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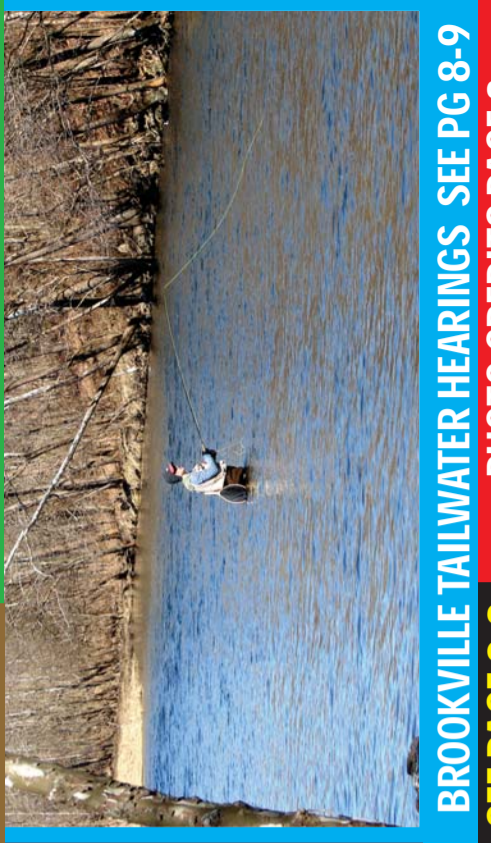
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Top Left: Fishermen try their luck fishing on Brookville Lake on a warm sunny spring day (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Top Right: Dave Wilcox, owner of Dave's Triangle located the Dunlapville Causeway Road

is holding two of the really nice bunch of yellow morel he found the spring of 2009. I asked him where he found them, but he wouldn't tell me. (Dave's Triangle, Inc Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)

Bottom Left: Eric and Cara Stallsmith, owners of www.indianaoutfitters.com Indiana's Online Outdoor Recreation Guide. Eric and Cara travel all over Indiana in search of things to do in their home on wheels. They enjoy the outdoors in Indiana. Eric is convinced there is as much to do right here in Indiana as any where else. He reminds me of me. The first article I had published in 1972 was about why drive so far for recreation when we have plenty right here in Indiana.

Eric is building a website for The Gad-a-bout. We both have busy schedules, but we hope that it is up and running by mid-May when the June Gad-a-bout is printed. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Right: Unidentified fisherman trying his luck fishing in the East Fork of the Whitewater River below the Brookville Dam (Tailwater Area) in early March 2010. Central Indiana Trout Unlimited (CITU) and Brookville fishermen differ on what is best for the Tailwater Area. See Pages 8, 9 & 27. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson

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I stopped selling subscriptions to The Gad-a-bout last year. All the subscribers that are current will get their paper in the regular mail until their subscription runs out. There will be no more mailings after the May issue. Beginning with the June issue former subscribers, other people I mailed it to and for that matter anyone in the world who is online can get on my future website www.thegadabout.com, record the state or country where they live and open a **FREE COPY** of The Gad-a-bout. The internet version will be the exact same as the paper copy. There will be two versions available - Hi resolution for DSL or similar fast connections and Lo resolution for those with dial up connections. Remember though the on line version of The Gad-a-bout won't be on line until late May 2010, about the time of the June issue.



Eric and Cara Stallsmith owners of Indiana's premier outdoor information website www.indianaoutfitters.com.

COMING SOON
WWW.THEGADABOUT.COM

Eric Stallsmith, creator and owner of www.IndianaOutfitters.com is going to build my website www.thegadabout.com. If all goes well it should be up and running in late May.

If you have never been to Eric's website you are missing one of the most informative websites on the net. If you want to find something to do in Indiana, go to Eric's site. You will be seeing a lot more of Eric and Cara in The Gad-a-bout in the future.

NEW COLUMN THIS MONTH

Sgt. John D. Bowling, Indiana State Police Public Relations Officer for the Connersville Post makes his debut in this issue on page 10 entitled, Crash Causation and It's Prevention. John said he would like to hear from readers, here is his own words.

If you ever have any questions or would like to contact me, I can be reached at jbowling@isp.IN.gov, or at the Connersville Post at 1-800-437-7159. If possible I would like to answer a question or two each month, so don't hesitate to contact me.



Sgt. John D. Bowling, ISP

FRIENDS OF THE NRA

Steve Foster, Chairman of the Whitewater Valley Friends of the NRA is announcing:

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For tickets or more info Contact Steve Foster at 765-935-4524 or stfoster@globalsite.net.

UPPER WABASH CRAPPIE TOURNEYS BOZARTH TOURNAMENTS

Well here it is April 2010 time to start thinking about crappie fishing if you have not already. Put new line on your reels, get your boat ready, and start thinking about Bozarth's tournaments. We had real good turnouts for 2009 with an average of 20 boats per tournament. Here is the schedule for 2010.

Sat May 1st

Sat June 12th

Sat Sept 18th (2nd Annual Eddie Gifford Memorial)

Sat & Sun Oct 2nd & 3rd

For more information call Ryan or Fletcher at Bozarth's 765-981-4522. you can also call Andrew Curtis at 765-384-5351 or 765-661-9040.

Bozarth's will host each tournament. Prizes will be drawn and handed out to all fishermen that are present at the Friday night seminars.

Bozarth's tournament in October will be a 2 day event and it will be fished on both the Mississenewa and Salamonie Reservoirs. Friday night we will draw which reservoir we will fish the first day and the other the next day. A two day total weight will determine the winners.

Hope to see you in May until then Good Luck and Remember be a sport and take a kid fishing.

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Kids Rodeo: Same as Weigh-In Site

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THE GAD-A-BOUT IS 20 YEARS OLD

This is my 20th Anniversary, I almost forgot to mention it. I created The Gad-a-bout from scratch in March of 1990. It was first called the Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout, then changed the name to The Gad-a-bout. We've come along way since the beginning. I hope to continue for a very long time, really looking forward to when it is on the internet.

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Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

Female & Male Rain

We all know the saying: "April Showers bring May flowers". I don't know if you are aware that the Native People believed that there was Female Rain and Male Rain.

The Female Rain was the Gentle Rain that filled the air with freshness. The Gentle Rain tempted you to come out of your lodge and stand in it, allowing the moisture to clean away the smell and taste of winter and replace it with the sweet smell of blossoming flowers and trees. The Female Rain is the sister of Mother Earth. She helps to nourish the Three Sisters

Squash, Beans, and Corn that keep the people from starving when the hunting is poor.

Male Rain is the wild rain that pours down on you in an unrelenting surge of water. When the Male Rain approaches it is announced by the Thunderers riding across the mountains

creating bright flashes of lightning. The Thunderers, the four horse men on their red, yellow, white, and black horses, riding across the earth from west to east. When they heard the rumbling in the mountains and saw the flashes of light the women were quick to make preparations. The lift were shifted to close the flaps, the rope tied around some of the poles was checked to see that the water would run down the lines and not wet the center of the lodge. Boys brought extra dry wood into the lodge and staked down the halter ropes of the horses kept close to the lodge so they



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would not run away The Four Horsemen often leave destruction in their path with powerful wind and lightning strokes that can start a forest fire or strike down a careless two-legged. Yet they brought special medicine to any man whose dreams or vision they visited. The warriors painted their faces, their shields and their horses with the signs of the Thunderers: lightning, rain, hail stones. The great Oglala Lakota War Leader, Crazy Horse, was a Thunder Dreamer. In the east the Story Tellers tell the stories of the Thunderbird whose flapping wings and flashing eyes bring rain to the people.

In the southwest the Hopi dig trenches to catch and hold the water to nourish their fields of corn. Corn in the four sacred colors of white, yellow, blue and red used for ceremonies as well as for food. Before a wedding the bride and her friends must grind enough corn to feed the wedding guests. Piki is the flat bread made from corn meal and cooked in sheets a hot stone in an outdoor oven. When my father and I camped the word "piki" was our warning that a stranger was approaching our campsite. The first one to be aware of them would say: "is the Piki done." or "Do we have enough Piki for the Meal?"

OLD CHIEF SAYS:

They rode each others horses...
Here's an easier one for you...
You throw away the outside and cook the inside.
Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside.
What have you just eaten?
(HINT) It was an important Native American food....

Editor's Note: In this issue on page 16-17 is the rest of Golden Eagle's story. Last month we told his story of his military experiences. This month he reveals how he got the name "Golden Eagle" and the rest of his story from 1926 to the present.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



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It's nice to have a boat which will get there fast, but if it won't slow to trolling speed it's a TFB. (Photo by Mike Schoonveld)

Is Yours A Too Fast Boat?

How slow does your boat go? If it's like most boats, not slow enough. I've owned 5 different boats in the past 30 or so years which I rigged up to fish the Great Lakes. These were boats with motors sized from 40 to 200 horsepower and none of them would go slow enough to suit me.

Before you can decide if your boat speed is slow enough, you have to know how slow is slow enough. Obviously, if your downrigger cables always hang back at a 30 degree angle to the surface of the water, that's too fast. If you have to use 40 pound line and any fish less than 12 pounds skip across the surface as it's being reeled in—that's too fast, too. I use this example because I actually fished on a guy's boat which would only slow to that speed. The most interesting part of the trip was back at the dock watching him maneuver into his slip without crashing something.

While that's an extreme example of a "too fast boat" there are lots of them—so many in fact my fishing friends and I now just refer to them by the initials: TFB, when we see one. Is your boat a TFB? Is your boat one of those which will power you and your fishing pals quick enough to the fishing area, but when you get there, you slow to dead idle and begin to set lines? Try to lever the throttle/shift control any farther back and the boat will pop into neutral.

If that's the case, yours is a TFB.

The problem with a boat which only trolls at dead idle or just a few turns above dead idle manifests itself in several situations. Sometimes the fish want a super-slow presentation. We were fishing the pier-heads one morning for September chinooks. The fish were there. Marks on the sonar showed them. Occasionally one would porpoise or roll next to the boat, but no hook-ups. We'd changed lures and depths and stretch behind the downrigger weights. I'd already slowed the boat to the low-end of normal trolling speed for pier-head kings but I told

the helmsman to slow even more. My trolling speedometer was already showing about 1.75 knots and he slowed to 1.25. We got 3 hookups on the next pass. If my boat were a TFB that would have been a slow morning.

Until I put an accurate trolling speedometer on my boat, I experienced many days when I could only catch fish going with the wind or against it. The speedometer proved the culprit was speed. Usually, I'd end up going too slow into the wind, but occasionally, going with the wind would push my trolling speed too high. If yours is a TFB and you can't slow sufficiently to catch fish on a downwind troll, you are wasting half your fishing time on breezy days.

When fishing deep, even calm days can be frustrating since lake currents can have you trolling along at what appears to be the perfect speed but down below, your lures are either trailing along listlessly when going with the flow or spinning out of control going against it. You can speed up when going down current, but TFBs can't slow to compensate for going into the subsurface flow.

In my mind, however, the worst problem with fishing on a TFB comes when there's a fish on the line. Years ago I was on a friend's TFB when we scored a strike on a healthy chinook. This was long before GPS or loran-C was available for small boats. He tossed a marker buoy over the side to mark our spot.

I grinned as the fish pulled out yard after yard of line. It was a tough one, it seemed, until it came to the surface, way back there behind the boat, but only 20 or 30 yards from the buoy. Basically, the fish was hanging still, the boat was running off; and, since the boat was a TFB, I had to crank the 15-pounder in against the pull of the Evinrude.

Since I admitted at the beginning of the column that all of my Great Lakes boats were originally TFBs—and since I corrected the problem each time, in my next column, I'll cover solutions you can use to slow down your own TFB.

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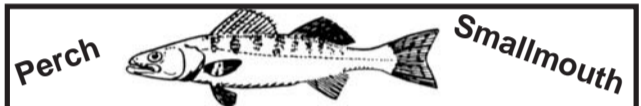
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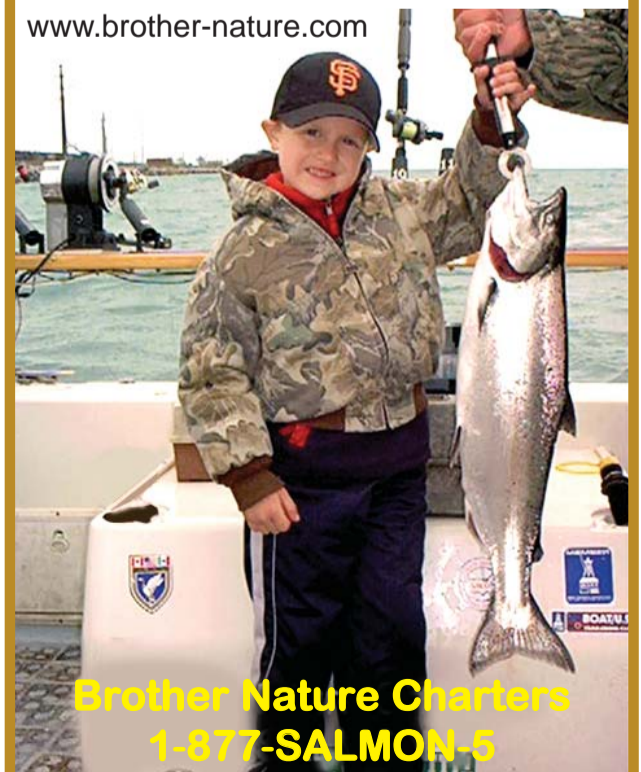
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Big Walleye Time

After a long cold winter March marks the time of the year that the lake starts to wake up. This year the lake has been frozen for most of the winter. Some years Brookville lake doesn't freeze at all, so this year was a little unusual for this neck of the woods. One thing that a heavy covering of ice will do is cause a heavy shad die off. Shad is a bait fish that feeds all the predator fish in the lake throughout the year. For the past 10 years or so Brookville lake has not had a shad die off of a significant amount. What this has done is put an endless supply of food in the lake. This is not really a bad thing, it just makes fishing a bit tough. This is why timing is so important when your fishing. If the fish can eat anytime they want to they are only going to do it when its the easiest for them and if there is a lot of food it won't take them long to get full.

The easiest time for a fish to feed is at light changes. The reason for this is that it takes longer for the bait fish to adjust their eyes to the changing light which gives the predator fish the edge. This is why you catch more fish at daylight, right before dark and right before a thunder storm. I have found this to be true even in the winter under the ice.

In Brookville lake one of the first fish to spawn is the walleye. Most all fish do their spawning in May when the water temperature

reaches the 70's, but walleye spawn when the water temperature reaches 46 degrees. This means as soon as the surface ice melts they need to be looking for a place to spawn. The time period between ice out and 46 degree surface temperature is about 2 weeks. This is a window of opportunity to catch a big walleye, this is called per spawn. What your looking for are big females loaded with eggs. If you want to catch a 15 pound walleye this is when you need to be fishing. The down side to fishing at this time of year is the numbers. You could fish all day and only catch one walleye. What your looking for are sun drenched shore lines, as these spot will warm up the soonest.

The best way to hook one of these monster is to cast, cast, cast and cast to the shore from a boat. The bait of choice would be some type of shallow diving crank bait that can be fished slow. Your rod should be a 6 and a half foot trigger stick with a good quality bait caster spooled with 12 pound test mono filament.

Most walleye spawn in current or running water, but Brookville lake is a little different. It seems that some fish head for the running water of the river that feeds the lake. While others head for rocky areas all over the lake.

The Indiana state fishing biologist use Brookville lake as a walleye brood pond to stock all the lakes across the state of Indiana with walleye. The way walleye spawn its just not possible to sustain a good fishery without the restocking program. The way it is done is with gill nets. This is a way that they can catch the walleye take the eggs off the females, fertilize them with the males and then turn them all back into the lake unharmed, to live and spawn another day. Remember though if you want to catch a big walleye on a rod and reel you have to be fishing as soon as the surface ice goes away. Once that surface temperature reaches about 46 to 47 degrees the walleyes priorities switch from feeding to spawning.

Good luck, Tag

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This stretch of the Brookville Tailwater (East Fork of Whitewater River) is south of SR 101 Bridge adjacent to the Brookville City Park.



Diverse scene Tailwater at left, City Park road with lady walking her dog on a warm March 2010 day. Notice snow along river bank.

Story of Brookville Lake

Unforeseen Change Loomed

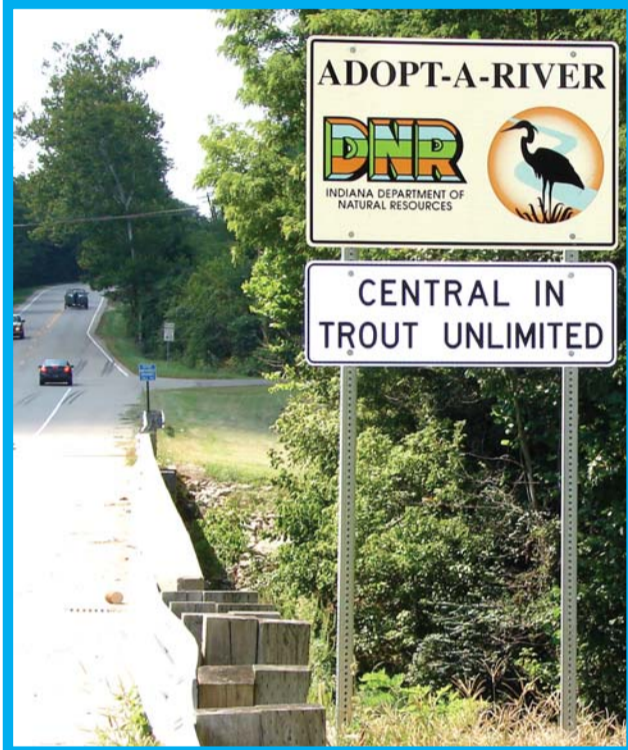
Part IV of a Series

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

For this part of my series on Brookville Lake, I'm going to take a side road away from the Development series and discuss a matter that came to my attention on Monday, 9-14-09 concerning changes to the Brookville Tailwater.

What would your opinion be of a proposal that was presented to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Natural Resource Advisory Council to change the Brookville Tailwater fishing regulations to allow only the use of artificial bait and ban the use of all live bait; to allow only catch and release of all fish in the Tailwater area, all fish caught must be released unharmed; and to allow only the use of barbless hooks.

It was told to me that Central Indiana Trout Unlimited (CITU) made that proposal (or something similar) and just about got it done. The CITU had approximately 200 supporting e-mails that was sent to the Advisory Council supporting



The Central Indiana Trout Unlimited adopted the Tailwater Area. On September 14, 2009 a DNR hearing was held concerning the changes they wanted to it.



Paul Nobbe, center, Brookville landowner along the East Fork (Tailwater), shows DNR Deputy Director John Davis, at left, and David Lupke, Advisory Council, at right, where his private land is along the Tailwater area.



State Representative Robert "Bob" Bischoff (black suit coat) spoke in favor of the Brookville residents, as did Senator Jean Leising (not shown) for IDNR not to make the changes requested by Central Indiana Trout Unlimited at the Sept 14 hearing.



Second Hearing, October 8, 2009 of the Natural Resource Advisory Council in Brookville, IN, Chairman Pat Early telling all those in attendance that no decisions was going to be made at the hearing, they were there only to take testimony.

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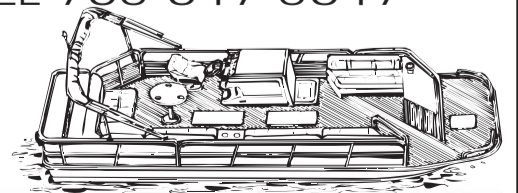
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Jim Surhe, Brookville CanoeFest Coordinator said, "I'm probably the person that discovered all of this and I am going to briefly review the Sep 14, 2009 hearing just for the benefit of some of the people here" After talking about the Sept 14 hearing, Jim gave his testimony for the October 8 hearing.

the changes in favor of the trout fishermen. CITU had already began placing large boulders in the tailwater to create a better habitat for the trout. A DNR Adopt-a-River sign had been erected near the SR 101 bridge across the Tailwater just below the Brookville Dam with the Central Indiana Trout Unlimited name on the sign below it.

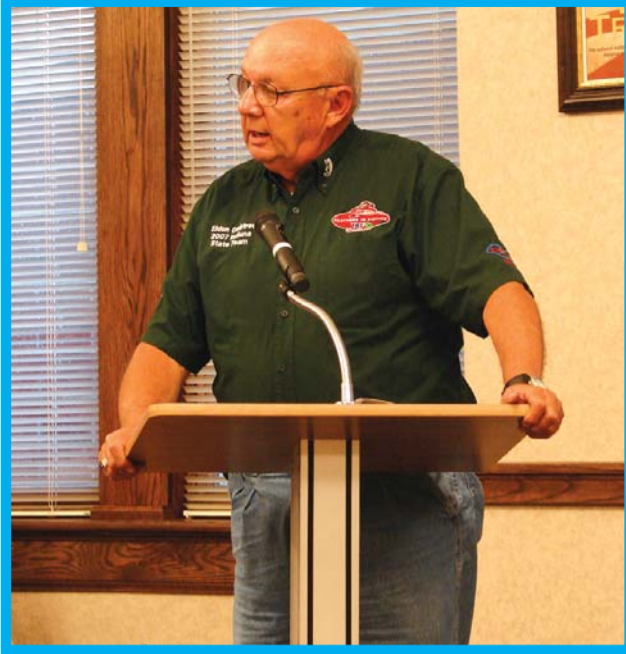
On Monday morning (9-14-09) I was in the Centerville Post Office when I got a call from Jim Surhe, who puts on the Brookville CanoeFest each year. He called to ask me what my feelings was on catch and release when fishing. I told him it was an accepted practice among fishermen who fish tournaments and some other fishermen who prefer to do it.

He told me that a meeting was being held in Indianapolis at the Garrison Inn in the Fort Harrison State Park at 6 p.m. that evening by the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) and the main discussion was eliminating the use of bait, instituting only catch and release, putting tons of boulders in the stream and creating a superb trout fishery in the Brookville Lake Tailwater Area south of the Dam. He said that Central Indiana Trout Unlimited had asked the DNR to do those things as soon as possible.

However he (Jim Surhe) and one or two bus loads of fishermen, landowners and interested persons was going to the meeting to see about keeping the Tailwater Area open to bait fishing and co-exist with all types of fishing there, as it always has been.

Trout fishermen had sent approximately 200 e-mails to the DNR Advisory Council prior to the hearing, a few suggesting that if Brookville fishermen wanted to use live bait they could get in a car and go somewhere else and fish, but not in the Brookville Tailwater area.

I told Jim that I would be delivering my October Gad-a-bout that day and didn't know if I could make the meeting or not. As I went around delivering the paper and continued to think about



Eldon Crabtree, a representative for the Indiana Bass Federation from New Castle, Indiana came and spoke in support of the fishermen and residents of Brookville for the DNR not to change the Tailwater fishing regulations as requested by Central Indiana Trout Unlimited

what Jim had told me I decided to go to the meeting too. I needed to find out about this in person. The outcome to me was unthinkable, the Tailwater should be open for all types of fishing. If a young or older fisherman wants to take his catch home he should. If a fisherman wants to catch the fish and release it, then he can do what he wants. The same goes for using live bait, artificial bait, barbless hooks and where on the Tailwater he wants to fish. The Brookville Lake area is a public use facility and should remain open to all types of legal fishing, no part of it should be considered a private domain of anyone person, club or association.

However the meeting wasn't the NRC, it was a Natural Resources Advisory Council meeting which was taking suggestions from the public on changes to DNR proposed changes to hunting, fishing and other outdoor regulations. The Chairman of the Natural Resources Advisory Council, Pat Early (who was appointed by the Governor) told all those attending that no decisions would be made on the Tailwater Area that evening, they were only at the meeting to take testimony. The meeting on Monday evening was a separate meeting on the Brookville Lake Tailwater Area because they (Advisory Council) discovered that the proposed changes made by Central Indiana Trout Unlimited wasn't the general consensus from Brookville residents and fishermen. The meeting went on for 3 hours with comments made by both sides, including Indiana Senator Jean Leising, Congressman Bob Bischoff and other interested parties.

One of the first to give testimony from the Brookville area, was Jim Suhre, Coordinator for the Brookville CanoeFest, who objected to Central Indiana Trout Unlimited putting big boulders in the Tailwater (some had already been placed) to help the trout fishery. Jim's main objection to the boulders was that the annual CanoeFest begins its canoe races in the Tailwater and many of the contestants are novice canoe paddlers. The 150 or so



Rene Stivers, Representative for the Brookville Town Council said, "We would like the river left the way it is now." "We have a beautiful park, we would like to have it open for all types of fishing." "Thank you gentlemen very much for coming to town."

big boulders if placed in the Tailwater Area would be very disruptive to the safety and progress of the canoe races. During the course of the meeting it was announced that, that issue was resolved, no more boulders would be placed in the Tailwater by anyone.

Probably the second of the most key issues that came up at the hearing was the fact that a lot of the land that the Brookville Tailwater travels through is private land. This fact was presented to the Council when Paul J. Nobbe got up to give his testimony. He explained to the board that the landowners along the Tailwater area hadn't objected to the fishermen (including CITU members) using their private land up until this issue came along. They hadn't even said anything when the fishermen had created their own parking areas on the private land. But if the Advisory Council decides to let the trout fisherman have their way and turn the Tailwater area into a world class trout fishing area, eliminate bait fishing, make catch and release mandatory, recommend the use of barbless hooks and designate certain areas along the East Fork as their areas to fish, only than, the private landowners might view the situation a little differently.

As the evening progressed you could see that the mood of the hearing was changing from a simple testimony, vote and close the meeting scenario that many board meetings seem to follow, to hold on here, we may have a problem!



Chairman Pat Early told all those attending the meeting, that due to testimony given it was apparent a second meeting needed to be held in Brookville so everyone who wants to give their testimony to the Advisory Council will have their chance to do so. The date and time would be forthcoming. The meeting was adjourned.

Editor's Note: I had taped the first meeting, but it being the first meeting I had ever used my new digital tape recorder (purchased in route to

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by Sgt. John D. Bowling

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The second most asked question is "What's the worst part of your job?" For me that would be crash investigation. It's not the investigation part that I dislike, as the mathematics and physics involved can be interesting. The human side of a crash is what makes it tough. People don't just die in crashes; they are violently killed. Crashes all across Indiana share some of the same causes that you need to know, so

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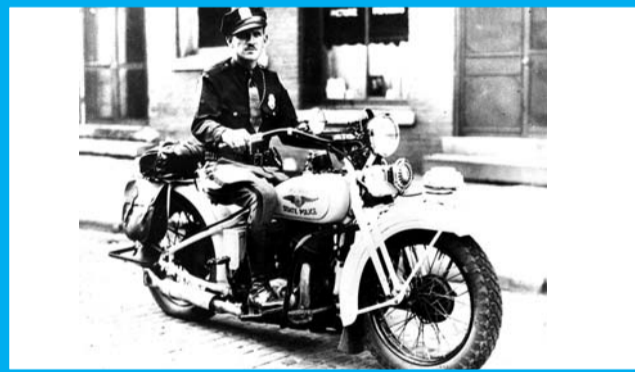
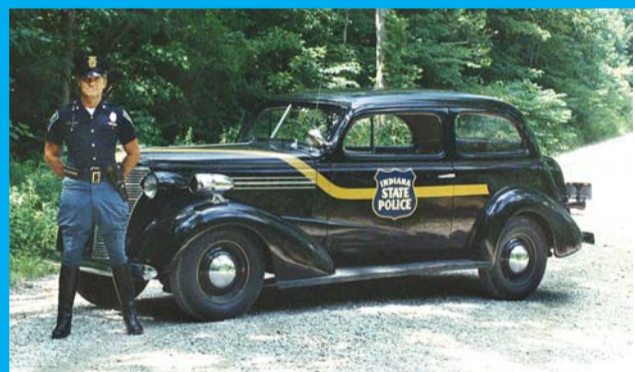
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1 tbsp. salt	Water to cover
2 cups bear fat or lard	2 egg yolks (beaten)
3 cups milk (or cream)	1 and 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. salt	2 tbsp. baking powder

#12 Dutch oven
(You might want to have lots of garlic on hand!)

Prepare this recipe by the numbers:

- (1)- Clean and wash the skunks, making sure the scent glands are removed and it is dead, etc, etc.
- (2)- Cut skunk into small serving pieces.
- (3)- Put a large pot on the stove and add the meat along with the tablespoon of salt.
- (4)- Cover with cold water and bring to a boil over high heat.
- (5)- Lower the heat and simmer until the meat is tender, about 40 minutes.

and baking powder.

- (8)- Mix until the batter is about the consistency of cake batter.
- (9)- Heat the bear fat or lard in a deep fryer or #12 Dutch oven to about 360 degrees.
- (10) - Dip the pieces of skunk in the batter and then fry them in the deep fat/lard until golden brown.
- (11) - Drain well, salt & pepper to taste, and serve.
- (12) - Eat, enjoy, and let me know how it is, 'cause I ain't a gonna try it.

The article also said that you could substitute raccoon, 'possum, groundhog, squirrel, or rabbit for the skunk; now those, I might try - except the 'possum. I wonder if I could use Canola oil. I checked my cupboards and I found that I'm out of bear fat AND lard. . ? I'm assumin' that cooked skunk tastes jus like chicken but I'll be a willin' ta take yer word fer it.

(My apologies for usin' some fractured English but it only seemed fittin' whut me bein' frum tha South 'un all. - they's more.)

A wild meat course should be served with at least two wild vegetables - here's a way to prepare two wild ones. Day lilies grow profusely along country roads, around old homesteads, and beside old railroad right of ways. I prefer the un-opened buds but the open flowers can be dipped in batter and French fired if you like them that way. For Ramps you have to go higher up in the mountains to gather them. Here are my favorite ways to fix both of 'em.

Sautéed Wild Day Lily Buds

(Caution: After eating, don't go too far from the outhouse.)

2 quarts Day Lily buds	3 tbsp. butter
1 tsp. parsley flakes	1/2 tsp. salt or to taste
1/4 tsp. pepper or to taste	

Wash and drain the freshly picked buds. Melt the butter in a large cast iron skillet and sauté the Day Lilies for about 5 minutes. Sprinkle on the parsley flakes and sauté for another 5 minutes or so, stirring often. Season to taste. Serve hot with the fried skunk.

Try something 'wild' the next time it's your turn to do the kookin' 'round your kampfire.

Ramps 'Un Taters

(Ramps are wild leeks found way up in the mountains.)
Ramps (wash and remove the roots)
Potatoes (wash and cube into 1/4-inch pieces - don't peel)
Bacon grease Large cast iron skillet

Put the potatoes in the bacon grease and stir to coat. Drain off bacon grease into an empty container and retain for later in case you might need it. Fry the potatoes on medium high heat until a piece will mash between forefinger and thumb with no resistance. Chop up the ramps and stir them into the cooked potatoes about 5 minutes before you are ready to take them off the fire. Salt and pepper to taste.

Ramps By Themselves

(Prepare this way and serve like cooked greens and they also have a laxative effect.)
Washed and cleaned ramps (they cook down so prepare lots of them)
Bacon grease. Large cast iron skillet
Boiled eggs (sliced length ways Apple Cider Vinegar

Heat the oil in the skillet and add the ramps. Stir until all are wilted and hot through. Drain and put into a large bowl. Stir in a little vinegar (optional) and put sliced hard-boiled eggs on top.

Sassafras Tea

(Also has a mild laxative effect.)
Dig up sassafras roots while the sap is down.

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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

Camping, Condos, RV Shows and Back Home to Snow

It's been a long winter, and we were probably not too intelligent to come back up north from our camping trip to the Southeast. The South also has experienced one of their coldest winters in memory. We camped east of Tampa for a week and worked the Indiana Campground Owners' booth passing out Travel Guides at the gigantic Tampa RV Super Show. Although many other people stopped by we targeted especially the snowbirds from Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and Northern Ohio. They travel south in the fall and back north in the spring and might as well stop at our restaurants, service stations, campgrounds, sporting goods stores, etc, on their way through Indiana. We stayed at a condo in Laguna Beach, Florida for a month with our balcony looking out over the white sandy beach of the Gulf of Mexico. We had a few wild storms with breakers coming in several feet in height and the red danger flag flying several days along nearly the whole Fort Walton to Panama City coastline. During the whole month we saw not one person in the Gulf swimming. Those who braved the elements and waded in the Gulf hurried back up the beach to get back into warm socks and shoes. At least the "world's best shrimp, crab legs and fish" were very good. We can now tell people more places to get these delicacies we enjoy in the north, but for the most part, have to depend on them shipped in frozen and not as tender as fresh catch.

We were supposed to have a monthly ICOA meeting in Indy the third Wednesday of February but our ICOA president from Brazil, Indiana sent phone calls, texts, and e-mails out the night before and had to cancel as you folks in Central and Southern Indiana got much more of a snowy punch than did we up in Northeastern Indiana. I e-mailed her back and stated that all of you in the southern part of the state were now experiencing the northern half of Indiana's annual version of global warming.

The Tampa RV Super Show is the largest show of its kind in the country and we gave away several cases of our Travel Guides, one guide at a time. The first two public days 22,000 people came through the gates. It takes a very long time to walk over the whole Florida State Fairgrounds, especially if you stop and look at 800,000 square feet of RVs, travel trailers, camper vans, 5th wheels, plus the buildings full of campground displays, suppliers, campground associations, manufacturers, camper repair facili-

ties, discount camping clubs and other services. Really, no one can see everything in even two days. We've talked to dealers and a LOT of great deals had been made on all types of campers and supplies. Lazy Days, east of Tampa sold several units as did others at the show.

If you get a chance in years to come, visit some of the camper and RV shows here in the Midwest, or, if traveling, stop at local shows in various states. I believe that all of the big shows are finished for the season and, at present, state campground associations are having their annual trade shows where campground owners stock up on all types of items from small toys to electric meters and pedestals, picnic tables, and even security gates and swimming pools and everything in between. Dealers are back in their local facilities, seasonal campgrounds are anticipating opening soon and campers are itching to get of the house. So, if the weather cooperates, campers can soon relieve their pent-up feelings and cabin fever.

We came back to our home in Ft. Wayne and rammed our camper van up the driveway on top of 9 inches of snow. Before we unloaded I had to get the snow blower fired up and blow the driveway while El shoveled the walkways. By that time we were too tired to unload the camper van so we just retrieved the necessary items and put them in the warm house, and of course, the items that had a chance of freezing overnight.

While at the Tampa ICOA booth we had several acquaintances stop by and jaw for awhile. I thought I'd changed quite a lot over the years but people to whom I had delivered papers in the early 50's south of Indy came by and asked if I had ever lived down there. Probably they didn't recognize me but saw my name tag. That's the problem with having taught high school and college for 41 years and having a lot of people talking with you as they travel and have camped at our little facility off and on for 31 years. Wherever you go in the world you're going to be seen by former students and other maintenances, and you dare not get into too much mischief or it gets back home quickly. A few years ago a former student of mine in Fort Wayne called my name in a hotel lobby in Ely, Nevada. We normally wouldn't have stayed in a hotel on a camping trip but it had been raining hard for several days and campgrounds were flooded. I agreed that was my name and he stated he thought I should have passed away several years ago. Now that was retribution. Maybe I hadn't rewarded him with a good grade. We've had the same types of identity situations in London and in Rome and a few smaller localities throughout the world, but no other people mentioned that they thought I should have died years ago.

After having returned from the Southeastern United States trip we passed out Indiana Campground Travel Guides and brochures at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show. This is a different type show than the Tampa Super Show as campgrounds and equipment were not the only groups represented. Buildings are full of the Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo, the Indiana Motorcycle Expo, a large fishing and tackle display with lakes and lodges, 5 acres of boats and docks, wake boards and skis, scuba and diving, archery, shotguns and rifles and pistols. And, let's not forget the many speakers on many different outdoor recreation topics, including the proper use of trail cameras. Last but not least was the latest Twiggy, the

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Hoosier Horse Happenings



by Rhonda Helming

Ride, Ride, Ride

Practice, Practice, Practice!! That is what I have been doing over the past several weeks. My last article touched on me taking my mare, Bia, to a trainer, who happens to be my brother. Well, he and I have come to the conclusion that I also need some "training". It has been around 16 years since I have ridden a young horse. My last young horse was Sucha. She is now 22. I am so out of practice on what needs to be done while riding and working the young horse. I had never realized how much Sucha was taking care of me over the past few years. She was doing all the work and I was just sitting there riding her. Well that has come to a stop as of now! I know I am very rusty on getting the young horse ready to show, but I am ready and willing to get back into the groove. My trainer has done his job, and a great job he has done. Now it is up to me to take over and move on to the next level.

Due to the weather being so bad around here, I wasn't able to go pick Bia up from the barn where she was at, but I was able to get out and go. I spent those weeks going up to the barn and riding her with my brother/trainer instructing me on how he wanted me to do things with the horse. So I have been riding, practicing, and basically being so sore I could barely drag myself out of bed to go work! I know all of this hard work will pay off. Not to mention the fact that I am losing some weight doing this. Some things I have to get used to again are how to ride, be consistent, and help Bia along on her road to becoming a seasoned "Barrel Racer", like Sucha. When I am riding Sucha it is so easy. She knows the pattern and sometimes I really think she could run it on her own if she wanted to. She loves doing it too. My brother/trainer has done such



Left Photo: My trainer/brother giving me some advice plus a little bit of a hard time. Right Photo: Bia and I getting some last minute instructions before heading home. (Rhonda Helming Photos)

a great job with Bia that I am afraid that I will mess up all his good work, but I know that my daughter will not let me. Just the other night when I was riding Bia, she was standing in the middle of the round pen letting me know what I was doing wrong. I was like sheesh! I am now getting at home what my brother gives me at his place! That is why I have to practice along with Bia, so its lots of riding for me and working with Bia.

With a young horse that has just been started, you have to help them along. This means lots of loping circles, making sure Bia is taking her correct leads, stopping her and making her set up on her hind end, backing her at every stop, keep her side passing, keeping my hands in the correct position so I am not tugging on her mouth or in horse terms "staying out of her mouth". When I get these exercises done, we move on to walking and trotting the barrel pattern. This is the boring part. The repetition over and over, so the horse learns the barrel pattern. But, in the long run, it is worth it. Over and over everyday is how it is done. I am supposed to ride everyday, but in the real world I can't get that done, so I strive to get in at least 3 days a week. After Bia and I are done going through these exercises, we

just walk around and cool off. We walk around the field trying to get her and me to relax and get ready to head back to the barn for a good rub down and brushing.

My goals for the summer season are to keep going with Bia at home. I will her to some close barrel races to get her used to the atmosphere, and just haul her to places even if she is not shown. Just the experience of pulling to shows, getting used to all the commotion, and all of the people running around will be good to prepare her for when I do actually ride her competitively in her first show. Then this fall, we'll sign up for a barrel race and ask her for some speed. In other words, I will be seeing how all my brother/trainer's work and my work have paid off! While I am doing this I am still keeping Sucha in shape and running her at the barrel races. Whew! I am bound and determined to accomplish this. I will let you know this fall if we succeeded.

It's that time of the year for lots of things. Sign up for 4-H, make an appointment to get your horses vaccinated or buy the vaccines, and give them yourselves, buy your yearly bridal tags, do a safety check on your truck and your tack before ever loading your horse up and heading down the road.

Check out our local 4-H horse and pony website for horse shows and other horse happenings in our area: www.dcw_ranglers.com.

As always, if you have any questions at all, email me at thehelming@psci.net.

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FRONTIER DAYS RENDEZVOUS REUNION MAY 1-2, 2010

(Those setting up a camp may set up on Friday between noon and 7 p.m.)

by Ray Dickerson

The Liberty Lions Club has graciously accepted our having our 2010 Frontier Days Rendezvous reunion at Treaty Line Pioneer Village on the same weekend as their "Smokin On The Water BBQ Festival By The Lake and Craft Show, May 1-2.

They wanted to know if Golden Eagle would be attending and if so would he be able to tell Indian Stories that weekend. I have talked to Golden Eagle and he has consented to tell Indian Stories as long as he can do it out of the weather and have easy access to the site. Golden Eagle is looking forward to this event enthusiastically, he will be 84 on March 22nd.

There will be no fee for you to set up a camp or trade blanket, nor any kind of camping or parking fee. It was suggested that as a group we could donate a collection to the Lions Club for the UCHS Alumni scholarship fund.

Consider this notice as your invitation to this reunion. This invitation is for all those individuals and families or members of a family who participated in Frontier Days Rendezvous in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 (both Spring & Fall), 1995 (both Spring & Fall), 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

There is a RSVP form below for you to cut out and return to me no later than April 15, 2010. Would appreciate it if you could send before that date, so it arrives here on April 15, 2010.

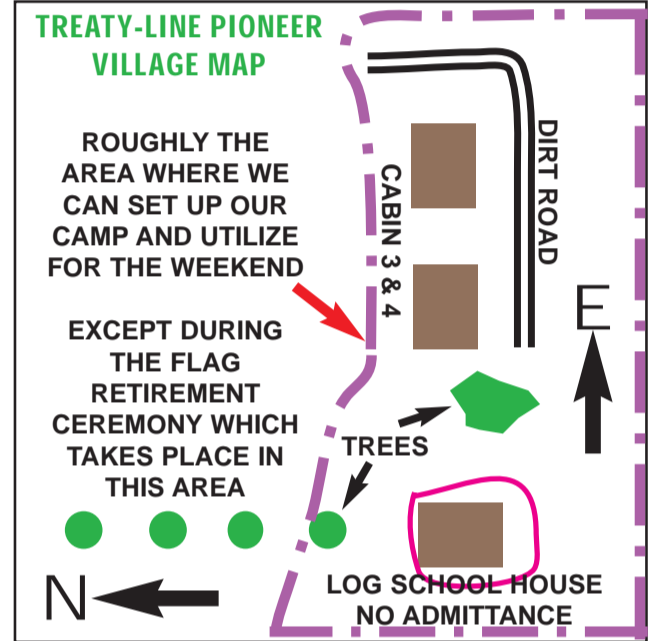
Carl says we can use part of the two cabin areas-north of the Causeway Road, up the hill by the large shade tree and at the top of the hill. If anyone is setting up a tipi we need to know sooner than April 15th. We would like to set you up in a highly visible area. It is our hope that our setting up camps between the fence and those two cabins will help entice people to come in, there is no admission charge for visitors to come into Treaty Line at any time. This will be a time to remember Frontier Days and all the fun, mayhem, friendships

made and lost, reflect on the time since then, etc. If anyone has any suggestions send them along. I'm not planning any kind of special meal for us. The Lions Club will have several setups of BBQ trailers, food trailers, etc. And of course you can fix something at your campsite too. Bring your own firewood.

Carl did make one stipulation, he would like us to be dressed as we did for Frontier Days, and if you setup a trade blanket or a pre 1840 camp, that we try to make it as authentic as possible for the visitors.

I have entertained the idea of doing a Frontier Days Rendezvous maybe next year if it works out this year for us. Carl would like for us to participate next year too.

I hope to see some of you this May 1-2. It will be fun. I wonder if I can still get into my buckskins, uh-oh!



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Golden Eagle at sixteen. His father made all of his Indian outfits, this was his first publicity photo. (Hank Stock Photo)



Golden Eagle sitting in his tipi at WKRC TV, he was hired to do a Indian program five days a week and on Saturday he had a live audience. (Hank Stock Photo)



Golden Eagle, here wearing his father's bonnet. This photo was for another publicity photo (Hank Stock Photo)

GOLDEN EAGLE (Hank Stock)

by Ray Dickerson

In the March Gad-a-bout we visited with Hank Stock (Golden Eagle) during his time in the Army. This month we will be reliving Golden Eagle's (Hank Stock) remarkable life from 1926 to now.

Here is Golden Eagle's story in his own words as told to me in January 2010 at his home in Cincinnati and also from his memoirs.

There will be brief interruptions when I ask a question (Bold Print).

When you read this, Golden Eagle alias Hank Stock, will be 84 years young.

I asked Hank when was he born and where. He responded:

I was born in the west end of Cincinnati, Ohio on March 22, 1926 the coming in of the Solstice, Spring, my father was half Hopi Indian. My parents were Harry and Hilda Stock if they struggled for money during the depression they never showed it. I found out later after I was grown that they made paper roses, at night, and sold them on a street corner.

I'm Henry Matthew Stock III, at one point people called me Matt, but my mom didn't like it, she said it sounded like something you walk on. I was Junior in the family.

I asked when did you become an Indian?

I've been an Indian all my life. In 1935 when I was nine years old my dad, who was half Hopi, took me to a Hopi Indian reservation in Arizona to visit with my grandmother's people. We lived in Flagstaff until we met Blue Sky Eagle, then he let me live with him on the reservation and my father would visit me on weekends. One night when they thought I was asleep Blue Sky Eagle told my father that I had a 200 year old spirit, he called me Black Eagle. He told me the story of the boy who became an eagle. Blue Sky Eagle took me to dances on the mesa. I got to partic-

ipate in the coming-of-age ceremony and became a man in the eyes of the Hopi. We left at the end of summer, not knowing anymore about my grandmother then we did before we got there. We learned about her people, but not her.

When we got back from Arizona in 1935 I was around ten years old and I began dancing every chance I got, my dad made all my dance costumes for me. I danced for the boy scouts, for church or where ever the chance arose.

When FDR became president he authorized a series of work project programs, the NRA, CCC and WPA. One of the WPA projects was an orchestra and vocal chorus that performed around Cincinnati. My mother had a beautiful voice she sang in the chorus. They had a program based on American music and history, and I performed my dances in that program.

I attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Cincinnati until I graduated from the eighth grade there.

In the 1937 flood it filled the first floor of our home with muddy water. After that my father was hired to be the janitor at St. Joseph's Church and we lived in the Priest's house. I spent most of my free time in the attic where my father had built me a model railroad layout with a town, a fort, and an Indian village.

I practiced my Indian dances in the church school yard

The same year we had moved into the Priest's house, my sister and I began going to the Goodwill Recreation Center at ninth and Freeman avenues. I belonged to the Drama Club, Indian Club and in 1938 I joined Troop 33 of the Boy Scouts. Whenever the church needed an altar boy, I was called. As a Boy Scout I earned the Ad Altare Dei Cross, a religious award, I was one of the first of 24 scouts to receive the award. The requirement was to serve 250 hours, I had over 500 hours.

When I was thirteen dad and I went to Canada on a camping trip. Our guide was John Bear, an Ojibwa Indian (also Ojibway or Chippewa), he was also our cook. We were sitting around the campfire and John Bear asked me what I wanted to do when I got older.

I told him I wanted to join the air corps and fly the blue airplanes with the yellow wings. He said, "you want to be Golden War Eagle." I liked the sound of that name. When we got home I told my mom I wanted to be known as Golden War Eagle. She said Golden Eagle would be best, I attempted to argue the point, but gave into her and from then on I was Golden Eagle.

That same year I did my first real performance on February 22 at an athletic field and gym called Deer Creek Commons. It was sponsored by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. I was concerned that the audience would laugh at me, but was pleasantly surprised when they applauded enthusiastically after my two dances. I was asked to do another dance, but couldn't since all the others I knew were group dances, so instead I did a Sign Language Prayer. I taught the audience it and we all did it together. Ever since, I have performed that prayer at the end of each of my programs.

I was hired by Fort Scott Camp to assist their Indian Counselor, Chief Moko, a student at St. Xavier University. I learned something very important from him. He arrived in full dress and made an excellent impression on the campers. Later, when I worked at a scout camp, I dressed before I got off the train and arrived in full dress as he had done.

The summer of 1941 I went to work for the first time with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, they had a facility called California Woods. The president of Western Southern Life Insurance Company, Charles Williams-a fine man-donated money to have children bussed from downtown playgrounds for a day in the woods. He hired my dad and I to put on a daily Indian Council program of dances, stories and games.

That fall I attended Woodward High School. Because, I wanted to be an Indian, I grew my hair long and wore a beaded headband.

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Hank and Betty met when Hank took a position at a Boy Scout Camp near Moline, Illinois. This photo was taken on their wedding day. (Hank Stock Photo)

In the summer of 1942, my family and I toured with a show called Spirit of the Hetuck. Hetuck means buckeye in the Miami Indian language. It told the story of early association between the white man and the Indian in the Ohio valley. I played Tecumseh's brother, the prophet. My sister played the part of an Indian girl who was involved in a love affair with a white man. My father drummed for the dancers and my mother was in charge of wardrobe. The Methodist church had a series of Chautauqua's in the Tri-state and we toured from one to another, performing the show.

At about that same time I had a chance to perform in a small rodeo, dancing and did some trick riding. On Halloween night I went down to a gathering on Fountain Square dressed as a cowboy where I did rope tricks.

In 1943 I tried to enlist, then in 1944 I went to war. (see Hank's war story in March Gad-a-bout 2010)

Hank, what did you do after the war?

After I returned to Cincinnati I went to the CCM, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, that was the original Conservatory of Music, the drama department was the outcast, the only reason they put up with us was because the opera students had to have so many credits in drama. There was 8 to 10 of us who were actually drama students. John Redhead Froome, he had been a director, a stage manager, everything, but an actor on Broadway, he had pictures all over the place of famous actors and performers. He took a liking to me and I became his student stage manager. This was good and bad, he was on me all the time, one night I came out on the stage and I said, "Mr. Froome which side of the stage do you want me on, I can't be on both sides at the same time?" After that

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Hank met Jane McClure after he was hired as the Supervisor of Creative and Performing Arts. They married the following Thanksgiving. Here is part of their family: Front, left to right, Jane, Tina and Hank, Back, Mike and Debbie. Missing from the photo is Don and Nancy. (Hank Stock Photo)

he sort of backed off. He did a major production and a Shakespeare production every year. I was required, for my credits, to take part in every production, even though I was a stage manager. One play I was a taxi driver that came in on the last act, another one I was a state trooper, in the Man From Verona I was something, I don't know, I was always in a minor part.

It wasn't until I began going to the conservatory that I began to get interested in dating girls.

In 1947 an old friend of mine, Chief HoToPi, who played Tecumseh in a show that I played his brother, called me. He had two offers from camps. One from a girl's camp and the other from a Boy Scout camp. He quickly told me he was taking the girl's camp and offered to recommend me for the boy's camp. The camp was in the quad-city area where Moline and Rock Island were like Covington and Newport with Davenport, Iowa being Cincinnati, and the Mississippi standing in for the Ohio River. I worked at the camp for a total of three summers.

It was in Moline that I met my first wife, Betty Dunlap, her brothers came to camp. She had a wide mixture in her background too, German, Dutch, Indian, she was eighteen. We got married in the next year on August 13, 1949 (13 that was our lucky number). Although she wasn't catholic, the monseigneur was a good friend of mine so he married us in the church.

When Betty and I came to Cincinnati, I was hired by WKRC TV to do an Indian Program. For five days a week I sat in my little tipi and narrated a movie. On Saturday I had a show with a live audience called, "Indian Pow-Wow." The research I did for that show I used for many years afterwards. My show lasted six months. While I had the show, we had a contest between the three local children shows to see who had the biggest audience. WLW had a cowboy, WCPO had a clown and of course I was on WKRC. I received over a hundred letters a week and as the winner of the contest I was asked to be the Grand Marshall of the local Thanksgiving Parade. I

rode a white horse at the front of the parade. When we got to the UC/Nippert Stadium I performed my hoop dance in the center of the field.

My next job was with the Roy Rogers Movie Promotion Company. When a Roy Rogers film was shown at the larger movie houses, anywhere in the tri-state, I performed before the film. After my show, I would go to the store in that town that carried Roy Rogers merchandise and talk to the kids and sign autographs.

In January of 1950 I received a call from Bert Lawson, supervisor of the Recreation Commission, Nature and Camping division asking if I knew of someone he could hire to fill a full time Indian Specialist. I said, "Yes, me!" I worked out of California Woods Day Camp in the spring, summer and fall. In the winter I ran Indian clubs in five recreations centers. I called them the Iroquois and named them after the five nations.

In 1952 Betty and I was visiting her parents in Illinois, I called my former boss at the scout camp, he told me he was looking for someone to become his assistant. We discussed his offer and decided that I should take the job. I became the Field Scout Executive and Director of Camping and Special Events for five years.

I asked Hank if he and Betty had any children?

It was around that time we adopted Michael, he was nine months old. He had been born with a club foot and wasn't put up for adoption until that was corrected. Now he is a marathon runner. When we went to pick him up the monseigneur had gone for the day, but fortunately for use he returned having forgotten something. He saw Mike with four soon-to-be aunts (Betty's sisters who came with us), he signed the papers immediately. We took Mike home. Six months later on the day we went to court and Mike became legally ours, they told us they had a little girl for us. We took her home directly from the hospital, Betty named her Debbie after Debbie

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Carry 'em if you got 'em

One of the most highly controversial subjects today is the right of the private citizen to bear arms. Long ago, people with foresight realized that it was a necessity for everyone to have the right to protect themselves and their family from incursion by unfriendly forces, be they thieves or even worse, anyone who wished to do harm for personal gain. Nowadays, some are contesting that right (a part of the Constitution), claiming that no one should have the privilege of protecting themselves or their family through the use of firearms. To those people I say, "How long has it been since you have chucked a spear or swung a broadsword to keep a thug from harming you or your family?"

Now, I don't have anything against anyone who can poke a spear through a watermelon at thirty yards or chase a burglar off his front porch with a saber. More power to you. In fact, a terrified homeowner wielding a six foot spear would cause me to consider taking up a new profession. So many differing opinions from both sides have been offered that it's difficult to keep an audience awake during a debate. It all comes down to "I'm right, you're wrong" and references to the Constitutional amendment that is often twisted to serve the purpose of argument, normally by those who oppose that amendment. Hopefully, to satisfy both sides I would like to propose alternatives to what could be considered personal protection weapons.

First, the aforementioned devices, the spear and the sword. For centuries these weapons were the primary tools of the soldier on the battlefield. Both in the hands of experienced users were indeed fearsome tools of destruction. However, the anti-self protection crowd would soon be clamoring for some form of control of such weapons in the hands of the ordinary citizen. Legislation would be passed to require a warning to any would-be intruders that they were walking into uncharted waters. Signs on the front porch of a house with an armed resident might read as follows:

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Once, on the island of Saipan where only .22 caliber firearms are allowed, I got into a running battle

with a banana stealing rat. Armed only with an 18" machete, the rat was making a mockery out of my attempts to behead it. Finally, a friend loaned me a device called a Wrist Rocket, a fancy form of sling-shot, and a handful of what appeared to be .22 caliber balls. After finding out that the rat would have to be the size of a German shepherd for me to hit it, I considered the thing as a personal protection weapon. Either slung low on my hip or sitting by the bedside, it no doubt would be a strong deterrent to a would-be attacker or intruder. Then I discovered that the island law on caliber meant anything of .22 caliber; .220 Swift, .223, .22-250. I could have blown that rat into the Phillippe's sea. As for this country, I can't imagine bouncing a steel ball off an intruders skull as being much of a deterrent, especially when the intruder is armed with a .44 magnum.

Next on the list of acceptable home protection weapons could be the bull whip. This is a weapon that requires skill if the user doesn't want it wrapped around his or her neck or snapping welts on the users posterior. No doubt, some states would require formal training sessions in its use, much like some requirements before issuance of a concealed carry permit. Instead of a firearms safety course the user would take a " Correct Methods Of Bull Whip Usage For Personal Protection" course. An advanced course would offer training for the hunter in stalking and bagging squirrel and rabbit. Bird hunters would have to sharpen their skills with the Wrist Rocket.

Naturally, the most commonly used weapon would be the bow and arrow. Effective but difficult to conceal, it's easy to envision a return to the days of Sherwood forest as people walk around with a compound bow under their arm and a quiver slung over their back. Gambling boats, restaurants, sporting goods stores and government buildings would have signs that read, "Please check your bows and arrows at the entrance". The homeowner would be allowed to keep cross bows on the premises but only up to a certain poundage of pull.

So far we've progressed steadily backwards in the choice of personal protection weapons until we finally arrive at the start of it all. The club! From the dawn of time mankind has been whapping knots on each other's heads with some form of club. Still in use in one form by law enforcement, the club has never been seriously considered as a personal protection weapon by the civilian crowd. However, the time has finally come when we should prepare ourselves to start wearing those leopard skin coats, walk bent over until our knuckles drag the ground and have our favorite club slung over our shoulder. But, when they gain in popularity rules will again be made to control them. The user will not be allowed to drive nails or shards of glass into them and they will be limited to a certain weight. Beginning users will be limited to balsa wood clubs and only after sufficient training from an approved school will the user be allowed to move up to oak or hickory.

In conclusion, it's time for all law abiding citizens to shoulder their clubs, don their leopard skin coats and march on Washington to show the lawmakers that we are a law abiding a sensible group. Unfortunately, some smart aleck would probably show up with a sharpened stick and blow the whole thing.

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Driftwood Outdoors

by Brandon Butler

Huntin' Fool helps plan western hunts

In Indiana, residents and nonresidents both have the luxury of buying hunting licenses over-the-counter. This means, at any time before or during a hunting season, anyone can walk up to the counter of a local sporting goods store, or they can go online, and simply purchase their hunting license. Such is not the case in regards to many western hunting tags.

Drawings, or "draws," are used to distribute licenses for many of the premier western big game hunting opportunities. Elk, antelope, mule deer and more are usually draw tags, and most of these drawings are rather difficult to win. For some, just getting in the drawings is difficult. Take for instance my experience with Montana.

For the last five years I have been applying for a moose, mountain goat, and bighorn sheep tag. In order to enter the drawing, I must submit an application with the details of which area I'd like to hunt, along with the money it costs to buy a tag if successful in the draw. Each of these tags cost \$755, so I have to actually send Montana \$2,265 just to apply. The state holds the money until after the draw, and then returns all but a small fee when someone is not successful in drawing a tag. You can put it on a credit card, but still.

Moose, mountain goat, and bighorn sheep tags are hard to draw, so hard in fact, many who apply for decades never draw a tag. I have yet to draw any of the big three in Montana, but I have accumulated a number of "preference points." These are a rating system of determining who has been applying longest, and then giving them preference. Each year you unsuccessfully apply, you accumulate one point.

Say there are 100 tags available for Unit 6 (western states are broken into hunting areas called units) and 500 hunters apply for those tags. It doesn't equal



Top Photo: Brandon Butler accepting the Outdoor communicator of the Year Award from the Indiana Bowhunter Association. Bottom Photo: Bill Scifres (the late Bayou Bill) family accepting his lifetime achievement award from the Indiana Bowhunter Association at their Banquet. (Brandon Butler Photos)

out to a hunter having an exact 20 percent chance of success because of preference points. Since I have four points plus my current application, my name goes in the hat five times for those 100 tags. If Jim has seven points, his name goes in eight times. If Tom is a first time applicant, his name goes in one time. Then the hat is shook up, and the draw begins. Clear as mud?

So how does a fellow from Indiana figure out where to hunt in Montana or Colorado? Research. Personally, I moved there, and spent countless days hiking the mountains. Short of doing the same, you can scour the internet, contact fish and game agencies, talk to people who've done it, attend sport shows, enlist the services of hunting agent, or join The Huntin' Fool.

I was only recently introduced to The Huntin' Fool, but immediately saw its value. It's a service that includes a monthly magazine completely dedicated to western big game hunting and the process of planning those hunts, from where and when to apply, to reputable outfitters and recommended public areas. The magazine is extremely well done, in a high glossy fashion with

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Dog Tales



by Alan "Grizz" Smith



PR' Blackwater Courageous Clyde at 3 months old. Taken on Christmas day 2008. Clyde is coming along nicely in the woods. The yellow brindle coat is not real common but it surely catches your eye.. (Photo by Alan Smith)

Spring Chores

Well April is upon us and I've got to admit that I've been enjoying the warmer weather. I still prefer winter over summer but after a long winter, spring is hard to beat. The temperatures are just about perfect for getting out and running the hounds in the evenings. I've been making regular trips to the timber for the last month. I've got a young male plott that I call Clyde that I have high hopes for. He is out of my male Ch., Gr.W.Ch."PR" Blackwater Zap'em Zeus and 'PR' Blackwater Crazy Corra. Clyde is a beautiful yellow brindle dog with excellent conformation and he seems to have a lot of sense and is coming along nicely. Only time will tell for sure but, he has the makings of an exceptional hound.

In the midst of this warmer weather I've been in the process of building some new dog houses and also some above ground kennels. I use the plastic 55gallon barrels to house most of my dogs. I like them because they keep my dogs warm and dry. They are also quite economical at ten to fifteen dollars each and they require no maintenance. I have three of these houses that have been in use for 22 years. As much as I like these houses I prefer to keep my older dogs in wooden dog houses. I think that

dogs that are eight years old or older are more comfortable in a wooden house. Now I'm just deriving this from my own experiences and I have several buddies who use the barrel houses exclusively. The problem with the wood houses is that they always are in need of maintenance. A lot of the problems could probably be eliminated with treated wood and by using stain instead of paint. I'm not too crazy about my dogs living in a house made of treated wood though so I have always avoided it. I tend to get too busy and not maintain the wood houses as efficiently as I should. As a result of this it seems that every three or four years I have to build a couple of new ones and this just happens to be that year.

I like to let my lab and some of our other dogs run loose on the farm, because of this I prefer to keep my females that are in season in an above ground kennel to keep them out of reach. I mentioned above that I was building some new kennels also. Over the last couple of years I have been salvaging materials for this project. I've acquired several metal security panels, galvanized metal roofing panels, 4'x 8' white oak skids, salvaged 2x4's and some scratch and dent self feeders. I'm still working on these but they are

coming along nicely and the only money I have invested in for nails, screws, hinges and latches. They are not as nice as some of the pre-fab models out there but they are quite serviceable for what I need. When I'm finished I hope to have five individual kennels that are connected together in a single unit. When I get them finished I will get some photos and include them in a future article.

I will be hitting some of the area hunts and shows over the summer and I hope to see some of you at these events. I like to compete with my dogs but I get just as much enjoyment from visiting with the many friends that I've accumulated over the last 30 plus years of messing with these hunting dogs. If you or a local club has an upcoming event that you would like mentioned in this article feel free to send me an e-mail or give me a call and I'll do my best to get it listed for you. Below are a few local dog events that you may like to attend. Before traveling to an event I would recommend verifying the times and dates you may do so on United Kennel Club's website at <http://www.ukcdogs.com/>

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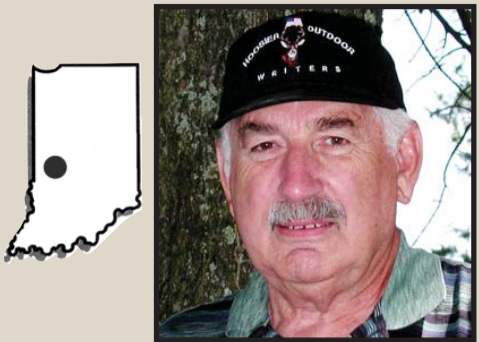
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by **Don Bickel, Forester**

"Raising Cane"

I have often written about making maple syrup. However, on our farm, in the 30's and 40's, in southern Indiana (Harrison County) the syrup was sorghum molasses. Growing up on that farm, I can remember the cane patch. For several years in the early 70's, Dad - George Bickel - wrote a column in the Corydon Democrat, "Way Back When". This is what he wrote about "Raising Cane".

Did you ever raise cane? Spelled cane, the answer would be yes from many of the older farmers. The other question - raising Cain? - could also be answered yes by a great many people, past and present. Raising Cain seems to mean any kind of noisy hullabaloo and devilment, in fun or in anger, by young or by old. It's not too hard to do.

Sorghum cane, from which sorghum molasses is made is a tall plant related to sugar cane, broom corn and milo. It was grown on many of the old-time farms, especially if there was a cane mill within driving distance, that is, distance for a team of horses and a wagon. Cane was seeded in rows like corn with the plants thinned to three to six inches apart. It was cultivated and hand-weeded during the growing season. The cane patch was from one-quarter acre up to a field of five or more acres. The larger field was grown by the owner of the mill in order to have molasses to sell to customers.

Large acreage on the general farm was not desirable because of the intensive hand labor needed at harvest time. The harvest work was often a family occupation: stripping the leaves from the stalks, cutting the stalks just above the ground and cutting off the seed head with a foot or so of stem. The leaf stripping could be done while the cane was standing or after it was cut, according to the preference of the workers. The kids of the family sometimes made a saber of light wood to strike off the leaves of the standing cane. My father, and some other farmers, I am sure, tied the cane stalks in bundles using binder twine. This was done for ease in handling, when loading and unloading it. The seed heads were usually hauled in to the poultry lot and spread out as feed for the chickens.

Sorghum mills were scattered over the area, usually operated by a farmer who wanted a sideline for a bit of extra income. It could not have been very profitable since it was a seasonal job. The sorghum maker charged so much per gallon of molasses and had income too, from the sale of his own crop.

Sorghum making at the mill began by run-

ning the stems through a press to squeeze out the sweet watery juice. Horse power for the press might be furnished by a real horse walking the circular path pulling the long sweep, or in later years, by a gasoline-fueled engine.

The second step was to cook the juice over a slow fire in flat pans made for that purpose. The cooking of molasses and of maple syrup are quite similar: foam and impurities are skimmed off, care is taken that the boiling liquid does not scorch, a decision is made whether the syrup is thick enough and then it is put into cans, buckets and jugs.

Sorghum molasses has a natural color similar to the artificial color of the dark syrups found in the supermarkets. It's taste, like that of many foods, cannot be described. It makes a delicious spread mixed with butter or as is on hot breads, pancakes or cornbread. I like it and maple syrup on hot cereal. Housewives use it in a variety of baked goodies. (Dad had his own recipe for molasses cookies.)

A visiting stranger in an old timer's home was asked at the supper table, "Do you want long sweetening or short sweetening in your coffee?" Knowing nothing about the meaning of these terms, he took a chance and said, "Long sweetening." Whereupon the man of the house picked up the molasses pitcher and poured a dollop of molasses in his coffee.

I think I may try it in my coffee some day. Some of you may remember too, that the slowest kind of slow was to be "As slow as molasses in January". And the stock answer to the question, "Do you want some molasses?" was "Mo lasses? I ain't had none yet."

"Contact Don Bickel with comments at edge-oftheprairie@sbcglobal.net.

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Driftwood Outdoors

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over a hundred pages per issue. There are stories from successful members as well as how-to articles.

I run across a lot of products in the hunting industry that are designed to make people better, potentially more successful hunters. Gimmicks and gizmos can help, but in the end, what success in the field really comes down to is knowledge. Information on when, where and how to hunt is what a hunter needs most, and The Huntin Fool is the best provider of such knowledge for western states that I've found.

I've actually used the service for the first time this year. It's helped me refine my Montana applications, and helped me plan my hopefully upcoming antelope hunt in Wyoming. Since I don't have the money to pay for an outfitted trip, I'll be hunting public land (assuming I draw a tag). The Hunting Fool provided me statistics on which units have a lot of public land, and what the chances of drawing a tag are in those units. Using this information, I concluded which unit I wanted to apply for based on geography, potential draw success, and the amount of public property available.

Properly planning a western big game hunt is no easy task. If you don't know anyone who might be able to help you out, The Huntin' Fool is a good choice. I'm in no way affiliated with these guys, I'm just a satisfied user of their services. Check them out at www.huntin-fool.com. I hope you find the information useful.

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by Ray Dickerson

Sport-N-Wood Game Calls and Apparel is located in Alexandria, Indiana. Owner J.J. Leever contacted me back in January about advertising his game calls in The Gad-a-bout. In February while I was at the Indianapolis Sport Show I visited with J.J. at his booth in the Exposition Hall. He was there for the 3-day Deer Turkey and Waterfowl Expo. We went to a quieter location and he told me how he got started in the game call business.

J.J. began Sport-N-Wood Game Calls back in 2002. "Actually my father-in-law Jim Rebuck came up with the name and we started making the calls in his garage." "I owe Jim all of the credit if it wasn't for him we probably wouldn't be where we are today." After a couple years of making calls, J.J. purchased a lathe and started turning them himself; they are now in their eighth year of making the game calls. Four years ago they started making the T-shirts with their registered name on them.

I asked JJ what kind of calls they offer. He replied, "mouth calls, box calls, and friction calls: slate, slate over glass, crystal over sound board, crystal over slate double-sided, aluminum over slate double-sided in various types of wood (walnut, cherry, laminate) and the real popular model is the corian pots" J.J. said. They began making box calls, but due to popular demand they switched to making friction calls and made less box calls. Now they are getting back into the box calls, making limited quantities. He said they were going to be getting into duck and goose calls probably by mid-summer and into predator calls.



Sport-N-Wood crew at the Indianapolis Sport Show Deer Turkey and Waterfowl Expo in February 2010. Front l to r: Victoria Kennedy, J.J. Leever, Heather Wesley and Brian Kennedy. Back l to r: Nathan Sheposh and Jason Lewis. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

I asked JJ if he had a partner or someone that helped him. He responded, "my wife Jodi helps and supports me, also Jason Lewis, Butch Lewis, Heather Wesley (Jason's girlfriend), Bennie, Brian, Khristina, and Victoria Kennedy, Billy Oldham does an excellent job with our graphic artwork and pro staffer Nathan Sheposh helps at the shows." Last but not least Jim Rebuck makes all of the backdrops, signs, and benches.

I asked J.J. if he and Jodi had any children. To this he replied, "we have a ten-year old son Noah, an eight-year old son Hunter, and a five-year old daughter, Emily, they are all very interested in doing this; this is Noah's third year of hunting, Hunter's second, and Emily's not old enough yet but she is active in the outdoors.

J.J. said they are constantly looking for new T-Shirt designs and said they have two new designs of game calls coming out. Coming in fall of 2010 they are going to be introducing their Sport-N-Wood cover scent and deer urine. He said they were trying to branch out and mentioned that if anyone was interested in their product to get in touch with them (see contact information below).

I thanked J.J. for taking the time away from his booth to talk to me and wished him lots of luck with

his business.

Sport-N-Wood Game Calls is located at 706 Columbia Street in Alexandria, Indiana. Directions to them are one and a half miles west of SR 9, just off 1000 North and 100 West. For calls or apparel please visit the web-site at sport-n-woodgamecalls.com or call at 765-620-5797.

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Left Photo: This Sport-N-Wood friction turkey call is a crystal over slate double sided corian pot. Right Photo: This friction turkey call is an aluminum over slate double sided corian pot. (Photos by J.J. Leever)

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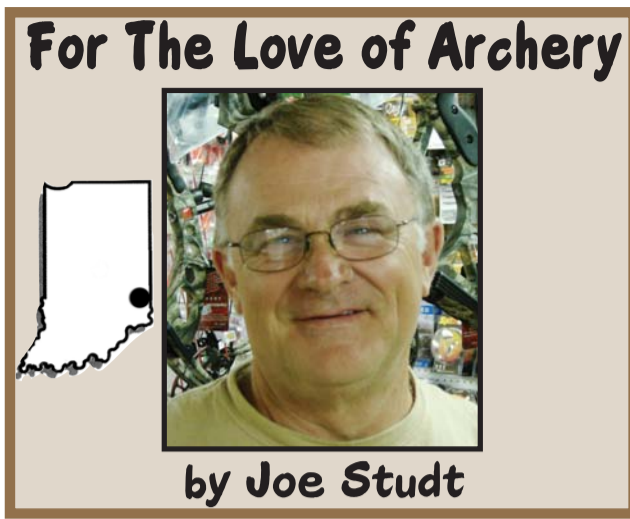
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by Joe Studt

Archery Season Begins

Hunting season is over for another year and Indoor Archery season is winding down also, it's time to go outside again with 3-D archery and Field Archery. The weather is starting to get nice, more sunshine and yard work to get done. I got my yard cleaned up and checked out my practice target butt, things are okay and ready for me and my bow to start practicing my yardage and outdoor form in shooting all different yardages. I really like field archery and group shooting at different yardages. At the same time I work on my yardages for 3-D archery.

IBO season has already started and some shooters have been out at their local clubs shooting and holding tournaments. There are clubs all over the state that shoot 3-D and hold tournaments, usually on the weekends. Check out your local archery shops and pick up club schedules for their tournaments and directions how and where they are located. The clubs usually have 30 or 40 life size animal targets set through the woods at unmarked yardages. You stand at a specified spot usually marked with a stake. While standing at the stake you look at the animal target and guess how far it is to shoot. The animal is marked with rings in the scoring area of the animal or we call it the kill area, it scores 5 for body 8 for vital and 10 for the kill plus an X ring in the kill area. This type of shooting is a lot of fun with family and friends and good practice for hunting.

Then there is field archery, this is my favorite. I like to shoot groups and at different yardages and different positions. There isn't many field course left in the state but there is some still around that you can find. There is one in Jay County which is the oldest club that is active in Indiana. This club has hosted State and National tournaments, for years and they also have 3-D tournaments too. Field archery is where you shoot 28 different targets and different yardages and 4 arrows at each target. They score 5, 4, 3, with a possible of 20 points per target. They also have a Hunter round that scores the same except you shoot odd yardages scoring is the same 5, 4, 3. Then there is the animal round also part of the field archery, this is animal targets made of paper on the target butts with scoring at 20 to 16, 12 to 8 and 8 to 4 for each arrow that has to be shot, no more than 3 arrows per target. This is also a great family and friend shooting time in the summer time in Gods great and glorious woods.

I just got involved in a new style of archery that I really think is great for our sport, it's the NASP

program. It's offered through schools and is growing very rapidly in Indiana and world wide. Our children will learn how to shoot a bow right from the beginning and are equal at the beginning of the class. They shoot the same bows and shoot the same arrows the same style at the same distances. They are instructed with coaches and are learning the same style of shooting the right way. From this point they will know the basis of good form and follow thru, when done with this class they can shoot a bow and hit what they aim at. As these kids get to where they are shooting well and are really wanting to be more competitive there is colleges and scholarships available for them. This is what can happen with our sport if we just help support and are willing to give our kids the chance. To learn the correct way from the beginning not trying to rush them into the way we want them to shoot.

Keep Flippin' Sticks JOE

Camping Here and Beyond

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water skiing squirrel.

The aisles were packed nearly shoulder to shoulder most of the time we were on duty, not only wanting good deals from the dealers at the booths but also what was the best way to get started in these activities. We, of course, suggested they rent a tent, fold down, small travel trailer, 5th wheel, or small RV to get the hang of various types of camping or RVing. We suggested that in most campgrounds the regular campers and seasonal campers would be more than willing to help or answer questions so the new campers wouldn't get disappointed the first time out and go back to the confines of the motel. For a lot of people it takes great perseverance to get into something like camping when there are two or more in the family trying to get in to the same activity together. And, they should choose a campground close to home so, if they forget something they really need, they can quickly pick up the item or food or sleeping gear, or even cooking utensils.

We saw several of our own fishermen and campers who braved the elements in Jay and surrounding counties to get out of the house for a final time and get good deals at probably the last show in the area. We couldn't keep up stuffing brochures in travel guides so we sort of stalled as we worked and talked to people about where they were from and other topics so we could catch up. We've seen several campers over the years go from tents to pop-ups to small travel trailers to larger travel trailers to 5th wheels to RV's. Then they sold their homes and properties and traveled the North American continent as full time Rvers. That's not for everyone and some have graduated back to smaller pull type trailers or smaller RV's, purchased a place to hang their hats for a while each year when tired of traveling Each to his (her) own. There are advantages and disadvantages of each method, especially with illnesses or loss of a spouse or travel partner.

If you have any questions or suggestions about what to write in future editions, please call us at our cell phone: 260-637-3524 or e-mail us at jmacnut@yahoo.com. We hope to see you next edition. John and El McCory

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Trap Lines



by Jack Turner, Jr.

Passing Time

It's hard to believe that the 2009-2010 trapping season is behind us and our traps & equipment now occupy space somewhere other than in a field or waterway. If you are not a nuisance trapper, waiting for fur trapping to start up again in October or November can seem to take years. I found that to be true after my first season of trapping nearly 20 years ago. Since then, I have found ways to help pass the months and prepare for the following season.

Cleaning & Storing Traps

One of the first things that you will want to do is clean your traps. In most cases a garden hose with a nozzle will do the job. Allow them to dry, then store them. I use cardboard boxes, but some trappers I know will put their traps in five gallon buckets, plastic storage containers, or simply hang them up in their shed.

Repairing or Replacing Supplies

Next you will need to take care of your pack-basket if you want to get many years out of it. Are there places on the basket that need repairing? Does it need stained or varnished? If you decide to stain and varnish, do it in the spring so that it has several months for the odors to dissipate. Do the straps need repaired or replaced?

If you have a wooden fleshing board, give it a good cleaning with hot soapy water to remove blood and fat deposits. Should splinters be present, now is the time to file them off. Shortly after I purchased my fleshing board I stained and varnished it. This would allow me many years of use.

Traps take a beating. You will want to check the springs, dogs, pans, and so forth, and make the necessary adjustments. Replace those traps or trap parts that are no longer suitable for the trapline.

Do an Inventory

Each trapper should do an inventory of his/her urine, lure and bait supply. Do you have enough bottles of each to last through the upcoming season?

Do you anticipate trapping an animal that you've never trapped before? You'll need to get the necessary supplies.

What about your traps? What types and sizes do you have? Will that be sufficient for the upcoming season?

Do you need wax and dye? What about wire, chains, grapples, stakes, swivels etc.?

Obtaining Permission

If you are a veteran trapper, chances are you

already have several places to trap. If you are relatively new to trapping, obtaining permission to trap on privately owned land can be difficult, depending on the area you live in.

There is a fair amount of land to trap on where I reside, but there are many conservative people who are against hunting and trapping. Many farmers and landowners who once allowed hunting and trapping are turning outdoorsmen away due to irresponsible acts by some. The only thing I can recommend is to start knocking on doors. Start in the spring or early summer. Do not wait until November. If possible, get permission from eight to ten landowners. Once permission is granted, do everything in your power to maintain a good relationship with the landowners.

Scouting

Once you know what areas you'll be trapping you will want to begin scouting out the area to see what animals can be found there. Look for signs such as tracks, scat, dens and trails. Look at the habitat. Are there food and water sources? Don't examine the area just once. Spend some time and learn as much about the land as possible.

Trap Preparation

Before the season begins you'll need to dye and wax your traps. Most trappers usually have a specific time when they will do this. I usually dye and wax about two weeks prior to the season opening. I don't like my traps sitting too long as foreign odors could contaminate them.

Practice Set Making

If you are a beginner one of the best things you can do is to practice making sets. This will help you with your speed and coordination once the season rolls around. If possible, have a veteran trapper critique you. This will help cut down on mistakes later. Don't place baits and lures, but rather substitute them with water (as urine), vanilla or other dark liquid (as lure), and plastic or rubber fish (as bait). Work on bedding footholds properly and stabilizing bodygrips. This may sound silly, but you'll be happy you practiced once the season opens.

Read and Watch

The most enjoyable thing to do in the off season is to read about trapping. There are several magazines on the market you can subscribe to and dozens of books to be had. You can also purchase videotapes or DVD's. Many of the videos or DVD's show actual sets and catches. Besides passing the time much can be learned. For those beginner trappers, the Ohio Division of Wildlife requires you to enroll in a trapper education course.

Show Your Support

In this day and age many people want to see hunting and trapping banned. You can write to your local and state politicians urging them to support our rights to hunt and trap. You can attend seminars and conventions put on by state or national trapping associations. If you know a trapping instructor ask him if he needs assistance with his classes. You might even want to become an instructor.

There are many ways to pass the time until trapping season opens, all of which are beneficial to you. Remember that a successful trapper maintains his equipment, educates himself, scouts the land, and conducts himself in a professional manner.

As always, go out and create memories that will last a lifetime! ■

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Bird Dog Points

**by Dick Dunnuck
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The following article appeared in the Southern Michigan Weimaraner Club's April, 2009 newsletter and is reprinted with their gracious permission. It is a poignant, well-written article which we feel everyone needs to read.

Trust - A Deadly Disease (Author Unknown)

There is a deadly disease stalking your dog, a hideous, stealthy thing just waiting its chance to steal your beloved friend. It is not a new disease, or one for which there are inoculations. The disease is called "Trust".

You knew before you ever took your puppy home that it could not be trusted. The breeder, who provided you with this precious animal warned you, drummed it into your head. Puppies steal off counters, destroy anything expensive, chase cats, take forever to house train, and must never be allowed off lead!

When the big day finally arrived, heeding the sage advice of the breeder, you escorted your puppy to his new home, properly collared and tagged, the lead held tightly in your hand.

At home the house was "puppy-proofed". Everything of value was stored in the spare bedroom, garbage stowed on top of the refrigerator, cats separated, and a gate placed across the living room to keep

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Duke owned by Jim and Jenny Bower of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. (Dick Dunnuck Photo)

at least one part of the house puddle free. All windows and doors had been properly secured, and signs placed in all strategic points reminding all to "close the door".

Soon it becomes second nature to make sure the door closes nine tenths of a second after it was opened and that it is really latched. "Don't let the dog out" is your second most verbalized expression (The first is "No!")

You worry and fuss constantly, terrified that your darling will get out and disaster will surely follow. Your friends comment about who you love most, your family or the dog. You know that to relax your vigil for a moment might lose him to you forever.

And so the weeks and months pass, with your puppy becoming more civilized every day, and the seeds of trust are planted. It seems that each new day brings less destruction, less breakage. Almost before you know it, your gangly, slurpy puppy has turned into an elegant, dignified friend. Now that he is a more reliable, sedate companion, you take him more places. No longer does he chew the steering wheel when left in the car. And darned if that cake wasn't still on the counter this morning. And, oh yes, wasn't that the cat he was sleeping with so cozily on your pillow last night? At this point you are beginning to become infected, the disease is spreading its roots deep into your mind.

And then one of your friends suggest obedience classes and, after a time, you even let him run loose from the car into the house when you get home. Why not, he always runs straight to the door, dancing a frenzy of joy and waits to be let in. And remember he comes every time he is called. You know he is the exception that disproved the rule. (And sometimes late at night, you even let him slip out the front door to go potty and then right back in).

Years pass – it is hard to remember why you ever worried so much when he was a puppy. He would never think of running out the door left open while you bring the packages from the car. It would be beneath his dignity to jump out the window of the car while you run into the convenience store. And when

you take him for those wonderful long walks at dawn, it only takes one whistle to send him racing back to you in a burst of speed when the walk comes too close to the highway. (He still gets in the garbage, but nobody is perfect!)

This is the time the disease has waited so patiently. Sometimes it only has to wait a year or two, but often it takes much longer. He spies the neighbor dog across the street, and suddenly forgets everything he ever knew about not slipping out doors, jumping out windows, or coming when called due to traffic. Perhaps it was only a paper fluttering in the breeze, or even just the sheer joy of running

Stopped in an instant. Stilled forever – Your heart is broken at the sight of his still beautiful body. The disease is trust. The final outcome - hit by a car.

Every morning my dog bounced around off lead exploring. Every morning for seven years he came back when he was called. He was perfectly obedient, perfectly trustworthy. He died fourteen hours after being hit by a car. Please do not risk your friend and your heart. Save the trust for things that do not matter.

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Ramblings from Da Region



by Gene Clifford

A Well Respected Bird



If you lived in Indiana in the 1800's, you might have left your cabin with your rifle on your shoulder and stalked through the woods searching for a wild turkey for your family's dinner.

Native to the eastern part of the United States, the wild turkey was so respected and admired by Benjamin Franklin that he proposed it as the national symbol. Calling the turkey "a much more respectable bird and a true original native of America", Franklin opposed the adoption of the Bald Eagle as the national symbol calling it "a fish-eating scavenger".

Both birds were nearly wiped out in this country—the Bald Eagle being a victim of DDT and the wild turkey the victim of the gun, the ax and the plow. The birds were over-hunted and sold for as little as 6 cents or traded for a bag of salt. Dense woods and open fields, the natural habitat of the wild turkey, fell first to farming and then to development.

The big streamlined bird was common in the woodlands throughout most of the state, but not so much here in the flatland prairies of northwest Indiana.

Wild turkeys are shy, wary birds. They are opportunistic feeders, foraging for acorns and other nuts, berries, and insects in the woods and gleaning the corn and other grain fields for weed seeds too. The hens eat snails in the spring for the calcium and minerals to help strengthen their own egg shells.

The males gather a harem of a dozen or so of females in the early spring starting about April 1st. Prior to this date you'll see larger groups of mixed Toms and hens surviving the winter together. The females choose the nest site, which quite often is alongside a large fallen tree. The nest is made of a gathering of loose leaves and protected by dense forest undergrowth. The dozen or more eggs are vulnerable to snakes, raccoons, possums, skunks, crows, foxes, great horned owls, red-tailed hawks, eagles, bobcats, free-roaming dogs and coyotes. The poults are very vulnerable the first six weeks after hatching, until they can fly up into the lower branches of trees to escape predators.

Often the birds prefer to run to escape danger, even though they can fly at 55 miles per hour as adults. Unlike songbirds, wild turkeys—like their cousins the chickens, quail, grouse and pheasants—leave the nest two or three days after hatching, following their mother to hunt insects.

Most wild turkeys in Indiana had disappeared by the turn of the century. Domestic turkeys, originally bred by the Aztecs before the arrival of the Spanish in Mexico, were brought to Indiana by way of



Steve Backs of Indiana received the Wayne Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award during the National Wild Turkey Federation's 34th annual National Convention and Sport Show in Nashville. (National Wild Turkey Federation Photo)

Europe.

In the 1930's, the Indiana Department of Conservation tried to introduce these domestic turkeys into the heavily forested Brown County, but the attempt failed. These pen raised birds from game farms did not survive, because they did not have a large percentage of wild turkey blood in them. The game farm birds quite often sought out barnyards soon after they were released.

Now only wild trapped birds are used for restocking. In the restocking program by the IN DNR, a flyover was performed to seek heavily forested areas of 100 acres or more before planting 5 Toms and 10 hens. When this planted group was thought to have expanded to 100 birds or more, by listening to gobbling counts, then that particular area was opened to hunting by the IN DNR. These management areas are protected from fire, grazing, and disturbance. The Indiana reintroduction plan has been highly successful following this management plan. To my knowledge the first Wild Turkey season in Indiana was in 1971.

- Impressive numbers from just 5 years ago**
- 6.4 million The number of wild turkeys in North America
- 57,000 The typical annual harvest of Eastern turkeys in Missouri, --which was the most in the U.S. at that time
- 100 The yearly harvest of turkeys in Delaware,--- which was the least in the U.S. at that time
- 28 The number of calls in the turkey's vocabulary
- 12 The miles per hour a turkey can run
- 55 How many miles per hour a turkey can fly
- 10 The typical clutch of eggs in a hen's nest
- 70 The percentage of poults killed by predators each spring
- 22 The average weight (in pounds) of an adult Tom

DNR biologist presented with national lifetime award

Indiana Department of Natural Resources biologist Steve Backs, who has been intimately involved with the restoration of the state's wild turkey population, was recently presented with a lifetime achievement award by the National Wild Turkey Federation at its national convention.

Backs, a member of the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife, was one of two men receiving the Federation's Wayne Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Indiana hunters largely owe the opportunity to enjoy their sport within state lines to Steve and his lifetime body of work," said Robert E. Carter Jr. DNR director. "This recognition on a national level affirms what DNR staff members have known for a long time."

Backs has spent 31 years dedicating his career to quail, wild turkey and grouse research and conservation. During that time, the number of wild turkeys in

the state has increased dramatically, and its number of turkey hunters has grown from fewer than 1,000 to more than 60,000.

In 1996, Backs was honored as the IDNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife Biologist of the Year. During his career, he has received several other service awards.

"Steve has steadily produced quality research and insight into upland bird biology, from turkeys to quail and grouse," said Robert Abernethy, NWTf's assistant vice president of agency and outreach programs. "He has authored more than 350 internal reports and published more than 20 technical manuscripts, including papers in five of nine National Wild Turkey Symposiums.

"Upland bird biology wouldn't be what it is today without his contributions."

The award's namesake was a pioneer in the restoration of wild turkey populations.

"Wayne Bailey accomplished so much in his career and everyone looked up to him," Backs said. "To receive an award named after one of my mentors is truly humbling." ■

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EARTHQUAKE!!

2010 has already been a year of severe earthquakes. Huge, deadly ones have occurred in Haiti, Chile, and Japan in just the first two months of the year. Many more around the globe, although less damaging, but still severe occur almost daily. Fortunately, those of us living in the great state of Indiana don't have to worry about quakes causing any problems for us. Or do we?

On June 18, 2002, the earthquake hit! Windows broke and chimneys crashed down. People in five states felt the ground shake for several seconds.

No, this was not California or South America or somewhere on the "Ring of Fire". This quake was in southern Indiana. Granted, it was not a 7-point on the Richter Scale, although it could have been. It was a 5.0 centered almost nine miles deep beneath Posey County, west of Evansville. While it didn't cause a great deal of damage, it did upset a lot of people who didn't know what was happening. It was also reported many dogs and cats were aware of the event well before humans as evidenced by the pet's wildly erratic behavior. (We observed a similar action in our dog several seconds before lightning struck our house many years ago.)

While tremors are not common in Indiana, they certainly are not rare either. About one per year is felt in the central part of the state and several may be noticed in the southwest corner. In April of 2000, a mild 3.6 shaker was centered at Roachdale, about halfway between Indianapolis and Crawfordsville. Residents of 11 nearby counties felt the event. 1987 was the year a 5.1 quake hit Olney, Illinois, just west of Vincennes. The largest one with an epicenter in Indiana in the last 100 years was in 1909 between Vincennes and Terre Haute, size 5.1.

Just a few others in the last 100 plus years include a trembler which hit Shelbyville in April of 1899. It was felt over 40,000 square miles. Several quakes over 4.0 hit southern Indiana in the early 1920's. In June of 2002, Darmstadt, nine miles NW of Evansville was hit with a 4.6 quake. The last recorded quake in the Hoosier state was on April 26, 2008, a 2.5 hit between Washington and Vincennes, just 95 miles south of Indy.

Other nearby events which caused damage in Indiana were in 1937 in Anna, Ohio which threw items off shelves in Fort Wayne, Dale, IL, a 5.3 in 1968 which caused damage in southern Indiana, and as recently as March 2, 2010 a 5.3 hit in SE Missouri just off the southern tip of Illinois.

An area does not need to have a known fault line to have earthquakes, but Indiana has several. The Royal Center fault line in northern Indiana crosses Cass, Fulton, and Kosciusko Counties. Madison County in the central part has the Fortville fault which bisects the county from the northeast corner through the southwest corner continuing halfway through Marion County. Farther south, Monroe, Lawrence, Jackson, and Washington Counties are crossed by the Mt. Carmel fault line. An interesting feature paralleling this line on the west side is the Leesville Anticline. An anticline is rock which has folded upwards caused by great horizontal compressive forces. (This is similar to squeezing a playing card between two fingers. If the card bends upwards from the pressure, it's an anticline. A downward bend would be a syncline.) Southwest Indiana has multiple fault lines in virtually every county along the Ohio River in the western third of the state.

The mapped faults in Indiana are all "normal" faults. These were caused several hundred million

years ago when the crust was being pulled in opposite directions from each other. The faults were covered over by sediments and were discovered when gas and oil wells were drilled. Seismic profiling is a more modern way, but is difficult at the depths in our area which are usually at least five miles deep. Indiana quakes in the last 200 years are compression tremors caused when the rocks are pushing towards each other.

Historically, Indiana has had major earthquakes several times. Indiana University archaeologists working with U.S. Geological Survey biologists have found hundreds of "sandblows". A sandblow is formed when an earthquake shakes a layer of underground saturated sandy soil so violently that the sand acts like a liquid and is forced upwards through cracks in the rocks and flows over the surface.

Study of these sandblows indicates at least six major quakes with epicenters in Indiana in the last 12,000 years. A 175-kilometer span of liquefaction (sandblow) near Vincennes was probably caused by one or more huge quakes between 1,500 and 7,500 years ago. These tremors were estimated to be many times more powerful than the 6.6 Los Angeles earthquake of 1994.

Areas south of Indiana may prove more dangerous to us than our own shakers. On the morning of December 16th, 1811, one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded in North America, probably second only to the 8.9 Alaska quake of 1964, was centered at New Madrid, Missouri. (This is near the intersection of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri.) This huge event reportedly made flat fields roll like waves on the ocean. The Mississippi River changed course and flowed backwards. A portion of western Tennessee sank, allowing the river to flow over it creating Reelfoot Lake.

Over the next two months, three more aftershocks just as powerful (all thought to be near or greater than 8.0) and dozens of sixes and sevens shook the area. Steeple bells rang in Boston, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, windows broke in Chicago, and the tremors were felt as far away as New Hampshire and Quebec, Canada. Once again, horses, cows, and other animals had been acting strange for days before the quake. An earthquake of this size now, occurring in the same area would cause catastrophic destruction in St. Louis, Nashville, Louisville, Indianapolis, and any area within a several hundred-mile radius. As with almost any other subject, if you need more information on earthquakes, past and present, and how to be prepared for them, check your computer.

Is the Hoosier state due for a large earthquake? As usual, scientists can't agree. Some think we're still a couple hundred years from a large shake of 6.5 or bigger. Others think we're already overdue. Massive earthquakes occur on the New Madrid fault line on average every 150 years. It has been 200 since the last one. Evansville is currently requiring structure designs to withstand a 7.0 quake. Should other Midwest cities consider doing the same? Should we be teaching earthquake safety in schools like we do fire and tornado? Should homeowners purchase earthquake insurance? (We do!) How soon before the next "big one"? My vote is for soon.

Time will tell.
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meeting), the recording suffered from my inexperience, I did better at the second hearing.

The second hearing (actually fifth) was held October 8, 2009 in Brookville. I and about a hundred other interested people attended. The Chairman of the Advisory Council was Pat Early and three other members including Bill Freeman from Brown County, Chris Smith, Legislative Liaison for the DNR, who was filling in for IDNR Deputy Director John Davis, and Sandra Jensen, Administrative Law Judge, Natural Resources Commission, Division of Hearings.

As in the first hearing Chairman Pat Early told all those in attendance that no decisions was going

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to be made at the hearing, they were there only to take testimony from those who wanted to be heard about changes to the Brookville Tailwater Area.

Pat Early said, "I just want to give you comfort because I know you are here because you are concerned about this whole thing that I want to make sure that you understand and realize there are no proposed changes at this point and time, all we are doing is listening to opinions and how things effect people and whether or not they think these are good changes or not good changes."

I took photos of twenty-four people who got up and gave their testimony. Of the twenty-four only two spoke in favor of changing the regulations of the Brookville Tailwater Area, the rest were in favor of leaving the Brookville Tailwater Area as is, no changes. Six ladies and eighteen gentlemen gave their testimony

Following are quotes from Pat Early, Chairman of the Advisory Council after the testimony was given.

Pat Early said, "I can assure you that after our last meeting we got the picture loud and clear, we understand the message and I think that it is important that you understandthat I am not a member of Trout Unlimited and at this point and time I wish I didn't even know what a trout was. (Clapping and laughter filled the room) But I want you to also understand that there's a lot of very good conservation minded people and some of them do in fact support your community. What I hope is that when this is all over that you all can co-exist we all want to have a right to use those waters, we're all citizens of the State of Indiana and certainly what you have done today has not been bad. The charge that is in front of us is always to try to give what is in the best interest of the publicknowing already the consensus of this group we wanted to hear the other side too. I can tell you from this councils standpoint that we would not be willing to move any changes forward unless it was something that both the community and Trout Unlimited were working on together. So I guess the real point here is that we haven't made the recommendations yet. But it is not even fathomable that we are going to recommend these changes. At least for now I think that you can consider that nothings going to come out of this at least from our standpoint. There's not going to be any recommendations to make any changes from us.

That said, the crowd cheered wildly, patting each other on the back, clapping and shaking each others hands.

I walked over to where Pat Early was sitting. I asked him if this was really the end of the request for changes to the Tailwater Area. He indicated to me that he was a member of the Natural Resource Commission and it ended here in Brookville.

Originally I wasn't going to write anything about this in The Gad-a-bout because the first hearing (September 14, 2009) of the Natural Resource Advisory Council happened the first day I was delivering the October issue and the matter was resolved at the second hearing (October 8, 2009) in Brookville before I printed the November issue.

But recent events made me feel that it would be a good idea to let my readers in the Brookville Tailwater area and those in the surrounding areas know how close we came to losing an important fishery in exchange for a "World Class Trout Area." Send your comments or opinion on this issue to the_gadabout@verizon.net.

Golden Eagle

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Reynolds in the movies. I insisted that she be named Deborah on the birth certificate. Both Michael and Deborah were Indian and because of my background the Catholic Social Service wanted to place them with us. It was May 1957.

In 1958, my boss with the scouts retired and I got a new boss. This didn't work out. Before I had left Cincinnati, Bert Lawson, my former boss there told me I always had a job with him. So we decided to

move back to Cincinnati, I resigned from the scouts in October, but didn't leave until after the new year.

I returned to Cincinnati in January 1959, Betty and the children came back in March, we lived in Price Hill. I was assigned to LaBoiteaux Woods in College Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati. Our camp was in a valley, there was a hundred and seventy steps from the valley to street level, I walked them every day to meet the school buses. This time I had seven Indian clubs, I named them after the seven bands of Lakota Sioux. The club at LaBoiteaux was called the Oglala, after the largest of the seven bands. The city purchased a parcel of land to give us a right-of-way from the local street into the camp. They then built a museum and lodge on that land. My family was invited to live in the caretaker's quarters, which was part of the building. We lived there from 1960 to 1968, when I became the Supervisor of the new Division of Performing and Creative Arts and moved downtown.

I asked Hank, when did you get involved with the civil war?

I got into civil war in 1960, a friend of mine got me to join the Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable. And of course, I had to get in with both feet so I became the editor of their newspaper for three years.

In 1961, a group of young men came to LaBoiteaux Day Camp asking me if I could get them into the Civil War Round Table in Cincinnati, I had been a member for several years. I agreed to try to help them and presented their case before the round table. The request was denied due to their being under eighteen years old. I formed the first Civil War Round Table for teenagers that year. The boys wanted to participate in re-enactments, but eighteen was the minimum age for that too. Eventually I persuaded the adult groups that my boys were safer on the battlefield then some of their hung over adults. When I commanded, "Get Down!" the cadets hit the ground and stayed there until I told them to get up. The cadets became an important asset by helping medics on the field and by bringing in rifles and hats of the wounded. Eventually some of the boys turned eighteen and we formed the Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Reactivated. Many of the fathers also joined the Sixth.

In 1965 we were blessed with a baby girl, Tina. We bought our first house in March and I graduated from college that same year.

Tina was almost two years old when Betty had her first stroke. They called it a cardiovascular seizure. Betty had a series of seizures over the next two years.

In 1966 and 1968 I directed the Indian Act in the biannual Boy Scouts Big Show at the Cincinnati Gardens. In 1966 I had over fifty dancers who rehearsed at five different locations throughout the city. The dress rehearsal was at the Gardens, my plan was to set up a full-scale tipi village with the theme of the show being "Life on the Plains." However, due to some union problems and safety reasons, the lighting effects never panned out.

In 1967, I took the examination for promotion to the new position of Supervisor of Creative and Performing Arts. I ended up in the top three and was hired for the position.


In 1968, I decided to really do a big show, I was on the Authenticity Committee for the Boy Scouts National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow. My dream was to do a Sun Dance with my scout dancers at the annual convention. I used my Teton Lakota dancers from LaBoiteaux Woods in the key positions.

Still in 1968 I had the job of building an arts program with no budget. We had groups of artists (the pottery guild, the weaving guild, the civic orchestra, and so forth) which I used to build a program. I broke precedent by charging for the program to pay for the instructors. My boss said the people of Cincinnati would never stand for us to charge. They not only stood for it, but it set an example which has now extended to charging a membership fee for use of the centers and the swimming pools.


The spring of 1969, Betty had a final seizure. They called me as usual and when I got to the hospital they told me she had passed away. I was totally devastated. I had three young children and wasn't sure I could handle the situation without her. But we managed.

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from the Corbett Foundation to establish twelve performing areas on twelve playgrounds. In addition to hiring the Summer Symphony Orchestra and a theater company from New York, I produced five shows which performed three times a day. On Fountain Square at noon and on the playgrounds at night. All the performers were volunteers, we used a local dance studio. My future stepdaughter (Nancy) was one of my dance instructors. She recruited girls from her mother's dance studio. She knew I was looking for someone to head up the mobile program, which included, in addition to the show wagon, four small units (Puppet Mobile, Art Mobile, Music Mobile and Drama Mobile). Nancy recommended that her mother, Jane McClure, would be perfect for the job. I interviewed her and immediately hired her. We started having lunch or coffee after the evening performance. By the end of summer we were dating. We were married the following Thanksgiving. Our five children all took part in the wedding. Her son, Don, gave her away, my son, Mike, was my best man, Nancy was a matron of honor, Debbie was a bridesmaid, and four year old Tina was a flower girl.

We went on several wonderful vacations the next couple of summers. Unlike Betty, Jane was a city girl who would not go camping. We bought a twenty-four foot mini-home to do our traveling in and traveled the country visiting historic areas.

In 1976 I was appointed Union Commander at Billy Creek Village, Indiana. The site was a working 1840 farm, we had excellent turn-outs every year with a large group of mounted calvary. The summer of 1977, the reactivated marine band (Lincoln's own) performed at the village, there were over a hundred members in the band, including the color guard.

In 1983, I retired from the Recreation Commission and started HMS Enterprises Inc. I combined my love for history and my drama background to provide weekend first person re-enactment events to communities and organizations celebrating anniversaries of their founding or had annual weekend festivals. I had a computer mailing list of over three hundred military units, craftsmen, musicians and story tellers representing every period in history from 1770 through 1876. I had eight first person characters I portrayed at different events. Of course the 'old ham' had to get into the act.

In 1993, I was a member of the North American Indian Council. That summer, John Temple and I were going to make a movie based on the "Seven Ceremonies of the Native People." We found out that there was an event in Indiana over the Labor Day weekend where they had a tipi village. We got permission to shoot the movie there. This was my introduction to the Frontier Days event which I attended for many years after. On the day we were going to shoot the movie, it started to rain. It rained for three hours and we were washed out.

From 1982 to 2000 I was involved in two large events, Frontier Days, at Treaty Line Pioneer Village restored town near Brookville Lake and the Battle of Mississinewa 1812 near Marion, Indiana.

At Frontier Days the re-enactment was based on the Life and Times of Miami Chief Little Turtle and William Wells, it was produced by Ray Dickerson, publisher of The Gad-a-bout. Although it was not on the scale of "Tecumseh" or "Blue Jacket" it was well done. I played the Medicine Man in the re-enactment. We did the re-enactment once each day over the Labor Day weekend. I told stories and taught Social Dancing during the rest of the time. We also presented a skit on how trading was done in the early days. My good friend, Roger Endress, played a French Trader and I played a Lakota Leader. I spoke Lakota and he talked French so we communicated in Sign Talk with a Narrator telling the audience what we were saying. I also conducted a Naming Ceremony for the participants in the evening after the gate was closed.

Mississinewa Battle of 1812, is one of the most authentic recreations performed in this area. The Miami and Delaware represented the Indians at the re-enactment. I was interpreter for the British at the war council. It was a beautiful scene with all the native leaders in full dress. I talked to them in signs but spoke English so the audience could understand. I also told Indian stories at Mississinewa.

In 2000, our lives changed. Jane had her first real heart attack and got pneumonia, to make matters worse. The next year she had a quadruple by-pass.

My legs were pretty bad so I resigned from the Ohio Arts Council and stopped performing. I did one last show for the Cub Scouts and almost collapsed at the end. I also resigned from the Civil War Re-enactment Association and the Indian Advisory Committee at Sunwatch. I devoted my life to the care of Jane. In 2003 we sold our house and moved into a senior citizen's facility called "The Waterford." We lived there for two and a half years, but her doctor told us Jane would have to have more care. So we moved to "The Heartland of Woodridge" also in Fairfield, Ohio. We were not happy at all there. Then in 2007 Jane had her colon removed and almost died. Nancy found us a wonderful place called Triple Creek Senior Community. After interviewing us, they permitted us to live there independently. We moved into our cottage the day before Thanksgiving in 2008 and enjoyed a wonderful Christmas there with both Nancy, Tina and their families. In January 2009, Jane passed away. I decided to remain in the cottage at Triple Creek and turn the extra bedroom into a guest room. Jane's spirit still visits me occasionally. I know she's here when she turns on the touch lamp in her old bedroom. Jane's welcome to visit anytime. My family visits me often.

I thanked Golden Eagle (Hank Stock) for telling me about his life.

Those wanting to contact Golden Eagle may do so by sending an e-mail to hmsenterprises1876@gmail.com.

Editor's Note: This is but a brief glimpse into Hank's life, a more complete story is in his memoirs, which has already been published. Unfortunately there are no copies available to the public. I asked him if a second printing could be done. He said it would depend if enough people wanted to buy it. So, if you are interested in purchasing a copy of his memoirs please send an e-mail to thegadabout@verizon.net indicating you would be interested in acquiring a copy. This way we can get an idea if there is enough of a demand for a second printing. ■

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JERRY'S SCOOTER SALES
CORYDON, INDIANA

Thanks to Jerry Thomas, owner of Jerry's Scooter Sales in Corydon, Indiana The Gad-a-bout is back in that area. Jerry's office manager is Dale Griffith.

I visited their business on my return trip from my northern delivery trip on February 17th. Normally I begin in Southern Indiana, but due to the bad snow storm that fell there on February 15th I reversed my trip, but found even when I did get to southern Indiana the secondary roads were still clogged.

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Co-owners of All Creatures Loved Pet Crematory at left Regina M. Erlewein and at right Christy Bohlander. Samples of the pet urns you can purchase for your pet sit on shelves behind them. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

All Creatures Loved Pet Crematory

by Ray Dickerson

All Creatures Loved Pet Crematory held their Grand Opening and Open House on Saturday and Sunday, February 6-7, 2010 at 3271 West US 40, Cambridge City, IN. Their exact location is the southeast corner of US 40 and Wise Road (near the storage units).

I met with Christy Bohlander and Regina M. Erlewein on March 1, 2010 to see what they have to offer pet owners who wish to do as I did back in 2008, had Tiger cremated so I could keep him close by instead of buried outside.

They explained to me that they do their level best to provide everything you need to ensure a proper memorial for your pet. They offer consultations, cremation services and memorial services. The loss of a pet can be as devastating as the loss of a close family member. In reality a pet is a member of the family. Many of my friends and acquaintances have told me about the loss of their pet (s) and indeed all of them grieved the loss.

My cat Tiger's remains sits on a shelf next to my chair in the living room sitting on top of a photo of him and me, along with his favorite toy and one of his tags, he's been there since the summer of 2008. He's waiting for me now at the "Rainbow Bridge!"

Christy and Regina are both lovers of pets. Christy has a greyhound named Hillary (see photo and paw print) a cat named Crookshanks and a horse named Chic (boy). Regina's family has lots of pets a Boston terrier named Lucy, pug named Daisy, lab named Gretchen, cat named Smoky, rabbit named Sniffles, guinea pig named Oreo, rat named Ruby, 2 fire belly toads (no names) and 2 dwarf frogs with no names.

Christy and her husband, Tim, are the owners of the Poor Jack Carnival and have been since 1967. She takes care of the food vendors and Tim takes care of the rides. They also own the Storage Units adjacent to the Pet Crematory and are co-owners of All Creatures Loved Crematory, Inc. They have one daughter, Lindsey and a son, Spencer, who at the time of this interview were in Canada skiing.

Regina (Marshall) and her husband, Chris own and have operated the Marshall and Erlewein Funeral Home in Dublin for the past 25 years. They have a son, Max and two daughters, Madeline and Macy.

Christy and Regina have been friends for a long time and they felt there was a need in the area for a pet crematory that was regionally located to provide the service to the many pet owners. They say it has been a very rewarding experience, in the four months since they opened they have done 40 pet crematories. Most crematories are taken care of in

24-48 hours or less.

As you can see in the photo here of Christy and Regina, they have many different sizes and types of urns to choose from, many more than what is in the picture including brass, wood, inscribed, photo, vaults, etc. There is a whole selection of things you can get to remember your pet by including Paw Prints, Fur Clippings, Pictures, Chests, Jewelry and if you choose to bury the pet, they have caskets or caskets/vault combos, outside markers and more.

People can specify to their veterinarians that All Creatures Loved Pet Crematory be the ones who take care of their pet if they prefer us to do the cremation for them.

Here is a brief explanation of "All Creatures Loved Pet Crematory" services: Notice of pet death in the morning will be picked up by that afternoon; Notice of pet death after 12 noon will be picked up the next morning (Mon-Fri both). All pet remains will be returned to place of pickup within 48 hours after pickup.

Cremation fee is as follows: Up to 30 lbs is \$125.00; from 31 to 61 lbs is \$150.00; from 61 to 100 lbs is \$175.00; from 101 to 150 lbs is \$200.00 and from 151 to 250 lbs is \$250.00. These prices include pick up and delivery within 25 miles of Cambridge City, Indiana Monday thru Friday. Pick up outside the 25 miles (one round trip fee) is \$1.00 per mile. Residential and weekend pickup is \$75.00.

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Crematory office hours are by appointment. To make an appointment of for more information contact Christy Bohlander or Regina Erlewein Toll Free 1-877-655-5161 or 765-541-9975 or E-mail info@allcreaturesloved.com or at their web-site: www.AllCreaturesLoved.com



Here is a photo of Christy's greyhound "Hillary" and her paw prints, one in a photo and one in clay. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Sachem is to appoint other chiefs at our next meeting which will be March 17 at 6:00 P.M. at MCL Cafeteria in Richmond. Our initiation fee is \$10.00 plus yearly dues of \$20.00.

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I do not profess to be a mathematical wizard, but with all the school corporations around the country closing the doors on school buildings, cutting out classes, jobs and the like, maybe they should look in the direction of the internet for some cost saving advantages. Why don't school corporations investigate how they could utilize the internet by teaching classes via the internet. Just a thought.

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