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Top Right: The 5th installment of CanoeFest will occur this year on July 2nd and 3rd, in Brookville, Indiana. Organizers and participants of the races and festival are excited about the festival's move to the July 4th weekend, and some new events that will add to the fun this year. See more on Page 16-

17. (CanoeFest 2009 Photo)
Bottom Left: Andy Dehoff from Centerville, Indiana caught this nice 20 inch walleye fishing with Tag Nobbe (Professional Fishing Guide on Brookville Lake) on May 3, 2010 on Brookville Lake. Andy works at Reid Hospital in Richmond. See more on Page 7. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

Bottom Right: What got my attention about State Trooper Barry Bischoff and his German Shepherd Gaston was the many news reports I had been reading in our local paper about the two being responsible for drug busts. Sergeant John D. Bowling began writing a column in The Gad-a-bout a couple months ago, I was in the Connersville Post dropping off some papers for him. While there I mentioned something about doing a story on the two to Sgt. Todd Fields, who thought it was a good idea too. He arranged for our meeting for the interview. The photo of Indiana State Trooper Barry Bischoff and his K-9 Partner Gaston is in front of the Connersville Indiana State Police Post. This was taken the day I interviewed him. Not seen in this photo was two other cruisers sitting to the south of his. Sgt. John Bowling was also there taking photos for a photo to put in my July issue aimed at reminding drivers to drive safely. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson

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Eric Stallsmith, owner of Indiana Outfitters, who has built my website informed me Monday, May 10th that he would launch my website on Wednesday, May 12th and as soon as I send him the June Gad-a-bout he would post it to the website. As I am writing this I am finishing the June Gad-a-bout and will send it to the printer this evening. They will be printing the June issue on Wednesday, May 12th. I will send Eric two pdf copies of the June issue, one Hi Res copy for those who have a high speed internet connection and a Low Res copy for those who have a dial-up connection to the internet. **Note:** I've made the Low Res copy as small as possible and still be able to read it okay, but it is still almost 3 MB so some may have a problem opening it on dial-up. **Any Adobe Reader 4.0 or better should open it okay.**

You should be able to open The Gad-a-bout up on my website www.thegadabout.com on Saturday, **May 15, 2010** with no problems.

While you are reading **The Gad-a-bout** in **Adobe Reader** and you see a website or e-mail address that you would like to check out, you should be able to launch the website from the pdf or if it is a e-mail address it should bring up a e-mail mail form. **However until I get the hang of publishing on the internet you may have problems with this procedure as even with all the planning for this event, I am a little behind. Please bear with me!!!!**

Remember this important notice too, the **Internet copy is not replacing the paper copy.** I will always be printing The Gad-a-bout for as long as I am doing it. You can pick up a paper copy at the same locations you have been picking it up for years. See page 2 for a list of the advertisers, most of them will have copies for you to pick up there, unless they do not work out of a business location. There are other locations where you can get it, but they are not listed in the paper. They will be on the website eventually.

According to Eric our next move is for the two of us to get together in person (not on internet) and begin developing the website. When you open it on May 15th or after, you are going to see my home page and a way for you to open The Gad-a-bout, but not much else.

We still have a lot of work to do to be able to provide you with lots of Outdoor Recreation information and helpful maps.

The coming months are going to be a real chal-

lenge for this non-computer/internet person. Up till now I've known just about enough about computers to be real dangerous when something goes wrong.

Locally I depend on Joe O'Brien who lives and breathes life into my computer when I do something stupid. Believe me when I say I have caused some real harrowing experiences for him to rectify.

So, to put it mildly, Eric has his hands full attempting to make me understand how to use the website www.thegadabout.com and make it do what it is supposed to do

If you have trouble opening The Gad-a-bout or linking up with websites or e-mails, please be patient and remember what I said in above couple of paragraphs, this is a new learning curve for me. I probably don't know the answer for your problem, but Eric might, so my contact information is on page 3, I will try to help if I can - but maybe not.

A few months from now I'll be able to sit back and laugh about this, I hope.

Thank you for reading **The Gad-a-bout.**
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The 26th Annual Junior Sportsmen Derby will be held at Brookville Lake on Sat. June 19th. The event is sponsored by the Brookville Lake Anglers Club and your business co-sponsors.

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Everything is free, you don't have to pay anything to enter the derby. There are 3 age divisions and 5 fish categories. Age groups include 4 thru 8, 9 thru 12 and 13 thru 16. The fish categories are Bass (Small and Largemouth, White), Striper, Crappie, Bluegill, Walleye & Ring Perch, Catfish or Carp.

Tournament hours are 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. There are prizes and trophies galore.

Adults may launch their boat from any ramp on Brookville, note: bank fishing is permitted only with an accompanying adult.

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BOZARTH CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT

MAY 1, 2010 - A HUGE SUCCESS

Ryan at Bozarth Country Store located on 700 E just north of SR 124 near the Salamonies Reservoir sent me the following details from their May 1st Crappie Tournament.

We had a total of 25 teams show up for what turned out to be a cooler overcast day. The morning started out with rain, thunder, and lightening but by start time the majority of the bad weather had moved out of the area.

The bad elements didn't stop our fisherman from catching any fish. We had the highest total and single weight of fish from any of our past tour-

BOZARTH CRAPPIE WINNERS 5-1



First Place winning Team of Ron Bilbrey and Don Mandrell with a total weight of 8.65 pounds. (Photo by Ryan Pershing, Bozarth Country Store, Lagro, IN)



First Place Big Fish the team of Paul and Charlie Hildreth.. (Photo by Ryan Pershing, Bozarth Country Store, Lagro, IN)

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

Total Weight of 7 fish:

1st Place: Ron Bilbrey and Don Mandrell with a weight of 8.65 lbs.

2nd Place: Paul and Charlie Hildreth with a weight of 8.33 lbs.

3rd Place: C.B Hupp and Randy McCormick with a weight of 7.91 lbs.

Big Fish:

1st Place: Paul and Charlie Hildreth with a weight of 1.55 lbs.

2nd Place: Ron Bilbrey and Don Mandrell with a weight of 1.42 lbs.

3rd Place: C.B. Hupp and Randy McCormick with a weight of 1.36 lbs.

We all had a great time and hope to see everyone back again at our next tournament on **June 12th.**

Thanks, Ryan, BozarthRecResort
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Talking Leaves

by Golden Eagle

June is the Rose Month

Summer is here and my front yard is in bloom. Roses have always played a sort of background for my life. My mother and father made artificial roses and sold them during the Depression. My first wife, Little Deer, raised roses in our yard when the children were growing up. Most important to this article my native grandmother's name was Rose.

In the three times my blood grandfather visited Cincinnati, he always referred to her as Rose. Where he got the information or whether he wanted her to have a native name so badly, my father always referred to her as Evening Primrose. A lovely name to go with his mental picture of her.

The Evening Primrose grew wild on the great plains. The native people used it for its medicinal purposes. They ate the nutty flavored root boiled & made poultices from the leaves for bruises and wounds. It was used by women to ease the pain and irritation of female diseases. It was also used to cure upset stomachs. Early settlers soon learned the many uses of the plant and it was carried back to Europe and introduced there. The Quakers developed it as a commercial medicine basically as it still is today.

A white tufted Evening Primrose grew in the southwest. The fragrant 3" to 4" opened in the evening. It is from this beautiful and useful plant my Hopi grandmother may have received her name.

Although originally the name to this month was used by the Eastern Woodland people, it is now in general use on most Sign Language Calendars.

In June 1948 my old friend Chief Ho To Pi of the Cheyenne, with whom I had toured in the summer of 1942, got me a job on the staff at a scout camp in a small council in Illinois. I met my first

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wife there and made many contacts among the Sac-Fox Nation at their annual Labor Day Pow-wow at Blackhawk State Park. I spent three summers at the camp teaching the boys about the people, nature studies and archery.

The moon of roses is very often a time for marrying. However, marriage comes after a long period of courtship and gift giving. The flute plays a very important part in courtship. Each evening, during the spring, the young swains would sit in the brush near the girl's mothers lodge and play love songs on their flute. This continued until the young lady, properly attired, comes to stand in the entry to the lodge. She receives each suitor individually, graciously accepting his gift. After a brief time, depending on the number of young men await, grandmother coughs signaling the girl to say good-night. This continues until all are received and sent off. Courtship can go on for a long time or until the young lady decides who she wishes to wed. She does this with much advise from for parents, grandmother and her aunts. Preparations for the wedding often take longer then the courting as a dress must be made and decorated and food must be laid by for the feast which is held after the ceremony. In addition among some nations the girl and her female relatives must prepare her new lodge. They sew hides for a tipi, grandmother usually provides the poles for the first granddaughter to marry, or actually build the wigwam or wickiup.

Ah, June, the month of beautiful flowers and beautiful love, yesterday and today.

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I'd just turned off the highway and was only a minute or so from the launch ramp where I was to meet my afternoon fishing partners. I touched the brakes to slow down for the final corner and WHAM! It felt like someone had rear-ended me. I looked in the rear view mirror as I turned and I could see the rear wheel and tire on my dual axle trailer flopping strangely. "At best," I thought, it was a blow-out," but it looked more serious than that. Maybe the wheel bearing?

Once safely off the road, I went back to investigate the true nature of the problem. It looked like a train wreck—or at least a trailer wreck. The U-bolts which held the rear trailer axle to the springs had broken. When I applied the brakes, the trailer brakes stopped the rear wheel and the rest of the trailer kept going. As that happened the tire hit the fender, the sharp edge of the fender cut a gash into the tire, wrecking both tire and fender. Though the

boat was unscathed, my afternoon fishing trip was shot...or was it?

I trailer my boat about 10 thousand miles each year and the school of hard knocks has taught me several lessons about trailering boats around the Great Lakes. One of those lessons is to carry extra parts. I have a good spare tire, a trailer jack, extra tie down straps, extra bearings and hubs and a decent tool kit which includes the exact wrenches, punches and other tools needed to make repairs. I have extra brake fluid, a grease gun, tail-light bulbs and wheel lugs. If you ever break down along side the road, I'm the guy you hope stops to help.

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It's a Boat/US Trailering Club card. Each year when I pay my BoatUS dues, I pop for the extra \$14 per year to get that card. BoatUS is the nation's largest boater's organizations with too many benefits to list here—even the Trailering Club offers dozens of benefits—but the one I needed now was the Roadside Assistance Service.

If the mishap had been more serious. If I didn't have a good set of tools, enough jacks and the mechanical skills needed to remedy the situation, I could have called the 24 hour hotline and gotten an immediate tow. Once I took off the tire, I could see nothing (except the fender) was bent and all I needed was a new set of U-bolts.

But where do you find a U-bolt when you need one? I called the emergency number for the BoatUS Trailering Club to see if they could help. I described the situation, gave the information about the dimensions of the needed bolts and BoatUS went to work. In a few minutes, my cell phone rang and I was connected with a three way call between me, BoatUS and a large boat dealer in the next town. Once we were satisfied the U-Bolts the dealer had in stock were the right ones, the BoatUS dispatcher authorized the service department to bring them out to my location. In less than an hour, (other than the bent fender and shredded tire) I was back in business and my friends and I ended up catching a few fish before sundown.

The dealer billed me for the bolts and delivery which I paid, but a few days after turning the bill over to BoatUS, I got a check reimbursing me for the expense. In my opinion, it's a pretty good insurance plan for \$14 per year. Contact BoatUS at 800-245-6923 or www.BoatUS.com on the web. And I do now have an extra set of U-Bolts in my emergency kit.

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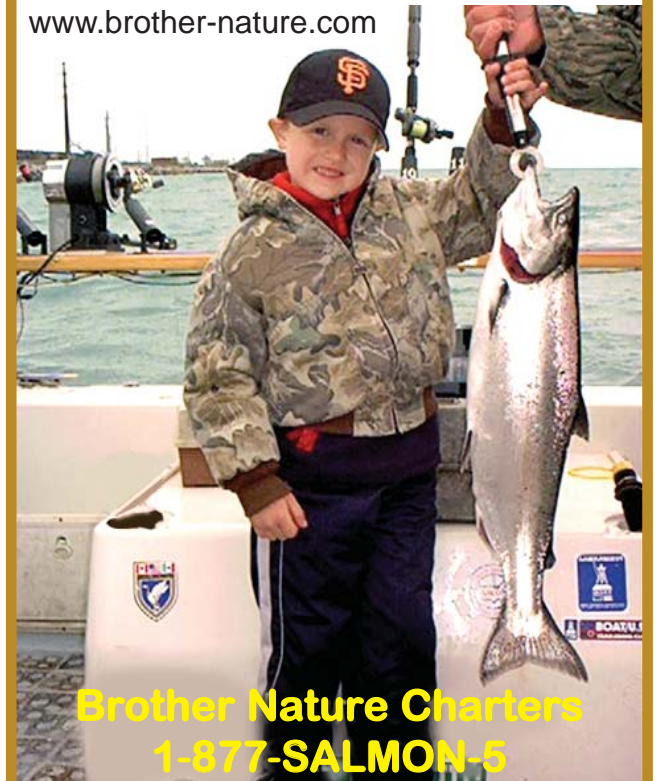
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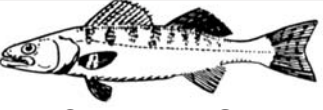
by **Tag Nobbe**
 Professional Fishing Guide

ing with. The time of day your out there makes a difference also. I have seen them bite in the morning on orange until 11:00 and quit. Then start back up again at 1:00 and not bite anything unless it was green. So don't give up just because they're not biting on what your fishing with, start fishing with something you think they will be biting on. Try somewhere else, but always go back and check that same spot later.

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"Flat"
Fishing on Brookville Lake

There are several flats on Brookville lake, but the two main flats are Garr Hill flat and Fairfield flat. Your summer time fishing should center around these areas. A flat is a stretch of the bottom that has very little change in depth. Usually they are pretty featureless except for little pieces of structure here and there or the drop of the edge where it falls off into deep water.

To fish the flats for walleye on Brookville lake can be a tricky business. To cast, drag, pull, drift or troll that is the question? When trolling you need to use your outboard motor, most times at an idle, put out a crank bait and start to let it out and count as you do. Usually some where between 50 and 100 count is sufficient, but you need to count because if you catch a fish you need to be able to go back to the same depth.

Another option is a line counter reel. Just remember all-crank baits are made different for different depths, vibrations and looks. You can use a jig, a spinner rig, a floating jig, or just a hook and a sinker, but always tip it with live bait either a night crawler, leach or minnow. To drift fish all you have to do is get on the up-wind side of the flat, cast your bait over the side, let some line out and let the wind blow your boat all the way across the flat. It's a good idea to have a marker-buoy. When you catch a fish toss the marker in the water right where you caught the fish. This way you can go back and drift across the same place and catch another fish.




To drag or pull is basically the same thing. You do this when your fishing the flats when there is no wind. You make a long cast out with a jig and pull it or drag it by using your electric trolling motor. In Indiana your allowed to fish with 3 poles per person, so it's a good idea when drift fishing to have 3 poles in the water to increase your odds, but if they're biting it's hard to keep up. And if the fish are real finicky you will miss fish if you don't have your pole in your hand. You'll have to be the judge of what to do.

When drift fishing with a jig there are several sizes, shapes and colors. We have most everything your going to need to catch walleye at 52 pik-up Convenience Store and tackle located just south of Brookville on U.S. 52. There are two different size jigs that work the best a 1/16 oz and 1/32 oz. These two sizes are all I ever use. The trick is to figure out the color and style. You have to have a variety of colors. Trust me on this, color makes a BIG difference-you have to switch from color to color till you find the one they want and then put that size and color on every pole your fish-



Top Photo: Andy Dehoff from Centerville, IN caught this nice 20 inch walleye fishing with me on May 3, 10 on Brookville Lake. He works at Reid Hospital in Richmond.

Bottom Photo: Lee Roberts from Indianapolis caught this nice 4 lb. walleye on April 29, 10 fishing with me on Brookville Lake. (Photos by Tag Nobbe)

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Indiana State Trooper Barry Bischoff and his K-9 Partner Gaston

Article by Ray Dickerson
(ISP Reports by Sgt. John D. Bowling)

Indiana State Trooper Barry Bischoff and his K-9 partner, Gaston, have been in the newspaper headlines on a regular basis the past few months.

See Indiana State Police reports below and continued on page 28 that I have received from Sgt. John D. Bowling (Indiana State Police Public Information Officer Connersville State Police Post)

JANUARY 29, 2010

State Police K-9 Tracks & Finds Runaway Girl

Hagerstown – Tonight (1/29/2010) at about 9 p.m. Trooper Barry Bischoff and his K-9 partner Gaston answered the call to assist the Hagerstown Police Department look for a 15 year old runaway girl. It seems she had left her house in the 15 degree weather wearing nothing but pajamas and a blanket.

Bischoff and Gaston tracked the girl's prints in the snow battling the cold windy conditions. After a little more than an hour they located her curled up under a pine tree more than a mile away from her home. Bischoff said "The tree branches were so thick I couldn't even see her-but Gaston did."

The young female was returned home by Hagerstown Police, cold, but grateful. Bischoff ended with "I'm just glad Gaston and I could help-I'm not sure how much longer she could've lasted in this weather dressed like that."

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Meth Lab Discovered in Franklin County

Brookville – Last night at about 9:50 p.m. Trooper Barry Bischoff went to 9090 State Road 1 looking for a male wanted on a warrant. When he knocked on the door the wanted male, Jeffrey B. Shelton, 49, answered, and he was placed under arrest without incident. As Bischoff and Franklin County Deputy Greg Mehlbauer stood on the porch, Bischoff's K9 Partner, Gaston, alerted on the door of the home indicating the presence of narcotics.

When the officers knocked on the door a second time, a female answered. Tonya Burlage, 44, of Lawrenceburg, was found to be wanted on a warrant for Check Deception, class "A" Misdemeanor, out of Ripley County. She was also charged with Visiting a Common Nuisance, class "B" Misdemeanor.

[Read the rest of these reports on Page 28.](#)

TROOPER BARRY BISCHOFF AND GASTON

I first met Trooper Barry Bischoff and his K-9 partner Gaston at the 2008 Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye Tournament and Catfish Contest on the Brookville Lake. When I arrived at the tournament, after the boats were launched for the day of fishing, Barry and fellow Indiana State Trooper Steve Sexton gave me a demonstration of how effective the Police Dog, in this case Gaston, was in bringing down a criminal on command. For the demonstration (s) Steve donned a long protective glove-like sleeve and put some distance between him and Barry. Gaston, who just minutes before had been playfully playing with Macy, a chocolate labrador, on the beach, now sat dutifully just to the



Indiana State Trooper Barry Bischoff and his K-9 partner Gaston. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

right of Barry and watched Steve. On command, Gaston leapt into action, seizing the protective glove being worn by Steve with his powerful bite and didn't let go until commanded to do so. No matter what Steve tried to do to get away from Gaston, who in several separate demonstrations, always got the better of the situation. Afterwards, Gaston, returned to playing with Macy, Lauren, Dianna and others on the beach.

Recently, Indiana State Police Sergeant John D. Bowling, began a column in The Gad-a-bout entitled, "News From The Indiana State Police." I stopped by the Indiana State Police (ISP) Connersville Post in mid April to drop off some copies of the May issue for John and others. When I did so I said something to First Sergeant Todd Fields, Acting Commander of the Connersville Post, about doing an article on Trooper Bischoff and Gaston, due to the many reports I had been reading in our local

paper about the two arresting drug offenders. Sgt Fields responded by telling me to let him know when I wanted to do it and he would set up a meeting with Barry for me. I told him I would contact him just as soon as I knew if I could do it for June, my next issue.

After I returned from delivering my May issue, I called Sgt Todd Fields and asked if he could set up a meeting for me to interview Barry. Sgt. Fields told me that Barry was due to report to the Connersville Post that vary day, he was coming from Richmond. I thought about it for a moment and told him that I would be there in an hour or less, there was no reason not to take advantage of doing it that day.

When Indiana State Police Trooper Bischoff and Gaston arrived at the post, Barry, Gaston and I went into a separate room so I could get some facts from him. Barry got up and had to go out to get something from his car. Gaston, who remained inside with me,

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Top Left Photo: Lauren Dobbs about to throw a tennis ball for Gaston (left) and Macy (right) to fetch
Bottom Left Photo: Indiana State Trooper Barry Bischoff gave Gaston a command to attack criminal (demonstration only).
Bottom Right Photo: Gaston attacks criminal and puts the bite on him (in this demonstration portraying the criminal is Indiana State Trooper Steve Sexton).
Top Right Photo: Barry puts leash on Gaston and gives him a command to release the suspect. (Demonstration only)
(Photos by Ray Dickerson)



whined a bit and went to the door then came back to me and seemed concerned that Barry wasn't in the room. I told him that Barry would be right back. When Barry came back into the room Gaston relaxed.

I asked Barry, "How Long have you been a State Policeman?"

Barry replied, "I've been a State Trooper going on six years now. Prior to that I worked over at Cincinnati for four and a half years at Fairfax police department on the east side of Hamilton County."

He continued, "I started in the Academy here in 2004 with the Indiana State Police."

I asked Barry, "When you were in the Academy did you have any idea you would be a K-9 officer?"

Barry replied, "I always wanted to be, that is pretty much why I left over at Cincinnati, Fairfax, we were a small department, but I wanted to be in a bigger department and have the opportunity to get a dog. So I came over here and just fell right into it."

I said, "Sounds like it was meant to be."

Barry replied, "Yes."

I asked Barry, "What year did you get Gaston?"

He replied, "December 2008 was when we graduated the Academy, well, we have been out on the road for two years, this is going on our third year now."

I said, "You've already told me that Gaston came from Peru, Indiana, that he was originally born in Germany."

Barry replied, "Yes."
I asked rather jokingly, "Does he speak German?"

Barry responded, "I don't know, but they taught him in German, we had to change him over to English in almost 14 weeks."

Barry said, "I went through the academy for 22 weeks then I got out of that, then I went for 14 weeks to the Canine school up in Fort Wayne. That was with the Allen County Sheriff's department, Robert Compton has been doing it for 35 to 40 years."

I asked Barry, "He does it for all the dogs in Indiana?"

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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sgt. John D. Bowling

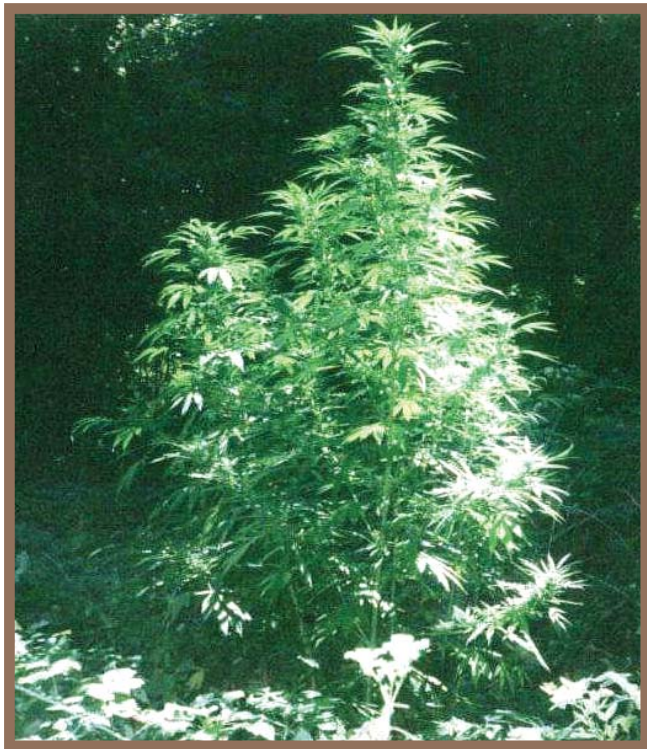
Growing Season for "Illegal Farmers"

With the warm weather here many of us are preparing plants and vegetables for our gardens. Farmers are planting or already have planted most of their fields. Unfortunately there are other growers out there using farmer's fields and our woods.

Marijuana growers use this time to take marijuana plants they started indoors and plant them outdoors. They plant them in fields and wooded areas and "tend them" just like you or I care for our gardens. They will often have well worn paths into their illegal "crop" where they go in to water and fertilize.

A well tended plant may reach 6-12 feet tall and be worth \$1,000 to \$4,000. With this kind of money involved, it is no wonder our officers find grow operations with a bevy of booby traps? Things like fish hooks suspended by monofilament line at face level, and shotgun shells rigged with a trip wire and detonator.

These "illegal farmers" are robbing you and me of access to woods and valuable farm land. Whether it's a crop of a few plants, or a few hundred plants, growers will often times protect their crop as if their life depended on it. Heaven forbid



A marijuana plant approx. 10'- 12' tall, just before WE harvested it. (Photo by Sgt. John Bowling)



Marijuana Plants after being harvested by Marijuana Eradication Troopers. (Photo by John Bowling)

that we or a family member "stumble in" on their operation.

The Indiana State Police Marijuana Eradication Program is in full swing trying to stop the illegal marijuana grow operations. According to Marijuana Eradication Section stats, in 2008, (statistics for 2009 were not available by press time,) the Indiana State Police eradicated a total of 20,712,154 marijuana plants which lead to 744 criminal charges being filed, 182 weapons being seized, and \$947,117.00 in property seizures.

In the Connersville State Police District in 2008:

Two Indoor grows	113 plants
Thirty Three Outdoor plots	602 plants
Total plants eradicated	1,601 plants
Assets seized	\$600
Total arrests	14
Processed Marijuana seized	13.25 lbs.
One Firearm was seized	

The Indiana State Police Marijuana Eradication Section needs your help to combat the marijuana problem in Indiana. Many of the grow operations we find come from tips provided to us by you, the public. The Indiana State Police encourages anyone with drug information to call the Indiana Marijuana Tip line at 1-888-873-1694. Please remember tips can be made and kept anonymous.

Traffic Enforcement: Often Times More Than "Just a Ticket."

Part of the Indiana State Police Service is to enforce traffic laws in an effort to obtain voluntary compliance and save lives. Make no mistake; we know it can be unpleasant being stopped and expensive to receive a ticket. As the old saying goes though, we'd rather give you a ticket today than have you as a statistic tomorrow.

As we all know, criminals drive cars too. The guy we stop for speeding may have just burglarized my house or yours, or sold drugs to a neighborhood kid. They could be intoxicated on alcohol or drugs and be driving down the road at three in the afternoon toward your wife and kids.

I've had motorists ask me on traffic stops "why aren't you out catching REAL criminals?" Another popular one is "Don't you have something better to do than hassle someone not wearing their seat-belt?" Well, many times a traffic stop does lead us

to criminals. Below are a few examples of this from just one month at the Connersville Post.

On March 6th a trooper stopped a car for a headlight out and ended up recovering over two pounds of marijuana and pills believed to be valium. On March 16th Troopers responded to a man asleep behind the wheel of a running car in a public parking lot. He was found to be severely impaired and possessing prescription drugs, which by the way, were prescribed for someone else.

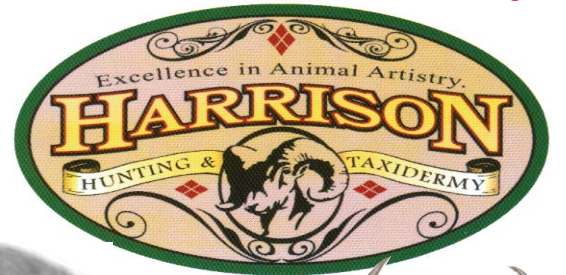
Also on March 16th a Trooper stopped a pickup for the driver not wearing his seatbelt. The man was found to be wanted on home improvement fraud warrants, with several pills and marijuana being recovered. He and his two passengers were arrested.

On March 30th a car was stopped for a traffic violation and three were arrested for possession of heroin and a loaded handgun. On April 1st an officer stopped a car for a traffic violation, and one of the rear passengers fled. The Trooper caught him, and in the ensuing struggle, a loaded handgun with removed serial numbers fell onto the ground. The man also possessed marijuana.

In early April an Officer stopped a car and found the passenger was wanted on a Felony

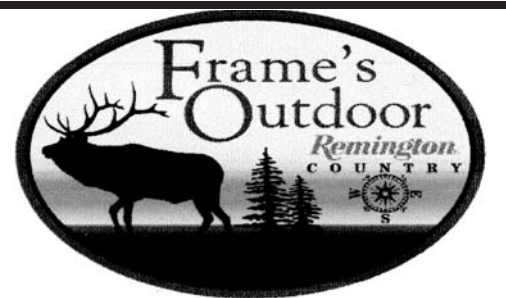
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with Ray McCune

Food for the First Kamping Trip of the Season or Let's ease into Kamping N Kookin' gradually

The long winter is over and past; let's get ready to hit the campgrounds a runnin'. What should we pack to eat? Roast pheasant? Haunch of buffalo? Whole roasted hog? Pig in the ground? Should we have seven course dinners or just five? Decisions, decisions, decisions!

Why go through all that? Make it easy on yourself. After all you have been busy all winter checking out sleeping bags for tears and repairing bad zippers. You've spread all of them out on the bed in the spare bedroom and fluffed them all up in the dryer. The bedding is ready.

You've tempted your wife into getting a cease and desist order by setting up your tent in the living room and getting leaves and dirt clods all over her furniture. You notice I said, "HER" furniture. Wives are very possessive of their furnishings and you are tromping on her territory when you do things like that or even cleaning fishing reels at the dining room table may set her off, so be careful.

After the dust settles (pun intended) and you've stomped on her last bit of territory, the dishwasher, when you ran all your fishing lures through the wash cycle; well, now it's time to refurbish your chuck box and plan your meals for your first weekend camping trip of the season. Here is where I am easy on my self, since I do all the cooking on our camping trips. And since there's just the two of us and maybe an occasional grand child, I make the meals simple. Now if I plan on cooking for a gang like a family reunion or the hunting crowd at deer camp, then I make things a little more sophisticated and plentiful or I may try out a few Dutch oven recipes for a crowd and share with any neighbors in the campground. Don't just stand there in the basement in your shorts with a look of wonderment on your face; close the freezer door and get out your pencil and paper.

Check your pantry and cupboards after you've made your list of things to take and mark off the items before you go to the local Piggly Wiggly, Aldis, Kroger, or Sav-A-Lot.

FIRST NIGHT OUT SPAGHETTI SUPPER
 (So simple.)

- 1 (1 lb.) box of spaghetti
- 1 (28 oz.) jar of spaghetti sauce
- 1 lb. hamburger (browned, drained)
- Garlic powder to taste
- Parmesan cheese

Large pot
 Garlic bread/toast
 Prepare spaghetti per box instructions (I sometimes boil the entire contents of the box.). Drain, rinse, and put cooked spaghetti back into pot and pour in enough warm water to cover. The spaghetti will keep separated like this and it won't stick together. All you have to do is drain and use.
 Heat spaghetti sauce in a pot with the browned/drained hamburger. Put one serving of cooked spaghetti on a plate and ladle some of this sauce/meat mixture over the cooked spaghetti. Serve with Parmesan cheese and garlic toast. Keep reserved cooked spaghetti covered and in a cool place for tomorrow night's supper.

GARLIC TOAST

(Do this before you leave home.)
 Hamburger or hot dog buns (separate the tops and bottoms)
 Olive oil or a mixture of olive oil and butter/margarine.
 Garlic powder

Put the separated buns on a cookie sheet and drizzle the olive oil/mixture over the bun halves. Sprinkle the garlic powder over the buns. Set the oven temperature at 200 degrees and bake/dry the bun halves until they are crisp. Cool and put into a plastic Ziploc bag. Serve with the spaghetti or eat like a snack.

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST SCRAMBLE

(Again, make it easy.)
 3 eggs per person
 1 tsp. lemon juice or 1 tbsp. water per egg
 Butter or margarine Salt and pepper to taste.
 Paprika Salt and pepper per taste

Heat butter or margarine in a skillet. Scramble eggs and water or lemon juice together. Pour eggs into the heated skillet. Over medium heat cook the eggs, stirring occasionally until they are set.

SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER

(This is good; trust me.)
 Your favorite canned chili with or without beans (one can per person depending on appetites.) OR, bring chili from home in a sealed container and re-heat. Canned is always easier. Always make extra.
 Left over spaghetti. Chopped onion
 Kidney beans Grated Parmesan Cheese or shredded Cheddar Cheese

Heat left over spaghetti. Heat up the chili. Serve up a plate with some spaghetti and let the guests add kidney beans, chopped onion, and cheese per their own taste. Add the garlic toast and maybe a small tossed salad and you have a meal fit for a kingly crowd.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

(Again, trust me; it's good.)
 Frozen waffles Aluminum foil
 Leftover chili (I said make plenty.)
 Heat thawed waffles in aluminum foil, put waffles on plate, and top with leftover chili. Add cheese if you like. Onion is optional.

DESSERT, SNACK, OR BREAKFAST TREAT

(Made for a lazy Kook.)
 Pound cake Can of whipped cream
 Canned Blueberry, Cherry, Peach, Apple, or Apricot pie filling.
 .Serve up a nice slice of pound cake. Put a generous dollop of pie filling in the middle of the pound cake slice. Top off with a circle of whipped cream around

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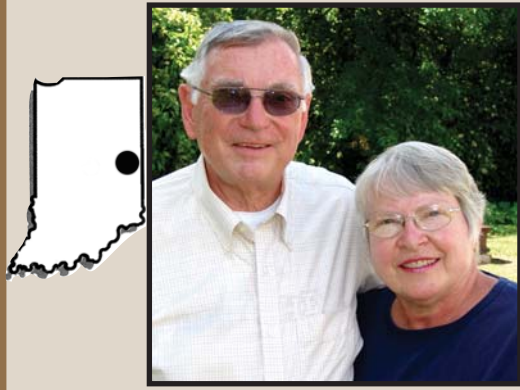
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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

Saying Goodbye to Camping Friends

Having contemplated selling the campground over the past two or three years, El and I have each gone over the attributes and liabilities of a sale and then discussed it with one another several times. Our kids have been a driving force also. Speaking with openness and frankness, they've said that we're just not able to do all the work that is necessary and that we don't seem to have the enthusiasm we had for the first several years. I guess we're just getting old.

We believe that during the teaching years, the carry-over of daily contact with middle and high school students, to our weekends and summers in the campground seemed to have kept us more "on the ball", more invigorated, and we were cognizant of our surroundings, and able at our younger ages. In our earlier years, we were able to get out and participate with the families and also to conduct activities with and for them. We somewhat expected this transition but probably refused to admit that we just couldn't keep ahead, or at least keep up anymore.

We believe that upon retiring from teaching eleven years ago, after 41 years, we chose correctly by promising our students we'd continue working the basketball games, volleyball, and track meets for the next three years until which time they would have graduated. That made an easy transition from seeing the school kids every day for 9 1/2 months and all at once coming to an abrupt halt after final exams in the spring of 1999. We've seen so many people over the years retire from their jobs and never go back to the business, factory, school or other profession to visit and/or to have anything to do with the people they've been accustomed to being with day after day for several years. For some, this probably has worked out fine, but we've known close associates who've retired and without any contact with former friends, actually gave up and "got away from it all." Unfortunately, some became recluses (maybe by choice), or actually did not live but a few months after retirement. I believe by being closely associated with people, one needs to slowly get out of the hustle and bustle of life instead of calling an abrupt halt. A few have gotten away quickly and have fully retired in good shape and in great spirits, but not that many have the personal consti-

tuition to do it that way.

Now we're going to try the same technique on our campers---visit the campground periodically, go out to eat with some of our campers who have been with us quite a while, invite them to come visit us at home in Fort Wayne or visit us in our winter place wherever we choose to settle down. If they come shopping at the local mall, we would have no problem with going to get a sandwich or pie and ice cream with them. Eventually, we believe this will smoothly justify ten end of an era (and believe me, a lot of campground owners or managers haven't stayed in the business longer than 15 or 20 years).

We've had e-mails, phone calls, and letters from our seasonal campers and a few weekenders, thanking us for the years and the activities. We really appreciate these contacts and we'll try to reciprocate in thanking them for having been with us over the years. A couple of weeks ago we were picking up a few of our last personal items we'd left at the campground and a couple said they were the oldest (been there the longest) of any of the present seasonal campers. We couldn't come up with the exact year they had signed up, but I knew it was more than a dozen years. At home later we checked the records and it had been 16 years. Other campers were there and said they were going to volunteer to help the new owner and manager with things they knew about and could make the transition easier for everyone.

That's the kind of campers we've had for the most part over our thirty one going on thirty two years. "John, El, is there anything we can do to help you?" Some of the seasonal campers will stay, some will move on, and there will be new people coming to stay each summer season. The new owner has several plans---some changes and a lot of new additions to add in the next three or four years. We're planning on taking our 5th wheel to the west central part of Florida where we have a lot of relatives, friends, and former campers. There are also get-togethers of former graduates of my high school from just south of Indy and the Indiana Retired Teachers' Association has three or four meetings and meals a year. We've never been able to attend any of these functions so I don't believe we'll get lonely and without things to do and people to see. We're not golfers, but in the winter there are plenty of other things we like to do, including eating fresh seafood of all types and we'll be close to cruise ports we've sailed out of before. We'll continue to travel all across this country to places we've missed in the 50 states and see places we've missed in our world travels. It sounds like it will take another lifetime.

Retire-----we're really not ready to settle down. There are too many places to see and too many people to visit in our ongoing itinerary. Remember, upon your retirement, have something to do, like hobbies, travel, gardening, or volunteer work, so you don't vegetate. Get out of the daily rituals slowly so the body's health doesn't suffer all at once. Remember an abrupt halt can be a traumatic experience.

We'll talk with you next month. Contact us with ideas at 260-637-3524 or jmacnut@yahoo.com

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Some practice rides going on in the Wrangler arena before show time. (Photo by Rhonda Helming)



Grand entry and presenting of the colors before show time. (Photo by Rhonda Helming)

Hoosier Horse Happenings



by Rhonda Helming

The Dubois County Wranglers

As much as I run up and down the road participating in horse shows or helping put on shows, I still always come back to our local 4-H Horse and Pony Club. I can't say enough good things about this program or the people who help make it possible to have such a great program.

This year we have around 75 members enrolled. Sixteen of those members are first year members. WOW! What a busy spring we have had at the Wrangler Arena! We have a very active 4-H Horse and Pony Club. Our club is putting on six open contest shows. Two clinics, one a three-

day clinic for 4-H members, from the surrounding counties and the other is a Barrel Clinic. None of these events would be possible if it weren't for the great help from all the leaders, volunteers, parents, 4-H Council, County Extension Educator and members. Some people don't understand the commitment the parents and members have when it comes to joining a 4-H Horse and Pony Club.

Our club starts meeting the beginning of January every Monday, studying for hippology (study of horses). Then when that is all over and done and the days are warming up we start bringing the horses to the fairgrounds every Monday evening. Early in January we put together a calendar, which we pass out to all the members. In this calendar we have everything on it. We tell what discipline we will be practicing/teaching. This gives the kids a choice on what they want to do. As a club we request that the members attend at least three outdoor meetings. This gives us the leaders a chance to get to know that member and their horse. Most of our members attend as many meetings as possible. These meetings and practices go on until the week before our 4-H Fair. At our county fair the members and their horse(s) are required to stay the whole week of the fair. This is a county rule and goes for all the livestock. We have three days of shows at our 4-H Fair. The kids love this, and they get to spend all week with their horse. Starting on Monday morning our kids show their horses in Halter and Showmanship, then move on into the riding or performance classes in the evening. This consists of Western Pleasure, Reining, Horsemanship, some English classes, some Gaited classes, a judge judges all these classes that we hire. On Tuesday evening we do what we call the gaming classes, this consists of Barrel, Poles, Flags and the Keyhole race. These are timed events and the fastest time wins. Then on Thursday the kids put on a fun show, they

are in charge of what classes they want to do, and what kind of prizes they are going to give away. We the leaders get to sit down and watch the kids do this. It is really interesting and fun to watch.

After the county fair is over the kids start looking at the State Fair. Some of them choose to go and some are just happy showing at the county level. I think when my daughter was in 4-H we went almost every year. I always tell parents that every one needs to attend the State Fair with their horse at least once before they are out of 4-H. It is an experience that will last a lifetime.

Our 4-H Horse and Pony program pretty much ends in September (at least for the members, not for the leaders) when we hold our awards banquet and elect our officers for the next year. This is always a fun event. Some of the kids won't see each other until the first 4-H meeting in the New Year.

As I was writing this article I was wondering just how long 4-H had been around. According to what I could find it started coming about in the late 1890's. The goal was to educate rural youth in agricultural by organizing clubs, which volunteers taught "learning by doing." This proved to be a great way to educate kids, 4-H celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2002. 4-H was originally started for the rural youth, but now has many "city" youth involved just as much as the rural youth.

Check out our local 4-H horse and pony website for horse shows and other horse happenings in our area: www.dcwanglers.com. We have some great things happening this year at our 4-H Horse and Pony club!! Come out and see these kids work. They are awesome.

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

Until next month, stay safe! Don't forget to get your trail tags, get your horses vaccinated, with all

this rain they are telling us that the mosquitoes will be out in force this year, and as always check that trailer and truck before you haul! The other day I found a wasp nest in my trailer, and I am using my trailer almost every weekend!

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

BOOM, BANG, POP, FIZZLE

One of the cardinal rules of shooting sports is to let the firearm do most of the work. However, it's only natural to try to protect yourself when you're holding something that is designed to explode on command. And, since it is normally positioned somewhere close to your head, the natural reaction is to close your eyes, grit your teeth and jerk the trigger to get the explosion over with as soon as possible.

Experienced shooters will scoff at this, claiming that with the proper training and self discipline the shooter can easily accept something exploding within six inches of his or her face. Not only is the sound intimidating, but the notion of Newtonian physics that explains the principle of "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction", enters the scene. Some large bore guns can kick like a mule. So now, not only does the thing make loud noises, it knocks you around at the same time. I've had very few instances of introducing a first time shooter to the joys of letting off a round from, say a light weight in .270 caliber and have them jump up and down and say, "Boy, that was fun". Agreed, with time and experience the most timid shooter can overcome the squeeze and duck syndrome. That is, most of the time.

I've been popping away with an odd assortment of firearms since my first Red Ryder Range Model BB gun made me the hit man on the neighborhood sparrow population. From there I graduated to a frazzled old .22 caliber Remington single shot and gradually worked my way into the big time with a frazzled old Mossberg semi-auto in .22. Not until my first shotgun, a single shot breech loading .16 gage H&R, was I aware of old Newton and his principles. Twenty-two's have a negligible recoil, almost non-existent for all purposes, but that old cannon taught me the squeeze and duck on the first shot. But I worked at it until it felt comfortable in spite of occasionally falling apart when I gripped the forearm hard enough to jerk it off, leaving me holding the forearm with one hand and the stock against my shoulder while the barrel looked for greener pastures. Of course, I put all the blame on that blunderbuss, claiming it kicked so hard that it blew itself apart. Then one day, my brother who had four years of experience

on me, asked for the gun. "Let me load that thing for you" he said. He turned his back, palmed a shell, closed the breech and handed it back to me. I sighted on a can, pulled the trigger and got nothing but a click as the hammer fell on an empty chamber. But, I got a healthy dose of self inflicted recoil as I jerked the gun in anticipation of my usual hammering.

"AHA", he shouted. "You milked the stock. You jerked the shot off. That's the reason it falls apart. You're pulling the forearm off expecting recoil".

"That's not the only thing that's gonna get jerked off" I yelled. "How about I jerk your arm off and beat you to death with it". He had proved a point. Many weekend shooters, especially those who don't make a living at it, unconsciously jerk the gun against the shoulder or dip the muzzle in the case of a handgun in anticipation of recoil.

Years passed and I thought I had whipped the problem. Sighting in high powered equipment on sand bags I concentrated on smooth trigger pull until the break and had no problems. Then, a smart-aleck Englishman invited me to a day of shooting sporting clays at his club in England. Since it was my first time at sporting clays I listened as he explained the procedure. After missing everything on the first three stands, I explained that in my country the clays were a little bigger than silver dollars and we didn't have to depend on such junk shotguns as Parkers, Holland & Holland, and Purdey's. My best excuse came on the next stand. The birds flew, I swung on the farthest one (a little bitty thing with a French name that means "Made for dumb Yanks that can't hit a trash can lid at ten yards), pulled the trigger and was rewarded with a loud "FZZZT". Shot fell out of the muzzle and dribbled at my feet.

"AHA", I shouted. "That's the reason I haven't been hitting them. The shot isn't getting to them".

"Maybe so", he said, "but you got a fair share of recoil". I realized that I had milked the stock so hard that even with a good round I wouldn't have hit it if it had been as big as a trash can lid. Then he added insult to injury. "And we thought you colonists could knock the eye out of a bar' at five hundred yards". It was humiliating enough without being reprimanded with an English accent.

After working hard to overcome the handicap of milking the stock, it all went south when I fired a couple of rounds through a .357 magnum revolver. These were hand loaded by someone I didn't know, that I had picked up at a yard sale. I should have been suspicious when they sold at about a dollar for twenty pounds of ammo. The loader had apparently forgot to powder the first round when the primer managed to barely get the slug out of the barrel. He made up for it on the next one. The explosion made ripples on the Richter scale and removed my eyebrows. The rest of that batch is now buried in a secret spot and I'm flinching every time I pull the trigger on that hand gun. Maybe it's time to start over with a Daisy Red Ryder Range Model BB gun. After all, you can't beat a dog with a rolled up newspaper and expect that dog to fetch it to you every day.

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Indiana Outdoors



by **Joe Martino**

Trolling can Make the difference

Fishing a northern Indiana lake last year made me realize something. A buddy and I were on a lake we had previously never fished before. When early efforts casting jigs, plugs and live bait rigs didn't produce any of the walleyes the lake was rumored to have in abundance, I quickly suggested we try trolling. What I realized then is that when on unfamiliar water sometimes trolling can be a good bet.

The reason I suggested that we troll in the first place is because I have employed this method in times before when I found myself on an unfamiliar body of water without much luck. It had usually produced at least marginal results in most of the instances before, which was usually better than how I was fairing before I started to troll.

So, after setting out a few lines, we began our slow, constant crawl across the lake. It wasn't too long before a rod tip bent and we had a fish. The first victim was a large white bass – fish that I have found to be fairly susceptible to trolling methods. But so are walleyes, which we were actually targeting.

It's not uncommon for most anglers to find themselves wondering how to attack a lake they have never been on and finding fish can be tough. Trolling offers you the opportunity to cover large areas of water, decreasing the amount of time it takes to find fish.

Another good reason to troll is that a common bait to troll with is a crankbait. Trolling crankbaits allows them to stay within their intended strike zone continuously – as opposed to when they casted – allowing them only a very short window to stay in the strike zone. This is because when casted, crankbaits need time to reach their desired depth, and then have to begin ascending in the water column towards the end of the retrieve. Besides crankbaits, spinner rigs (such as a Lindy rig) and spoons can also be trolled effectively.

Let's say you make a pass over a hump or point and pick up a fish or two. A wise decision here would be to either anchor up and fish this spot, or to make several other passes over it while trolling.

Don't think that you need a big boat or special equipment to successfully troll for fish either. In most situations, simply holding a rod in your hand while idling the boat will suffice. On the particular day I mentioned at the beginning of this article, my buddy simply wedged a piece of 2X6 cross-ways into the rear of his boat and screwed some lengths of PVC pipe onto the board to set some rods in. His homemade contraption worked like a charm. One word of caution though; getting too many lines out at once can lead to some severe messes!

You may not always end up catching your targeted species when trolling, but if catching fish is just as important to you as targeting a specific species, then it's worth it. All species of fish will hit baits that are being trolled; I have just found that walleyes, white bass and northern pike are especially susceptible to this method of fishing. On the particular outing I mentioned we caught walleyes, white bass and a largemouth bass.

If your initial passes don't produce, begin slightly varying the speed at which you are trolling. This may be enough to trigger fish into striking. Besides that, when trolling crankbaits, varying the speed of the boat will change the depth at which your crankbaits will run, which could also begin to produce strikes as you move into the fishes strike zones.

So, by all means, try your hand at casting and jigging, but when you find yourself on a new body of water and don't know where to start, give trolling a try. Such as was the case for us that day, it can usually make the difference between getting skunked and catching a mess of fish.



Luke Rood holds a white bass that he caught while trolling with his father, Bruce. In the picture, you can see one of the home-made rod holders - a piece of PVC screwed onto a 2X6. This is all you need for basic trolling. (Photo by Joe Martino)

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Left Photo: CanoeFest 2009 Canoe Race entrants at rest. Right Photo: 2007 Winners of The Great Chicken Fry-Off, Brad Tebbe and Greg Meier. (CanoeFest Photos)

CanoeFest 2010 Indiana's Largest Canoe Race July 2-3

by Jim Suhre

The 5th installment of CanoeFest will occur this year on July 2nd and 3rd, in Brookville, Indiana. Organizers and participants of the races and festival are excited about the festival's move to the July 4th weekend, and some new events that will add to the fun this year.

Reviving annual races that originally started in 1963, the modern day races started off as Indiana's largest canoe races in 2006, and have only grown from there.

"We've always had great support from the public," says CanoeFest founder and chair Jim Suhre. "We like tradition here in the Whitewater Valley, and good clean fun at family prices. We try to provide both of those at CanoeFest, and I think the formula has worked."

CanoeFest offers 3 main races, all of which start beneath the Brookville Lake Dam with a healthy infusion of dam-release water that makes run fast and exciting. The first 2 miles of the course proceed along the East Fork of the Whitewater, a scenic stretch of river that borders the Brookville Town Park, allowing easy access for spectators to watch the races. The park is also the location of the CanoeFest festival.

The Championship Race (formerly named the USCA Rules Race) runs from Brookville down to Cedar Grove. The top time from the Standard or Aluminum Classes of this race will win the 1963 Traveling Trophy, reputed to be America's largest paddling trophy at nearly 4 feet tall and over 40 pounds in weight.

Combining the Championship Race course with a 6.7 mile run, the Biathlon is a challenging race for

the complete athlete. After paddling down to Cedar Grove, contestants run back along the scenic country "River Road," with many views of the river as well as stretches through corn fields.

But the biggest race of CanoeFest is the Recreational Race. This is a favorite of not only serious paddlers, but also families, couples, children, and even the weakest of weekend warriors. At 2.4 miles, it can be completed in less than half an hour; at just \$15 dollars (if you pre-register) it is affordable for nearly everyone.

In addition to canoe and kayak races, CanoeFest is known for its other events, most notably the Great Chicken Fry-Off. In fact, some say that "chicken" is threatening to overtake "canoeing" as the main focus of the festival, and this year there is a new chicken event that all Americans will take note of.

On Friday, July 2, fryers from all over Southeastern Indiana will join forces to break the Guinness World Record for the Largest Serving of Fried Chicken, which is currently held by the KFC in Kuwait City, Kuwait. As unbelievable as it sounds, the world record for fried chicken is held in the Middle East.

"Fried chicken is absolutely the favorite food of this area," says organizer Jerry Short. "In fact, we have a promotion called the Chicken Trail that has 38 restaurants, all locally owned mom and pops that fry great fried chicken. We had the idea that we could get enough fryers to break the world record, but when we learned that the record wasn't even held in the USA but in Kuwait, we knew that we had to do it. The fact that this is all

happening on 4th of July weekend makes it even better."

Fryers interested in helping in the World Record Chicken Fry, or competing in the Great Chicken Fry-Off can contact Jerry at 765-309-8318, or visit www.canoeFest.org.

Other popular events will also be returning to CanoeFest this year, namely the CanoeFest Idol talent competition, the Canoe Princess Contest, and American Impostor, a fun show with a cast of celebrity Impersonators including Elvis, the Blues Brothers, and Laverne and Shirley. A new event this year is the Pedal Drags, with both child and adult classes. For entertainment, the musical acts of Peppertown, Ridge Runner, and Naked Charisma have also been scheduled for the weekend, along with a big fireworks show for Saturday night, July 3.

Entry forms for all events are available online at www.canoeFest.org, and any questions can be directed to Jim Suhre at 765-647-4116 or jsuhre@fcnbank.com



The 2009 Princess and her Court. Canoe Princess Chair Linda Lohrey with Princess Carly Bentz, First Runner Up Julia Webster; Second Runner Up, Kristen Huber and Miss Congeniality, Autumn Neeley. (CanoeFest Photo)

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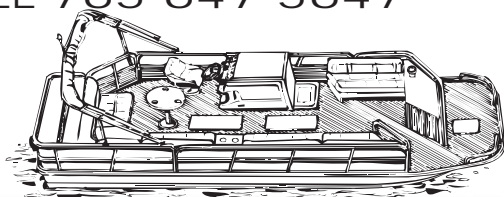
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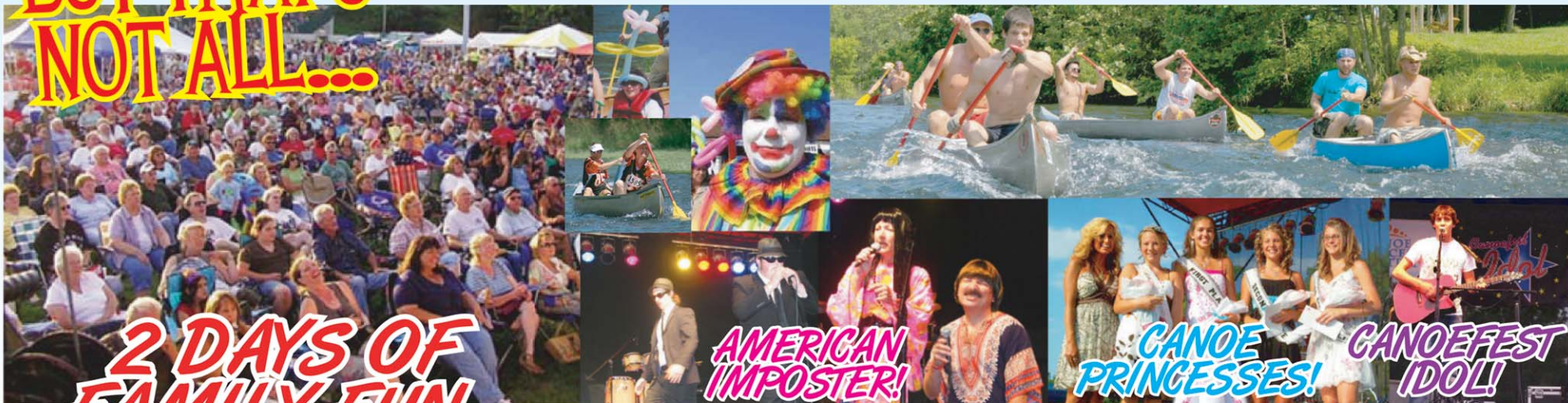
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Trap Lines



by Jack Turner, Jr.

They Set The Stage

My first trapping article for the Gad-A-Bout appeared nearly fifteen years ago. Over the years many of our readers have come to realize that I do more than just trap. In fact, I have tried my hand at many outdoor activities that involve mother nature. Many of these activities offered very little instruction and often I have had to educate myself.

By branching out to pursue other outdoor interests, I have learned that many of them are beneficial to trapping. For example, while enjoying fishing, hunting, Indian artifact collecting, seeking out medicinal plants, exploring for relics with a metal detector, etc., I have seen things that have allowed me to have a more successful trapping season. In addition, I have increased my knowledge on animal habits.

My first recollection of fishing goes back to the age of five (1973) when my father and I would fish for trout in Pennsylvania (Somerset & Ogletown) and catfish and trout at Pioneer Lake in West Harrison, Indiana. In 1981, my family got cable television and I watched fishing shows faithfully every weekend throughout my teen years. Jimmy Houston, Bill Dance, Orlando Wilson, Al & Ron Lindner, Jerry McGinnis and Hank Parker were just some of the fishermen that helped educate me on basic, and in some cases, advanced fishing techniques. For seven or eight years, I spent many days and nights fishing for catfish, carp, bass, crappie, bluegill, perch, wall-eye, trout, etc. I am not an expert by any means, but as a result of those shows as well as reading books and magazines, I feel confident in my fishing skills.

In 1984, at the age of sixteen, a friend introduced me to small game hunting- squirrels and rabbits. I went hunting with Allan Wright just a few times, but it was enough to spark and maintain my interest in small game.

In 1990 or 1991, that same buddy, Allan, introduced me to trapping. I went with him on his trapline early one morning and he set seven traps. The following morning he had three raccoon and two opossum. That was enough to "trap" me into a new and exciting outdoor hobby.

At some point between the years of 1985-1991, Allan introduced me to medicinal plants and Indian artifact collecting. He also sparked my interest in learning about trees and leaves. Allan had attended

Hocking College in Ohio after high school so he had a pretty good background in addition to many childhood years of being in the woods and near waterways hunting, fishing and trapping.

Medicinal and other plants used by Native Americans such as ginseng, bloodroot and goldenseal were found by Allan and me. We never harvested any, but it was fascinating to me to find these plants and know that residents of Ohio and Indiana from thousands of years ago used them frequently.

At what point Allan started collecting Indian artifacts, I am not sure. Indian artifact collecting was something that I had read about in Fur-Fish-Game magazine during my teen years. I also came to know a few locals in the area who collected, but I never really tried my hand at it until Allan showed me a few points and took me to several crop fields in the Harrison, Ohio & Brookville, Indiana areas. Today, I have a modest collection of Indian artifacts, but one that I am proud of because most of what I have in my possession was found by me.

I developed an interest in relic (or treasure) collecting after reading a book written by well-known trapper, Johnny Thorpe. His "50 Years a Trapper and Treasure Hunter" is a must read for any person who enjoys history and reading autobiographies. His use of a metal detector has enabled him to find many unusual and valuable items over the years. I purchased a metal detector approximately fifteen years ago and admit that I do not use it as often as I would like, or should. But I plan to use it more as time permits.

Many trappers that have read my work know that I formulate lures for the trapline. I have not released these commercially, but have given out several dozen bottles for testing. My interest in lure formulation came from spending time with Ron Tanner of Cincinnati, Ohio and through personal contact at conventions with Carroll "Blackie" Black of Glenmont, Ohio. Blackie has sniff-tested my lures, has seen some of my formulas and has offered advice in order that I may succeed in my endeavor as a successful lure maker.

A former fire chief that I worked under for many years loves to search for morel mushrooms and has been successful at it. In recent years I have tried to educate myself about mushrooms in the hopes of someday finding a few of my own for the dinner table.

About five years ago, my son, Jonathon, had an interest in turkey hunting. We purchased a few videos, read a few articles and talked with a turkey hunter or two. Jon and I went out twice armed with three different calls and three decoys. We were able to grab the attention of a gobbler, but wasn't able to get him in range. We have since learned of a mistake or two made that may have

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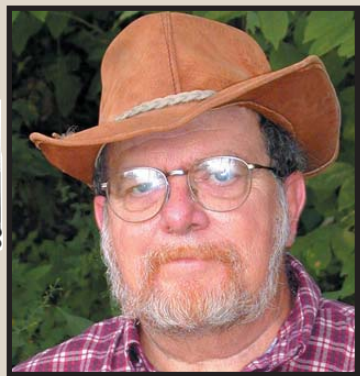



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Outdoors Tales

by Phil Junker

Fishing solo or with a companion?

To fish alone or to fish with a companion -- that is the question. There are pros and cons supporting either choice.

Some people nearly always fish alone. Others would rather not fish, than try their luck solo. It's a matter of choice, but both choices give an angler something to think about. At times, there may be good reasons for choosing one over the other.

Several of my crappie fishing friends almost always fish alone. On a rare occasion they will fish together, but that doesn't happen often.

Paul and Dave like the freedom of fishing alone. They often fish so many rods it would be a challenge to fish with a companion. Yet, the two fish relatively close together, and are very competitive with each other.

They rarely fish out of sight of each other. They carry walkie-talkies to stay in touch, and determine who is catching what. One usually won't leave the lake until he is confident he has out fished his buddy.

Some people like the freedom fishing alone provides. Many like to protect their secret fishing spots, lures or angling techniques.

Then there are anglers who just prefer to be alone whether fishing, hunting, or involved in some other activity.

I usually prefer fishing with a companion. There are a number of reasons. However, there are times when I fish alone.

In each of my vehicles there is fishing gear. I enjoy exploring the countryside with my dogs, Augie

and Tyler, and frequently an attractive stream or lake invites a solo fishing try. Sometimes the fishing lasts only 15 minutes, but it is fun to cast a lure in a new fishing hole.

There also are times I prefer to be alone when I want to try a new lure or technique, and don't want to bore someone who is ready for serious fishing. I also may want to take photos to accompany future writing efforts. And, there are times when I just enjoy taking a nap in the boat. A serious fishing companion often doesn't appreciate my tactics.

My preference is to fish with someone. I can't recall ever fishing with someone when I didn't learn something new about fishing or life.

You also never know when you may need to borrow or lend a hook, jig or bobber. A companion also provides a good photo model to hold up the catch of the day, or a lure.

Another reason for fishing with someone is safety. Should health or other issues arise, it always is good to have another person with you. Two heads or bodies usually are better than one.

Recently, two senior age friends decided to try their luck bass fishing early evening. Their wives and several other ladies were playing cards.

They were three to four miles from the marina when the wiring in their boat caught fire. Fortunately, they had the required fire extinguisher, and were able to smother the blaze.. Neither were injured. However with the wiring burnt, neither the trolling or main motor would run.

One friend did have a cell phone along, an important piece of technology for most any outdoor outing. Unfortunately, their wives were playing cards at a location where there was no phone service. (It's a good idea to have several numbers available to call in an emergency. 911 always is a possibility but a number to avoid unless the situation is an absolute emergency.)


After dark, one of the friends finally reached his wife. She called several friends with boats to try to find the disabled boat. It also was fortunate one of the guys had brought a flashlight, which was spotted by a friend dispatched by the wives. Even when going out midday, it is wise to carry a flashlight, and most boats should be equipped with some sort of flare.

If the pair had to paddle to a dock, two persons would have made the work easier for the two white hairs.

Fishing alone or with a companion is a personal choice, but usually it is more fun and safer to fish

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Fishing with a companion usually is more fun and is safer, When fishing a new lake, it is especially helpful to fish the lake with someone who knows it. (Photo by Phil Junker)

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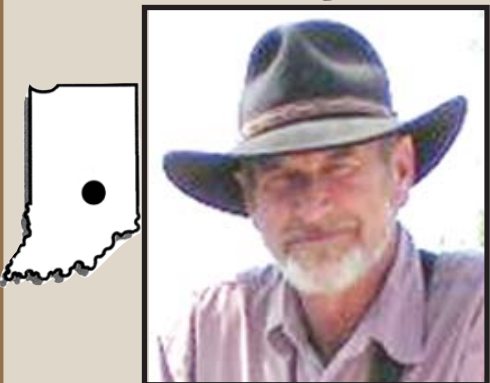


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Left Photo: Pik with Kathy and Dick having completed four legs of Junior Hunter. Right Photo: Chance, Kathy and Dick having completed his Junior Hunter.

Bird Dog Points



by Dick Dunnuck
Photography by Kathy Dunnuck

Spring Season

This year has been extremely busy here at Shotgun Farm. Field trials and hunt tests have kept us traveling most weekends. Now with trial season winding down we are starting to get a very good crop of young dogs in to be started as well as several good older dogs in to be finished.

Our trial season started in March with a return to Pike County where Maggie won the derby on Thursday and, after cutting her leg and getting staples, came back on Saturday and finished second making owner Jeff Johnston proud. Kelly Lester was there to run Murphy in amateur gun dog and had a fourth place finish. Unfortunately the rest of the mostly female field trial string came into season just prior to this trial and could not compete.

We next went to a hunt test in Munfordville, Kentucky. Kathy was able to go with me to this test and helped handle the dogs. Among the dogs who went was Michael, a young Spinone owned by Pat Fendley of Crestwood, Kentucky, Pik, a young Weim pup and Chance, an older field trial Weim, who I mistakenly thought might have slowed down in his advancing years. This event was hosted by the Weimaraner Club of Greater Louisville and the Kentuckiana Pointing Breed Association and was actually four tests in the one weekend making it possible to get a title in two days. Michael, Pik, and Chance

passed all tests and received their titles. Michael showed his stuff proudly demonstrating what an effective meat dog the Spinone is. He was a virtual vacuum cleaner sweeping the field in his thorough fashion finding bird after bird. Pik was flashy and stylish, finding and pointing his birds seemingly without effort. At the very breakaway, I knew I had misjudged Chance. He gathered his muscles ready to spring away in a field trial run. And run he did. In a flash he was to the far tree line, running fence rows, floating along as he did in his youth. The judge graciously scouted for me and located my old boy on point. This was Chance's behavior for the entire weekend and yet he did pass all four tests.

Next up was a field trial hosted by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Northern Illinois. This trial was a culmination of ten days of field trials including the Chi Town Classic, a national event drawing GSP professional trainers from all over the country. The last four days were open to all breeds so we took Maggie and Pink. Pink is owned by Michelle and Stan Nowacki of Cincinnati, Ohio; and as you know, Maggie is owned by Jeff Johnston of Wauseon, Ohio. This was the largest GSP trial I have attended in northern Illinois with 186 entries requiring four days to complete. This trial had drawn the best German Shorthaired Pointers in the country and the derby had the top two GSP derby dogs. The competition was tough and I was hoping to at least place my Weimaraners among these GSP



Michael, Italian Spinone, owned by Pat Fendley of Crestwood, Kentucky.

greats. Pink had a good showing, putting down a busy run, naturally honoring the other dogs point, handling her own bird nicely but she was edged out and could not clench the placement. At the very breakaway Maggie raced to the front, taking the GSP brace mate with her. She rounded the corner and disappeared from sight. When we crested the hill, she was standing on point in the middle of a vast field. She went on to find two more birds, hunting

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The plant established itself on the east coast and remained somewhat confined. However, in the past 30 to 40 years, it's movement westward has been unstoppable. It is well established in West Central Indiana and has reached a point of out-competing many desirable woodland wildflowers.

What does it look like? At this time of the year, the plant is blooming. At the top of relatively tall stems, 18 to 30 inches, the numerous, very small white flowers are clustered, each has 4 petals. Along this upright stem, the alternate leaves are triangular shaped, have large toothed edges and lower leaves may be 2 to 3 inches across on blooming plants.

When crushed, the leaves and stems release a distinct garlic or onion odor - therefore the use of the plant in meat stews.. The plant is a biennial - 2 years to reach maturity. It's first year is a cluster of 3 or 4 round leaves in a rosette rising only 3 inches from the ground.

As previously mentioned, garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) has become quite common, along slightly shaded roadsides, hardwood thickets, mature woodlands and almost anywhere cultivation is minimal or not present. As with most foreign born invasive plants, it is not noticed until well established.

On a recent spring turkey hunting venture , my ambush location was on a Montgomery County, IN south facing slope. This slope may have been cleared in some decades past, but today is covered with hardwood trees and brush species.

With my back against a hackberry trunk, I could easily overlook the turkey decoys set about 20 yards away , at the edge of the newly planted cornfield - soybeans last year. From this same seated location I could reach several garlic mustard plants.

In fact, the entire slope had an abundant population of the plants. The garlic mustard was intermingled with blue and white violets and dwarf larkspur. Although these native woodland wildflowers were present, it must be remembered, each garlic mustard plant has displaced a native species.

A short distance , 10 yards away - a cluster of



Garlic mustard is a plant, brought to North American shores in the early day's of settlement by European settlers. (Photo by Don Bickel)

wild hyacinth was beginning to bloom. It will require a return trip to this wooded slope to determine if this particular wild hyacinth is the endangered specie. The garlic mustard plants were present throughout this cluster of native wildflowers.

The garlic mustard plants, while blooming, has also produced it's numerous seed pods. These pods - 1 to 2 inches in length - many to an individual stalk, contain numerous small black seeds. These tiny seeds have a rough surface and will cling to the fur and hair of any passing animal. These same seeds may be carried downslope by a spring rain and also readily move on any water movement in a rivulet, ditch or small stream.

As mentioned previously, garlic mustard and other non-native invasive plants are not noticed or considered to be a problem until the population is well established. Throughout most Midwest states, it's establishment would seem quite secure. Quite likely in most Midwest states, garlic mustard can be found in any quarter section of land unless that quarter section is either entirely paved or cultivated edge to edge. This quarter section of land - 160 acres - also is applicable to the same space within any town or city.

The plant has a shallow root system and can be easily pulled. This pulling procedure and the required identification is generally in the plants' second and blooming year. If the plant's numbers in any particular area is not too great, and the volunteer pairs of hands equals more than 1 or 2, pulling is a reasonable method of eradication.

Once pulled, the plant must be removed from the site and - preferably - placed in a black plastic bag, sealed and allowed to decompose in the hot sun of spring and summer. Do not add the plants, in any condition to a compost pile.. To pull and just toss aside, will allow the plant to continue it's short time

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Rich Creason searching for treasure. Eighty percent of the lake is beyond the point in the upper left corner of the picture. (Photo by Susie Creason)



Large fire pit outside our cabin, suitable for roasting hot dogs, s'mores, or just staying warm! (Photo by Susie Creason)

Outdoors

With Rich Creason

An Unusual Day at the Beach

When we were packing our bags for a weekend trip to Gaylord, Michigan, the weather there was sunny and 79 degrees. Ideal for our planned activities of metal detecting, beach glass hunting, and searching for Petosky stones.

Almost every day, I receive a load of e-mails. Mostly, they are press releases from a wide variety of manufacturers of outdoor products wanting me to write stories about their various offerings. Often, I get mailings from Tourism Bureaus around the country wanting me to visit their area.

In early April, I read one which interested me. It was from Heart Lake Resort Cottages near Gaylord www.heartlakeresort.com. We had been to this area on numerous occasions and enjoyed our time there. Heart Lake Resort

was offering two nights stay for \$75 until April 20.

I checked out their website and found they had seven cottages of assorted sizes, a large, sandy beach, canoes and rowboats, and a nice secluded lake for fishing. We decided to spend a few days there. I called the resort and talked to John Lewy, the camp owner, and verified he had openings for our chosen dates.

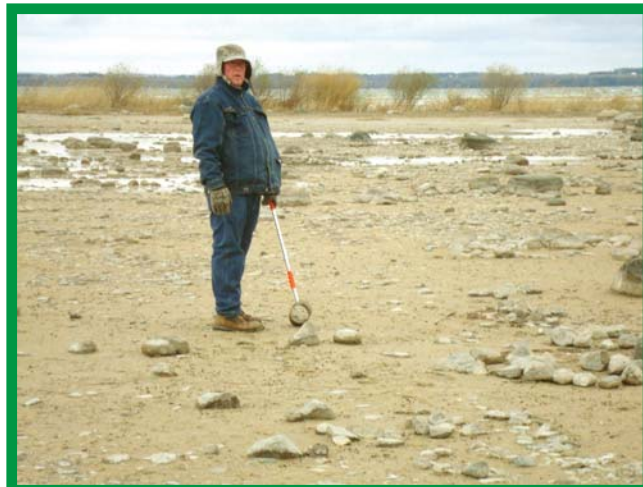
I loaded the truck with metal detectors and long-handled sand scoops and assorted accessories for hunting the beaches. Hip boots went in next in case I decided to water detect. I added our "goodies" pouches for putting in beach glass. Some fishing tackle, our clothes, and the cooler full of diet Pepsi finished my loading chores. A couple bags of snacks and assorted food items went into the back seat. GPS turned on and we were ready to go.

Our trip from central Indiana to Gaylord took about six hours, including the stop at the Michigan Welcome Center for a variety of brochures for me (possible future trips) and our

grandson, Benjamin. We arrived early Friday afternoon and stopped in at the Gaylord Convention and Tourism Bureau to visit our good friend and contact, Paul Beachnau www.gaylordmichigan.net. This should be your contact also for any information any outdoor activities (including golfing!) in the area.

Next we walked down the street to one of my favorite stops, the Saturn Booksellers www.saturnbooksellers.com. This neat bookstore has autographed books in both the adult and children's sections. I always come home with several signed books for Benjamin and me.

Crossing the street, we enter the Alpine Chocolat Haus www.alpinechocolathaus.com.



Walking the area where Petosky Stones are supposed to be hiding. Notice my summer beach wear. Photo by Susie Creason

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View toward camp from the end of dock. John Lewy's house, our cabin, canoes, picnic tables, swing, diving platform, more. All photos by Susie Creason (Photo by Susie Creason)

I immediately grabbed three large bags of their chocolate covered potato chips (OUTSTANDING!) Then, we found some \$20 Easter eggs filled with Jelly Bellies, dried cherries and cranberries, and other goodies. These were on sale 75% off, so we bought several to take home for friends and relatives.

Last stop was at Delphines Quilt Shop www.delphinesquiltshop.com, where my wife shops for fabric, patterns, etc. I usually pick out several outdoor scenes for wall hangings for her to quilt for me. We always end up picking some things they have to ship home to us.

Shopping finished, we headed ten miles south to arrive at Heart Lake Resort. As we entered the driveway, we saw the cottages

tucked underneath some large pine trees. We met John and he directed us to cabin six. Our lodging sat almost on the beach, with a picture window overlooking the lake. (Our first view of the lake showed a pair of loons swimming 50 yards out.) The cabin consisted of two bedrooms, bathroom, large, fully equipped kitchen, and the main room with two couches, chair and TV. A deck around the front, and a huge fire pit were a couple of our

outside amenities.

We retired early and woke early Saturday morning. Overnight, a cold front had arrived and the temperature had dropped and continued to do so. Our 70 degree weather had changed to 40! The wind was whistling through the trees at 25 MPH. Snowflakes were in the air. Luckily, we always plan for cold weather when we travel. I donned my winter gear, grabbed my detector and headed for the beach. Susie was right behind me.

For a beach we thought had never been hunted, we didn't find much. A handful of coins, about 15 sinkers, and one toy car were all we had to show for our efforts. We packed up and headed for our second destination, Traverse City, about an hour west. We stopped at the Convention and Visitors Bureau www.visittraverse-city.com to pick up maps, brochures, and information. We drove to the suggested spot to hunt beach glass, fastened our coats and hoods, and started down the beach.

Now if you've never heard of beach glass, (sometimes called sea glass.), it is various colors of broken glass from beer bottles (brown), 7-Up bottles (green), Milk of Magnesia (deep blue), and many shades of white. Very rarely, a piece of orange or red is found. (How many items can you think of that are red or orange glass, not plastic?) This glass has been tumbled in the waves, wearing against the sand and rocks, until the edges are smooth, not sharp. The glass ranges in size from chips to pieces as large as half a pop bottle. Items bigger than that have probably been broken apart on the rocks. These glass pieces are then used to make jewelry, table tops, and other artistic creations. Google beach or sea glass for more information.

After enduring the cold and the wind com-

ing from the north off Lake Michigan for a couple of hours, we headed back to the truck to warm up. A short break, then I pointed the truck north from Traverse City 17 miles up the peninsula to the end of the road. By now the temperature had dropped to 30. The wind was still trying to blow us off the road, and suddenly I was in a snow storm I could barely see through. What great weather for a day at the beach.

We arrived at a small park, bundled up again, and then walked past an old lighthouse to the beach. We were now searching for Petosky stones. These are actually ancient fossil coral which look like rocks with measles. Small round spots cover these stones which are found only a couple places in the world, one of which is around Traverse City. I had a couple at home, and had been told how and where to look for them. They didn't tell me that tiny ice balls would be pelting my face so hard it felt like needles. It's hard to open your eyes to look for anything with sleet driven by a gale wind hitting you! After 30 minutes enduring this, we decided Petosky stones could wait for our next visit.

We decided an early supper would be next. We were told by the CVB to try Sleder's Family Tavern, a local establishment "where people have come for over 125 years to eat, drink beer, tell lies, and smooch the moose." Sleder's still contains the original bar, 21 feet of solid mahogany, sided with cherry wood and fronted with a brass rail. The stamped tin ceiling and century old round oak tables are still there too. Don't forget to kiss Randolph the moose while you're there. And the food is great. Susie ordered the olive burger and I had a half pound bison burger. www.sleders.com.

Time to head back to Heart Lake. When we reached our cabin, a note was on our door from John Lewy, the owner, inviting us to join him and some friends and other camp guests for dinner and an informal party. Far be it from me to pass up a chance for food. We found out John was a teacher of Eskimo children in Alaska for about six years, came back to upper Michigan as a principal for a while, and has operated Heart Lake Resort for 15 years. And he doesn't look a day over 35.

We didn't get to try any fishing, but Sunday morning I did put on hip boots and detected in the water for an hour. Found some more coins, and more sinkers, but no jewelry. My watch said it was time to return to Indiana.

We are definitely going back this summer. Warmer weather, a couple extra days, and we will probably take Benjamin along to try the fishing. Hope you can join us.

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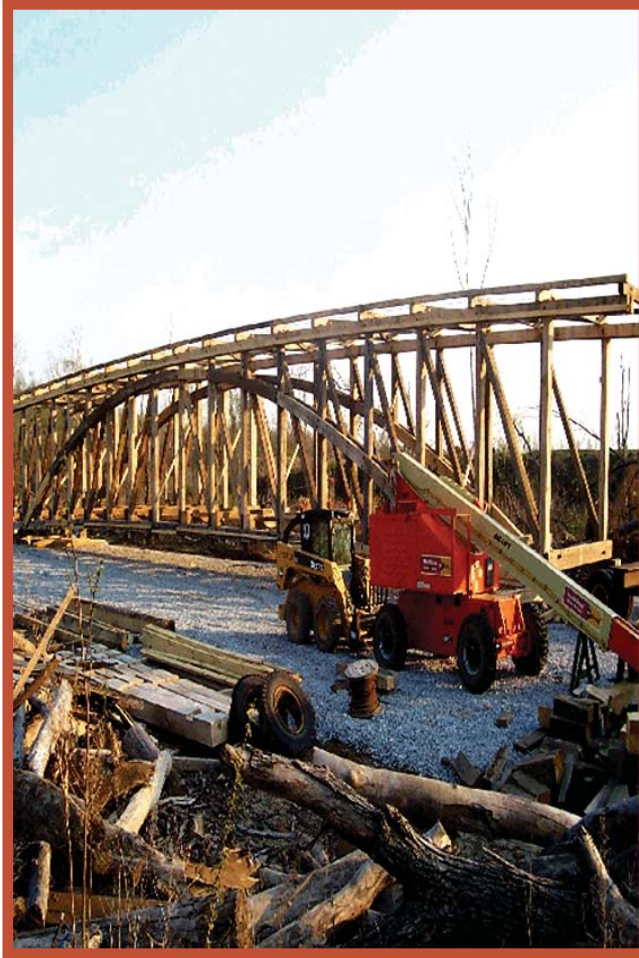
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Left Photo: After the F-3 Tornado hit June 3, 2008. (Moscow Festival Photo) Right Photo: April 2010 (Photo by Nan Hoban)

25th and Final Annual Moscow Covered Bridge Festival June 4-6, 2010

by Ray Dickerson

A F-3 tornado destroyed the Moscow Covered Bridge on June 3, 2008. See above photo on the left, that was all that was left.

I talked to Larry Stout (Moscow Bridge Festival Coordinator) on the phone earlier in April, he told me construction workers were lifting the bridge in place around the middle of April. I just received an e-mail telling me that the Bridge dedication would be held later this summer, they hoped to have it during the festival, but they don't think it will be ready by then.

This will be the final Moscow Covered Bridge Festival, June 4-6, 2010, this year's theme is "Reliving Past Memories....Creating New."

Come see the new 330-foot Moscow Covered Bridge being rebuilt on it's original site, originally built in 1886 by E.L. Kennedy, a second generation family who built at least

58 covered bridges, 5 of which still stand in Rush County.

Any Vendor's who would like to set up at the Moscow Covered Bridge Festival should call 812-662-5774.

Entertainment for this year's festival is the **Eastern Wing Band** on Friday at 8 p.m., June 4th www.easternwingband.net. The **Donna Frost Show** (Donna performed at the Festival 3 years ago, she is coming back from Nashville, TN and will be doing her own music as well as tributes to Skeeter Davis and Janis Joplin) her show will be on Saturday at 7 p.m., June 5th www.myspace.com/donnafrostmusic. The **Wes Miller Band**, a local Bluegrass Band who has been making a name for itself will perform on Sunday at 7 p.m., June 6th www.wesmillerband.com.

There will be a Pre-Festival Concert featuring **The Carter Twins**, country recording artists from Nashville, TN www.cartertwins.com on Thursday June 3 at 7 p.m. at Riverside Amphitheater in Rushville, IN, all proceeds goes to Bridge Restoration Fund. Contact Molly Moles at kerosenekid99gmail.com.

Also performing will be the **Rush County**

Big Band on Friday at 6 p.m., **Charmayne Dancers** on Saturday at 10 a.m., **Family Reunion String Band** on Saturday at 1 p.m., **Exit 113 Band** on Saturday at 5 p.m., **Outreach Praise Band** on Sunday at 10 a.m. and **Flatrock Bluegrass Band** on Sunday at noon. Sound is by Smashed Productions.

There is no admission charge to the festival and parking is free too.

The **Owen Cameron Parade** is on Saturday at Noon, entries welcome. Entry registration is at 10:30 a.m., Judging will be from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m., the Parade is at 12 Noon. Entries accepted for Best Tractor, Car, Truck, Motorcycle or motorscooter, Most Unusual, Best Team & Wagon or Horse drawn vehicle, Largest group or club, Best costume (affiliated with horses), **Owen Cameron Award** (Best Overall), Best Float (Best Vendor display or set-up).


Here is a list of the activities: Food vendors, Kid games, Talent contest, Arts & Crafts, Flea market, Antiques & collectibles, Buggy rides, Amish baked goods, Hiking tour to nearby Forsythe Covered Bridge, Hog Roast at festival kitchen, History Museum, Open Church service and Free Stage Entertainment. (See ad on page 25 for times).

See the map on page 25. The top map is the general location of Moscow in relation to the larger local cities of Shelbyville, Rushville and Greensburg, You'll notice that Moscow is in the center of a triangle made by the cities. The bottom map shows in more detail the route to Moscow.

The last time I visited the Moscow Covered Bridge or I should say what was left of it, was this past summer, the bridge was completely gone. I hope to see you at the festival.

Visit the Moscow Covered Bridge Festival website www.moscowfestivalin.org for information on the history of Moscow, the Festival and much more.

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The Moscow Covered Bridge as it looked in 1886, with a little retouching by me. (Moscow Covered Bridge Festival Photo)

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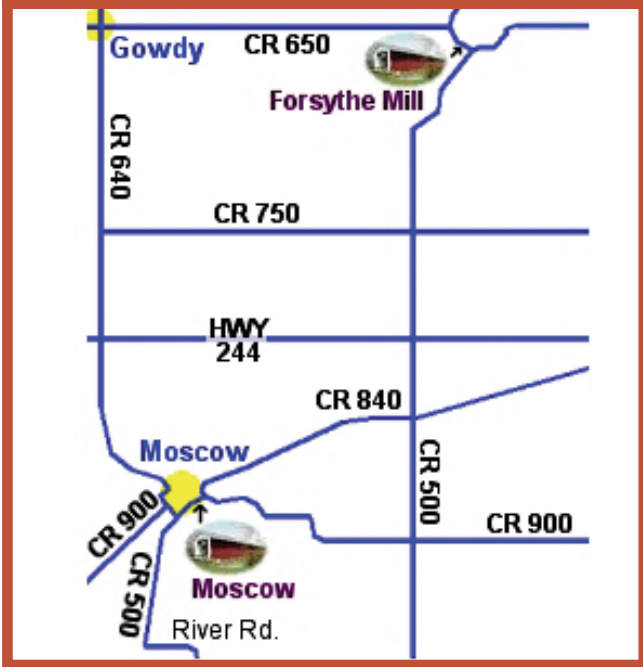
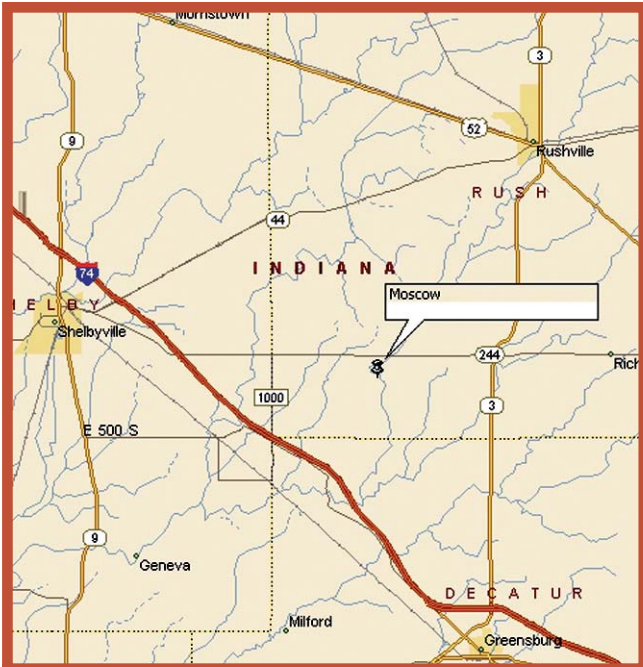
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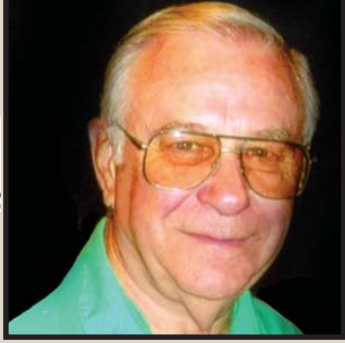
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Ramblings from Da Region



by Gene Clifford

“Good Old Days” Wanted even back in 1915

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The waterfowl population has shown a decline since 1915 and the seasons reflect this fact. The season back then ran from the first day of

September to the fifteenth of April and had a daily limit of 15 ducks or geese. Nowadays we have a daily limit of 6 ducks and 2 geese with a 55 to 70 day season.

It is interesting to note that in 1915, there was no season on rabbits. There must have been an abundance of rabbits throughout the state and they were doing what rabbits are famous for. The squirrel population must have been near as good as the season ran from July 1st until November 1st. In 1915 the bag limit on either of these, were the hunter’s skill or the family appetite. We now have a season of over 2 months and a bag limit of 5.

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Bottom Photo: Iron Hunters Post has a historic marker in front of the business, the other side reads, "Chase S. Osborn" Naturalist "Iron Hunter," Author, World Citizen, Friend of the Indian, Governor of Michigan 1911 and 1912, born here in a log cabin January 22, 1860.

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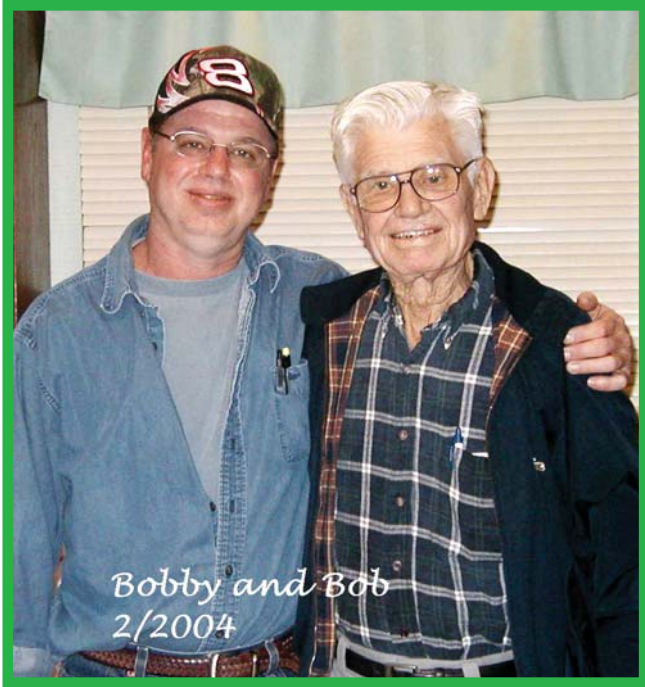
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Above Photo: Bobby Barton, owner of Barton's Bay Boat Storage and Service at 10055 SR 101, Brookville, IN at left and his father, Bob Barton, at right, who lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma now. Right Photo: Bob Barton as he looked when he was Project Engineer for Guy H. James Construction out of Oklahoma City, OK who was the Prime Contractor of the Brookville Lake dam project 1970-1975.



AN E-MAIL FROM BOB BARTON PROJECT ENGINEER OF BROOKVILLE LAKE 1970-1975

Attn: Ray Dickerson
P.O. Box 85
Centerville, IN 47330-0085

Sir: You don't know me if I am recalling things from the past but you do know my son and his wife. They operate "Barton's Bay" there on Brookville lake. I just wanted to drop you a little note to say what a good job you did in explaining how and why the dam was built in that spot and in that manner.

I was the Project Engineer on that job from beginning to end and I believe you know more about it than I do. The kids have been sending me The Gadabout for the last 2 months and I have really enjoyed it. I do not know if you know the circumstances under which the bridge was built. It was constructed in the dead of winter by setting the beams on the piers and then building a floor for the concrete from the abutment to the tower. Next we built a house from the abutment to the tower with roof and side curtains of plastic and curing mats. Placing large heaters in strategic place we were able to pour the deck in nice warm conditions. I think I gave Bob some pictures of the construction procedures on the bridge.

Well I will close for now but just wanted to say your write-up was truly remarkable.

Sincerely; Bob Barton Tulsa Okla.

Editor's Note: Mr. Barton (Bob) I think I know you better than you think. The Brookville Dam is living

proof that the Project Engineer (you) knew what he was doing all those years ago. I have looked at every photo you took during those years, Bobby and Pam let me borrow your photo albums. It is incredible to me to look at the mammoth job you undertook and made it look so simple to accomplish. We are truly blessed to have men such as you and all those who learned from you to carry on your knowledge to today in other projects around the world. I have been friends with Bobby and Pam Barton for many years now. It would be a real treat if on one of my visits one day, to meet you. That would indeed be an

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**TROOPER BARRY BISCHOFF
 AND HIS K-9 PARTNER GASTON**

In this issue is an article that I truly enjoyed writing. I had been reading in our local paper about a Indiana State Police Trooper named Barry Bischoff and his K-9 partner Gaston making many drug arrests. I had met the two back in September of 2008 on the Mounds Beach at Brookville Lake. I think you will find this article very interesting. See the article on pages 8, 9, 27, 28 & 29.

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He replied, "Yes, that is where our superintendent actually started out in Fort Wayne and he knows Bob, who was his canine instructor too."

I asked Barry, "Then when you got Gaston he was already trained?"

Barry replied, "When I first got him he was just barely introduced to the bite work, you know the sleeve, just the bite work itself, barely introduced to narcotics and hardly any obedience."

I said, "Okay, so all his obedience came from you."

Barry replied, "All his obedience came from us."

I said, "And that's good?"

He replied, "Yes, from day one, all we did for the 14 weeks was obedience, obedience, obedience. Everything starts with obedience."

I asked Barry, "Is that something that you have to continually have to train with him on?"

He replied, "Oh yes, I'll go out here, we'll do our different things at least two to three times a week. I mean they are so smart, it is unreal. We take a vacation, you're off for a week, a week and a half or two weeks, those dogs, he just knows my voice, you know and different things, it's amazing how smart they are."

I asked Barry, "Do you keep him at home with you?"

He replied, "Yes."

I continued, "Does he live in the house with you?"

He answered, "No he has his kennel outside, it's totally all enclosed, its a ten by ten with a dog house in it, he stays in there. He comes in and plays, sometimes he stays inside for awhile."

I asked Barry, "Does he have a crate for when he's inside?"

He replied, "No, I keep him outside, that way he doesn't get too lazy on me, he's not really a pet, he's a work dog."

I stated, "He doesn't get food from the table."

He said, "That's right, he doesn't get people food, all he eats is dog food."

As we sat there and talked, every now and then Gaston would come in, go to where Barry was sitting and then leave.

I asked Barry, "why does Gaston come in every now and then, look at you and then leave?"

Barry said, "He does that, he keeps tabs on me, you know, making sure I'm okay."

I said, "Lets get back and cover the thing we talked about earlier, when my tape stopped and I didn't know it, about harassment of the dog."

I asked Barry, "What is the penalty for harassing the dog?"

Barry answered, "If you harass the dog it is actually a misdemeanor, if he is killed in the line of duty by somebody it is a felony, it's just like hurting or killing one of us. That's what they look at, actually they just passed that and I think it is going to get more stringent. Actually there have been quite a few dogs killed in the line of duty."

I replied, "Is that right? You put them in harms way, just the same as yourself."

Barry replied, "Yes, he's always the first one in a building, he's trained in building searches, tracking, narcotics and handler protection. He's a multi-tasking dog."

I added, "You were at an arrest this morning in Richmond, according to Sgt Fields."

He said, "Yes, he (Gaston) alerted on a vehicle and we found a little bit of marijuana and paraphernalia in the car."

I asked, "Was that in Wayne County?"

Barry replied, "Yes."

I asked, "You do Wayne County, I mean, how big of an area do you do anyway?"

He answered, "I normally like to stay in Franklin County, that's where I normally work. I just actually started going up there probably this week. It's just a project, crash causation factors, you know they are trying to cut down on the heroin drug trade. It's really getting bad (heroin), its filtering down into these smaller counties. We're really seeing it, so we're just trying to cut down on the drug trafficking of it."

I asked, "Is there a protocol or anything when you are stopped by a police officer?"

He replied, "There's not really, because like the

Supreme Court has just affirmed in 2007, the use of canine on a traffic stop. You have that reasonable time that you stop a violator and especially in my case. If I stop a violator I got the dog there, so I'm not prolonging the traffic stop just walking him around. The Supreme Court has ruled that the open air sniff around the vehicle (he's not violating any of the compartments, anything in the vehicle or their rights) he's just sniffing around the vehicle and any air that comes out is an open air sniff and that's legal. It only takes about 20 seconds to take him around the car so we're not prolonging the stop. If he smells something I can legally go into that car, as the Supreme Court ruled in 2007. The dog is trained, we are training constantly, especially in drugs."

Barry continues, "I take him around new car lots where there's less chance of finding dope, there's a 99 percent chance that no drugs have touched these new cars and he's trained not to jump up on cars or scratch them. I take him around the new cars constantly just to make sure he's not just wanting this tennis ball, because the tennis ball is his reward for finding dope and I take him around the new cars to check him out."

I asked, "His reward for finding dope, is a tennis ball?"

Barry replied, "That tennis ball is his drive."

I replied, "No kidding?"

He replied, "High drive! That's what you want in these dogs."

I asked, "How do you make this tennis ball so important to him?"

Barry said, "All these dogs are trained to be police dogs overseas, they are trained to want that tennis ball as a reward, their drive is that tennis ball. We are constantly always training them using the tennis ball as the reward. That's why I take him around the new cars, to make sure he isn't just trying to get the reward when he is sniffing the car, we are constantly training the dog so that he is sniffing only for the drugs."

I asked, "Does he actually know the difference between what the drugs are?"

Barry replied, "He's trained on six different types of drugs. marijuana, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, crack and methamphetamine or meth as it is more commonly known. There are few dogs in Indiana that are actually trained on ecstasy, most are only trained on the common four, marijuana, cocaine, heroin and meth."

I responded, "You got one smart dog with you."

Barry added, "He's very good and their nose's are unbelievable."

I added, "I was talking to Dianna Koester at Parkside and More, over at Brookville Lake, she was telling me about Amy Gaston Stehr, she had been married to Indiana State Trooper Richard T. Gaston, who had been killed in the line of duty several years ago on the Indiana Toll Road up north, that Amy was going to donate some money to buy Gaston a bullet proof vest."

Barry replied, "Yes, she was donating some money to buy a bullet proof vest for my dog, Gaston. But then

Tony Stewart, the race car driver, he donated 30 vests for all our dogs. We have 30 in the state, he covered all the costs, it was about a year ago. We all went up to Indy Speedway, we got to meet him and he gave us our vests. It was great."

I asked, "When would the dog wear a vest?"

He replied, "It all depends, if I send him in on a building search or something, we know of known weapons, knives or something like that or some guy's in there held up. I'll put on his vest in any high risk situation for the dog."

I said, "Okay, so he actually would use the vest. But you don't have a badge for him."

Barry replied, "Yes, we train in the vest. But no, we don't have a badge for him."

I asked, "Has he earned any awards or citations yet?"

He replied, "No not really, we don't really have that in the state, we just go out there and work it."

I said, "So there are 30 dogs in the whole state of Indiana."

Barry said, "Yes, there's 30 dogs."

I asked, "There's 92 counties, so is there one dog for two or three counties?"

He replied, "Typically there would be. Normally you would have two per post, I think every post has

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			SEARCHES	ARRESTS	FINDS						BUILDING	ARTICLE	PERIMETER	OTHER	AGENCIES	
					METH	MARA	COCAINE	CRACK	EXTSY	HEROIN						
JAN	23	10	212	93	6	12494.6	3000.7	0	0	0	8	3	46	83	201433	
FEB	16	5	221	121	15	7300.2	2754.62	14.2	0	3.8	11	0	34	92	9332	
MAR	16	6	299	116	5453.2	105988.8	15026	139	48	3629.8	8	3	45	114	16356	
APR	15	9	238	131	8	44799.35	18	7	2	2	10	5	27	82	15340	
MAY	25	7	253	124	766	116340.7	1467	11.4	3	1.1	14	5	48	105	248393	
JUN	16	11	229	114	13	36222.8	83	15.5	0	5.4	7	4	52	93	206961	
JUL	31	10	194	102	50.7	52748.33	3	99.6	235.5	2.5	24	6	51	90	79206	
AUG	29	17	200	89	16.29	80586.3	3274.6	73	6	41	10	4	42	71	1856	
SEPT	26	6	261	100	196	74790.01	840.7	7	11	40.6	13	13	46	104	15321	
OCT	18	8	175	56	152.3	2945.53	6821.78	5	0	1	5	3	29	70	289553	
NOV	12	12	168	77	1035.8	28302.13	1022.92	2	0	4	6	2	33	96	956022	
DEC	14	9	150	64	17.2	1207.1	9	6	10	2	5	4	26	64	35326	
TOTAL	241	110	2600	1187	17.040	1242.78	75.664	0.837	0.696	8.230	121	52	479	1064	\$2,075,099	

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at least one dog."

I asked, "Is Gaston with you at all times when you are working?"

Barry replied, "I don't leave home without him, I don't go anywhere even on off-duty, if I take my car I take him with me."

I said, "When you went out to the car a while ago, he about went nuts."

Barry said, "He always watches me, he knows, where ever I go he's got to go, (Gaston enters the room) he just comes back to check on me, he'll leave again (Gaston leaves the room), then he'll come back and keep checking on me."

I asked, "When he is in the car what is he doing?"

Barry replied, "He lays on the back seat until he either hears my rear deck lights come on or he'll hear me. If I start talking or roll down the window or if he sees somebody out, he'll get up. He's got to watch me the whole time, the whole time I'm on a traffic stop he'll watch me, make sure I'm all right. If I get someone out, he goes nuts."

I asked, "So you don't let him out until you do a drug search?"

Barry said, "Right, he don't come out. I also got a door popper, which I have a thing here on my belt that opens the door automatically, if I need him."

I remarked, "Oh, okay so you can let him out in case something happens and you need him."

He added, "Right, in case something happens and I need him to come out, he's trained on that."

I added, "He's your protector and your his protector."

Barry replied, "Yes that's right."

I asked, "Basically you work Franklin County, but if someone needs help in an adjacent county, you go help them?"

He replied, "Right, I'm really assigned to the South Zone which is Franklin, Union, Rush and Fayette, but I mainly stay in Franklin County. We keep plenty busy there."

I turned and asked Gaston, "Do you want to say something, I've got you on the tape when Barry left the room."

Barry added, "He's such a good dog, I mean he is good with my kids, my wife, he really likes my wife!"

I said, "So he is a family dog."

Barry added, "When he is off duty, he knows he's off. Once you put him in that car it's a different game. He knows how to turn it off and turn it on."

I said, "When it's play time, it's play time. When you give him the commands, then it's serious time. I remember the day on the beach, how quickly he went from playing with Macy to grabbing Steve's arm and putting the bite on him."

I asked, "Is it what you're saying, is it the command words or just the sound of your voice?"

Barry answered, "It's more the tone of my voice, he knows my voice. He just listens to me, he don't listen to anybody else. In training another officer would try to give him the same commands and get him to come off, but he didn't pay any attention to them. We've done so many scenarios, he knows when not to do it or when to do it, he knows my voice and only responds to it."

Gaston as if on cue came back into the room. It was really uncanny, it was as if he knew that my conversation with Barry was finished.

I thanked Barry for taking the time to talk with me.

I asked Barry if he would let me take a photo of him and Gaston. On the way to take the photo Gaston let me pet and play a bit with him, up until he about knocked me down in his playfulness. From standing still he jumped straight up above my head. I thought to myself, Gaston is awesome and I am glad we were just playing!

Police Reports Continued here from Page 8

A search warrant was obtained for the home. When officers entered they found a Meth lab. Shelton was charged with Manufacturing Methamphetamine, class "B" Felony; Possession of Precursors, class "D" Felony; Possession of Marijuana, with a Previous Conviction, class "D" Felony, and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, class "D" Felony.

Both Shelton and Burlage were lodged in the Franklin County Jail. Bischoff was assisted at the scene by Troopers Franklin, Shoemaker and Schwendeman. Troopers were at the home until early this morning dismantling the deadly chemicals.

March 30, 2010

K9 Leads Officers to Heroin And a Handgun

Brookville – Last night around 11:50 p.m. Trooper Barry Bischoff, who was working traffic on State Road One in the area of Old State Road One, stopped a silver 1998 Jeep Cherokee for an equipment violation.

After speaking to the three subjects, Trooper Bischoff got out his K9 partner Gaston, who alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. Brookville Officer Ben Cummins and Franklin County Deputy Greg Mehlbauer arrived at the scene to assist. A search of the vehicle yielded a baggie of Heroin and a loaded .45 caliber handgun.

Arrested was the driver, Andre Lee, 26, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for Possession of a Handgun by a Felon, Class "C" Felony, and Possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance, Class "D" Felony.

Also arrested were passengers Matthew Abernathy, 27, of Brookville, and passenger Travis Couch, 27, of Brookville. They were both charged with Possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance, Class "D" Felony, and Possession of a Handgun without a License, Class "D" Felony.

All three men were lodged in the Franklin County Jail. The investigation is ongoing and further charges are likely to be filed.

April 12, 2010

Traffic Stop Leads to Wanted Felon

Brookville – Last night at about 6 p.m., Connersville Trooper Barry Bischoff stopped a maroon 1995 Buick for a traffic violation on U.S. 52, in the area of Elk Horn Road. After speaking with the driver, Anthony Lawson, 46, of Aurora, he became suspicious of illegal activity.

Bischoff got out his K9 partner Gaston, and did an open air search around the outside of the vehicle. Gaston alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. The front seat passenger of the vehicle refused to identify himself to Trooper Bischoff. He was taken into custody and later identified as Dennis T. Seabolt, 37, of Aurora.

Trooper Rick Shoemaker arrived at the scene and a search was conducted. A large zip lock plastic bag was located in the vehicle containing marijuana. Marijuana was also located on Seabolt. After doing a records check it was discovered that Seabolt was wanted on warrants out of Dearborn County.

Seabolt was arrested and charged with a warrant for Dealing Cocaine, Class "C" Felony; Possession of Marijuana over 30 grams, Class "D" Felony; Dealing in Marijuana, Class "D" Felony; Warrant for Domestic Battery, Class "A" Misdemeanor; Possession of Paraphernalia and False Reporting, both Class "B" Misdemeanors.

Also arrested was the driver Anthony Lawson. He was charged with Possession of Marijuana over 30 grams, Class "D" Felony and Dealing in Marijuana, Class "D" Felony. Both men were lodged in the Franklin County Jail.

First Sergeant Todd Fields, Acting Commander of the Connersville Post said "We would like to remind the public that we discover many criminal acts during traffic stops. In addition to reducing fatal crashes, officers use traffic enforcement as a means of detecting and preventing criminal acts. When you see a traffic stop in progress, slow down and safely merge around the officer, because, as in this case, the officer may be working on more than just a traffic ticket."

April 28, 2010

Probation Visit Leads to Felony Drug Arrest

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County Probation Department as they conducted a home visit on Flat Rock River Road in Rushville. After marijuana was located at the residence, a State Police K-9 was summoned.

A search warrant was obtained for the residence. With the assistance of Trooper Barry Bischoff and his K-9 partner Gaston, more marijuana, pills and paraphernalia were located. Arrested was Ron N. Hughes Jr., 27, for Possession of Marijuana over 30 grams, Class "D" Felony; Possession of a Controlled Substance, Class "D" Felony, and Possession of Paraphernalia, Class "A" Misdemeanor. Hughes was lodged in the Rush County Jail.

Trooper Yeend pointed out "This case was a success because of the cooperation between the Indiana State Police, the Rush County Probation Department, the Rushville City Police Department and the Rush County Sheriff's Department. They all provided the information needed to conduct this investigation."

Following is a list of all the Indiana State Troopers who have K-9 Partners in Indiana. Indiana State Police Sergeant Tony Knox sent me this list after Sergeant John Bowling had referred my request to him for more information on the Indiana State Police K-9 program.

K-9 Indiana State Police Roster

Knox, Tony Sergeant Kody

Area 1

Rayner, Ricky A Trooper Thor
 Jones, Michael Trooper Boss
 Eads, Jon Trooper Nico
 Trammel, Frederick A. Trooper Rykr

Area 2

Bradley, Peter Trooper Rex
 Lebo, Ryan Trooper Bosco
 Shenefield, Gary *M/Trooper Beau
 Cosgrove, Shawn Trooper Zeke
 Lankford, Brandon S. Trooper Schatten
 Dockery, Micky Trooper Hondo
 Shultz, Brad D. *S/Trooper Gunnar
 McNamara, Ryan Trooper Zane

Neuenschwander, Shane Trooper Smokey

Area 3

Lehmkuhler, Mark Trooper Brote
 Waters, Kevin W. *S/Trooper Andy
 Brown, Kevin W. *S/Trooper Rydr
 Finney, Michael C. Trooper Sabre
 Lambert, Robert J. Trooper Diesel

Area 4

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 Abbott, Nathan Trooper Kilo
 Wheelles, Stephen Trooper Kane
 Stephens, Shane Trooper Jaxx
 Bischoff, Barry K. Trooper Gaston

Area 5

Freeman, Kyle Trooper Dudley
 Preston, Dave *S/Trooper Colt
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 Donald, Kendrick D. Trooper Murtaugh
 Hearon, Daniel L. *S/Trooper Samson

DES

Wade, Dennis *S/Trooper Mojo
 *Master Trooper *Senior Trooper

Sergeant Tony Knox also sent the 2009 yearly Program stats shown in the chart on page 28.

Editor's Note: I want to thank the Indiana State Police Connersville Post for letting me do this article on Indiana State Trooper Barry Bischoff and his K-9 Partner Gaston. ■

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Warrant for Dealing Cocaine and a warrant for Domestic Battery. The passenger and the driver were also arrested for Possessing and Dealing Marijuana, over 30 grams, which was discovered during the stop.

The Acting Commander of the Connersville Post, First Sergeant Todd Fields, sums it by saying "We would like to remind the public that we discover many criminal acts during traffic stops. In addition to reducing fatal crashes, officers use traffic enforcement as a means of detecting and preventing criminal acts. When you see a traffic stop in progress, slow down and safely merge around the officer, because the officer may be working on more than just a traffic ticket."

Well, this wraps up another month's article. Remember, you can contact me at jbowling@isp.IN.gov anytime you have a question. Thank you all for giving us the opportunity to serve you, be safe, and we'll talk again next month. ■

KAMPFIRE KOOKIN'

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the pound cake slice and put a mound in the middle. You will hear raves about this so-simple treat.

Make the first camping trip as easy on yourself as possible, after all you've kind of gotten stale over the winter and you have to break yourself in a little slow at first to get back into the grove so to speak. Use paper plates, paper bowls, plastic knives, forks, and spoons and you can set back and have another cup of coffee and leave the dish washing to the other campers in the park. Try this simple fare when you do your Kookin' 'round your first spring Kampfire. ■

TRAP LINES

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kept him from coming closer, but that experience was memorable for this father and his son.

Occasionally I will read about hunters going out after season and searching for, and finding, deer antlers after the shed. It would be a nice experience to find some antlers to display around the home or in the fur shed.

Every now and then I get in the mood to search for fossils in creeks. I am not looking for anything in particular, just something "neat" to have in my collection of outdoor finds. This is something that parents can do with their younger children that requires no license, no time frame and little effort. My son, Patrick, has gone with me a few times and gets excit-

ed by the simplest of finds.

You may be wondering, "So how do all of these outdoor hobbies benefit me on the trapline?" Some of them probably don't, but most do. While I am fishing, I can catch and keep bluegill or carp to use as bait for the trapline. While fishing I have been able to watch beaver swim or work on constructing a dam. I have watched raccoon, mink and muskrat in search of food. While looking for arrowheads, I often see tracks left behind by furbearing animals confirming the presence of fox or coyote. Small game hunting, searching out various plants and hunting mushrooms will allow me the opportunity to find trails frequently traveled for the use of snares during the trapping season. In areas where turkeys reside, I find scat left behind not just from turkeys, but other animals as well such as fox and coyote. And while searching out fossils, occasionally you'll come across scat deposited by various furbearers, evidence of feeding areas, and muskrat dens.

I didn't become interested in all of these outdoor hobbies on my own. Someone "set the stage". Someone wrote about them. Someone made a video. Someone chatted with me in person. Someone took the time to take me out to the fields, the forests and the waterways. The people who set the stage for me were my father, Allan Wright, writers, hunters, trappers and fishermen from all over the country. Are you setting the stage for others to develop an interest in many areas of the outdoors? It's never too late. Studies have shown that kids who spend time with their parents and who are active in outdoor activities are less likely to get involved with drugs and alcohol. It's not a cure-all for sure. But can you think of anything better? Take your spouse and children along with you and teach them what you know. Broaden your own interests as well. You'll create memories that will last a lifetime. ■

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with a friend. Otherwise, you don't have anyone to lie to about the big one that got away on another memorable trip.

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HAITI CONNECTION -- I've always been a news "junkie". It's been my business over the years whether involving straight news or sports. From grade school to my current white hair status, my interest in news hasn't diminished

So when the terrible earthquake struck Haiti, my eyes were glued to the TV, internet and newspaper. It was horrific, but I had to watch and read.

My earliest recollection related to Haiti was while at Indiana State University. I had the opportunity as an upperclassman to be the school's first sports information director, working for Dr. John Longfellow, the athletic director.

I still remember the polished ebony mask on the wall behind his desk. It had been given to him as a memento of thanks for his volunteer effort in helping develop sports programs for the youngsters in Haiti back in the 1950's

While watching and reading about the most recent disaster (and, Haiti has had more than it's share, including political), I never thought about fishing. Being an island country, I always assumed fishing was part of the culture and economy, but never made any other connection.

However a connection was made when my friend, TJ Stallings with TTI-Blakemore sent me an interesting email. From it's headquarters in Wetumpka, Alabama, TTI markets several brands of fishing hooks (Tru-Turn, Daiichi, etc) as well as Road Runner lures and other fishing gear.

Last August, I wrote about a new TTI product scheduled for introduction later in the fall, the StandOUT-STACKER. It is a two-hook rig designed to simulate swimming baitfish.

T.J. apparently heard from several anglers who called asking about the rigs, which have been a bit hard to find.

"The good news, they are tremendously effective," said Stallings. "The bad news, they are tied by our friends in Haiti...They were in our vendor's metal building and all survived the earthquake"

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At left, Jake Cooper from Kouts and Jerry Okeley from North Judson took these 2 Tom turkeys after calling them in on opening day. Jerry had hunted turkeys but never got a shot at a Tom, this was Jake's first turkey hunt. (Photo by Melinda Okeley)



Shirlin Butler from Monroe, Ohio caught this 24" Stripped Bass in Brookville Lake on 04-12-10 Photo by Midlake Trading Post



7 year old Cody Ranz took his first turkey, weighing in at 17 lbs on 04-17-10 on the family farm in Switzerland Co. IN. (Photo by proud Grandma Julie Little)



Gretchen Blackburn, Francesville, IN, took this 14 lb. Turkey on 4-24-10 @ 9:17 am E.T. on her 1st turkey hunt. It had a 3 inch beard. (Photo by The Blackburns)



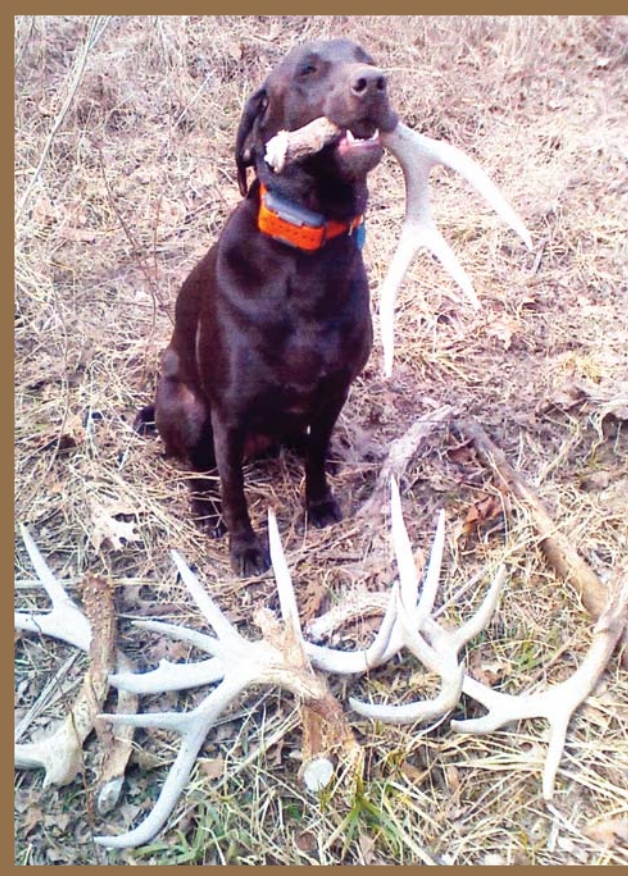
10 year old Clarissa Blackburn, Francesville, IN, took her 1st Turkey, a 25 1/2 lb., it had a 9 inch beard. It was a 2 year old bird taken on 4-18-10 @ 11:20 am. (Blackburn Photo)



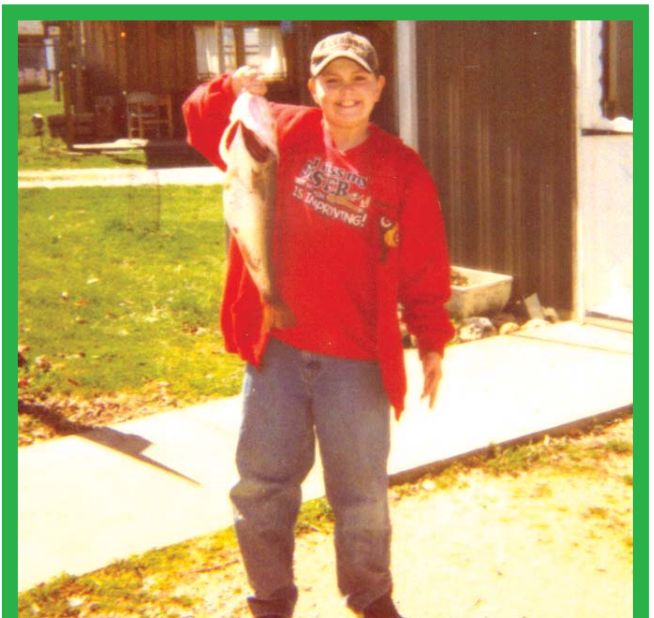
Hi, My name is Taylor Gifford, I am 11 years old. I was hunting on October 11, 2009 during the youth hunt on my Great Uncles farm. I was hunting out of the cabin my Uncle built by hand. My buck came out of the woods, I had to wait for him to get closer for a good shot. He turned broadside at 125 yards. I was using a 30-30 that is my Grandfather's gun. I made the perfect shot and dropped him in his track. I want to thank everybody that helped me in my great and successful hunt. My buck had 8 points and weighed 150 pounds. Sincerely, Taylor Gifford, Cynthiana, Kentucky (Photo sent in by Wilma Woodford, Cynthiana, KY)



Five year old Austin Hill took this 20 pound Turkey. It had a 10 1/2 inch beard and 2.9 mm spurs. (Parkside Marine and More Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Autumn, a dog that knows how to locate and collect deer sheds. Autumn's owners are Scott and Carla Stallard. (Poor Boy Country Store Photo, Eckerty, IN)



Eleven year old Hayden Cleek caught this 5 lb. 13 oz. Bass on 03-26-10. (Norm's Bait Shop Photo, Campbellsburg, IN)

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Ernest "Ernie" McCleery, Lexington, IN, took this 18 lb. Turkey on April 22, 2010. It had a 11 inch beard. Ernie owns McCleery's Dog Carriers, see his ad on page 21.



Nine year old Allyson Rodandello took her first turkey in May 2010. It weighed 22 lbs, had a 10- 1/2" beard and 22 mm spurs. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



7 year old Cayden Carlson, Greenfield, IN, took his first Turkey on 4-17-10 on his first turkey hunt in Switzerland Co. It weighed 23 lbs. and had a 10" beard. (Photo by Eric Carlson)



Tony Colgan caught this 2.69 lb., 16 1/4 inch Crappie in the Salamonies Reservoir this Spring. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Salamonies Reservoir, IN)



James Mahuron caught this 27 pound Catfish with a hand pole on 04-02-10. (Norm's Bait Shop Photo, Campbellsburg, IN)



Jessica Palladino caught this fish in Caboose Lake at Caboose Lake Campground, which is owned and operated by her mom, Chris Palladino. The fish is a crossbred of a Pumpkin Seed and Bluegill. Jessica called it a Sunbilly. She caught it using a nightcrawler while fishing from a dock on her birthday, June 18, 2009. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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operation and shipments.
(Like many other Americans and companies, TTI sent aid to help with the recovery unrelated to business purposes.)

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Contact writer Phil Junker by email at: outdoorscribe@yahoo.com

Bird Dog Points

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the far tree lines and at times totally out of sight. There was no doubt that she is Chance's daughter.

When placements were called, Chance's Magnum of Mischief had done it again, taking first place.

On this same weekend, the Weimaraner Club of Michigan was holding a trial at Ionia, Michigan. Mary Lester, who owns Murphy, our good gun dog, as well as Corky and Gibbs, two young started pups, is secretary of the Michigan Weim Club. Mary asked if they could take their dogs and run them in their trial. Mary's two daughters have spent many days here learning how to handle their dogs so I knew they would have a good time. Murphy placed 3rd in open gun dog, Corky won the open and amateur puppy, placed 3rd in the open derby, and Gibbs finished 2nd in open and amateur puppy. Congratulations to them for a job well done.

Last weekend found me at Farmland, Indiana at a hunt test hosted by the Brittany Club of Greater Indianapolis. I accompanied Keith Moore of Moore Brittans of Greensburg, Indiana. Joy received another leg toward her Senior Hunter title.

Later this month we will be in Michigan for two back to back one day trials. Maggie has just turned two and is too old to run derby but Pink will be going as well as Doppler, Pink's brother. Doppler is the latest addition to our trial string.

There will be several finished dogs added to the trial string in time for the fall season, Hunter a Brittany, owned by Keith Moore of Greensburg, Indiana, Miley, a GSP, owned by Ryan Hochstetler of Batesville, Indiana, Mick, a Weim, owned by Jim Bower of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Sue, a Spinone, owned by Pat Fendley of Crestwood, Kentucky. Watch for these dogs to do spectacular things later this year.

It's mosquito time again, so remember to protect your friend.

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Identification of these plants is of highest importance. Pictures, available through books, brochures and pamphlets, and the Inter-net are the first step in recognizing what unwanted plant is growing in your backyard or somewhere on 1000 acres of agricultural property.
 Much information is available from the state extension education office (county agent), the Natural Resource Conservation Service (a federal agency), wildflower society organizations and the state's Department of Natural Resources.
 Another chilling thought for those who feel, "Well, it is just another plant out there." However, this plant may be using the space where morel mushrooms grew.

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SMOKE ON THE WATER BBQ FESTIVAL AND FRONTIER DAYS REUNION

I have to apologize for not having room enough for a lot of things that was supposed to be in this issue. However, next month I promise to have both photos and information as to the winners of the BBQ cookoff and our Frontier Days Reunion. I will say that Golden Eagle really enjoyed being at Treaty Line Pioneer Village again. We all enjoyed his visit.

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needed to produce viable seed. Also since this was probably not the first plant to produce seeds in this area, the seeds lying in the soil can remain viable for 5 years. A return trip to the pulling site is needed for several following years.
 Infestations of garlic mustard beyond the scope of hand pulling, can be controlled by applying 1-2% solution of glyphosate - non-selective vegetation killer - to the foliage during late fall or early spring. At these times, most native plants are dormant, but garlic mustard is green and vulnerable. Due to the past year's seed production, an annual follow-up will be necessary for several years.
 My turkey ambush site was also shielded by two additional invasive plants - multiflora rose and Asian bush honeysuckle. There is little doubt, somewhere along this wooded slope at least one more invasive would probably be found, the list is becoming quite long. Any one of these imported plants could become or has become the "Canada Thistle" of uncultivated land.

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