

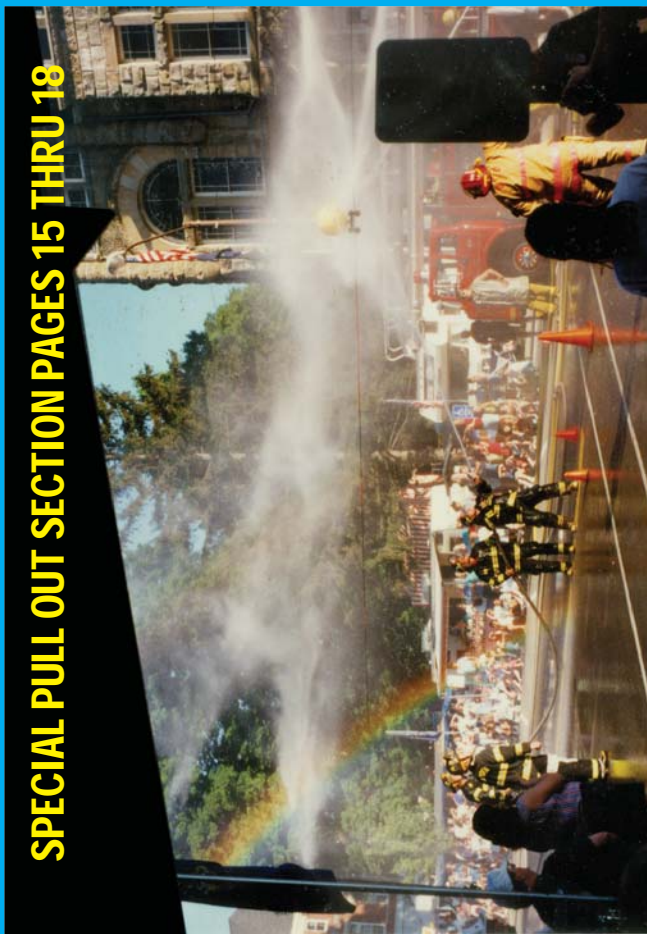
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Bottom Right: Brian “Snook” Nobbe and Scott Rowlett with young local angler and the fish she caught fishing in the First Annual East Fork of the Whitewater River Fishing Expo for Kids. See page 7 for more and photos. (**Photos by Jim Suhre**)

Special Note: Tag Nobbe gave up his column space so his brother Snook could put the 1st Annual East Fork Fishing Expo in his place. Following is the info to contact Tag to go fishing with him tag@tagnobbe.com or go to the web site www.brookvillelakeguideservice.com or call his cell phone 765-265-3238 He guide fishes for walleye, striped bass, and crappie starting mid April till the mid December 7 days a week on Brookville Lake. He fishes out of a 2007 Lund Pro V 2025 with a 225 Honda motor. He supplies everything all the way down to cleaning the fish. He can take 1 - 4 people. The price is according to how many people go \$400.00 for 4 people \$325.00 for 3 people \$275.00 for 2 people and \$225.00 for 1 person. He starts at 7:00 am and fishes till 1.00 pm. To schedule trips call him at home 765-647-4329 or on his cell phone 765-265-3238.

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson


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BOZARTH CRAPPIE WINNERS 6-12



First Place winning Team of Mark Jacob and Ed Sexton won with a total weight of 5.02 pounds. (Photo by Ryan Pershing, Bozarth Country Store, Lagro, IN)



The team of Charlie Hildreth and John Cameron (holding the fish) caught the Big Fish, it weighed 1.20 lbs. (Photo by Ryan Pershing, Bozarth Country Store, Lagro, IN)

BOZARTH CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT
JUNE 12 2010 - ROUGH CONDITIONS

Ryan at Bozarth Country Store located on 700 E just north of SR 124 near the Salamonies Reservoir the following details from their June 12th Crappie Tournament.

A total of 19 teams showed up to battle the rough conditions on the Salamonie Reservoir. The week preceding the tournament brought very large amounts of rainfall which resulted in the lake level being approximately 8 feet over summer pool and very murky water. The bad elements resulted in a rough day for our fisherman. Many of the fisherman battled to catch any fish of decent size.

The winning team of Ed Sexton and Mark Jacob ended up with a total weight of 5.02 lbs. for 7 fish. They were fishing in 12 to 15 feet of water fishing with white/chartreuse and orange/chartreuse jigs tipped with a bass minnow.

The big fish was caught by the team of Charlie Hildreth and John Cameron. It weighed in at 1.20 lbs.

Following are the top 3 team totals and also the big fish total.

Total weight of 7 fish:

1st Place: Ed Sexton and Mark Jacob with a weight of 5.02 lbs.

2nd Place: Steve Pershing and Mike Bowser with a weight of 4.65 lbs.

3rd Place: Charlie Hildreth and John Cameron with a weight of 4.4 lbs.

Despite the rough conditions everyone had a good time and we hope to see everyone back at our next tournament on **September 18.**

Thanks, Ryan, Bozarth Recreation Resort 765-981-4522.

MAX KNIGHT'S LATEST BOOK

My good friend, Max Knight and fellow writer had his latest book published by two years ago by the Indiana Historical Society at Indianapolis.

Max's book, "Spinning Through Clouds," has been used the final semester of Indianapolis Schools as a study guide for Junior High Schools. The six-week course studied the early days of aviation in Indiana, centered around the years prior to World War II when the Knight Airport was located south of Lynn in Randolph County.

Mr. Knight moved, with his family, to Greens Fork from the airport location in 1968.

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Talking Leaves

by Golden Eagle

THUNDER MOON

Although it happened two months ago I have to devote part of this column to our reunion at Treaty Line Village. My daughter Cloud Woman, her eldest daughter Sun Woman, and her youngest daughter, Bright Eyes, took me to the event. When the girls and I left home it was pouring down rain but when we got to Treaty Line it had stopped raining and it didn't start again all day.

It was a wonderful day for me, besides Ray and Sherry Dickerson, the Fannin's were there, along with Sharon and Tony Wells, and Dallas Whipple, who played Blue Jacket in the "The Life Of Miami Chief, Little Turtle." As the day progressed Linda Paddock, her husband, Malcolm Greene and his wife arrived. One of my readers stopped by to shake hands and say he enjoyed my articles. Also a group stopped by the cabin to see the "fellow who wrote in the Gad-A-Bout." Several of them were ladies which pleased me very much. I had two nice audiences for my stories and I held a Naming Ceremony. Dave Fields (a new friend), Tony Wells and my youngest granddaughter, all received native names and became part of 'Wambli Tioshpaya', my extended family. I might mention that the ribs were great too.

July is the Thunder Moon which means we will be visited by the 'Thunderers' as they move across the sky. Of course the Woodland People would probably be telling stories about the 'Thunderbird.' Boys and Girls in the schools I visited often asked if the stories are true. I always told them all legends have a grain of truth in them. In addition they all had morals or lessons for the listeners.

Even as I write I can hear a rumbling in the west. Although it is clear out now, I know that in two or three hours the clouds will roll in and some-



Here I am doing a Naming ceremony at our Frontier Days Reunion at Treaty Line Pioneer Village. If it were possible I would like to get together all the people I gave names to over the years, that would be something. I am at the left holding the pipe, sitting at the right from left to right, receiving Indian names, David Fields (Treaty Line property manager), Abbie Hoffman & Tony Wells. (Photo taken by Ray Dickerson)

time around midnight the rains will come. Hard rain crashing against the windows and turning my yard into a natural bird bath for any of my winged friends who dare to venture into it.

I just realized that with this article I am starting my sixteenth year writing this column for the Gad-A-Bout. I've shaken many a talking tree to get something to write every month. As always I am grateful to Ray Dickerson for starting me off and as always to you my readers for your support. I thank the Great Spirit every night and ask his blessings on all of you.

AN INDIAN PRAYER

GRANDFATHER, GREAT SPIRIT

Let me walk in beauty, make my eyes ever behold the red and purple of the sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy-MYSELF.

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GOING SOLO

Most of the time fishing on the Great Lakes is a group activity. Sometimes the group is small—you and a fishing partner tackle the big water on your own. Charter fishing trips sometimes includes a group consisting of a half dozen anglers, a mate and a captain. Few anglers head out solo for a Great Lakes outing.

It can be done, and it is done. Occasionally, I do it myself as a change of pace and for some personal time.

Whenever I do go by myself, however, one rule I never forget is to leave a “float plan” with someone back on land. I have 2 VHF radios on my boat, a cell phone and all the required safety flares, but if I’m heading out on the lonesome, someone always knows what harbor I’m using, what time I plan to finish and get back home and where I plan to do my fishing. The people I trust with this information know my boat so they can describe it to authorities, if necessary, and they have the other information needed to contact me, if need be.

There are times and places when a solo outing makes sense and there are other instances where no one should be out on the lakes by themselves. When or where you can or should consider a solo-go is

mostly a common sense call. If it’s a nice Saturday morning, the kings are stacked up in the shallows and the boat traffic is going to be of rush-hour caliber—don’t go out there by yourself and think you’ll be able to blend in unnoticed. You might until you get a fish on the line and learn first hand it’s not so easy to handle 3 or 4 chores at once while hooked to a 4-year-old chinook. In uncrowded areas, in comfortable weather and light seas—head on out by yourself for the experience—if not the challenge.

All that being said, there are a few tricks to fishing by yourself to make the trip productive.

The most important solo fishing rule is: don’t experiment.

Most of us have our “A-Team” lures and our “let’s give this one a try” lures. For chinooks at the pier heads, it’s hard to beat a silver J-Plug. For off-shore steelhead, never overlook a medium sized spoon with a splash of orange in the pattern. Maybe for you, it’s a Kevorkian colored spoon. I seldom fail with a green/glow Pro King, regardless of what I’m after. These are the lures I call my “A-Team.” They are the ones I start with at the beginning of the day and the ones I pull out when the fishing gets slow and I need more than hope to get a fish on the line. All the other lures in my tackle box are ones I “hope” will catch fish--and they will, some days.

If I’m out with a boat load of anglers and the opportunity to dangle all the rods I own off the transom of my boat, I’ll usually have one or more of the “lets-give-this-one-a-try” lures in the water. If I can only troll with 3 lines, I’m sticking with the A-Team.

The same common sense goes for presentations. With a full crew on board, even if the salmon are biting 50 or 80 feet deep, anytime I’m fishing with a surface temperature in the middle 60s or less, I’ll troll a steelhead lure on the surface using a planer board. If it works, great, if not, it didn’t hurt anything. If the salmon are biting 50 or 80 feet deep, however, and I’m by myself, I want my all my lures in the zone where the best chance for success is found.

When I’m fishing alone, the size of the fish I hook determines how I plan to fight it. When I hook a fish I’ll be able to boat in just a few minutes, I leave the other 2 rods set, back off the throttle to dead slow and work on the fish. With larger fish, I prefer to jam the rod with the fish on it in rod holder after the initial run is over, and quickly pull the other 2 lines. Then I slip the boat into neutral and duke it out one on one.

Since I’ll be netting the fish single handedly (and one-handedly) there won’t be any chance to stretch out to my full reach and the net’s full length to swish it aboard. Having the lines clear and downriggers up permits me to net the fish just over the side or stern of the boat.

Can’t find anyone willing to skip work on a perfect weather forecast? Want to fish someday without having anyone but yourself second guess your choices? Do you want to be sure it’s your turn when the big one bites? Head out solo. It’s easier than you think. The End



When going solo, pick your best lures and stick with them. (Mike Schoonveld Photo)

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This was the first year for the East Fork Fishing Expo for Kids. In the upper left corner is Brian "Snook" Nobbe, he, Greg Morgan (middle right in orange shirt), Scott Rowlett (lower right in blue shirt), Jim Suhre and many others made this happen. Kids fished along the East Fork in the Brookville City Park all using live bait. (Photos by Jim Suhre)

First Annual East Fork Fishing Expo for Kids

by Brian Nobbe (Tag's brother)
 (Photos by Jim Suhre)

This year was the beginning of a new tradition on the East Fork of the White Water River. The first East Fork Fishing Expo for Kids took place on Memorial Day in the Brookville Town Park. This event was created to expose children and their families to a wonderful and free resource that is unique to our local community. The Brookville Town Park provides public access to the East Fork of the Whitewater River. Our community is very fortunate to have this natural resource that is within walking distance for many local residents. This part of the river offers many fishing opportunities for a variety of species of fish, including rainbow trout, brown trout, walleye, and small mouth bass. Crayfish are also a common sight in the river.

The East Fork Fishing Expo for Kids was an event that was coordinated with Stayin' Alive's Family Fun Day. Shuttles transported attendees from Family Fun Day to the Fishing Expo. The activities at this fishing event were small group guided fishing instruction, casting golf, a fishing related craft, an up-close view of aquatic life, and an on-site fishing boat. Also included in the expo was the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) hosted by local conservation officers.

Many local residents, Army Corp of Engineer employees, Department of Natural Resources employees, and Conservation Officers donated their time to give fishing instruction, informational sessions and archery supervision. This was a huge contribution to its success. Fishing poles were provided by the Department of Natural Resources and FCN Bank. Live bait was donated by 52 Pik-Up Convenience Store. Bottled water was provided by IGA.

This first annual East Fork Fishing Expo for Kids was a huge success. Over one hundred children attended with their families. Next year's expo hopes to attract even more families with more events.



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Crappie USA Tournament Director Larry Stephens (left) and Executive Director & CEO of the Huntington County CVB Rose Meldrum (center) weigh and record entrants crappie.

May 15, 2010

Crappie USA Tournament

Salamonie, Mississinewa & Roush

Wabash River Reservoirs

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

On May 15, 2010 Crappie USA held a qualifying event at Indiana's Mississinewa, Salamonie and J. Edward Roush Lakes. The anglers were competing for not only cash and prizes, but a chance to advance to the prestigious Cabela's Crappie USA Classic to be held in the Fall on the Pickwick/Wilson Lakes in Alabama.

Semi-Pro Division Results

Don Licht of Indianapolis, Indiana and Roger Claywell of New Castle, Indiana took First Place with a weight of 6.86 pounds and earning \$1,000.00. Don and Roger in the Mississinewa Reservoir fishing with Road Runners on the bottom in 12-14 feet of water. They caught a total of 150-200 crappie during the day. Teams are allowed to weigh in their top 7 fish.

Ron and Connie Gooding of Hamilton, Illinois won Second Place weighing in 6.61 pounds and earning \$600.00. Ron and Connie fished in Salamonie Reservoir around the Monument Island.

Myron Etchison/Caleb Freeman and Randy March from Anderson, Indiana won Third Place with a weight of 6.39 pounds and earning \$400.00. Myron, Caleb and Randy fished with spider rigging in 6-10 feet of water on Salamonie Reservoir.

Robert Raymer of Greenfield, Indiana and Jim Raymer of Noblesville, Indiana won Fourth Place with a weight of 6.32 pounds. Robert and Jim



First Place winners in the Semi Pro Division was Roger Claywell of New Castle and Don Licht of Indianapolis. They caught 6.85 # of fish in Salamonie Res and won \$1,000.

were fishing Mississinewa Reservoir in the river portion.

Michael Walters of West Milton, Ohio and Rick Solomon of Piqua, Ohio won Fifth Place with a total weight of 5.52 pounds.

Amateur Division Results

David Bowser of Marion, Indiana and Mike Morrison of Huntington, Indiana won First Place with crappie weighing 6.5 pounds and earning \$1,000.00. David and Mike fished the upper end of Salamonie Reservoir in 3-8 feet of water.

Charlie Hildreth and Paul Hildreth of Muncie, Indiana won Second Place with 6.45 pounds and earning \$650.00. Charlie and Paul fished with spider rigging in Salamonie Reservoir in 17 feet of water.

Dax and Alex Harmon of Anderson, Indiana and Dannie Taylor of Summitville, Indiana won Third Place weighing in 6.28 pounds earning them \$400.00. The team fished Salamonie Reservoir by Pirates Cove.

Daniel Paul and Rollin McCoart of Wabash, Indiana won Fourth Place with a weight of 6.25 pounds earning them \$250.00. The team fished in Salamonie Reservoir in the first cove closest to the dam.

Bob Land of Lafontaine, Indiana and Steve Jeffers of Wabash, Indiana won Fifth Place with 6.12 pounds and earned \$200.00. The team was fishing Mississinewa Reservoir by the dam in 8-10 feet of water.

Big Fish Award

Robert Raymer of Greenfield, Indiana and Jim Raymer of Noblesville, Indiana caught the biggest fish with a 1.93 pound crappie and earning



First Place winners in the Amateur Division was David Bowser of Marion and Mike Morrison of Huntington. They caught 6.5 # of fish in Salamonie Res and won \$1,000.

\$364.00.

Ron and Connie Gooding of Hamilton, Illinois caught the second biggest fish weighing in a 1.66 pound crappie and earning \$156.00.

Crappie USA Free Kids Fishing Rodeo

In conjunction with the tournament Crappie USA held their Kids Rodeo on Saturday morning with several local children attending the event. All the participants signed up for a chance to win one of 6-\$2,000.00 scholarships to be drawn for at the Cabela's Crappie USA Classic.

Crappie USA and our anglers have contributed nearly \$290,000.00 to the "Crappie Kids" Scholarships since 1997. We are very proud to be a part of the education process for the youngsters who participate in our tournaments as adult/youth teams and those who fish in the Crappie USA "Kids Fishing Rodeos".

"A big thanks to Rose Meldrum Executive Director & CEO of the Huntington County CVB for all her help in setting up the tournament and for being on hand at the Seminar and weigh in", said Tournament Director Larry Stephens. "Also thanks to Ray Dickerson editor of The Gadabout for covering the weigh in activities", said

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Top Left: Second Place winners in the Semi-Pro Division was Connie and Ron Gooding of Hamilton, IL . They caught 6.61 # of fish in Salamonie Res and won \$600 They also caught the Second Biggest Fish weighing 1.66 # winning an additional \$156. Ron also was also winner of the SP Ranger Cup. Top Center: Third Place winners in the Semi-Pro Division was Randy Marsh, Caleb Freeman and Myron Etchison all from Anderson, IN. The three caught 6.39 # of fish winning \$400 fishing in Salamonie Res. Top Right: Fourth Place winners in the Semi-Pro Division was Jim and Robert Raymer of Greenfield, IN. They caught 6.32 # of fish. Jim also caught the biggest Crappie weighing 1.93 #. Bottom Left: Second Place winners in the Amateur Division was Paul and Charlie Hildreth of Muncie, IN. They caught 6.45 # of fish in Salamonie Res. Bottom Center: Third Place winners in the Amateur Division was Dannie Taylor from Summitville, IN, Alex and Dax Harmon from Anderson, IN. They caught 6.28 # of fish winning \$400 fishing in Salamonie Res. Bottom Right: Fourth Place winners in the Amateur Division was Dan and Rollin McCoart of Wabash, IN. They caught 6.25# of fish winning \$250 fishing Salamonie Res.

Stephens. A special thanks goes out to the Huntington and Wabash County CVB's for their support in this event. For more information on the area call: Huntington County at: **800-848-4282** or visit their website at: www.visithuntington.org. For Wabash County call: **800-563-1169** or visit

their website at: www.wabashcountycvb.com.

Stats for the Tournament:

Weather-Two inches of rain on Thursday mud-died up the lakes. Saturday morning temperatures were near 50 degrees, sunny and light winds. Afternoon brought clouds and 70 degrees with light winds and light showers at weigh in time.

Water-Muddy and 63-65 degrees.

Editor's Note: In Crappie USA's \$10,000 Wheeler Lake,

Alabama Super Event Second place went to the Hoosier Team of Dallas Thomas of Elwood, Indiana and Greg Caldwell of Noblesville, Indiana with a weight of 15.16 pounds and earning them \$1,500.00. Dallas and Greg were fishing Limestone Creek using Roadrunner jigs and Charlie Brewer Sliders with lime and chartreuse bodies in 4-8 feet of water catching a total of 15 fish. Information above courtesy of Crappie USA, Media Specialist Larry Crecelius and Tournament Director Larry Stephens.

To view all of Crappie USA tournament information log onto their website: www.crappieusa.com



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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sgt. John D. Bowling

Indiana Fireworks Law

Every year we take several calls at our post regarding what the laws are for fireworks. With many Hoosiers celebrating our nation’s independence with the use of fireworks, we would like to inform citizens of the Indiana Fireworks Law which is in place for the safety of everyone.

Only individuals over the age of 18 can purchase fireworks.

A person 18 years of age or older has to be present when anyone younger than 18 is using or possessing fireworks.

Fireworks can only be used on the user’s property, the property of someone who granted permission for fireworks to be discharged, or a place designated by the Indiana State Fire Marshal for the discharge of consumer fireworks.

Fireworks can only be discharged between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. any day except on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and New Years Eve when the times are 9:00 a.m. to midnight. It is important to check with local officials, as local ordinances may restrict the use of fireworks.

A person who violates this law can be charged with a class “C” Infraction.

If a person recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses fireworks and the violation causes property damage, they can be charged with a class “A” Misdemeanor. If there is bodily injury it is

enhanced to a class “D” Felony, and if there is death a class “C” Felony.

First Sergeant Todd Fields, Acting Commander of the Connersville Post, would like to remind the public “that during the July 4th Holiday many of the incidents that result in personal injury or property damage involve the abuse of alcohol and/or narcotic drugs. Abstain from using illegal narcotics and never mix prescription drugs with alcohol. Enjoy the holiday with your family and monitor children and their use of age-appropriate fireworks. All of us at the Connersville Post hope you and your family have a happy and safe holiday weekend.”

INDEPENDENCE DAY TRAVEL SAFETY

As the July 4th holiday approaches, your Indiana State Police would like to advise all residents and visitors to use their best judgment while traveling Indiana's roadways. We will be patrolling roads all across Indiana to keep motorists safe. Troopers will be looking for motorists who commit crash and injury causing traffic violations, such as impaired driving, speeding, following too closely and those not wearing their seatbelt.

Troopers will also be participating in federally funded enforcement programs like Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) and S.W.D.U.I.E.P. (Statewide Driving Under the Influence Project). These special projects provide federal monies for troopers to work overtime to help reduce crashes and look for impaired drivers.

Many Hoosiers will also be attending community sponsored fireworks displays. Your Indiana State Police urge citizens to use caution when driving and leaving these events. Also, be aware of pedestrians and expect some delays in traffic. If you and your family plan to travel this holiday season, here are a few tips to follow.

If you’re planning to travel a long distance, make sure you’re well rested. A fatigued driver is a dangerous driver.

Use turn signals when turning or changing lanes.

Obey all posted speeds.

Avoid tailgating. Remember the two second rule.

Make sure everyone is buckled up.

Never drink and drive. If you’re going to consume alcohol, make sure you have a designated

driver.

As the old saying goes, “If you’re going to drive in a drunken state, don’t do it in our state. Operating your vehicle over the limit means under arrest.” First Sergeant Todd Fields puts it this way “Our troopers are working hard to reduce crashes and provide safer roadways for you and your families. Please do your part by following our driving tips and help us reduce vehicle crashes this vacation season.”

David Deuter Memorial 5th Grade Essay Winners

On July 16, 1998 the State of Indiana lost a great citizen. Master Trooper David Deuter was killed in the line of duty on the Indiana Toll Road in Lagrange County when he was hit by a semi tractor trailer as he talked with the occupants of the vehicle regarding their speed and the safety of their children.

Being a good citizen was one of the many things that Dave did well. During his life he was known as a man of his word, one who would do anything for his family, his friends and his fellow officers. He was a man of faith and was an active deacon in his church. He was a family man who was adored by his wife, his daughters and friendly to all who knew him.

In 1999 the board of directors for the ITA decided to rename their “What Being Drug Free Means to Me” essay contest to the “David Deuter Memorial 5th Grade Essay Contest” to honor the memory of Master Trooper David Deuter. The contest now requires all participants to write an essay on “What being a Good Citizen Means to Me.”

Every January the staff at the ITA sends essay contest invitations to all Indiana elementary schools. Over the years thousands of Hoosier 5th graders have participated in the program. Each year, only one winner is selected from each county. Then from the county winners a statewide winner and two runners-up are selected.

The statewide winner receives a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond. The 2nd place winner receives \$750 in bonds and the 3rd place winner receives \$500 in bonds. All of the rest of the winners receive \$100 bonds. All county/state winners, their families and school officials are invited to a Statewide Awards Program held at the Indiana State House in Indianapolis.

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"Hey this here snack is good but not like whut Ol' Charlie made." You might hear, "Ol' Charlie give me his secret recipe just afore he died but I just can't get it to taste like whut he made; he must of left something off the list." So, out of respect for your own camp snack tradition(s), we present some we've run across:

WHITE TRASH
(A southern snack recipe found in Field & Stream magazine and my wife's recipe box.)
24 oz. white chocolate 6 cups Rice Chex
3 cups plain Cheerios 2 cups pretzel sticks (broken)
1 (14 oz.) Bag plain M&M's 2 cups salted peanuts

Melt white chocolate in a saucepan over low heat and stir often. Mix other ingredients in a large bowl. Pour melted white chocolate over the ingredients in the bowl and mix well. Spread mixture out onto wax paper, and let cool. After the chocolate hardens, break into pieces and put the pieces into a large Ziploc bag, and head for camp. Break it out at the poker table or for snacking around the campfire. Better make plenty.

RAY'S BASIC TRAIL MIX
(Use your imagination and come up with your own favorite concoction.)
1-part chocolate chips 1-part miniature marshmallows
1-part salted peanuts Mix and put in Ziploc bags.

Be inventive; add other flavors of baking chips like lemon, cherry, peanut butter, butterscotch, etc. Add cereals like Rice Chex, Wheat Chex, Corn Chex, etc. Add M & M's. Add corn chips. Write down your recipe because someone will want to duplicate it but don't worry, they'll never make it exactly like you make it. Your recipe is safe.

DE SNACK
(Just open, pour, and mix.)
One bag or bowl each

of: pretzels, pretzel sticks, corn chips, peanuts, mixed nuts, cheese curls, popcorn, Cheetos, etc. Mix and put into a large Tupperware container. Take to camp, open lid, and stand back.

S'MORES
(How to make them 'simple.)
Believe it or not s'mores (some mores) are still popular to this day eons after the first Girl Scout (?) toasted a marshmallow, put the hot glob on a piece of Hershey bar, squeezed the melting mess between two graham crackers, ate it, licked her fingers, and then made another one.

The idea took off and millions of s'mores are consumed every weekend around millions of campfires all across this kampin' lovin' nation and around the world for all I know. They even have s'more kits with everything you will ever need to make s'mores enclosed in a cardboard box. The deluxe model even has an electronic thing to toast the marshmallows. I'm sure it costs way more than just a bag of marshmallows, a Hershey bar, and a box of graham crackers.

Most s'mores are made around campfires where it's a might chilly. The trick is to warm the chocolate bars and the graham crackers before you toast (burn in most cases) the marshmallows, otherwise the cold chocolate defeats the hot marshmallow and the flavors don't blend like they should. So keep the chocolate in your pocket where it will get real melty (is that a word?) before jamming it and the hot marshmallow between the (also should be warmed) graham crackers. Enjoy.

Too woosie to go camping? Try putting the s'mores together and heating them for a few seconds in the microwave.

BIG OL' BANANA BOATS
(I think these deserve as much recognition as the s'mores.)
1 banana Aluminum foil
1 handful of miniature marshmallows
1 chocolate bar (broken in pieces)

Unloosen a thin strip of banana peel down the inside curve of a ripe banana. Cut the banana lengthwise end to end and fill the slit with miniature marshmallows and pieces of chocolate. Replace the peel and wrap the filled banana in aluminum foil. Put on grate over a hot bed of coals and turn every few minutes. After about 15 minutes take off the grill and open carefully. You may want to eat the delicious gooey mess with a spoon.

GOOD OL' BOY SCOUT WINGS
(I would call them Buffalo wings but I've never been to Buffalo.)
Chicken wings (amount will depend on what you think the group will consume)
Butter or margarine (melted) Hot sauce (to taste)
Dutch oven Aluminum foil

Cut the tip off each chicken wing and discard. Cut each chicken wing in two at the joint. Line Dutch oven with aluminum foil. Spray the foil with Pam or any non-stick cooking spray. Put the trimmed chicken wings on the bottom of the foil lined Dutch oven, cover, and bake at 350 degrees for about 1 hour. Dip each chicken wing in a combination mixture of melted butter and hot sauce. Adjust the hot sauce/butter combination to your own taste. Serve with celery sticks and blue cheese or ranch dressing.

Some innovative Boy Scouts in a cooking contest made SPAM BUFFALO WINGS. He said to open a can of SPAM, take out the meat in one piece, slice meat crossways in 1/4-slices. Cut each slice in

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Bats represent around one fourth of all mammal species on Earth. The U.S. and Canada have over 40 species, but at least 40% of these are threatened or endangered. Most bats produce only one or two young (pups) per year, making it difficult to rebuild their population when numbers dwindle. The total number of these flying mammals is rapidly declining due to disturbance of their nesting and roosting areas by other animals and people, pesticide poisoning and direct killing. The Indiana Bat population (Myotis sodalists) declined over 50% in the 1980's even though it was already on the endangered species list.

Unfortunately, that is not good news. But, it gets worse. In the last four years, a new threat has arrived, killing over a million bats already, with unknown more in serious danger. The White-nose Syndrome Fungus has entered the picture, decimating as much as 90% or more of the local population of some cave hibernating bat species in more than a dozen states.

In 2006, WNS was found in bats near Albany, New York. This fungus appears as a white substance



Little brown bat with white-nose syndrome in Greeley Mine, Vermont, March 26, 2009. (Marvin Moriarty/USFWS)

around the head, ears, and wings. It seems to thrive in cool, damp, environments and to mostly affect those bats which overwinter in large numbers in caves or mines. Scientists are not sure where the problem comes from, nor do they have any idea how to control it. It is thought this fungus somehow awakens the small mammals during their hibernation causing the bat to use up its store of fat. Then, since there is no food source available in winter, the bat will starve to death. The few animals which survive leave the cave in spring and may spread the disease to other locations. (Those studying the problem are not sure how WNS is actually spread.)

Whether the fungus is spread by the animals themselves, by people entering and leaving the caves, or some other way, the disease moved quickly throughout the northeastern states. Since the original outbreak, diseased bats have been found in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Vermont, West Virginia and Ontario, Canada, above New York.

Then, this year, the problem jumped to Tennessee, then Missouri. My research has also indicated several unconfirmed cases have shown up in Oklahoma.

In an attempt to stop the spread of this terrible disease, many states have closed mines and caves to the public. While this act will probably only be helpful if WNS is spread by people entering infected caves and then transferring the fungus to other areas on their clothing or equipment, at least something is being tried. The bats are still free to fly where they want. Some of these states where the disease has not yet been detected include Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. In a press release from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources dated May 1, 2009, it stated "caves on state properties will temporarily close as a precaution against the uncontrolled spread of white-nosed syndrome..." This was over a year ago and this early preventative measure could be one reason Indiana is not yet affected. As recent as May 10, 2010, another IDNR release said "DNR's caves to



Little brown bat; close-up of nose with fungus, New York, Oct. 2008. (Photo courtesy Ryan von Linden/New York Department of Environmental Conservation)

remain closed, for now." Privately owned commercial caves in the Hoosier state remain open. Places as far west as Alberta, Canada are closing some of their caves to the public, hopefully to prevent the spread to their areas.

So far, the WNS has been found in several different species of bat. Those on the list already include

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Left Photo: This is Ugly. Right Photo: Leah and Ugly at the NBHA State finals in 2004. (Photos by Rhonda Helming)

Hoosier Horse Happenings



by Rhonda Helming

Always Something!!

The past few weeks have been very hectic with at my place...4-H meetings, horse shows, horses going lame, calling the vet, and then going to another vet. With that being said, I am going to let my daughter tell you the story since this happened to her horse Ugly.

Hello all! My name is Leah, and Ugly is my horse that I have had for the past 10 years. He is now 14. His name is not Ugly because of his looks. I will give you a little background on how I came to have this accident prone.

I first laid eyes on Ugly as a 2 year. He was very spirited, but I felt a connection all the way to my heart then and there, but it would be two years before I could truly make him mine. Unknown to my mother, I snuck down to the barn, pulled him out of his stall and proceeded to saddle him and put bell boots and splint boots on him. He had never even had any

of these things on, so needless to say Ugly gave me some VERY weird looks, but he did not do anything to try and hurt me. Oh, he was also in cross ties. Let's just say that my decision was not very smart. When I told my mom what I did, she kind of freaked out. So the incident was forgotten and Ugly went off to be trained to be a barrel horse.

One year later, we get a call saying that Ugly is sick and needs to recuperate at our place. I was like SWEET! But, it was a very short sweet, because he really was sick. We put him in a stall and checked on him randomly. Well being a teenager of just 14, I really was not good at going to the barn and checking him, but something told me that I had to check him. I did, and I am glad I did. The poor guy was soaking wet and just looked awful. We got the vet out and it turns out he was in need of some rest and relaxation. We put him out to pasture for one more year.

So the next year, I begin to ride him, or should I say attempt. This horse had a motor! By this I mean he could run! I was used to horses that were quick, but not as quick as him. It took me about a year before I could even run him without hitting and knocking over a barrel. I am 16 by this time, and notice that he is posting out on his front end. We all thought he was just sore. No, of course not, Ugly was diagnosed with a foot disease called Navicular. It is something that affects the bones in the horse's feet and can make it very hard for the horse to walk. Fortunately, we caught this in time, and with the help of our awesome farrier Ugly could move and walk with little to no pain at all! YAY! Until Ugly's bad luck strikes again.

I am sitting in my dorm room back in 2005 when my mother calls me and tells me that bad news. Ugly has cut his tendon sheath on his back leg. He could hardly put any pressure on it. The vet came out and doctored it, putting in a drain, and leaving it wrapped. I am just turning 20 by this time. I have no idea what I am going to do. I know that I am not giving up on a horse that has never given up on me. It is a long road to recovery, but in 2007, I was able to ride Ugly again. Things are looking bright!

That is until Ugly comes up lame, again. It turns out that he had a bone chip in his front hoof that had to be surgically removed. So he was out for another 6 months. But, he comes out of this and is able to run. And yes, I mean RUN! Ugly does not let anything slow him down! By the spring of 2008, I am running him competitively again and I am happy. I move back home the winter of 2008 and begin to do some serious riding. This brings us up to 2010, when Ugly's luck strikes again.

I am walking down to the barn to let Ugly and three other horses out in our pasture. I am pulling Ugly out when I notice that he is walking like he walked when he nicked his tendon sheath. Lets just say that I was a little hysterical. We had just sent our entry fees for a big barrel race in late June,

AND it was his leg that he had injured 4 years before. I immediately begin to run water on it, and to wrap it in a drawing solution.

The drawing solution started working, but my mom and I noticed something coming to a head in his back leg. The vet was called again. The leg was infected. She lanced his leg and put in a drain, and took x-rays, but he still was not walking on it. Then Ugly went off of his feed. By this time I was getting worried. I walked into his stall and told him that he cannot give up because we have not made it on the cover of any barrel racing magazines. This is our dream, well maybe it is just mine, but I like to think he understands me.

Our vet got the x-rays back and told us she didn't like what she was seeing and recommended us to an equine specialist. I hauled him down to the equine vet where they took more x-rays and did an ultra sound on his leg. We were there all day. By the time we loaded Ugly back up in the trailer, he had a catheter in his vein, a huge wrap on his leg, had a culture taken from his hock, and could hardly put any pressure on his back foot at all. Ugly was given some pretty heavy duty antibiotics that had to be given in the vein. Ugly hates shots, so that is why the vein catheter was put in. What is even more ugly though is that his career as a barrel racer is guarded, meaning that he might never run again.

It has been 6 days since we have brought him back home and what a turn around he has made. He is now eating all of his grain, standing somewhat still for his shots, and putting pressure on his back leg. I have prayed that we will be able to at least make him pasture sound because this horse has been with me when I have needed him most, and now he deserves a chance to live out his life comfortable. I am now here for him when he needs me most—someone that will never give up on him. Ugly has always come back from the most impossible situations, and I will be here when he comes back from this one; whether he is just my pasture pony, or my Super Horse that

will once again run barrels, and if that happens I will be waiting like I always do on him, with my saddle and reins in hand.

Until next month stay safe and have fun riding your equine friends. If you have any questions please email me at thehelmings@psci.net. ■



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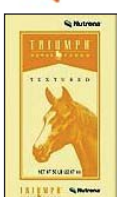
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

The Goblins’ll Get Ya If You Don’t Watch Out

It's late at night and you're sitting quietly at the base of a tree, deep in the heart of the woods, ten miles from nowhere, waiting for a big boar raccoon to wander by. You left the dogs at home for this trip, planning to use your own instincts and skill to bag the quarry. Long before mankind developed a relationship with canines he hunted on his own, honed his skills as a hunter and depended on himself to put food on the table. As far as you're concerned, it's time to return to those days and save yourself a lot of money on expensive field training and dog food. You envision yourself as an ancient hunter clad in a saber tooth tiger skin, armed with a spear and a flint knife, ready to take on the denizens of the forest. The moon is casting long shadows through the trees and the sound of night birds make you feel like you're a Neanderthal hunter waiting for the appearance of a saber tooth tiger to contribute it's skin to your wardrobe. Then you hear it!

Somewhere close by a strange guttural sound causes the hair on the back of your neck to stand on end. You lay your spear aside and replace it with the .450 Holland and Holland side by side double you brought along just in case the spear might prove inadequate to fill the bill and listen. The rustling of brush and an occasional snort has you looking at the size of the tree you're leaning against to see if it's big enough to climb. In your mind you try to remember the last time anyone reported seeing a saber toothed tiger in the area. You recall old Leroy, the town drunk, having seen one last year as he walked home from Bulba's Bar and Grill, but is it possible the old soak was hallucinating or could he have seen the real thing? Why take a chance? How long has it been since there was a confirmed sighting of a large carnivore in the Midwest? Maybe around 10,000 B.C., but why take a chance. Nothing is more reassuring than being fifteen feet off the ground in a tree, armed with an elephant rifle when you hear something

coming that might consider raccoon hunters as a good midnight snack. Shortly, under the tree walks a buck, snorting and looking for female companionship.

Should you feel foolish if you spook when faced with something in the wild that you can't explain? Yes! Maybe! I recently received a DNR notice of a confirmed presence of a mountain lion in Greene County, Indiana. If I lived in that area I'd do all my hunting from a tree stand; squirrels, rabbits, deer, raccoon and even fishing if there were a convenient tree near the pond. Those of us who live in a so-called civilized area aren't used to critters with big teeth and claws and a real appetite for sheep. However, a person's imagination can create some real monsters where none exist. In spite of living in a modern world where the only people who need to watch real close when visiting the outdoor facilities at night are living in Africa, we can still conjure up boojums in our minds.

A few years ago I was walking my shooting range in just enough light to see a few feet in front of me. Suddenly, two small deer leaped out from behind the shooting shack and scurried off through the woods. This was followed by a loud yowling and a low guttural growling and spitting from about thirty yards away that put me up the nearest tree in three seconds flat. The first thought through my head was "Tiger"! Hugging the tree trunk ten feet off the ground I thought about it and reduced it to a seventy five pound house cat. I slowly inched to the ground while repeating over and over, "Lord, if you can't help me, please don't help that bear". The next day I questioned a DNR officer who happened to be a neighbor and he informed me that there had been a sighting of a bobcat in the area the previous year. No doubt I had interrupted a possible meal for the critter and it made me feel better knowing that I wouldn't have to fight off a huge feline the next time I went shooting.

On another night, while roaming the woods , from a valley a hundred yards away a low moan started and rose into a full throated howl that was soon joined by two or three others. It built in volume until I'm sure it could be heard a mile away. From the tree I wondered if there was such a thing as a werewolf and was it possible they were now running in packs. Naw, there's no such thing as a werewolf. Is there? I then envisioned a pack of huge gray and black wolves roaming the countryside, looking for a square two-legged meal. I stayed in the tree for a while after the howling stopped to give them a chance to move onto the neighboring property and maybe attack the guy who lived there. No doubt a pack of dogs, but for a little while the boojums had me up a tree.

The next time you're in the woods late at night and a love sick fox screams or a buck deer grunts and snorts in the dark, don't forget that you live in a modern, civilized part of the world where the things that tend to chew on you have been gone for a long time. Or have they?

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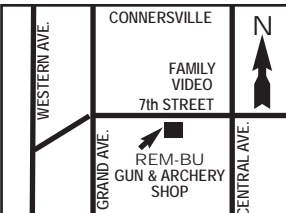
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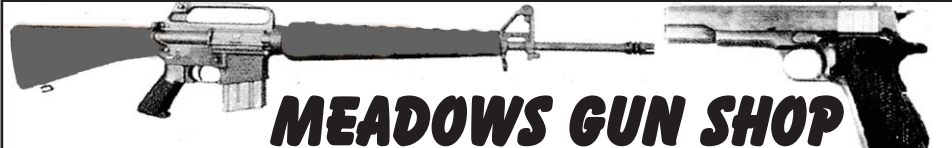


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LIBERTY FESTIVAL JULY 3,4,5, 2010

Article by Ray Dickerson

The Liberty 4th of July Festival will be held in downtown Liberty officially from July 3rd thru the 5th, 2010 on the Courthouse Square.

Friday evening vendors will be setting up. From 4 to 7 p.m. the American Legion will be serving a Grilled Chicken Dinner at the Legion located at 4 West High Street in Liberty.

Vendor booths open Saturday 8 am to 4 pm Monday. There is no admission fee and all events will take place "rain or shine."

See a complete list of activities and times in the upper right hand corner of this page.

Festival Music Programs.

Dave Sizemore, a well known local artist who plays in local Restaurants, Weddings Reception, Parties, Banquets and records demos for many songwriters will perform from 4 to 6 P.M.

Whitney Erin, Nashville recording artist will be performing for Gazebo, Guitars and Guests from 6 to 8 P.M. Whitney won 1st place division in the Colgate Country Showdown.

Sunday July 4th Gazebo, Guitars and Guests are: **Tina Wolfe Hartman** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and **Les Estep and the Church St. Band** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday: Fun! Fun! Fun! Kids Games with lots of Prizes and Surprise's. There will be a Chalk Art Contest and lots more fun for kids of all ages!!!

For those who would like to participate in the Festival Parade 1 p.m. Saturday, July 3rd, fill out the Parade Application on page 18, cut out and send it to: **Union County Chamber of Commerce, 5 W. High St., Liberty, IN 47353.** Application must be received no later than June 30th.

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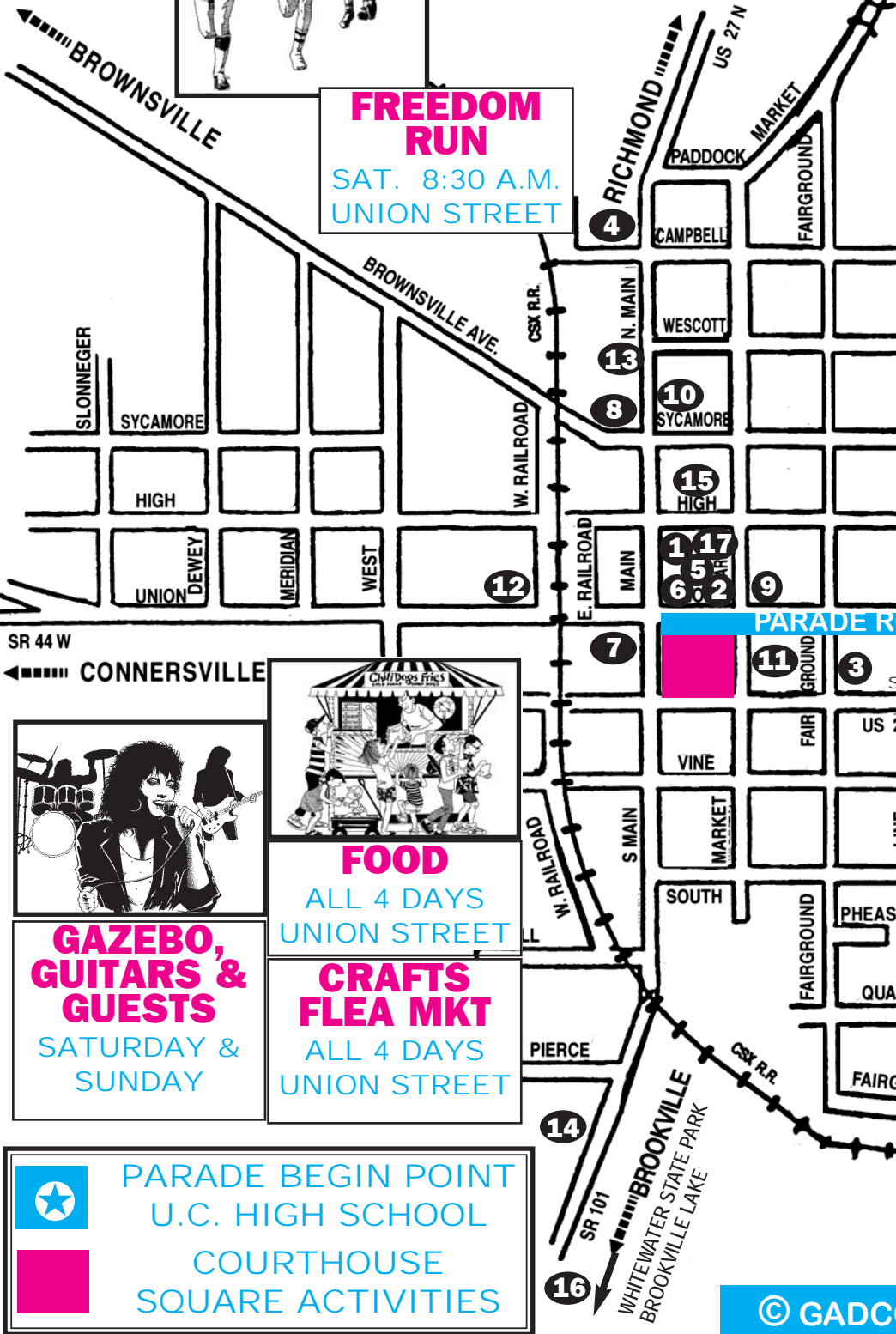
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Ernest "Ernie" McCleery

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by Ray Dickerson

The first time I talked to Ernie McCleery was in 2003 when he called about my advertising a need for a Sales/Distributor/Writer in southeastern Indiana.

Soon after our phone conversation we set up a time and date to meet and talk about The Gad-a-bout. I gave him all he needed to take over that area and he set out to see if he had the time and really wanted to do it. One thing that is essential in selling ads is the gift for gab.

Ernie excelled in ad sales, he definitely had the gift for gab. I think at that time I had five salesmen, he moved up to the number 2 spot within five months.

Ernie is a dedicated coonhunter who belongs to Clifty Creek Coonhunters and Scott County Coonhunters, he loves to ride mules along trails and on his own property behind his house. He also raises a big garden.

However, one of Ernie's most prevalent passions is to build things, mostly metal things. He doesn't have an elaborate work shop, just the right tools for the right purpose. A few years ago he wanted a fifth wheel trailer with living quarters and in the rear lodging for his horse or mule. So from scratch, with no blueprint, he built it. It's next to his barn.

Now to get to the subject of this article. For years Ernie has been building Coon Dog boxes, Live Traps, Roll Cages, Trailers and other metal projects.

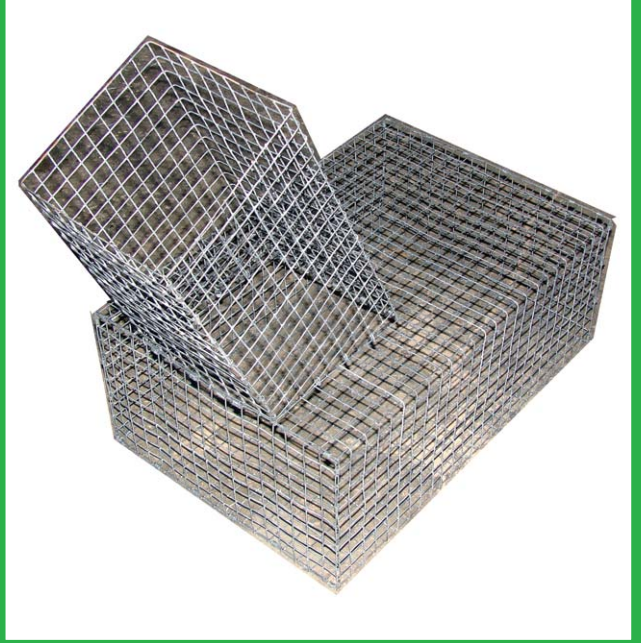
He came upon an idea of building a Fish Basket out of the metal material he builds the traps with. He made the basket, then attached the metal chute.

Its very simple to use, you just place the basket in the water near the shoreline, submerging the basket. As you catch the fish you simply drop them down the chute into the basket. The fish stay alive in the basket until you are ready to either take them home or let them go back into the water. **See top photo at right.** Ernie says you can also attach the Fish Basket alongside your boat if you don't have a livewell. He can instruct you as to how to do that.

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For more info give Ernie a call at **812-866-4510**.

Also if your business is located in his area and you would like to advertise it in The Gad-a-bout, give him a call at **812-866-4510**. He distributes Gad-a-bouts in the Aurora to Madison to Salem to Seymour to Lawrenceburg area. ■



1st Photo: Ayden Neighbors, 3 year old grandson of Ernie, caught 2 crappies on a Flippy Tail with bee larva and is keeping them alive in Ernie's Fish Basket. (Photo by Ernie McCleery) 2nd Photo: Fish Basket 3rd Photo: Live Trap. 4th Photo: Live Trap and Roll Cage. Illustration using Live Trap to transfer animal into a Roll Cage for holding or transportation. (Metal Trap Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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Bird Dog Points



by Dick Dunnuck
Photography by Kathy Dunnuck

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Recently in a bird dog magazine, there was a letter sent in by a reader to a dog trainer asking about “reading a dog”. The reader stated most of what he had read about reading a dog was what he termed gobbledygook. And after reading the trainers explanation he must have still felt it was gobbledygook. The reply was the most astounding piece, I have ever read. It was a long winded reply filled with words you almost needed a dictionary to understand without ever really answering the man’s question. Just in case any of you are confused by the term “reading your dog”, I will try to explain quite simply what this is. Reading a dog is not a big deal, knowing what caused a certain behavior is. When training a dog, you must always know what makes him look alert or tuck his tail. You probably read your dog now without ever really thinking about it. If you spend any time at all with your dog, you obviously know when your dog is happy, when he is sad or upset. You take what you already know about your dog and transfer that to training. Training should never upset your dog or cause anxiety. There is a quote I recently read that summed it all up quite nicely. “Training should leave no fingerprints”. I am sure most of you have hunted with someone who had a dog who would not leave his feet; tail

tucked, ears down, and had to be walked into birds. You probably also know someone who has a dog who is a joy to watch, a dog who hunts objectives with style and flash, head and tail up, loving his job. Reading your dog and understanding what he is telling you are the difference in these two dogs. When your dog is a puppy, he should be allowed to be a puppy, receiving contact with plenty of birds, introduced gently to gunfire, and allowed to run and have fun. He is honing his hunting skills and learning to think for himself. Nothing bad should ever happen to him during this phase. How do you know this? Watch your dog. If you introduce him too soon to the shotgun and he shows anxiety or fear, back off. Go back to the blank gun. This is all very simple stuff.

But what about when your dog is older and it is time to teach him to be steady to wing and shot? I’m sure everyone has seen a dog, who when walking by him to flush the bird, tucked his tail, ducked his head, or even lay down. He is telling you that when he was taught to be steady it was not a pleasant experience. We always take these dogs back to square one, starting all over, making sure he is always having fun. How do you keep from making this mistake and ruining your good dog? If any of you have ever put a dog on the whoa-post for the first time, it can be quite an event. Is your dog throwing a super sized tantrum or is he going down, showing extreme anxiety? If it is a tantrum, then carry on, giving plenty of praise for even small achievements and steps forward, always with a gently hand and tone. But if he is showing anxiety, then maybe the whoa-board or barrel might be preferable. You have just read your dog and adjusted your training accordingly. Dogs are like children; they all mature at a different pace. Your dog might need to be allowed an additional season of being a puppy before the advanced training begins. That extra time could make the difference in a dog who hunts with no spirit and desire and a dog who earns you praise and compliments from your hunting buddies.

Retrieving is another area where owners, with a little time, can have a happy retriever and not ever consider sending him to be force broke. Most owners will throw tennis balls, toys and retrieving dummies. Here we use frozen quail, chukars, pheasant, ducks, and geese. We make it a game and have never yet had a young dog that did not love to retrieve and had many go on to earn an NRD, RD, or RDX. All of our puppies are started in the house, throwing a frozen bird down the hallway, with the pup bringing the bird back to us on the sofa. We then move to the yard and play the same game there. Keep your training fun.

After having said all of that, when the training is done and your dog knows exactly what he is supposed to do, there will come a time when he “gives you the paw”. This is the time for discipline. Do this wisely. Do not become upset with your dog. Like training discipline should also leave no fingerprint.

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Deer Food Plots

Deer season? What are you thinking ? It's near 90 degrees and deer hunting won't be legal for almost 3 months. Besides, I just stored two ladder stands a couple of months back, it's surely not time to get them out again?

Preparing for the fall deer season may not require actual effort and sweat at this time, but it should be on the mind of any hunter dreaming of success. Remember, during that early bow season hunt with a friend who had established a food plot? And you thought, "That's what I need to do."

It is a bit late for preparing a plot of ground for an early spring seeding, but there is plenty of time to have a lush, green growth of deer food before the opening day of bow season. Begin now, reading the labels on various prepared food plot seed mixes. Talk to other hunters who have established food plots and successfully harvested deer from them.

Food plots should not be considered only as a location to harvest a deer, but should also provide a reason for deer to stay within that area. A mix of perennials such as alfalfa and clover and annuals such as turnips, kale or oats will provide for selective nibbling.

My own preference has been oats, both forage varieties and agricultural varieties. The forage oats - sold under various names - does seem to withstand early fall frosts. Oats planted in West Central Indiana, the last of August or first week in September, will be providing new green growth by opening of bow season in October. Site preparation should begin in early August.

Prior to any planting, if the property is not yours, be certain the landowner is aware of what will be planted and what areas will be used. If there is a problem with planting an area of 1/2 acre or more, consider planting a postage stamp size plot within the immediate vicinity of the stand location. Timing is critical here, since deer may

begin to eat the new growth shortly after it appears and little will remain when hunting season begins.

If an area or acreage has been hunted for several seasons, the hunter probably knows the locations where the stand will be placed. Shooting lanes should be cleared by the end of July, in most locations, to allow the area to take on its natural appearance. You would notice the change of location of chair in the living room, that buck you have targeted will notice the absence of limbs and saplings. However, after a month or so, the buck and you will consider the change of no consequence.

Begin locating your trail camera or cameras sooner that a week before the deer season begins. When a food plot's new growth begins to show signs of deer foot prints and some plants have been bitten off, the trail camera will identify the plot's visitor. Trail cameras serve as an eye in the woods when you are not there.

On the food plot, are turkeys using it? Most wildlife are creatures of habit - aren't we all? - and will visit the established food plot or travel a trail on a somewhat defined schedule. The trail cameras images may set the time for a turkey ambush when the fall season rolls around.

Again, referring to trail cameras. As evidenced by the cougar pictures from Greene County, the trail camera - in private hands - may be the first recorded sighting of any unlikely creature. In this area and south, there are mentioned trail camera images of bobcats, even though IDNR says, "probably not". And for fear they would be called "liars", these hunters are saying little about what the camera shows.

It is not too early to check tree stand, both climbers and ladder stands for needed repair and replacement. If paint is needed, do it now, so the paint odor has vanished when the stand is taken to the woods. New paint, even a few passed with the aerosol can, a week or so before use in the woods, will add paint odor to the surrounding area for at least 2 or 3 weeks.

A month or so before it's use in the woods, get that tent blind down from it's overhead storage in the garage. Check it for needed repair and to make certain no mouse has built a nest or stored bird seed from the container on the garage floor. Been there, done that.

This planning and work ahead of the deer season will not assure you of a wall-hanger buck. But it will make the hunt preparation easier and the hunt more relaxing.

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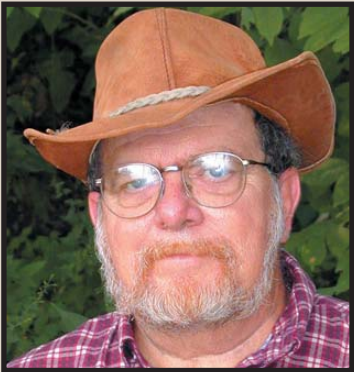
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Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker

Bluegills fun to catch and excellent eating

Like most youngsters, the first fish I caught was a bluegill. I don't remember how and when I caught it, but I'm sure it was a bluegill while fishing with my parents.

Bass seem to get all the notoriety, however bluegill are the most popular game fish here in Hoosierland.

Most Hoosiers call them bluegill, but regionally they are known as bream (Southeast), sun perch, blue sunfish and copperbelly. There also are many popular "sunfish cousins" such as redear, shellcrackers and stumpknockers.

Whatever you call them, they are popular because they are plentiful, fun to catch and good to eat. They are ideal for a youngster's first fishing experience.

Just north of Marshall, Ill., was Pulver's pond. It had been dug sometime before World War II for the dirt to build an overpass for State Highway 1 over a railroad track. As a kid, it became one of my favorite haunts. I would dig a can of worms and head to the pond.

The gills in Pulver's pond were stunted and were small. A five-inch fish was a whopper. But that didn't matter to this kid. I caught lots of fish. It was great fun until the worms ran out.

Bluegill vary greatly in color and size, depending on where you catch them.

They probably vary more in coloration than any other sunfish. The basic body color ranges from yellow to dark blue--some almost appear black. If you catch them in a relatively sterile quarry, they may look nearly transparent. The adult sides usually are distinguished with six to eight vertical, irregular



Bluegill probably vary as much in color as any fish. In some lakes they may appear almost black while in some Western Indiana strip pits, they look almost transparent. This gill held by Lawrence Taylor is almost black in coloration. (Photo by Phil Junker)

stripes or bars.

They range in size depending on water and age. In Northern waters, gills grow a little over an inch a year and a three-year-old fish may be four to six inches in length, and a nine-inch fish may be eight years old. In the South, gills usually spawn more often and grow much faster. Some may reach up to four inches in one year. A half-pound bluegill is a nice fish, and anything over a pound is a lunker.

Bluegill originally were found from Minnesota to Lake Champlain on the East coast and south to Georgia to Arkansas, however their popularity for farm pond stocking has spread them to much of the South and also further west.

Quiet, weedy waters are preferred by the fish. The smaller gills will be found in shallow water close to shore, and the larger fish like nearby deeper water in the daytime, but will move into the shallower water in the morning and evening to feed.

Bluegill first spawn when the water temperature reaches about 67 degrees, and in the spring they are active just prior to and during the spawn. Depending on the area, they will spawn several times during the summer. However, the first spawn usually is most productive for anglers. Central and Southern Indiana usually have multiple spawns.

The females lay their eggs in nests located in beds, which may contain

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This redear (red coloration appears on gill) put up a good fight on light tackle. (Photo by Phil Junker)

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Trap Line Baits

When reading trapping publications such as The Buckeye Trapper, American Trapper, Fur Taker, Trapper & Predator Caller, Fur-Fish-Game and this publication, the Gad-A-Bout, trappers frequently see articles on how to catch the various furbearers that are legally available for harvest here in the United States. While reading these articles trappers learn what types and sizes of traps to use, best locations for sets, types of sets, bedding tips and at times, lure usage. However, not too many articles discuss the usage of trapline baits.

Bait is not a necessity on the trapline. However, it can be advantageous especially in the winter months when mother nature is often stingy in supplying food. A furbearer can be very receptive to your sets provided that an appropriate bait is used for the targeted animal. For example, marshmallows would not be a wise choice of bait for fox.

Quite a few trappers I know purchase commercially prepared baits. For the young trapper with a limited income, it may not be financially feasible. After all, he/she would probably want to purchase an extra trap or two instead of spending ten dollars on bait.

For some trappers, the local grocery store provides some things that can be used on the trapline as baits. Some of those items include sardines, marshmallows, apples, carrots, potatoes, peanut butter, donuts, etc. Let's discuss these for a moment.

The aforementioned items noted are primarily used for muskrats and raccoon. Muskrats are attracted to, and will eat, fish and shellfish. However, a large part of their diet consists of vegetation and their roots. Some of the roots of plants that they consume are white and orange in color. Knowing this, many trappers will use conibear (bodygrip) traps baited with a slice of potato, apple or carrot. The bait is pushed onto the wire trigger of the trap.

It is often mentioned in articles that a raccoon will eat nearly anything. After all, we see them throughout the year raiding dog and cat food bowls outside a home, climbing into apartment building dumpsters, feeding out of park garbage cans, etc. Raccoons can become acclimated to their surround-

ings and free food offerings. But this doesn't mean that a spoonful of peanut butter at a dirthole set is guaranteed, nor the best choice as a bait.

The "grocery store" baits are most often used in cage (live) traps. These traps are often set inside or near a building where a raccoon resides or comes to frequently for temporary shelter. In this situation, a half-eaten peanut butter & jelly sandwich is okay to use. That stale donut will often work. Marshmallows may draw them in. Perhaps a bowl of last night's leftovers placed inside the cage trap will bring success. My personal preference for bait in cages is a slice of white bread sprinkled with a sweet smelling lure. I have taken hundreds of raccoon and opossum using just bread and lure. In addition to raccoons, opossums and skunks may find their way into that cage trap.

I try to stay away from peanut butter and corn due to the chance of catching a squirrel. In most states squirrels are not considered a fur bearing animal, but may be trapped legally for food consumption and for sale of the pelt to fishing lure companies or hobby shops. Always check your state regulations before attempting to capture any wild animal.

Many trappers use the carcasses of furbearing animals as bait. Mink, muskrat and beaver all make good baits, I remove the entrails from the carcasses prior to using them at a set. I never use the entire carcass of the mink or muskrat, but rather cut them in half. I like using the mink and muskrat carcasses at pocket sets. Beaver carcasses are cut into chunks and can be used at pocket or dirthole sets.

Other baits that are sometimes used on the trapline include rabbit, squirrel, groundhog and horse meat. In addition, I have known a trapper or two to use limburger cheese, bacon grease and rotten bananas for opossums and skunks.

I have mentioned many different baits for several furbearers. However, one of the most often used, cheapest and most successful bait is fish. While out fishing this summer, keep some of the bluegill, crappie and carp for use on the trapline. I usually place 6-10 bluegill/crappie in a freezer bag. Over the summer, I may keep 100 fish for the upcoming season. Carp are cut into chunks and placed into freezer bags. They are preferred by some due to the fact that they put out more odor.

Bait can be used alone or in addition to lure. I prefer to use two scents at sets made on land. In the winter months, more often than not, I will use a lure and a bait. In the fall, I often stick to just lure because natural food is still available. At water sets, fish and fish/salmon oil are my choices most of the time. Occasionally, I may add a sweet lure to my pocket sets.

Using bait and/or lure doesn't guarantee success on the trapline. Properly made sets and good set locations should be your first concern. Bait and lure are just another tool to help put fur on your stretchers. In time, you'll find what baits (or lures) work best for you. Get outdoors and create memories that will last a lifetime.



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Eryn Hopper showing Ch.'PR' Midnite Moons while Bench show judge Debbie Hovious inspects her conformation. (Photo by Alan Smith)



Chris Matney showing Ch.'PR' Trackman's Indiana Spike at the Shelby County Coonhunter's Association show. (Photo by Alan Smith)

Dog Tales



by Alan "Grizz" Smith

Summer Happenings

This summer has gotten off to a very busy start for me. I've been making a few of the events and have had some success competing in them. I recently finished one of my Plott females ('PR' B/W Hot-N-Spicey Cheeto's) to show champion. She made champion in four shows with three best of show wins. She received her last win on May 7th at the Shelby County Coon Hunters Club in Shelbyville, IN. The club at Shelbyville has always been one of my favorites. Back when I did quite a bit of competition hunting, I always drew out with good guides and hunters that were good sportsman. This always makes competition hunting a lot more enjoyable, at least in my eyes. I have a lot of friends that are members of this club and when I go there it is always somewhat like a reunion where I get to catch up with old friends. Debbie Hovious judged this show. It was the first time that I had been to a show that she judged and I thought she did a fine job of evaluating the hounds and explaining

her choices to the participants. Chris Matney won the champion male class with Ch.'PR'Trackman's Indiana Spike a Treeing Walker. There was also a real nice Treeing Walker female that won the Champion Female class, Ch.'PR' Midnite Moons owned and handled by Eryn Hopper. Anyone who is looking to join a coon club I would highly recommend this one.

My wife and I recently went to Georgia and picked up two of her nieces children for the summer. Matt is 13yrs old and Reyna is10yrs old. We've been having a lot of fun with the kids and they really enjoy the dogs and our horses. While they do not have any experience with the hounds like most kids they just naturally enjoy dogs. I plan to get them out to some of the events with me in the near future. Hopefully they can do some winning and it will be an experience that they will remember for the rest of their life. Most of the coon hunting organizations do an outstanding job of getting kids involved in our sport. Many have special events just for the kids at their regular events and several others have whole events that are for kids only. Some of the events that I plan to take Matt and Reyna too are the Kid's World event in Brazil, IN. and also the NPHA Youth Event on July 17th in Glouster, Ohio. Both of these are excellent events for getting the kids involved. I also plan to bring them along to the NPHA Plott Days with me.


By the time you are reading this the corn should be in the milk stages and we should all be having some good corn field races. The heat can be rough on your hounds this time of year and you should be sure to carry some water with you to make sure your hounds can get a drink between dumps. One of the most important things you can do for your hounds this time of year is to make sure they have plenty of fresh clean water. I lost a good young hound a few years back from a heat stroke and I have to say that it's hard to accept and you can't help but blame yourself when it happens. I hope you are all having a great summer

THE FOX & THE HOUNDS

Hark, Hark, the fox hounds bark, it's a red fox at J. R. McQueen's.
Their crossing the road at Coble's gate, headed west toward Versal's ravine.
John said, boy's the coffee is hot, Goble said, listen I hear ole' Spot.
Cramer's Dusty & Rusty are in there too, Versal said, quiet boys, I hear Old Blue.
Each hound carries his share of the load, as they cross Chapel Road, through Barber's woods in full cry.
Out of hearing, as they go towards the creek slab, witnessed now by the stars in the sky.
Yes, they are coming and their driving hard, as they disturb house house dogs awake in the yard.
Some cry and some howling, others tenor and base, John's, Jeff and Mike now share first place.
All through the night they cross the land, they give off the sound of a big city band.
Some singing high, others low and some in between, let me remind you, this sport is enjoyed from laymen to queens.
Now day is breaking, with a pink eastern sky, we go to the crossing before they catch Old Red Sly.
And we honor those dogs whose task, began ten hours ago, it is now time for the bugle to blow.
The older men I enjoyed, that have now faded away, like a string on a kite, in the dark of the night.
An like those dear old friends that have began their endless sleep, my time is getting shorter, so I must repeat.
Hark, Hark, the dogs they bark, a fox is on the run, and the hunters that are gathered on the hill top, are going to have some fun.
And when our life is over and we meet at the Golden Gate and St. Peter says gimme in words something to remember from you. Just tell St. Peter, you were there when they ran Old Blue.

Written By: Vince Miller
Dedicated To: Pastor Tom Knight & Billy"Ed" Linville

and enjoying your hounds as much as I am. If you are looking for events to attend with your hounds, curs & fiests, retrievers or beagles go to the United Kennel Club's website at WWW.UKCDOGS.Com then look under the Upcoming Events page. Hope to see you at one of the events and good luck with your hunting dogs.



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Grand Champion was Extreme Roasters and Reserve Grand Champion was Ribs & Bibs. Above is Winners, 1 thru 10, of the Hoosier BBQ Cup Event Sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society for BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Pork and Beef Brisket Top Left: Winning the Chicken BBQ Contest are from left to right are Beale Street Smokehouse, Ribs & Bibs, Extreme Roasters, Hoosier Que Daddy, Baumbach's Pit Barbecue, Wink's BBQ & Catering, Rinky Dink Smokers, Shigs in Pit, Rib Runners and JARe-B-Q. Top Right: Winning the Ribs BBQ Contest are from left to right, Big JT's Smokin BBQ, Velvet Smoke, Fowl Butt BBQ, Rolling Smoke Barbecue, Great Lakes BBQ & Feed Co., Ribs & Bibs, JayARE-B-Q, Shigs In Pit, Extreme Roasters and Wink's BBQ & Catering. Bottom Left: Winning the BBQ Pork Contest from left to right, Ribs & Bibs, Big JT's Smokin BBQ, Rolling Smoke Barbecue, Beale Street Smokehouse, Rinky Dink Smokers, QUAU, Whiskey Bent BBQ, Hoosier Favorite BBQ, Great Lakes BBQ & Feed Co., Hoosier Smokin Daddy. (Note: Winner line-up here in pictures may not match winner list online) Photos by Ray Dickerson

Smoke on the Water

by Ray Dickerson

At press time the only winner list that is online for the Smoke on the Water Festival is the BBQ winner list, which is listed above.

There were lots of activities involved with the Smoke on the Water Festival, one of them was our Frontier Days Reunion - see page 26 for the article on it.

One thing that marred the events was it rained part of the weekend, especially on Sunday. But the events went on rain or shine.

Since photos are worth a thousand words here are a few from Smoking on the Water Festival.



Carl Sharp and John Scott, two hard working Liberty Lion's Club members here at BBQ award presentations.



Top: One of the many BBQ setups cooking their barbecue specialties. Bottom: Booths set up along the entrance to Treaty Line Pioneer Village.



Top: The Car Show, just a few of them, more were on other side. Bottom: Photo taken from Dunlapville Museum fire escape towards main village area.

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The pre-1840 camp at left was Jerry and Carmen Anderson's from Huntington, IN and on the right was Tony and Sharon Well's tipi from Alexandria, IN. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Golden Eagle sitting in front, standing on the left is Ray Dickerson and on the right is Sherry Dickerson. (Photo by Eugene Fannin)



Pre-1840 traders Tony and Sharon Wells in a log cabin. You may recall their seven step Native American Wedding that was in the 2009 September issue of The Gad-a-bout. (Photo by Sherry Dickerson)



Golden Eagle sitting in the front, standing behind him from left to right is Mac Keasling, Dallas Whipple, Sherry Dickerson, Eugene Fannin and Malcolm Greene. (Photo by Ray Dickerson (Composite))



Golden Eagle telling Indian stories in the log cabin at Treaty Line Pioneer Village. I know you can't see what I see, when I look at this photo I can see the likeness in Golden Eagle's face that reflects the image of all the photos I've taken of him and have seen in his memoirs. At this gathering I took 70 photos of Golden Eagle, this one I like the best. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Listening intently to Golden Eagle telling a story from left to right is Eugene Fannin, Malcolm Greene, Carol Greene, unknown man, unknown woman, Linda Paddock and Gladys Fannin. You can still buy copies of Golden Eagle's stories at a Special Gad-a-bout price of only \$10.00 plus postage and handling fee of \$3.00. Call (513) 827-6151 weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to order. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

We came together for probably the last time at Treaty Line Pioneer Village mostly because Golden Eagle has been wanting to return to Treaty Line Pioneer Village and be with the Rendezvous friends he made there from 1993 thru 2000. I wasn't successful in getting many of the former traders and campers to attend this reunion, I sent out 70 invitations in my paper.

Most importantly though the faithful ones returned who helped in the beginning and saw

Frontier Days Rendezvous through its triumphs and its failures. They are pictured above and I want to thank all of them for coming and making Golden Eagle's return to Treaty Line a memorable one. I also want to thank Golden Eagle's daughter, Tina and his granddaughters, Danille and Abbie for bringing him to Treaty Line for everyone to be with him for the day. It was a very special day for all of us.

Those attending included the following: My wife

Sherry, Golden Eagle from Cincinnati, Eugene and Gladys Fannin, Malcolm and Carol Greene all from Richmond, Dallas Whipple from Greensburg, Tony and Sharon Wells from Alexandria, Allen and Linda Miller, Mac Keasling all from Liberty, Linda and Bill Paddock from Abington. I want to give a special thanks to Jerry and Carmen Anderson who came all the way from Huntington, IN to set up with us and all The Gad-a-bout readers who came to see Golden Eagle too. ■

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News From The Indiana State Police

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This year’s winners from the Connersville District were: Beau Isaacs, Fayette County, Frazee Elementary; Harley Kidd, Franklin County, Saint Michael School; Ben Jones, Henry County, Tri Elementary; Josh Nixon, Union County, College Corner Union Elementary, and Anthony Allen, Wayne County, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Elementary.

For more information regarding the program, please call the Indiana Troopers Association at 800-671-9851 or visit their web-site at www.trooper.org.

This wraps up another month’s article. Thank you for allowing all of us to serve all of you. Remember, if you have a question, I can be reached at jbowling@isp.IN.gov. Thanks for reading, be safe, and we will talk again next month.

Editor’s Note: The advertisement at the bottom of page 10 has three Indiana State Troopers in it. They are from left to right Indiana State Trooper Barry Bischoff and his K-9 partner - Gaston, Indiana State Trooper Dan Jones and Indiana State Trooper Nate Raney.

KAMPFIRE KOOKIN'

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two diagonally (corner to opposite corner) to resemble wings. Prepare as above but cut baking time down to about 15 minutes.

This recipe can also be used to make Buffalo chicken legs or Buffalo Turkey Wings. Not sure if Buffalo Squirrel, Rabbit, or Groundhog would be good but you could give them a try.

Be adventuresome with the snacks when it’s your turn to do the kookin’ ‘round your next kampfire.

Outdoors with Rich Creason

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the Big Brown Bat, Eastern Pipistrelle, Indiana Bat, Little Brown Bat, Northern Long Ear Bat, Small Footed Bat, Virginia Big Ear, and most recently, the Cave Myotis and the extremely endangered Gray Bat. Most of these are found in Indiana, while the Indiana and Gray bat are on the endangered species list. As I write this, another release has added the Southeastern Myotis to the list of those infected and Oklahoma is now a confirmed state.

Not all kind of bats frequent caves. Caves and mines are used as hibernacula (hibernating) spots, as swarming areas (bats fly in and out but don’t usually stay inside), as maternity colonies, and as summer bachelor quarters. Some bats prefer “hanging out” under loose bark of some trees, or in buildings and those species do not seem to be as susceptible to the WNS as those packed into close quarters.

By now, some of you may be thinking, “So what? Who cares about some bats dying?”

Well, we all should be caring. Bats are extremely important. One Little Brown Bat can eat 600 mosquitoes in an hour! With the threat of West Nile Virus being carried by mosquitoes, the bat should be our greatest friend. Many cities now must spray chemicals yearly to attempt to slow West Nile. Bats

also eat thousands of moths and other insects which damage crops and gardens. Without their help, farmers will be forced to spend more money protecting their crops. This will cause food prices to rise.

Besides helping to control insects, this flying mammal is necessary for the survival of several species of agave (used to make tequila) and giant cacti. Around the world, wild varieties of bananas, avocados, mangoes, figs, peaches, and many other fruits, nuts, trees, and other essential plants rely on bats for seed dispersal and pollination.

For more information on White-nose Syndrome, go to the Bat Conservation International website at www.batcon.org, or www.dnr.IN.gov/batdisease. If this doesn’t get you enough info, just Google White-nose Syndrome. Unfortunately, since I started researching this, I have found almost daily reports of worsening conditions.

While this deadly disease is not known to affect humans physically, it will eventually affect us all in other ways. Hopefully, the scientists working on this problem will be able to find a quick solution.

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Outdoors Tales

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only a few or many nests. After the female lays her eggs, she leaves and the male protects the nests for several days. Of the fish caught on nests, nearly all will be males.

I am blessed to live on a small lake, and it is a treat to sit in the backyard and watch the gills in the spawn beds. It is fascinating to watch the males protect the nests.

A bed of spawning gills can be a delight for a fly fisherman. If the water is shallow enough, they will usually rise to hit poppers, especially in the evening. Otherwise wet flies of ultra-light lead heads will take them on deeper beds. The females will generally be found in deeper waters nearby the nests.

Bluegill will feed on many insects and worms, and one of the best I have found is crickets. Light tackle produces more fish and fun. However, the oldest gill fishing equipment is a cane pole and a can of worms. A long pole can be a real advantage in dropping a bait around a stump or near brush. Whatever you use, you don’t need to spend a lot of money.

Rarely will you find or catch a single bluegill. Where you find one, there will be more.

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Bluegill are good eating. They have white, firm flesh. Most fillets aren’t large, but battered and deep fried they are delicious. However my parents never filleted the fish. They simply cut off the head, gutted the fish, and took off the scales. The whole fish was fried and the meat was taken from the fish with a fork. Of course, you had to be careful and watch for stray bones.

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The new Centerville Police Chief at left, Ed Buchholz and former Police Chief at right, Larry Hart. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



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All proceeds from the tournament benefit the Gaston Memorial Fund which awards five \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors of Franklin County High School. To this date the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Scholarship Fund has given \$112,000.00 to graduating seniors at Brookville High School since 1999.

Registration begins at 7:30 am and the weigh-in is at 3:30 pm. You can put your boat in at any of the 11 ramps around Brookville Lake, but you must register and weigh-in your catch at the Mounds Beach.

Last year, a new contest was added called the **Queen Mum Smallest Catfish Award \$100** to the fisherman catching the smallest catfish - that was an interesting weigh-in, to say the least.

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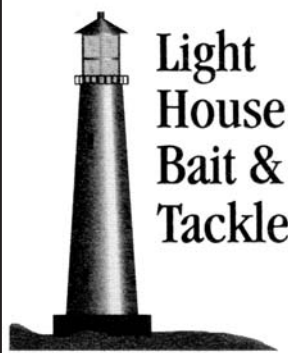
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Connersville State Police Troopers standing in formation listening to the names of 45 Indiana State Police personnel who died in the line of duty. Reading the names was Captain Steve Priest, at right, back to camera, and First Sergeant Todd Fields, at left, back to camera, read the circumstances of the death. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Indiana State Police Memorial Service May 18, 2010

by Ray Dickerson

On May 18, 2010 I attended a memorial service for Indiana State Police Officers who have died in the line of duty. It was scheduled to be held at the Connersville State Police Post, but due to inclement weather it was held inside the Connersville Resource Center at 16th Street and Grand Avenue.

I parked my van and entered the building. I've never seen so many police officers in one place before. I felt a little out of place, I didn't see one person I knew for some time. Then I saw Sergeant John Bowling across the floor and headed in his direction. (John writes a column in The Gad-a-bout, a report from the Indiana State Police see it on page 10 in this issue). I felt right at home standing next to him.

Then I began to recognize some of the officers standing together in the middle of the gymnasium, Troopers Eric and Andy Wandersee (originally from Centerville), Barry Bischoff (June article on he and his K-9 Gaston), Nate Raney (photos at post) - ones that I had come in contact with when I was writing other articles about the Indiana State Police.

All of a sudden things got rather quiet, I moved back across the floor. I didn't really know where to stand to be able to take good photos. People were still moving around so I struck up a conversation with a plain clothes state police detective.

Steve Leverton, retired State Trooper walked by and spoke to me as he headed for the bleachers. Another familiar face came by and spoke to me, it was First Sergeant Todd Fields, Connersville Post's Acting Commander, whom I have seen many times at the post. I was really relaxed by then.

Then things got real quiet.

I heard from the center of the gymnasium, "All present and accounted for Sir."

(Editors Note: I taped most of the memorial, but when I tried to listen to the recording for this article the sound were muffled. So most of this is from memory.)

A State Police Officer welcomed everyone to the Memorial Service.

The Officer asked Reverend Max Knight (Indiana State Police Chaplain) to come forward to say a prayer. Max walked to the microphone and said a fitting prayer for the memorial.

After the prayer, Captain Steve Priest read each Indiana State Police person's name who had died in the line of duty. Then Connersville Posts' Acting Commander, First Sergeant Todd Fields, read a description of the circumstances surrounding the officers death. They continued until they had read the 45 names and circumstances.

The Connersville Post has lost three troopers in the line of duty.

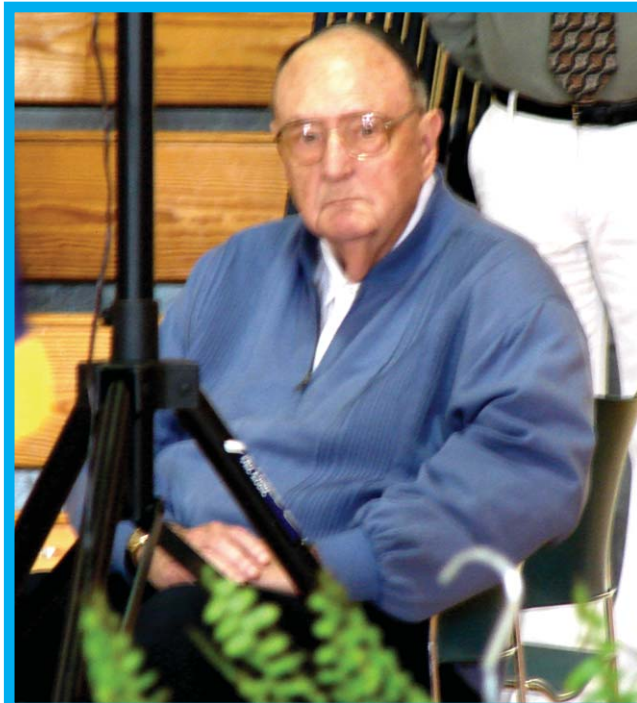
The Officer spoke more about the memorial service. Afterwards Reverend Max Knight returned to the microphone and said a prayer.

Then I heard clearly, "Detail, Present Arms."

This command was followed by Union County Juniors Myriah Gillum and Maya Ferrario playing



Union County Juniors Myriah Gillum at left and Maya Ferrario at right playing taps on their bugles at the Memorial. (Photo by Sergeant John D. Bowling)



Reverend Max Knight, Indiana State Police Chaplain at the Memorial Service. See page 4 for more about Reverend Knight. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

taps on their bugles in a far corner of the building.

Then another command, "Detail, Parade Rest."

The Officer thanked everyone for coming.

The last command I heard was, "Detail, Dismissed."

First Sergeant Todd Fields reminded everyone they were invited to the Connersville State Police Post for a chicken dinner.

I had to pass on the dinner, even though I would have liked to have went. I had to finish distributing the June Gad-a-bout.

I thanked First Sergeant Fields for inviting me to the memorial and then headed for Centerville.

For a complete listing of Indiana State Police personnel killed in the line of duty and a summary of their deaths, visit the Indiana State Police website at www.in.gov/isp and click on the "In Memoriam" link on the left side of the page.

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Doug Allen sent this photo of a 16 inch crappie caught out of Brookville Lake by his friend Will Peters who caught it on 4-23-10. He was fishing with Doug's brother, Tim Allen. Doug and I met at the USA Crappie tournament at Salamonie Reservoir 5-15-10 - Ray. (Photo by Tim Allen)



Sherman Madden found a 1/2 pound yellow morel and won \$30 and a gold medal in Poor Boys Mushroom contest. (Poor Boy Country Store Photo, Eckerty, IN)



Raymond Terrell caught this 32 pound flathead catfish out of the Mississinewa Reservoir. (Ryan at Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Ray Brandenburg caught this 11 pound 14 oz. Flathead Catfish in May 2010, it was 31 inches long. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Drew McDill (left) took this 22 lb Turkey (4-21-10), it had a 10 1/2" beard. Ben Brickey (right) took this 21 lb Turkey (4-21-10), it had a 11" beard. Both took their turkeys with a shotgun. (Red Barn Bait Shop Photo, Salem, IN)



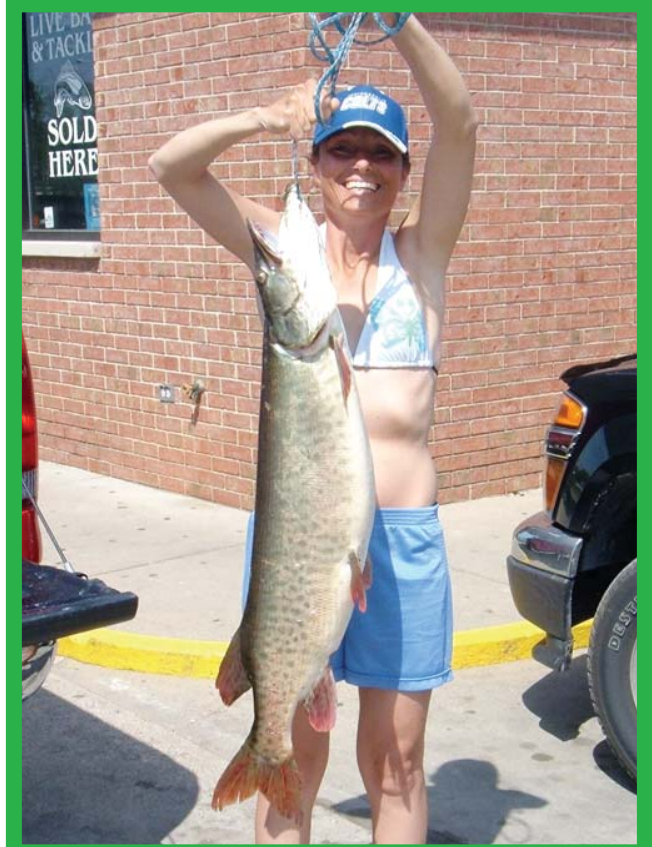
Dave Brown caught this 2 3/4 pound Crappie on 4-14-10 in Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee. (Norm's Bait Shop Photo, Campbellsburg, IN)



Brennon Baker, age 9 from Connorsville, IN, took his first turkey in Fayette Co. with his father's 12 guage shotgun on a youth hunting day, 4-18-19. His father, Matt Baker hunted with him. The turkey had a 5 inch beard. (Photo by Matt Baker)



Mark Lancaster from Hamilton, OH caught this est. 45-55 lb. Flathed catfish on a Zebco 33 w/10 lb. test line using Sheri's Magic minnows in one of Heritage Hills Campground lakes. (Randy at Max & Mims Country Store Photo, Liberty, IN)



Teresa Frederick caught this Muskie from Brookville Lake, it weighed 20 pounds and was 40 inches in length. (Snook at 52 Pickup Marathon Convenience Store Photo, Brookville, IN)

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Tyler Rodandello, 11 years old, took this 21 pound wild turkey, his first, in May 2010. It had a 12 inch beard and 31mm spurs. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Mark Barnard took this 24 pound Turkey with a Bow. It had a 10.5 inch beard. (Snook 52 Pickup Marathon Convenience Store Photo, Brookville, IN)



Don Houser caught this 2.05 pound, 15 1/2 inch crappie out of the Salamonie Reservoir. (Ryan at Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Logan Kramer took this 25 pound wild turkey on 5-1-10. It had a 10 1/2 inch beard and 22mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait Shop Photo, Salem, IN)



Clint Cummins from Birdseye, Indiana took this 10 point Buck. (Poor Boy Country Store Photo, Eckerty, IN)



A proud Jacob Hart, age 8, took this 22 pound wild turkey, his first, during the youth hunt. It had a 9 1/2 inch beard and 29mm spurs. (Norm's Bait Shop Photo, Campbellsburg, IN)



Kenny Wood from Hammond, IN caught this 3 lb., 18 inch long Largemouth Bass fishing with a live nightcrawler at Centennial Park in Munster, Indiana. (Kenny Wood Photo)



Isiah Peters took this 25 lb. wild turkey in Franklin County on 4-18-10, his very first turkey. It had a 9 3/4 inch beard and 22mm spurs. (Jeff at Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Luke Peters took this 22 pound Turkey in Franklin County. It had .22 mm spurs. It was Luke's first turkey. (Jeff at Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)

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