(Fort Wayne, IN)- On Monday September 19, 2022, Indiana State Police Superintendent Douglas Carter announced the promotion of Sergeant Robert C. Smith, III, Investigative Squad Leader for the Fort Wayne Post, to the rank of First Sergeant and reassigned as the District Investigative Commander for the Fort Wayne Post.

As the District Investigate Commander (DIC), First Sergeant Smith will be responsible for providing supervision and support to the District Investigative Squad Leader, as well as to plan, coordinate, and manage all district criminal investigations for the Fort Wayne Post.

First Sergeant Smith is a twenty-one year veteran of the Department. His role as an investigator began in 2005 when he transferred from a patrol assignment (LaGrange/Noble Counties) to the Meth Suppression Section and served as the Fort Wayne



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District Meth Coordinator. In 2009, he transferred to the Drug Enforcement Section and was assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Safe Streets Task Force in Fort Wayne.

In 2017, Smith was re-assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force in Fort Wayne where he served until 2019 when he was promoted to Sergeant and reassigned as the Investigative Squad Leader for the Fort Wayne Post.

During his career with the Indiana State Police, Smith has served as a member of the Tactical Intervention Platoon and he has been the recipient of two awards for exemplary service. In 2011, he was awarded the FBI Meritorious Achievement award in Washington, D.C. and in 2012, he was awarded the Indiana State Police Life Saving Award.

First Sergeant Smith currently resides with his family in rural Allen County.

#### HARRISON COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

DePauw, Ind. – A Cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) led to the arrest of a Harrison County man for possession and dissemination of child pornography.

Detectives with the Indiana State Police - Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force in Sellersburg began an investigation in April of 2022 after receiving a cyber tip report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The cyber tip report indicated that a specific account was possibly used to transmit child pornography images or video files.

Based on information gathered during the investigation, detectives requested a search warrant through the Harrison County Superior Court. As a result, on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, members of the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force executed the search warrant at a North Road NW address in DePauw, Indiana.

As a result of the investigation and subsequent search, Investigators arrested Derik Tyler Lowhorn, 30, of DePauw, Indiana.

Derik Lowhorn is charged with two counts of Possession and Dissemination of Child Pornography with a Child under 12 Years of Age. Each charge is

a Level 4 Felony.

Derik Lowhorn was transported to the Harrison County Jail without further incident.

During the search, officers were assisted by the Palmyra Town Marshall.

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

#### IMPAIRED DRIVER ARRESTED AFTER HIT AND RUN CRASH

Vanderburgh County - Yesterday afternoon at approximately 5:25 p.m., Indiana State Police received a report of a hit and run crash that occurred on I-69 near the 64 mile-marker at the Washington exit in Daviess County. The driver of a 1996 Toyota Corolla had pulled over onto the shoulder on I-69 to assist another motorist. The driver of a 2003 GMC Sierra was traveling south on I-69, drove over the fog line, side swiped the Toyota Corolla and the other vehicle, and continued south without stopping. The driver of the Toyota called 911 and followed the pickup truck south. Indiana State Police dispatchers received the call from Pike County 911 as the vehicles were traveling south through Gibson County. The driver of the Toyota followed the pickup truck for over 50 miles until Trooper Vennekotter stopped the vehicle on I-69 near Lynch Road in Vanderburgh County. The GMC Sierra was missing its passenger side mirror and the Toyota had damage to the driver's side and the driver's side mirror was missing. The driver of the GMC Sierra was identified as Andrew Lamble, 58, of Kokomo. Lamble displayed signs of impairment and failed field sobriety tests. Lamble was transported to Ascension St. Vincent Hospital where a blood test was administered, and the results are pending. After being medically cleared due to his level of impairment, he was transported to the Vanderburgh County Jail where he is currently being held on bond.

##### Arrested and Charge:

- Andrew Lamble, 58, Kokomo, IN
- 1. Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated, Class A Misdemeanor.

This is an on-going investigation and additional charges are pending through Daviess County.

#### VERSAILLES MAN KILLED IN JENNINGS COUNTY CRASH

Yesterday, September 17, 2022, Troopers from the Indiana State Police-Versailles Post began investigating a two-vehicle crash that occurred in rural Jennings County that claimed the life of a 39 year old Versailles, Indiana man.

The initial investigation by the Indiana State Police-Versailles Post Crash Reconstruction Team indicates that at approximately 4:30 pm, a 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee being driven by Jessica R. Parsons, age 40, Butlerville, Indiana was traveling eastbound on County Road 650 North near County Road 575 East. For an unknown reason, Parsons' vehicle left the right side of the road. Parsons overcorrected, causing the vehicle to return to the roadway and travel into the path of a westbound 2007 Pontiac G6 being driven by Christian P. Schular, age 39, Versailles, Indiana. The vehicles collided in the westbound lane of the road.

Schular sustained fatal injuries in the collision. He was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Jennings County Coroner's Office. A passenger in Schular's vehicle, Whitney Schular, age 18, sustained serious injuries in the crash. She was flown to University of Cincinnati Medical Center for treatment of her injuries. Parsons was transported to St.

Vincent Jennings Hospital in North Vernon, Indiana for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation is ongoing. Toxicology results on both drivers are pending at this time. Speed may be a contributing factor in the crash.

Christian Schular's family has been notified.

The Indiana State Police was assisted by the Jennings County Sheriff's Department, Butlerville Fire Department, Jennings County EMS, Jennings County Coroner's Office, and Stat Flight Medical Helicopter.

#### POLICE OFFICER FACES BATTERY CHARGE

Kokomo – A recent criminal investigation by Indiana State Police Detective Mike Lorona has resulted in Roy Smith, 42, Kokomo, IN facing a felony charge of battery and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

On June 20, 2022, Lorona initiated an investigation, at the request of the Kokomo Police Department, into a battery that allegedly occurred against a 60-year-old Swayzee, IN man on May 22, 2022.

The investigation revealed that Smith and the alleged victim were purportedly in a road rage incident that occurred while driving on Southway Boulevard in Kokomo. The incident allegedly escalated when Smith followed the victim's vehicle into the parking lot of a Kokomo restaurant. Smith purportedly confronted and battered the victim. The victim suffered facial and rib injuries.

During the investigation, probable cause was developed for a special prosecutor from Tippecanoe County to file criminal charges against Smith for battery and disorderly conduct. Smith has a summons to appear in court.

Smith was off duty and in a personally owned vehicle at the time of the alleged incident.

No further information will be released at this time.

Any information about Smith's employment status should be referred to the Kokomo Police Department.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

#### MADISON WOMAN ARRESTED ON NUMEROUS THEFT RELATED CHARGES

Today, September 15, 2022, a Jefferson County, Indiana woman was arrested on numerous theft related charges following an Indiana State Police investigation that began in February 2022, after a woman reported a family member had stolen thousands of dollars from her.

The investigation by an Indiana State Police detective revealed that Sherri L. Dorten, age 41, Madison, Indiana had been stealing money from a relative over a period of nearly four years. Evidence indicated that Dorten assumed the identity of the victim where she then obtained a loan and filed bankruptcy in the name of the victim. She additionally withdrew money from ATM's and wrote checks from the victim's bank accounts. In total, Dorten obtained thousands of dollars fraudulently by taking advantage of the family member.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the case was submitted to the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office for review. As a result, a warrant was issued for Dorten on charges of Defrauding a Financial Institution, Identity Deception, Theft, and Corrupt Business Influence.

Dorten turned herself in to investigators at the Jefferson County Jail this morning. She was placed under arrest and incarcerated pending her initial court appearance.

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