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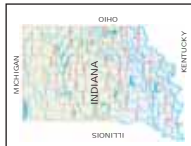


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Top Right: Ferd Lohman and Dan Johnson won

First Place in the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye Tournament. Winning the Crestliner Boat Package. Shortly after winning the boat they gave it back to be sold by Parkside Marine and Moe and the money be put in the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Scholarship Fund. See page 16-17. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Left: The Gad-a-bout's grandson Dylan Smock, carry's on the family Scouting Tradition by joining Troop 16 in Centerville, IN. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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I NEED TO BE A MAGICIAN

At the time of this writing, Sunday, Oct 10th with 2 days left before going to print, The Gad-a-bout is practically finished, except for putting about six pages of information into two and a half pages. If I was a magician that wouldn't be a problem, but I'm not one so I guess I have a problem.

SOMETIMES THE PAST IS A BLURRRR

It seems that the last time I really took a good look at Tyler Frame, son of Rick Frame, owner of Frame's Outdoor located just south of Liberty, he was a teenager. However that is not the case today, Tyler is now Dr. Frame and has opened his Clinic of Chiropractic next door to his Dad's sport shop (south side).



TYLER L. FRAME, D.C. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Dr. Frame (Tyler) grew up in Lynn, Indiana but spent most of his time in Liberty. He is married to Marcia Williams Frame of Winchester where she currently works as a dental hygienist. They have a beautiful little girl named Bowi. They love to cheer on the Colts and the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. They also enjoy the outdoors, golfing, fishing, and

spending time together. Dr. Frame attended Ball State University during his undergraduate education. He graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport Iowa June 18, 2010. He was first drawn to chiropractic interested in sports medicine. While in school at Palmer he learned the true meaning of chiropractic and developed a preventative healthcare philosophy. Clinic hours are currently Mon-Fri. 9am to 6pm by appointment.

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IT'S OFFICIAL

The Whitewater Canal Byway Association now owns 33 acres across U.S. 52 from the town of Metamora (formerly MacLyn property). It will become the Whitewater Gateway Park. A special ceremony was held on Sept. 18th when Byway mem-

bers cut the "For Sale" sign down after nearly six years of work to get the property.

For more information contact: Whitewater Canal Byway, P.O. Box 75, Metamora, IN 47030 or e-mail Bob Hanson at bywaynews@gmail.com

BREANNA & DYLAN'S STORY

Several weeks ago I asked my Grandson and Granddaughter to write me something for The Gad-a-bout, Dylan is in the fifth grade, his story appears with the article about Centerville Boy Scout Troop 16 on page 24-25. Breanna is in the third grade, she wrote a short story about the Centerville School where she and Dylan are attending for awhile. A brief explanation of "the park." The grandkids call the Centerville Elementary School playground "the park."



Breanna Smock Age 9

The Park by Breanna Smock

I always go to the park. I try to go to the park every day.

The park I go to is at the Centerville School. I love the school and the park.

79TH CB REUNION SEPT 26-29TH

I just now got an e-mail from Lenore and Fred Hummel, hosts for the 65th Reunion of the 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion in Gettysburg, PA telling me about their reunion.

Good Evening: We had a great time at the 79th Construction Battalion Seabees reunion in Gettysburg, PA. Twenty Seabees and family attended the reunion. On Tuesday we took a very nice bus tour of the Gettysburg battlefield, both guide and driver were very good. Wednesday we toured the Eisenhower farm. Hope to see you next year, 2011.

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by PIO Gary Catron

Climb up . . . Safely

For many people, it is finally here. Yes, I am referring to the 2010 deer hunting season. Some plying their archery hunting prowess have tagged a deer, perhaps two, others are still counting the days waiting for the firearms seasons.

While hunters have a variety of methods to use in attempts to hunt and take deer, there is a commonality regardless of one's favored hunting device...the treestand. Treestands are used by many, giving a bit better vantage point and larger field of view of game. They also comprise a high percentage of hunting related incidents reported annually. Of the 230 reported hunting related incidents Indiana Conservation Officers responded to from 2002-early 2010, 104 were treestand related including 8 fatalities.

For over ten years, an emphasis on treestand safety has been part of hunter education courses in Indiana. I feel that it would be a bit remiss of me to not take this opportunity to relate some information regarding treestand safety. Be it a useful review or new information, I hope the following safety rules are helpful.

Always wear a fall-arrest system or full body harness. Proper usage is important not only when on

the stand platform. According to studies conducted by the International Hunter Education Association, 70% of treestand related incidents occur when the person is either ascending or descending. The fall-arrest system should be checked for functionality prior to each use.

Read and understand the treestand manufacturer's instructions and know the limitations of your equipment. The weight limit given with the treestand includes the weight of equipment. Time should be taken near ground level to practice with your fall-arrest system and setting up your treestand to become familiar and comfortable with it prior to taking it afield.

Select a live, straight tree of appropriate size for your treestand use. One may have to alter their preferred stand location to provide for this important safety issue. Never use a dead tree. A dead tree could break or large limbs could fall while you are in your stand. Both could have deadly results.

The 'three points of contact' rule applies when climbing into or out of your stand. Always use a haul line to raise equipment to your treestand. It is an obvious 'must' that all firearms be completely unloaded when being raised and lowered.

Never modify a manufactured treestand. If repairs are needed, utilize proper replacement parts from the manufacturer. Inspect your treestand and all components for damage often including all small components and any stitched items. The natural weathering process will affect gear left at your deer hunting location for any prolonged length of time. Gnawing wildlife can also damage essential components.

As with any trip afield, always let someone know where you will be and when you plan to return. Hunt with a buddy if possible. Even utilizing a fall-arrest system, unexpected things can occur which may leave one unable to use a cell phone or other communication device that may commonly be carried.

Speaking from some experience, even under favorable circumstances when help has been called in a timely fashion, it can often be very difficult and time consuming for emergency response personnel to reach, effectively treat, stabilize and evacuate victims of serious injuries resulting from treestand falls. If help is delayed a serious injury could prove fatal.

At the Indiana Hunter Education Association's (IHEA) annual hunter education academy this past August, the Treestand Manufacturer's Association (TMA) provided valuable assistance relating the most updated industry standards and providing a very 'hands-on' block of instruction to volunteer hunter education instructors in attendance. Representatives from TMA provided a separate day long seminar to Indiana Conservation Officers designed to assist officers as they investigate treestand related incidents. Many of the causes of tree-



TMA Executive Director John Louk demonstrates multiple aspects of treestand safety. (Photo provided by ICO Gary Catron)

stand incidents involve improper setup of the stand including improper location or tree selection, improper installation of supporting components, utilization of damaged components or omission of their usage.

The TMA offers an interactive treestand safety course and quiz on their website (www.tmastands.com) that can serve as a good review or a primer to those young or new to treestand use.

Many of the reported treestand incident could be prevented by strictly following the manufacturer's directions and recommendations. If we really think about it, much of the time we are getting into or out of our treestand it is a dark or low-light condition which compromises our ability to see. Add in wet or freezing conditions and it becomes obvious that this is NOT a time to cut corners concerning our safety!

Hot Topic

One topic that continues to be getting a lot of attention has been the proposed deer regulation changes. If you are a deer hunter and have not been part of a conversation about them...well, where have you been?

During August, five open house meetings took place at various locations throughout Indiana for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to share information about proposed changes to the deer hunting regulations. IDNR Fish and Wildlife biologists were on hand to provide information in an informal format.

The proposed deer hunting regulation changes have been a topic at sports store counters and virtually everywhere two or more deer hunters occupy close proximity. As with such things, it is not uncommon for there to quickly exist a 'rumor mill'

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How your boat will run next spring depends on winterizing chores right now. (Mike Schoonveld Photo)

Winter Gas Tank Decisions

Great Lakes anglers will soon be putting away their boats for the season. But before they do, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has some tips learned from fuel industry insiders on how to store a boat with E-10 gasoline (containing 10% ethanol) in the gas tank over the winter. I have some tips, too, about how I've stored my boat away for the past several years. Their way and my way don't coincide, though we do agree on certain aspects of the problem.

One thing we can agree on is doing nothing is wrong. The end game is to drop the boat in the water next spring, hit the switch and be rewarded with a quick start and a smooth running engine. Evidently, there are 2 routes to the end-zone.

The Octane issue: Over long winter storage periods, E-10 gasoline loses octane at about the same rate as non-ethanol gasoline. In Michigan, with no mandatory ethanol labeling laws, you really don't know whether you have pure gasoline or E-10 gasoline. Regardless, expect to lose some of the octane. Stabil or other, similar, gasoline winterizing products don't retard the loss of octane. These products do other things, however, and should be a part of any winterizing plan.

BoatUS's PLAN

Warm air expands, cold air contracts. This is true whether the air is inside a balloon, in the atmosphere or inside a boat's gas tank. Since winter temperatures are not constant, any air inside a gas tank stored in an unheated environment will warm or cool as the outside temperatures fluctuate with the result being the gas tank "breathes" through the air vent. If the air happens to be humid, there's the chance the humidity in the air can condense on the inside of the tank and run to the bottom of the tank (gasoline floats on water).

So BoatUS recommends filling your boat's fuel tank to the top. One reason is to decrease the tank's "lung capacity." If there's only a small air space,

only small amounts of humid air will suck into the tank when the temperature drops. The other reason is that ethanol absorbs water - about 10 times more than regular gasoline. So each 10 gallons of gas in the tank contains 1 gallon of ethanol which can absorb over 3/4 cup of water. Chances are, a full fuel tank won't condense and collect nearly that amount of water.

There's a better chance, an empty or nearly empty tank might.

So go along with BoatUS, add Stabil according to directions and don't worry about whether your tank has E-10 or straight gasoline. Right?

MY PLAN

I followed the BoatUS winterization method for the first two years I owned my current boat, which has a 70 gallon gas tank. I filled it almost to the top, added the required 28 ounces of Stabil (over 20-bucks worth) and faced a real dilemma in the spring. The boat's motor started hard and ran very rough. Especially at trolling speed. And since we were only fishing the pier heads for browns and cohos, each trip burned very little fuel. The Stabil prevented the gas from clogging up the carburetor with gum and varnish, but it didn't keep the gas fresh enough to run the engine perfectly in the spring.

Since I didn't burn a lot of gasoline on these initial trips, topping off the tank with fresh fuel didn't inject enough "good stuff" to counter act the "bad stuff" for several trips. So I changed plans.

Now, I run the tank down to nearly empty on the last outing in the fall, realizing I might be inviting water condensation over the lay-up period. I add a few dollars worth of Stabil for the few gallons left in the tank. In the spring, I add 6 bottles of HEET-a-product designed to absorb water in fuel systems, fill the tank with fresh E-10 which can absorb even more water and head for the lake. For the past 6 years, the

motor started quickly and ran perfectly.

Which method you use is up to you. For me, I don't fix what isn't broken.

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by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

You Gotta' Love It

Fishing in November is not for everybody. I have been guide fishing for 13 years now, and I would have to say November is one of the better months for fishing that I have experienced on Brookville Lake. Over the years I have conjured up a group of people I take fishing through out the month of November.

They are between the ages of 25 and 60 years old and always male and highly intelligent. Well that's my opinion. My wife would have to beg to differ she thinks it's stupid, crazy weird and down right out of the question. But I tell her the walleye are biting good, she still don't understand, I guess it's a guy thing. If you are like me, you gotta go when the fish are biting. There are a few things you need to know.

As far as the lake goes it will be lowered down to winter pool which is 8 feet below summer pool.

Everything around the lake is built to the lake being at summer pool, 748 elevation. Like the boat ramps, boat docks, sea walls, and the lake itself. On Brookville lake there are flats. These flats are 9 to 10

feet deep in the summer when the lake is at summer pool. When they drop the lake down 8 feet to winter pool this makes these flats 1 to 2 feet deep and they are out in the main lake so be aware of there location or you are going to have a busted prop. Another thing to watch for is the moss on the boat ramps as the lake falls to winter pool moss is exposed at the waters edge, very slippery. What I do to combat this is sand. I put 2 five gallon buckets of sand in the back of my truck along with a couple of bags of salt. You have to try to be prepared to take care of yourself when winter fishing. While your on the lake two things you don't want to see is freezing rain and snow. Although these things will improve fishing, you can't stay, it makes it impossible to get your boat out of the lake.

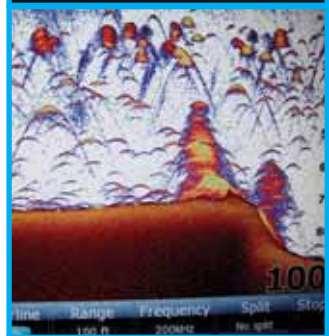
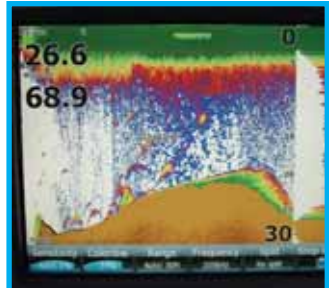
The baits I take on the boat for winter fishing are surface baits, spoons, and minnows. When asked I always tell people the fish will be shallow or deep. The usual response I get is no kidding. But what I mean is the fish will be deep on the bottom or they will be shallow in the water column. The fish that are shallow at this time of the year are bass. Largemouth bass, Smallmouth bass, White bass and Striped bass. You can't see these fish on your fish finder unless you have a side scan system, so you have to use visual clues like shallow bait fish flipping on he surface, seagulls diving in the water, or the wind blowing into the shore. If your fishing deep for fish like walleye watch your depth finder. These fish will show up on the bottom.

If you are fishing the surface with a surface lure just fan cast and retrieve and remember to fish it slow. If your going to fish a live minnow fish it behind a casting bobber. The bobber will give it weight to aid in making a long cast and hold your minnow close to the surface. When fishing a live minnow all your really trying to do is place the minnow in different places, let the minnow do all the fancy stuff. Just cast, pause, reel a couple cranks, pause, till you get bit, set the hook and take a picture of one of the biggest smallmouth bass you have caught in a long time. Seriously this is the time of the year to do it. Places to fish for all bass in the winter time are points, rocky shore lines and shallow sand flats.

If you are looking to catch fish on spoons you have to stop by 52 Pick-up in Brookville, we have 15 feet of shelving donated to nothing but spoons. There are a couple of ways to fish a spoon. You can fish it straight up and down or you can under hand pitch it and frog hop it back to the boat. The latter works best in shallow water, and the straight up and down method works better in deep water. What you are looking for is under water structure like steep drop off ledges, deep structure like brush piles and rock piles, under water humps or under water depressions. Really watch your fish finder and just hunt for fish on the bottom, when you see them stop and fish them with a spoon, you won't be disappointed.

Good Luck Tag Nobbe

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Andy Curtis (far right) gives \$200 to Mike "Moe" Morrison (L) and Dave Bowser (R) who won First Place with a total of 9.84 lb. of Crappie for the two day tournament. They also won \$85 for the Saturday Big Fish with a crappie weighing 1.21 lb.



From L to R: Charlie Hicks (Score Keeper), Fletcher Bozarth (Owner of Bozarth Country Store and Sponsor of the 2-Day Crappie Tournament), Dylan Sparks (Score Keeper) and Ryan Pershing (Manager of Bozarth Country Store and Fishing Tournament Director).



Aaron Scott (L) and David Pence (R) holding 4 of their Sunday catch added to Saturdays won them 2nd Place and \$95, with a 9.0 lb. 2-day total. They also won the Sunday Big Fish with a 1.02 lb. crappie winning them an additional \$85.



Mike Bowser (L) and Steve Pershing (R) holding 4 nice crappie of their Saturday catch added to Sundays catch won them 3rd Place and \$55, with a 8.9 lb. 2-day total. Steve is Ryan Pershing's father.

Bozarth Crappie Tourney October 2-3, 2010

Article & Photos
by Ray Dickerson

Bozarth Country Store, located just north of SR 124 on County Road 700 East in Wabash County, sponsored a 2-day Crappie fishing tournament on October 2-3. The event actually began with a Seminar on Friday evening. On Saturday seventeen teams braved the high wind and rain on Salamonie Reservoir and on Sunday sixteen teams fished on a sunny Missisnewa Reservoir fighting a gale force wind that created white caps on the surface of the water. It wasn't ideal conditions, but if you like to fish for crappie or any other species, for that matter, you dress for the conditions and go fish.

I planned on attending the 2-day tournament, but had no idea of where I was going to spend the night prior to driving to Salamonie. Fortunately I looked in a Motel 6 book, I had with me, once I got there and found that they had a motel in nearby Warren, IN, so that is where I stayed Saturday evening. I don't

know what it is, but I can sleep like a baby on one of their beds.

Saturday morning I arrived at Bozarth's Country Store and Campground a little after lunch time.

At 1 p.m. the fishing teams began arriving for the weigh-in. The Crappie tournament began at 7:30 Saturday morning and all the teams had to be back no later than 2 p.m. for the weigh-in. All showed for the weigh-in except one.

When the fishing teams began arriving the rains had ceased, but a steady cold wind gusted through the weigh-in shelter. On the northwest

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These are the Bozarth Country Store October 2-3 Crappie Tournament fishermen, who braved both days in the rain and cold wind, for a chance to win. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



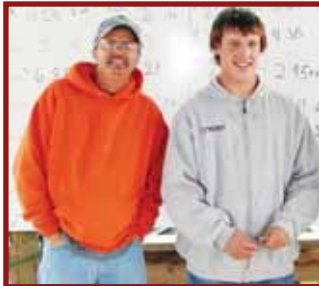
Donnie Roberts (L) and Don Roberts (R) holding these four of the seven crappie they caught at Salamonie Reservoir on Saturday. They caught 7.05 lb. of crappie for the 2-day tournament, placing them in 8th Place.



I took this photo of Salamonie Res. on Sunday, Oct 3rd just north of the East & West Lost Bridge SRA's. The day prior, Saturday, it rained for most of the day for the fishing teams here. On Sunday a very cold north wind hammered the fishermen at Mississinewa Res.



Placing 4th was Jeff Yeakle (L) and Jonathon Brumley (R), for a 2-Day total of 7.73 lb. of Crappies.



Placing 5th in the 2-Day Crappie tournament was Lasswell and Kress, they caught a total of 7.68 lb. of Crappies.



Myron Etchison holding 2 of the 7 crappie he caught in Salamonie Res on Saturday. His partner, Hildreth was absent Sat. due to his fishing another tournament in Ohio. On Sunday the two of them caught 3.31 lb. added to Saturday for a total of 7.53 lb placing them in 6th Place.

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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sgt. John D. Bowling

Indiana Fatal Crashes - Down in Rural Areas; Up in Urban Areas

I just spent two weeks researching crash statistics for the new Pendleton District. A few things really stuck out as I did my painstakingly slow research. One is that fatal crashes are down in rural areas across the state, on most days, by as much as 20+.

Urban crash deaths are up by 16 as I write this, with that number changing daily. I guess the good news is we are being more careful on the interstate and out in the country.

The main causes for crashes in the Pendleton District continue to be speed, following too closely and failure to yield. It seems to be the common theme for crashes all across the state.

Even when driving in town, use the "Two Second Rule" when following other traffic. Motorists should ensure there is AT LEAST a two second time lapse between the rear of the vehicle they are following and the front of their vehicle.

If the time lapse between your car and the one you are following is less than two seconds, you are following too closely and could strike the rear of the other vehicle ahead if it stops suddenly.

Failure to Yield simply means pulling out in front of someone. This is a leading cause of crashes in urban settings.



Truck versus House December 15, 2009. (Photo by Sgt. John Bowling)

look AT LEAST TWICE, each direction, before pulling out. It is not a valid excuse, (as a truck driver found out recently at a crash scene I was at) to say "I don't know why he didn't see me pulling out."

Another leading cause is disregarding traffic control devices, or stop lights and stop signs. (Something that is near and dear to Ray Dickerson's heart.)

I always look forward to fall as it brings with it my favorite times of the year, deer season and the holidays. But as a trooper I think we all dread this time of the year.

Use headlights even during daylight hours. Increase the following distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. DECREASE YOUR SPEED according to the road conditions.

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who think they can drive the speed limit or more on ice covered roadways. Most of those tickets are issued after they end up in the ditch, median, or worse.

Parents, if you have a young driver in your household, know that statistics show the risk of a fatal crash is three times higher after 9 p.m. for 16 year olds.

Lieutenant Bob Burke, the Commander of the Pendleton Post, said "The number one goal for ISP and our Superintendent is to reduce the number of fatal crashes across our state.

Thanksgiving Holiday Travel Season- One of the Bustiest of the Year.

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Food for the kids or Maybe for the adults too

Often times I have heard kids say, "I don't like that" or "I don't want any," or "Why can't we have something we like?" I know that some stews, soups, or cooked vegetables aren't to the liking of the under 18 crowd that camps with us so I thought, why not look for some foods/meals that would be to the liking of our resident crumb catchers? There are some out there meant especially for kids. I think even some of you adults will like these; so come on give 'em a try.

This first one I discovered in an ad for Kraft Macaroni and Cheese on a page ripped from an old (March 1983) McCall's magazine - page 119 to be exact. I'm passing it on to you. I haven't tried it yet but I like Mac and Cheese and I like pizza without all that crust and I think it would go well on a campout with Scouts or other less than an adult crowd.

MACARONI AND CHEESE PIZZA

(Yep, you heard it right.)

- 17 1/4 oz Macaroni and Cheese Dinner
- 2 - eggs (well beaten)
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 (4 oz.) can mushroom pieces (drained)
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 tsp. oregano leaves
- 1 tsp. basil leaves
- 1 cup pepperoni slices
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese

Prepare macaroni and cheese according to the directions on the box. Add the beaten eggs and mix well. Spread the mixture out onto a well-greased 12-inch pizza pan or onto the bottom of a large preheated (375 degrees) aluminum foil lined (for easy clean-up) Dutch oven. Bake for about 10 minutes.

While the 'crust' is baking, combine the tomato sauce, mushroom pieces, chopped onion, chopped green pepper and the seasonings. Spread the mixture over the 'crust' after it's done. Top with the meat slices and then the shredded cheese. Continue baking for ten minutes or until cheese is melted.

(Note: if you don't like pepperoni then substitute 1 pound of browned and drained hamburger or sausage. This pizza should serve four adults or one hungry Boy Scout. (Incidentally, I like a little dried crushed red pepper and some anise seeds on my pizza.)

PEPSI CHICKEN

(Also known as Coca Cola Chicken.)

- 8 pieces of chicken (Make all pieces the same kind.)
- 1 bottle of your favorite BBO sauce
- 1 or 2 (12 oz.) cans of Pepsi Cola)

Put chicken pieces in a well-greased, preheated #12 Dutch oven. Pour the BBQ sauce over the chicken pieces. Bring to a simmer and pour the Pepsi over the chicken just before putting on the lid. Simmer for about 1 hour, checking often. Serve with a cooked vegetable and a tossed salad.

MAC AND CHEESE FROM SCRATCH

(This means not making M&C from a box.)

- 2 lbs. uncooked macaroni
 - 1 lb. hot dogs (cut in slices a little thicker than a penny)
 - 2 lbs. Velveta cheese or an equivalent brand (cubed)
 - 1 (16 oz.) bag of frozen peas
- Cook macaroni in water with hot dog pieces until macaroni is tender. Drain and reserve some of the water. Add cubed cheese and add a little of the macaroni water as needed to maintain a nice consistency. Add thawed peas, mix, and serve.

STONE SOUP THE EASY WAY

(Every one has heard the story so I won't go into it.)

The original stone soup was made with wet vegetables and they had all day to cook it. Scouts aren't that patient. Here then is their version of stone soup sometimes called Klondike Soup.

1 medium sized round river stone (wash, scrub, and boil for 30 minutes to sterilize) and add to a large pot. The size of the group will determine the size of the pot. To figure size, multiply the number of people by 21 plus the size of the stone, and this will give you the approximate size of the pot or kettle you will need.

Example: 10 boys times 21 oz., plus the stone size = 200 oz. divided by 32 oz. in a quart and you will need a pot or kettle that will hold about 7 - 8 quarts. This will allow for the stone, and extra people showing up and if you have to add more water to stretch the soup.

- 1 (10.5 oz.) can of any kind of condensed soup per person.
- 1 (10.5 oz.) soup can of water per person (helps to wash out the cans - save cans)

Crackers - have a lot of them on hand

Open cans of soup and empty contents into a large pot or kettle. Add 1 can of water for each can of soup. Heat through. Remove stone and serve soup. Rinse off stone, dry, and save for next camping trip. Be careful that you do not wash all the flavor from the stone. It gets better with age and use. The stone will keep better if it has its own bag for storage - leather is recommended.

For a drink to go along with the soup, have one package of any flavor of drink mix and one cup of sugar for every four people - just add water and stir. Serve drink in the cleaned soup cans.

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(Got the name from Boy Scout Troop '44')

English muffins (split each one in two and cut each half in two pieces)

Canola oil about 2 to 3 inches deep in a preheated #12 Dutch oven

Your favorite pancake batter mixed up and sitting in a large bowl

Powdered sugar White sugar
Brown sugar Cinnamon

Using tongs, dip a split halved English muffin into pancake batter; coat completely. Drop each coated piece into the hot oil and fry until browned on both sides. Place on paper towels to drain and cool. Sprinkle on powdered sugar or a mixture of brown or white sugar and cinnamon. Betcha can't eat just one.

Fix some kid food the next time it's your turn to do the kookin' 'round your kampfire.

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Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker

Crappie more active as water cools

Summer was very hot, but when fall arrive it doesn't take long for the weather to quickly change. It seems like the air conditioner running all day almost overnight changes to putting a log on the fire-place or starting the furnace. And, it doesn't take long for the water temperature to begin to drop.

As a few cooler days and nights arrive, crappie become more active. It's time for fall slab fishing. Time for putting crappie in the freezer for winter meals.

Most anglers prefer spring crappie fishing when the fish will hit almost anything around the time of their spawn. During the spawn period, the fish don't travel much. They are relatively easy to find and catch.

However, there are also advantages to fall crappie fishing. There usually are fewer people fishing, thus less competition. And, the weather is beautiful. Spending a day on the water of a crisp, fall day with the backdrop of colorful leaves is hard to beat.

It's true that crappie are likely to move more and be more scattered during the fall. As the water temperature begins to cool, the fish will begin to move from deeper water into the shallow to feed before winter. They are looking for food, especially minnows, and you are likely to find the crappie where you find minnows. Many anglers look for the minnows to find the fish.

In the spring if you catch a couple of crappie, you likely will find more in the same area. You probably can fish one general location and have a good outing. In the fall, the fish move and the fisherman needs to do the same. If you aren't catching fish, you need to be on the move.



Tournament crappie angler Bill Braswell holds an early morning crappie as the sun rises on the horizon.(Photo by Phil Junker)

"While the temperature of the water is an important factor in the spring spawn, the fluctuation of the temperature is more important in the fall," says Bill Braswell, former conservation officer, who now successfully fishes the crappie tournament trail.

"Once the temperature begins to drop, the fish will start to move. They will come out of their deeper, summer haunts...If the temperatures starts back up again, they will go deep again," explains Bill.

However, Bill says many people think you can't catch crappie when the water was really warm, but says they can be caught during hot weather months as well. It is a matter of finding the fish and technique.

He said during some of the hottest weather of late summer, he and a fishing companion caught approximately 400 crappie in two days at northern Missouri's Mark Twain Lake.

Braswell recently picked up a new sponsor, Sea Ark. He is helping the company design a boat specifically for crappie fishing. That's another story for another time.

Since crappie are on the move in the fall, one of the best methods of fishing for them is casting small lures, using techniques much like bass fishing. Not only is it one of the most productive methods in the fall, it also is fun.

As long as I'm catching fish, I'll stay in the same general area, but once the action slows it is time to move on. If you think the only way to fish for crappie is to sit in one place, you'll probably think fall fishing isn't much fun or productive. Trolling is another way to cover a lot of water as well as

find fish.

When crappie aren't feeding, they will be in deeper water, usually 10 to 15 feet. However, if you can find them, you still can catch them by dangling minnows. A guide friend says his motto is dangle the bait if the fish are deep, cast if they are shallow.

If you are casting, small lures in the range of one-sixteenth ounce work well. Road Runners, jigs, curly tail grubs, and small crankbaits all work well at times. It's always a good idea to ask local anglers what lure and color seems to be working best.

A plate of fried crappie is a good way to end the day, but may taste even better when taken from the freezer this winter.

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SAD NOTE -- One of the toughest decisions I've ever made was to have my older dog, Augie, a 13-year-old rat terrier "put down" last month. He was my best friend. I have written about him often.

The difficult decision to have the vet put him down came after having to have a younger dog put to sleep just after the first of the year. Both had cancer, however different types.

Augie's cancer was discovered about 18 months ago. He had two surgeries, but the cancer couldn't be stopped.

Knowing the end was coming, I asked our vet, Dr. Frank Stokes (a wonderful doctor) how to know when it would be time to have Augie put down. "You will know," he said. And he was right.

The care provided by Dr. Stokes, Mary and the rest of the staff at the Animal Hospital of Cloverdale was wonderful.

Although I knew it was time for Augie, and the right thing to do. That didn't make the decision any easier.

My wife, Phyllis and I cried a lot. We still miss his wagging tail and cute face.

In his final days, I stayed by his side. Took good care of him. He had done the same for me. A few years ago when I had a serious leg problem and couldn't walk, he was my constant companion.

I'll miss our squirrel hunts, walks in the woods, evenings sharing a chair. Augie was a wonderful dog. I know if there is a heaven for dogs, Augie is there.

We have a new rat terrier, Tyler. He is a ball of fun and very loving, but there still is a hole in my heart for Augie.

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by Dan Graves

**BOAT IS A HOLE
IN THE WATER**

Thousands of years ago a Neaderthal hunter decided it would be faster to get to the hunting grounds by going on water. As he floated downstream, astride a log with his feet dangling in ice cold water, it struck him that it would be more comfortable if he were sitting "inside" the log. Out came the stone ax and the first dugout was born. However, after bouncing off numerous boulders and taking a ride over a waterfall, he carved a set of crude paddles to control the thing and the age of boating for sport and recreation was born.

Since then we've progressed from dugouts to birch bark canoes, flat bottomed river scows, kayaks (an Eskimo specialty where various seals contributed to the hulls), and finally to today's fiberglass flotation devices. Means of propulsion has gone from poles shoved into the bottom to paddles and oars until today with mega-horsepower engines pushing our sleek hulls along at just under warp factor four. Some wise guys from England, a few decades ago, mounted a turbojet engine on a boat, called it the Bluebird, and broke the water speed record for the day (at the cost of the life of a Sir Donald-something or another). It's now the power plant of choice for the unlimited hydroplane racers and it wouldn't surprise me to hear that someone is considering attaching a Saturn 5 booster rocket engine to a floating device and break the sound barrier on water. With all this boating history in my head, three summers ago, I followed the tradition of all those who live on a lake and bought a boat.

As I described in a previous column, it was sixteen feet long, a Javelin fish and ski and was equipped with trolling motor, a Lowrance fish finder (I never found a single fish with it) and a 90 horsepower Johnson outboard engine. However, during those summers, due to my inability to successfully back the thing down the loading ramp and get it anywhere near water, it was wet only eight times, including once this year. I got sick and tired of the hoots of derision from the other boaters at the marina who, watching my feeble attempts to get straight on the loading ramp would shout, "Whassamatter, boy? The lake too small for ya'?" So, a For Sale sign went on it last

summer and due to the economy, stayed there this year until a month ago. But now, I believe in divine intervention. A new couple bought a house just down the road. They came by, looked at the boat and agreed to buy it even before they knew whether or not it actually worked. Admittedly, it was in perfect shape and looked like it had just come off the showroom floor, but no one buys a hunting dog until it has rustled up a few rabbits in the field. But, Walt and Becky looked on my honest face and decided they could trust me. Deal done (I believe there is divine intervention in our lives)!

Since the boat had been on the lake only once this summer, starting the engine after months of idleness, according to our marina manager, could be a problem. That's like saying a rattlesnake in the baby's crib could be a slight problem. With Walt and I aboard, the @\$%*%\$ thing would do nothing more than---VROOM, SPIT, COUGH, and die. For ten minutes I coaxed, pleaded, and used words mana never taught me until the engine finally roared to life. Walt, who had never owned a boat, burlbed out of the idle zone and continued to burble onto the main body of the lake.

"Throttle up a little, Walt", I suggested. He shoved the throttle forward and the boat planed enough for us to see over the bow with the speedometer reading 20 m.p.h. "Gimme a little more throttle" I said. This time he went all the way to the stops and we were scooting along at over 40 m.p.h. as Walt's grin went from sublime to "GET OUTTA MY WAY". Now, I know that slightly over 40 m.p.h. is pretty pantywaist for some boaters, but I knew that the right man now owned this boat.

Normally, a used car salesman couldn't care less how much a customer enjoys his purchase, but the look on Walt's face that day as he skimmed the length of the lake in his new craft made my day. Finally, someone could appreciate the machine and would use it for what it is intended. Since then, I've seen him on the lake numerous times, his fishing gear loaded and running at a speed that even a porcupine couldn't match, getting to the prime fishing spots and using his fish finder for what it was intended. Walt is the person for who these boats are designed. Bless his heart.

Now, the bad news. My wife decided that we needed a pontoon boat, one of those things that lets you keep up with the Joneses. You know, a floating device that lets you putter around on the lake at a grand total of 15 miles per hour (max), is 24 feet long by seven or eight feet wide, equipped with plush couch-like benches, a radio so you can listen to your favorite rock and roll stations and a tape deck to play those ancient Bob Dillon tapes that you almost threw away last summer. Guess What? We bought one of those things and now we are a member of the lake jet set. Wanna know a secret? I can still work a fly rod on the thing in spite of it having this monstrous canopy over the captains chair and a table on the bow with cup holders and seats that pull out into a full king sized bed.

HA! You can take a fisherman out of the water, but you can't take the "Go get 'em" out of the fisherman.

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by Joe Martino

Tactics for rutting bucks

If you are an avid deer hunter, then you realize that the rut is getting ready to be in full swing. From around the first of November until about the third week of the month finds amorous bucks seeking out receptive does for breeding. There are things you can do to up your odds at being in the right place at the right time when a bruiser saunters by. Here are a few.

Know when to move:

If after sitting in your stand(s) during October, you find that the best action is down the ridge a ways or at the other end of the field – move. Sure, when you are in a good spot, sometimes it is best to hang in there and let the law of averages work for you, but at other times you can't move fast enough. Deer activity will tell you where you need to be so don't be afraid to heed the advice.

On the other hand, if you are in a spot that has been a proven producer during the rut year after year, then sit there when the rut comes. Places such as doe bedding areas are magnets once the pre-rut kicks in as bucks cruise through scent-checking for does in heat.

Funnel deer your way:

We all know that funnels and pinch points work well for intercepting deer, but they can also be on fire



Left Photo: Young Braydon Kitchel took this Indiana bruiser on opening morning of Indiana's firearms season last year (2009). Right Photo: The author arrowed this big 8-pointer at 9:30 in the morning last season in early November just as the rut was getting underway. Many of the tips mentioned in this article were put to use. Everything from his comfortable Big Game treestand to the accuracy and dependability of his Mathews bow helped play a part in his success. (Photos by Joe Martino)

during the rut as well. Some hunters feel that during the rut, bucks get a little crazy and can end up anywhere at any time for any reason. This is true, but they still know how to use cover to their advantage, and the does also know to stay in the cover. Unlike the bucks, does don't drop their guard during the breeding season – they remain as sharp as ever, thereby making pinch points good places to get close to love-sick bucks as they follow the does.

Another plus to hunting pinch points during the rut is that by now many other hunting seasons are usually open. As the upland bird and rabbit hunters get out in the fields, they are going to invariably send the deer on the run. By being positioned in a pinch point (which also usually serves as an escape route for pressured deer,) your odds of encountering a buck that was pushed from his bed go up.

Hunt fence rows:

Fence rows are also one of my favorite places to head off rutting bucks. There are a couple of reasons for this: first, fence rows often connect two or more areas of cover to one another and are often the only available travel route between these places that offers any cover at all for the deer. As bucks scent-check bedding areas for receptive does, they will often use fence rows to get from one bedding area to another. Secondly, bucks will cover a lot more ground than normal this time of year, and bucks know that by utilizing fence rows they can minimize travel distance when searching for does. When cross winds blow across a fence row, bucks use this to their advantage to more efficiently seek out estrous does. If you take a fence row that runs north and south, for instance, and there is either an east or a west wind

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blowing, mature bucks know that by traveling this fence row that they can more effectively scent-check for any estrous does that may be downwind. It equals less ground to cover for the buck, which

makes his search more efficient and energy saving.

Hunt mid-day:
Sure, early mornings and late afternoons are the times of peak deer movement but deer can and sometimes do move at times in between. Especially during the rut, deer – especially bucks – can be seen up and on their feet just as easily at noon as they can be at dawn or dusk. As a matter of fact, the rut is about the only time that many big, mature bucks move at all during daylight hours. Before and after the rut, they tend to be nocturnal in nature. So, of you can't make it out to your stand until nine or ten in the morning, during the rut that may just be a good thing.

Don't forget to call:
Certain types of deer calls can work at various times of the season, but never is there a better time to utilize these tools than during the rut. I make it a point to call to every buck that I see during the rut if it is obvious that he is not coming in my direction. Trust me; you have nothing to lose by giving it a shot. The deer may not react to the call at all, but they will rarely, if ever, spook from it. So even though calling to a cruising buck may not do you any good, it won't hurt you either.

Each of the three Pope and Young Class whitetails that I have taken with a bow were called into range. I typically grunt at the buck to get his attention and to see how fired up he is. If that doesn't start him in your direction, then progressively make louder, more aggressive grunts, or even rattle if you can do so without being detected.

My largest buck is a 165" gross typical ten pointer that I noticed angling away from me in a cut corn field at a distance of roughly one hundred fifty yards. As he continued to increase the distance between us, I gave a grunt call which got him to stop and look in my direction. As he lost interest and began on his original path again, I blew a more aggressive grunt. This went on three or times, until I decided that I needed a little something more to coax him in. This is when I let out a roar with my Primos Buck Roar followed by a snort-whoee (I prefer the Primos Buck Roar because I can soft grunt, roar and snort-whoee all with the same call.) The buck immediately turned in my direction and began a fast, steady

match right towards my tree – hair bristled and ears pinned back. About 20 seconds later and my Slick Trick broadhead was slicing through his lungs. The call brought him to within 10 yards of my tree.

The last big buck I killed with my boy was an old eight pointer that field dressed 245 pounds. After he followed a doe to within five yards of my tree, he must have realized she wasn't ready to breed yet because he made an about face and went back in the direction from which he had come before I had a clear shot. A couple of minutes later I could hear him about seventy yards out rubbing some small bushes and trees. Again, my Buck Roar came in handy (although I just grunted with it this time.) but this time I also rattled also. Within a few minutes I spotted him making his way back towards my position looking for a fight. When he turned broadside at twenty-five yards I released the string on my Matthews bow and, once again, let my Slick Trick go to work.

Be prepared:
There is nothing worse than getting to the rut and knowing that you aren't prepared to take advantage of it. I know I have been there numerous times myself. Life gets busy and work and family definitely take precedence. But on those occasional days that you can escape for a hunt, you'll enjoy them more if you know you're ready.

By this I mean to make sure you have been practicing with your bow, that your treestands are in the right spots, and so on. But most importantly, make sure that you have in order at home. You are not going to enjoy hunting the rut if you grass is two feet tall or you haven't finished painting the porch, or if your gutters have saplings growing out of them. Trust me, I know! All of the things that you should be doing will be weighing on your mind rather than the task at hand.

So get your things in order, be prepared and head into this year's rut better than ever. Just remember though – when it comes to whitetailed deer, the only predictable thing about them is that they are unpredictable, so even though nothing can guarantee that a deer will meet its demise at the end of your weapon, adding these tips to your bag of tricks can't hurt. ■

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Photos, Top Left: Indiana State Troopers Steve Sexton (L) placing Gaston tournament flag on boat while Barry Bischoff (M) checking live well as owner looks on (R). Top Right: Tag Nobbe on beach, other boaters leaving to join up for the safe take-off. Bottom Left: Gregory Hoff fires off the traditional muzzleloader 'shot signaling the boats to get underway. Bottom Right: Jeff Koester (L) and Amy Gaston Stehr (R) in boat presents First Place winners, Ferd Lohman (L) and Dan Johnson (R) their new Crestliner boat, motor and trailer. See below for exciting announcement pertaining to Dan Johnson and Ferd Lohman.

Richard T. Gaston Memorial Tournaments

September 18, 2010

Article & Photos
by Ray Dickerson

On September 18, 2010 the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye Tournament and Catfish Contest took place on Brookville Lake. Forty-nine boats with 98 walleye fishermen in them vied for first place and the chance to take home a 2010 Crestliner 16 Kodiak boat, Shorelander trailer and Mercury motor valued at \$11,599.00. Fifty-two fishermen were entered in the Catfish contest and The Queen Mum's smallest Catfish Award in memory of Edna Fenstermacher. This year Sandi Fenstermacher, Edna's daughter, raised the amount to \$150.00 for the smallest catfish award.

It was a perfect day to go fishing, at least weather-wise, the bigger fish evidently felt otherwise. There was 88 lbs of walleye caught.

The winners of the Walleye Tournament and

Catfish Contest are as follows:

Place	Team Name	Wt.	Price
1.	Johnson/Lohman	10.30 lbs	BOAT
2.	D.Herron/R.Miller	7.70 lbs	\$500
3.	M.Vaughn/J.Duracz	7.05 lbs	\$400
4.	T.McFarland/G.Church	6.95 lbs	\$300
5.	A.Dudley/T.Schadle	6.90 lbs	\$250
6.	T.Brown/D.Fox	6.80 lbs	\$200
7.	C.Hill/J.Hill	6.55 lbs	\$175
8.	M.Palmer/E.Palmer	5.50 lbs	\$150
9.	S.Siebert/B.Schwein	5.30 lbs	\$125
10.	J.Smith/D.Egbert	4.50 lbs	\$100

BIG WALLEYE WINNER:

Don Fox	3.35 lbs
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2009 CATFISH CONTEST RESULTS

Rank	Angler	Wt.	Price
1	Garrett Johnson	21.80 lbs	\$300
2	T. Harper	16.50 lbs	\$150
3	Dave Morgan	13.95 lbs	\$75
4	B. Payton	10.40 lbs	\$50
5	Mark Sebesky	9.15 lbs	\$25

BIG CATFISH WINNER:

Garrett Johnson	6.75 lbs
T. Harper	6.75 lbs


SMALLEST CATFISH AWARD

Jay Houston	2-inch Catfish	0.01 lbs	\$150
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The tournament went flawless again this year thanks to all of the people who pitched in and made it happen. I would like to mention a Indiana State Trooper here who deserves a lot of credit for making this and all the past tournament run so smoothly all these years. However I can't put his photo in unless I want to go to jail. Pete, I know everyone wants to thank you for another job well done. See photo of the Indiana State Troopers, Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy, Indiana Conservation Officers, Jeff Koester and Amy Gaston Stehr on page 17. There are quite a few more that I don't have photos of who make this event happen each year. I am not going to try to name them all here, for fear that I will miss naming someone, so let me just say they have the thanks of this outdoor writer for making it all happen.

The Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye Tournament and Catfish Contest is one of the most

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Photos, Top L to R: Don Fox, Ty Brown, B.J. Schwein, Dave Morgan, Jim Houston, Garrett Johnson, Don Herron, Richard K. Miller, Eula Palmer, Max Palmer and Tony Dudley. Second Row: Scott Seibert, Mark Sebesky, Tim McFarland, Dan Johnson, Geoffrey Church, Ferd Lohman, Jim Smith, Dan Egbert and Tony Schadle. Third Row: Jerry Duracz, Mike Vaughn, Jeff Koester and Amy Gaston Stehr. Bottom Left L to R: Biggest Walleye, Don Fox, Luke and Ty Brown all from Aurora, IN. Don caught the big walleye early that morning, it weighed 4.35 lbs., unfortunately it died before he got it to the scale so he lost a pound, officially it weighed 3.35 lb. Bottom Right L to R: Indiana State Troopers Barry Bischoff and Steve Sexton, Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Lovins, Jeff Koester, Indiana Conservation Officer Steve Delph, Amy Gaston Stehr, Indiana Conservation Officer Andy Crozer and Indiana State Trooper Rick Gill.

prestigious events to take place in the Whitewater Valley each September. It commemorates the life of one of Franklin County's own, Indiana State Trooper Richard T. Gaston, who was killed in the line of duty, March 4, 1999. Since his untimely death his family and friends created this tournament in his memory and have created a Richard T. Gaston Memorial Scholarship Fund from proceeds of the tournament. Each year, this fund awards five \$2,000 scholarships to seniors graduating from

Brookville High School. Since 2000, they have supported 57 college-bound freshmen with a total of \$112,000. Something has happened since September 18th that is unprecedented in the Tournaments history. Dan Johnson and Ferd Lohman, the fellas who won the 2010 Crestliner boat package, have given it back to the tournament organizers, Jeff Koester and Amy Gaston Stehr, telling them to sell the boat and put the money into the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Scholarship Fund. See

boat picture on page 16. If you would like to purchase this boat it is on display at Parkside Marine and More, 7191 Fox Run Road, across from the Mounds SRA entrance on Brookville Lake. As soon as the boat is sold the money will be put in the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Scholarship Fund. The 2011 Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye Tournament and Catfish Contest will be in September 2011, date to be announced.

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This is the Beaver Moon, maybe because Beaver pelts could be made into warm coats. Among the Lakota it was often called the Moon When Deer Mated. I'm sure this could apply to many animals.

It was probably a time when most couples stayed in bed longer to keep warm.

This is a wonderful month, especially if you live in the part of our country where the snow comes early and stays late. I always get a kick out of folks around here panic when there is three inches of snow on the ground. I remember living in Illinois when there was fifteen inches of snow on the ground was not uncommon. They kept the streets reasonably clear and dug a passage at the corners so you could cross the street in years after I lived there I heard of people buying snowmobiles to get around. They were getting soft.

Of course, this is the moon when we celebrate that great national holiday, Thanksgiving. A gift we received from the native people when they celebrated the Pilgrims first harvest of the Three Sisters and wild game. Thanks to my loving daughters, I still get my Turkey Drum Stick each year. Although they may have to cut the meat off for me this year as I have now have dentures to join my hearing aides and spe-

cial shoes.

I have been fortunate to have belonged to a family of cooks. My German grandmother, my mother, my wives and my daughters. Even my dear mother, who was educated to marry rich but didn't, could bake wonderful apple and mincemeat pies. My real thrill each year was being able to join in the premeal toast with Mogan David Wine. My uncle was always asked to say say grace... "In the Name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost... The one that eats the fastest gets the most..." Aunt Clara would always say "Oh Willie." Still they asked him every year.

Thanks to our rather mild winters Frosty always looks a little lean. It's hard to find enough snow to give him a big round body and decent head. Of course lumps of coal went the way of the gas heater and even raw carrots have gone the way of "Fresh Frozen." As far as the top hat, they disappeared two centuries ago.

As I write this, I'm looking out at green grass and still some flowers blooming in my yard, yet I know it won't be long before snow comes to whiten my lawn.

I wish you all a full stomach on Thanksgiving. Maybe even some venison from the Frozen Food Locker to make it more like an "Indian Feast." May the Creator look favorably on you all and despite your woes, help you to remember to give thanks for this wonderful country and our extended families.

Old Chief Says:
"More people would learn from their mistakes, if they admitted making them."



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As usual, Troopers will be out in force during this holiday period patrolling our Hoosier highways. To help ensure the safety of all motorists during this heavily traveled holiday, the Indiana State Police will be participating in Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort). Operation C.A.R.E. is a federally funded program that allows approximately one hundred fifty additional troopers to patrol area roadways over this coming holiday period.

Troopers will also be participating in Statewide Driving under the Influence Project (SDUIEP). Troopers will target impaired drivers, motorists who speed, follow too closely, make unsafe lane changes, drive aggressively, and fail to buckle up or properly restrain their children.

Remember, all occupants of a motor vehicle,

including pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles, are required to be secured in a seat belt or child safety seat in every seating position.

The Indiana State Police encourage all motorists to observe the following safety tips:

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

Avoid tailgating. Remember the two-second rule.

Make sure everyone is buckled up.
Never text and drive
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All of us here at the Pendleton Post hope that you and your family have a safe holiday season. Thanks for reading this month's article and allowing all of us to serve all of you. Keep you and your family safe, and we will talk again next month. If you ever have a question or need to contact me, you can do so at jbowling@isp.IN.gov.

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A tender moment as both our father's look on. The wedding ceremony was placed inside The Gad-A-Bout, on purpose, to look as though Leslie's father was reading from the paper. (Jack and Leslie Photo)

The Simple Life



by Jack & Leslie Turner

Camo Duo

"Do you promise to clean his fish, field dress his squirrels and skin his raccoons? Do you promise to help him mix smelly trapping lures, wash his clothes after being sprayed by a skunk and clean the mud off of his boots after he returns from hunting arrowheads? If so, answer I do."

Not too many people have attended weddings where they've heard vows such as these. But on September 17, 2010, Leslie responded with "I do" to those very vows following traditional wedding vows.

An audience of approximately 100 people, mostly dressed in camouflage attire and seated on lawn chairs, attended our outside wedding. And to make the setting more appealing, a coyote pelt, traps and a leather arrowhead pouch hung from the trees up front while an old fishing pole, tackle box, trout net and BB gun rested beneath.

The ceremony, officiated by Leslie's father, David Fogle, began with the wedding party entering under a shotgun and fishing pole archway, down a fishing bobber-lined center aisle. "Gone

Fishin'", sung by the late Louis Armstrong and Bing Crosby, was heard playing in the background. The "flower girl", Izzy Pierson, prepared the way for the bride, by dropping artificial night crawlers instead of flower petals.

After a trip around the premises on a quad, the groom dismounted and joined the minister to await the brides arrival.

Escorted by her son, Jerade, Leslie made her entrance dressed in a full length "Real Tree-AP" camouflage-pattern dress, carrying a bouquet of daisies. The late Judy Garland sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" as she entered. The bridesmaids were dressed in "Bass Pro Shop" t-shirts and khaki shorts and also carried daisies. As one might suspect, the groom, groomsmen and attendants were all dressed in camouflage clothing.

Not long after our engagement, we jokingly discussed how unique it might be to have a "camo wedding" due to the fact that we both love the outdoors. In addition, we wanted to simply have fun and offer our family and friends a wedding ceremony unlike any other.

Following the ceremony, guests were invited to a reception which was held at the Dillsboro Civic Center. They may have been surprised to see live goldfish as centerpieces on their tables. And not only that, but the appetizers included gummy worms and goldfish crackers! The white, butter cream icing cake was trimmed in eatable camouflage ribbon and sprinkled with white daisies.

For the honeymoon, we drove to northern Ohio to visit Amish communities and shops which will be the focus of our next article. We ended our trip at Lake Erie in Port Clinton, Ohio.

Based on the comments that we've received, our "camo wedding" was a success! Sure, we had two or three people that questioned our unusual theme, but they were quickly placed in adult-sized live traps and released unharmed the next morning.

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

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Me and Bia near a big rock! (Rhonda Helming)



Scene from Indian Kitchen. (Rhonda Helming)

Hoosier Horse Happenings




by Rhonda Helming

More Summer Adventures Bear Branch Horse Resort

I can now mark off one more thing from my Bucket List. I have always wanted to ride in the Shawnee National Forest in Illinois. Well this year I had the opportunity to go and so I went. Shawnee National Forest is located in the Ozark and Shawnee Hills of Southern Illinois. It consists of approximately 280,000 acres of federally managed land.

Coming with me was the same group of ladies that I rode with in the Strassenfest Parade with. We had known, back in May, that we would be doing this ride. This was the Red Hats and Purple Chaps year-end jamboree and they decided to hold it at a horse camp called Bear Branch Horse Resort.

We all sent in our reservations for electric hook ups and stalls for our horses, and then the planning began...

We were going to be staying for 3 nights and 4 days. My friend Nat and I decided we were going to leave a day early. Let's back up some to the planning part.

To cross state lines with your horse, you need a current Coggins test and Health Certificate. Also, I highly recommend an up date or booster on your vaccinations. With that being said, I set up an appointment to get Bia vaccinated and a Coggins pulled on her. I did this about 2 1/2 weeks before we were due to leave. Friday before we were leaving, I remembered that I hadn't received my copy of my

Coggins and an approved Health Certificate. So, I called my vet and asked them where it was. They had received the results from the Coggins, but not the Health Certificate. The vet said they would call the State Vet's office and see what the hold up was. Seems that the lady in charge of all the Health Papers had gone on vacation and all her paper work was piled up. OKAY!!!!... Hello here! Someone needs to be checking on this stuff!

So this brings up my greatest fear... "Am I going to get my papers in time before I leave Wednesday?" They faxed it to my vet and I got it on Tuesday evening! I would have been so mad, that even my own mother would not want to come near me, if the certificate would not have come in by Wednesday.

Wednesday rolled around and I get off work and head home. Nat comes by to pick my horse and me up. I really need to get to know my baby brand of a horse, Bia, so she is the lucky one this time around. I load her and all of my stuff up into Nat's trailer, wave goodbye to my daughter and we hit the road. It is about a three-hour drive to get from my house to Bear Branch.

We arrived at Bear Branch a little before dark, Wednesday, get the horses put in their stalls, feed, water, grain, and finally get our camp set up. The next morning, we waited for the rest of our group to arrive. I am so glad that I had this opportunity to ride the southern hills of Illinois. Wow! Was it worth it!

Thursday Nat and I did not get much riding done because the rest of our group did not show up until later that afternoon. By the time the other ladies put their horses in their stalls, and set up the rest of camp, it was time to head over for a pitch in dinner with other members of the Red Hats. There were ladies from all over the state of Indiana, plus a gal from Kansas and another from Idaho. I had a great time visiting with everyone and did not get to bed till late that night!

Friday we rode out after breakfast for what was to be a short ride, but we were gone for six hours! I don't know who was more sore, my horse or me! My buddy Nat told me we weren't last, but the rest of us weren't so sure. We ended up running into some deer, but I was surprised that my horse only stared at the deer and did not try to do anything stupid like the jump-bow-spin-run maneuver that most horses are known for. There was the crossing of the creek incident, which I won't be living that down for a long time. I have worked with Miss Bia on everything, at

least I had thought I did, we come to the creek, and she is hoping all over the place, there were huge rocks and tree stumps, all I could see was me landing on one of those things. After trying to convince her that she should cross this creek, I realized it was a losing battle. I dismounted and decided to lead her across! I don't like water; I especially don't like water when I can't see the bottom. I waded out into the water sinking up to my knees. She looks at me and I know she is thinking well that isn't so bad, my



This was the group At the Bottom of Indian Kitchen. (Rhonda Helming)

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This was taken by one of the gals looking over the edge! (Rhonda Helming)

of the scenery as well as I can picture it in my mind. It was just phenomenal. We rode to places called Jackson Hole, Petticoat Junction, and Hayes Canyon.

When we got back from our "short" ride, we cooled our horse out, and wiped off all the sweat and dirt that was caked on their backs and legs. We then fed, watered, hayed, and bedded them down for the night.

The next day we went out again for some more great trail riding. That ride was only for 4 hours, and that is where we were able to tie our horses up and hike down to Indian Kitchen. I don't

owner is crossing it! She just walks out into it as calm as can be. The whole time this was going on I did not realize I had an audience until I heard all the clapping and cheering! Good thing no one had a camera. The good thing about this was, the stuff I had put on my boots to clean them said it would make them waterproof, they weren't lying. My feet never got wet, but my jeans were soaked from the knees down.

There were times when we rode on trails that sounded like we were riding on black top because it was made of flat stone. There are so many fantastic rock formations on these trails that it just leaves a person speechless. I only wish I could describe some

know how it got its name, but man this place was awesome. We hiked down the trail into the valley. There were very high rock formations on both sides of the trail. You knew you were going down hill. Both sides were sheer drop offs. Some of the group hung over the edges to look below as we were hiking down to our destination, I couldn't do that, I was not that brave.

Sunday morning rolls around and it's time to pack up and head for home. I wished we could have stayed longer; there were so many more places to ride. We have all decided that next year we will sure try to make it back.

Until next month stay safe!



The Order of RED MEN

The Improved Order of Red Men Greetings Brothers!

Our Miami Tribe invites you as a guest to join us at our next Council Fire, October 21st at MCL Cafeteria. Eat at 6:00 PM and our Council Fire Brand is lit at 6:45. Gene Fannin will be our guest speaker, who will speak on the Native American burial sites of the Adena and Hopedwell at Anderson and New Castle.

We meet the third Thursday of each month at the same site and time.

Malcolm Greene, the Great Representative for the State of Indiana attended the Great Council of the United States 124th Session at Mansfield Massachusetts September 26th through October 1st. There were sixteen states represented with over 200 Red Men and Pocahontas present.

We are a patriotic organization tracing our roots back to 1765 and forward to the Boston Tea Party; and throughout the rich heritage of our American people.

Since the last national convention two years ago we have raised over \$500,000 in helping with research to find a cure for Alzheimer. Locally all the tribes contribute many hours and money for many worthwhile charitable causes.

Once a year we travel to Arlington Cemetery to place a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We also go to the Valley Forge Chapel in Pennsylvania to show our patriotism and reverence.

We need more dedicated men and women as members who believe in God and our way of life to join us in Freedom, Friendship, and Charity.

This year I, Malcolm Greene was honored by being nominated and elected as the Great Junior Saganore of the Great Council of the United States. There are only four Great Chiefs at the National Level.

We need your help by getting involved. You do not have to be a Native American to join. May The Great Spirit be with you always. Please call Malcolm Greene at 765-966-6404.

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of sorts. We are all familiar with the game where a short, spoken message is passed from one person to the next until it goes full circle ending in laughter when the resulting message has been contorted, sometimes beyond recognition. As with the game, variations of the original proposed deer hunting regulations have been commonplace.

These changes can be viewed through a link on the IDNR website at: www.in.gov/dnr. I encourage all that have an interest to read these proposed changes first hand. There is a lot of information that can be view concerning the proposals as well as email alerts on their progress and public comment options. Remember, at this time they are proposals. Have fun, be safe.

Editor's Note:

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and that's the news from West Central Indiana



by Don Bickel, Forester

The Deer Hunt Plus

This piece of reminiscing is from 15 years past. I feel sure it will strike a chord with most deer hunters, especially the older ones.

Six-forty a.m. Should have been on my deer stand in the elm tree 20 minutes ago. But it is easier to sleep until 6:00 than attempt to get up at 5:30.

It is a clear, cold frosty morning, one of the first we have experienced during this fall season. Thirty degrees will be cold until the 20's and teens make their appearance. In February, when the daytime temperatures reach 30 degrees, we'll begin to think of maple syrup.

One advantage of walking to the elm tree stand at this time of the morning, is that no additional light is needed to find the path.

A stand has been in this tree for so many years. I could probably find it without a light.

Each year before deer season arrives this stand and any other that has been in place since the past season is inspected for any apparent problems.

The platform, seat and ladder were constructed of treated lumber. Galvanized and pole barn nails were used to hold it together.

While this is a sturdy, long-lasting combination of material, this is the last year for the stand. Two of the elm's major limbs were almost leafless in September, so Dutch Elm disease is yet alive and taking it's toll.

It will take time for the limbs to fall and even longer for the tree itself. But once dead, the action of decay has no set time-table. Although the platform will remain, when the ladder is removed, the stand becomes inaccessible.

The elm was originally chosen for this tree stand because it was an elm and there was no log value in its trunk.

It's neighbor is a veneer quality Black Walnut and this fact alone means it will not be the support for any type of tree stand.

There is a hackberry about 50 yards away that may be a promising candidate. Whatever the choice, I'll relish my view from the elm stand for one more season.

The frost is white on the clover patch south of my perch. It will be nearly an hour before the sun moves high enough over the trees to add sparkle and then enough warmth to melt it. Perhaps this patch of clover will entice a deer to move through within easy bow-shot of my stand. If not, so be it, the morning will be made of other successes.

By my watch, it is sunrise, however, it will be some time before I see the sun. A fox squirrel is below me, running first on the ground and then on the short logs and limbs that provide it a highway.

Maybe the squirrel is looking for breakfast, its

route of travel seems to be in the direction of a clump of Black Walnut trees which bore nuts this year.

The squirrel pays no heed to this camouflaged lump sitting where there was empty space yesterday. Should I make a move or sound, the jig would be up and the squirrel would quickly leave the area. In this tree, with no movement or sound, I become part of it. My clothing resembles the colors of bark and leaves and nature's show is performed 17 feet below me. Few people on the ground or walking through the woods will see what is visible from the tree stand.

There, about 150 yards out, is a deer. As the head moves, I can see antlers, maybe a six-point or only a forkhorn.

He just appeared at the edge of the thicket, as deer have a way of doing. You look at the spot and even beyond it, turn your eyes away and in a bit look back and there stands a deer.

Whether a buck, doe or fawn, it would seem they can appear as mysteriously as morel mushrooms.

Although the air movement would seem to be 30 degrees east of south, away from the buck, he has detected something on the breeze which does not sit well this morning.

Head up, nose in the air, he calmly turns and with tail up and rump hairs flared, he ambles back the way he walked in.

Except for new snow, there is nothing in nature as white as the north end view of a deer headed south.

A slight noise to the right, a cautious turn of my head and there is the culprit. A brown creeper, a wren-sized bird ascending the trunk of the Black Walnut tree on its search for hidden insects.

This small brown bird, a common winter migrant through this area, begins its search at the base of the tree and spirals its way upward.

When the search of the tree is finished, it flies downward to the base of the next selected tree. Also, often seen at this time of the year, is the white-breasted nuthatch.

This gray-backed bird, a bit larger than the creeper, begins its hunt higher in the tree and descends the trunk head downward, searching for the insects in the bark crevices.

The sun is beginning to make its appearance and as the frost melts, the leaves in the elm branches above me begin to fall. Is the melted frost heavier than the frozen? Why do the leaves wait to fall when these ice crystals turn to liquid? The sun has also added color to the pawpaw patch next to the creek.

The large, golden leaves fairly glow as the surface moisture reflects this first light of morning. I must make a mental note of this pawpaw patch and return to collect the "Indiana bananas" it may bear next year.

The air temperature is beginning to climb, a red-tailed hawk flies just overhead, its morning search for food has begun.

A great blue heron flaps laboriously away from its roost in the sycamore rookery down by the creek. 12 Canada geese fly, honking and calling overhead, perhaps looking for a harvested soybean field to begin their morning feeding cycle.

It's been over an hour since the deer was seen, there's nothing happening, so I think I'll head home.

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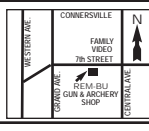


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Ramblings from Da Region



by Gene Clifford

Hunting as a Right of Passage

Is hunting good for kids? Well this question has been, and will be hashed around for many years to come.

Why do they do it? Is it a sport or is it instinctive? Does hunting encourage violence or does it teach empathy and compassion? Would it be a more peaceful world if more men hunted? There are some of the questions addressed in a new book entitled *From Boys to Men of Heart: Hunting as a Rite of Passage*.

This article is a press release from Randall L. Eaton Ph. D, award-winning author, behavioral scientist with an international reputation in wildlife conservation who has been studying hunting for 35 years. While producing "The Sacred Hunt" in the mid-1990's, he interviewed scores of recreational hunters as well as Native Americans. Eaton was surprised to discover that they all used the word "respect" to describe how they feel about animals they hunt.

That prompted Eaton to conduct questionnaire surveys on thousands of mature hunters who described their attitude toward animals they hunt as "respect," admiration and reverence." Over 80% of the hunters claimed they prayed for the animals they killed or gave thanks to God for the opportunity to provide.

Eaton's survey also asked hunters what life event most opened their hearts and engendered compassion in them. The choices included death of a loved one, death of a beloved pet, becoming a parent, taking the life of an animal, and teaching young people. The women hunters overwhelmingly chose "becoming a parent," but nearly all the men selected taking the life of an animal.

"These results indicate the fundamental polarity of human life. Women are adapted to bring life into the world, but men are adapted to take an animal's life to support life," Eaton said.

The same survey asked respondents to choose those universal virtues they learned from hunting. The top three choices were, inner peace, patience and humility.

Eaton's book contains interviews of leading authorities in several fields who corroborate his research. One is Michael Gurian, family therapist and best-selling author of several books on how to properly raise boys. Gurian agrees that hunting does teach men compassion, and that it would be a more peaceful world if more men hunted. The Gurian Institute recommends Eaton's book to parents.

"Hunting is counter-intuitive," said Eaton, "because people who haven't had the chance or experience to hunt, can't imagine that it opens the heart and awakens a moral sense."

Once when taking calls on a national radio show, a distraught woman told Eaton, "You're just teaching kids violence!" To which he responded, "What would Jimmy say? seeing as they won the Nobel Peace Prize and both are avid hunters."

Also mentioned in his Hunter's Hall of Fame are

Teddy Roosevelt, the greatest conservationist in the history of the world, and other exemplary Americans such as Thomas Jefferson, Audubon, Thoreau, Aldo Leopold, John Steinbeck and Jimmy Stewart. His list includes contemporary celebrities whom he considers worthy role models for youth, among them Morgan Freeman, Kurt Russell, Ted Turner, and Shaq O'Neal.

His book contains an interview of Dr. Don T. Jacobs, professor of education and author *Teaching Virtues Across the Curriculum*. Jacobs concludes that, "Hunting is an ideal way to teach young people universal virtues including courage, fortitude, patience, generosity and humility." According to Jacobs, "Humility is discovering that you're part of something greater than yourself."

The book presents evidence that hunting is an inherited instinct in boys. A German scientist who investigated 62 different cultures around the world found that in all of them boys started throwing rocks at the age of 4-5 years. Eaton said, "My survey of older hunters indicated that almost all the men spontaneously had killed a small animal before the age of ten, but women hunters rarely had done so. Typically, the boy cries, as 8 year old Jimmy Carter did when he threw a rock and killed a Robin."

Eaton believes that for boys at least, hunting definitely is not sport but an instinct. He compares hunting to sex. "Sex drives a young male towards a sexual encounter, but a surprise awaits him. Sooner or later he falls in love. The instinct links up with the heart. It is a transformative experience with enormous consequences including marriage, parenting and providing. Hence, the instinct to hunt propels the young man to pursue the animal, but a surprise comes when he takes its life and his heart is opened. That is how males fall in love with nature and why they are the leaders in conservation."

He added that, "If sex is the bicep of love, then hunting is the bicep of conservation." The book presents compelling evidence from numerous disciplines that adolescent males need rites of passage to become responsible adults. Eaton argues that the original rite of passage was hunting because it proved that a male could provide and qualify for manhood and marriage. He believes it still is the ideal path by which boys may become men of heart. He also recommends wilderness survival and vision quest, always with appropriate mentoring, because "Without transformative rites of passage that opens their hearts and connects them to nature and society males may become egotistical, self-centered and materialistic," Eaton said. He added that untempered masculinity is a factor behind the global social and environmental crisis, and besides, it promotes delinquency and gangs.

The book also interviews Dr. Wade Brackenbury who for 13 years led groups of delinquent boys into the wilderness for two weeks where they had to survive on what they could forage. Brackenbury is convinced that it was hunting small animals for food that had the most transformative influence.

Follow up surveys showed that 85% of the boys did not get in trouble after their survival experience. Eaton's book claims that hunting also develops character, values and virtues in girls and profoundly connects them with nature. If it is so good for youth, then why are the ranks of hunters declining?

"There are many contributing factors," Eaton suggests, "and one of them is the fear of guns. How many parents and teachers know that hunting is the safest form of outdoor recreation?"

The book refers to the work of Dr. Helen Smith, author of *Scared Hearts* and the world's leading expert on youth violence, who says that access to firearms does not lead to youth violence. She believes that teenagers need boundaries and responsibility, which shooting and hunting provide when mentored by adults. She suspects that the Columbine tragedy never would have happened had the boys been properly mentored in hunting and shooting.

Adolescent neuropsychologist, Dr. Jim Rose of the

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Above: My 1957 Explorer Scout uniform, still hanging in my closet on South Street. Bottom: Centerville Troop 16 Explorer Scouts unloading boat after leaving Houghton, MI and arriving at Isle Royale National Park in August 1957, best guess. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



My grandson, Dylan Smock loading up the car for his first ever Boy Scout campout at the Old Trails Rifle and Pistol Club. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Dylan standing here in line with other members of Troop 16, from left to right, David Van Meter, Dylan Smock, Josh and Nathan Bennett. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Grandson Dylan Carrying on the Scouting Tradition - Part I

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson & (*Pen Name) Dylan Dickerson

My grandson, Dylan, who is staying with grandma and grandpa here in Centerville, came home from school shortly after Labor Day telling us about a scout meeting they were having at school. He asked if he could join the scouts

Sherry and I discussed the idea of him joining. I told him I was an Explorer Scout in Troop 16 back in the mid 50's here in Centerville and still had my uniform somewhere. Sherry and I decided it was okay for him to go to the meeting at the elementary school just to see if he was eligible. Dylan asked if he could see my scout uniform.

After arriving at the meeting, we found out it was the cub scouts looking for new members. I asked one of the Troop Leaders there if Dylan could join Boy Scout Troop 16. She asked his age, I said eleven, she said he could join Troop 16, that we needed to contact their Scoutmaster, Mark Culbertson.

A couple days later Dylan and I called on Mark. I asked him if Dylan could join Troop 16, that he was eleven years old. I explained to him that Dylan and his sister, Breanna lived in Worcester, MA, but was



The scouts stand back while members of the Old Trails Rifle and Pistol Club prepare to fire the cannon. (Photo by *Dylan Dickerson)



Monty Sutton, member of Old Trails Rifle and Pistol Club fires the cannon, enveloping the area in smoke. (Photo by *Dylan Dickerson)



Guns used in the wild west and the ammunition used in them were demonstrated by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Foley. (Photos by *Dylan Dickerson)



Another member of Old Trails Rifle and Pistol Club demonstrates the Gatling gun. (Photo by *Dylan Dickerson)



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Troop 16 Leaders from Left to Right: Mark Culbertson has been the Troop 16 Scoutmaster for the past 7 years and has been a Scout Leader for 14 years. Janet Bennett has been the Troop 16 Treasurer for the past 2 years and has been in scouting for the past 6 years. Allen Bennett is a Committee Member of Troop 16 and has been in scouting for the past 6 years. Allen was a Scout in Troop 16 in the late 70's and early 80's. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

staying with us for awhile. They were going to school here too. Mark said Dylan could join Troop 16 Boy Scouts. He told us the next meeting was Monday, September 13th at 7 p.m. in the Methodist Church. He told us to bring the membership form and dues. Mark added that when Dylan goes back home to Massachusetts he can transfer his membership there.

That weekend I found my former scout uniform and showed it to Dylan. Tucked inside the shirt was my B.S.A. Explorer cap. Dylan tried it on and it fit him perfectly. He wore it quite a few times while he waited for Monday to come.

Monday evening, September 13th, we drove to the Methodist Church for the scout meeting. Dylan wanted to take my scout cap with him. I told him we would ask Mark if he could wear it. We gave Mark Dylan's membership form and the dues. I asked Mark if Dylan could wear my old scout cap until we could get him his uniform and he said it was okay.

Mark opened the scout meeting by having those in attendance recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and then the scouts recited the Scout Oath. They then talked about scout activities. Dylan sat at their table and actively participated in the meeting. When Mark asked who would like to attend a 3-day Camporee at the Old Trails Rifle and Pistol Club September 17-19th, Dylan was one of them that held up his hand.

I thought to myself, hmmm. I asked a question to the group, "What does Dylan need for this Fall Camporee?"

Mark gave me a list of things that he would need, down to drop him off, contact numbers, etc.

After we got home I asked Dylan if he would like to write me something about his experience at the

campout and maybe take a few pictures too. He said he would.

Between that Monday and Friday we got him a sleeping bag, a multiple storage back pack with 2 water jugs, a mess kit, a accessory belt, canteen, camp light, rain poncho, lightweight folding chair and snacks. I gave him a notebook, pen and a spare digital camera for him to use in gathering information and taking photos of the activities.

On Friday evening, September 17th we dropped him off at Janet and Allen Bennett's home. Mark was there too. I told him that I would try to stop by Old Trails Saturday morning before the Gaston tournament launching of boats and the weigh in.

I got there about lunch time. I looked around, but didn't see Dylan or anyone from Troop 16. I run

into Monty Sutton, a former fellow telephone employee and member of the Old Trails Rifle & Pistol Club, who was hosting the Boy Scout Fall Camporee. Then I met Bob Hanson, who has been associated with scouting for many years.

I then met Jerry Maule who was coordinating all the activities between the scouts and the Old Trails Rifle and Pistol Club. I asked him if he knew where Troop 16 was camped, but he didn't know. Just about then I saw Dylan running across the field heading towards the food line. He had the camera slung around his neck and was wearing my B.S.A. cap. I visited with him for a while, but then had to leave and return to the Gaston tournament.

Following is Dylan's report on the activities of the 3-day camporee: (See Page 30)



Members of Troop 16 attending the Awards Ceremony in the Methodist Church, telling here what they did at the Old Trails Rifle & Pistol Club Fall Camporee. From Left to Right: Dylan Smock, David Van Meter, Scoutmaster Mark Culbertson, Nathan Bennett and Josh Bennett. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

Camping Violations and Problems

Over the years as campground owners and having camped throughout much of the world we've watched for problems, general violations or problems-to-be as we've traveled. As we indicated in earlier articles, we normally check out the restrooms first before signing up to camp even if it's just for overnight. Spot checking the upkeep of the grounds leading up to the registration office normally gives us some idea as to what the rest of the facilities will be like, but restrooms are primary to us. We've noted that if the restrooms are neglected, i.e., webs in the corners, dirty floors, vents not cleaned, stools soiled or in bad repair, sinks dirty, out of toilet paper or paper hand towels, electric driers broken, vandalism, etc., then there are probably other problems all throughout the camping, hiking, and/or playgrounds and swimming areas.

As members of several camping clubs we've sound most of the clubs will warn the campgrounds about reports they get about alleged violations. If the violations are not cleared up within a reasonable time the campground can be eliminated from the club's advertising. Owners of campgrounds know that causes loss of revenue. We've found campers, especially full timers, talk a lot with other travelers as they travel across country. In the reviews about their camping experiences, campers will tell about conditions and violations, as they see them, which may cause people who read these blogs not to visit the campground in question. Reports to the club's home office is, of course, confidential and, for the most part, the office will call, e-mail, or write the campground with bad reports.

In our 31 years as owners, we had just one call from a club and it was about the fact that a full timer could not get their 36 foot motor home into a campsite I had assigned. The lady wanted to follow our directional and park like we knew the camping unit could be parked safely in among the trees. But---her husband "knew it all" and argued with her to the point that when they left, they immediately called the club to which they belonged. We had parked many longer units in the same site over the years without incident. All the drivers and their better half (we lovingly called them their navigators) had listened and had had no problems. A call came from the club office the next Monday, and I immediately identified the people in the situation. The office lady said the couple had trouble almost every day.

These are some of the reasons I would lead the campers to their site if it was their first time camping in our campground. In earlier years we had a few people take it upon themselves to tell us they could park by themselves. This green Scotsman made the mistake one too many times and said, "go ahead but be careful." The next thing we knew the navigator would show at the office and say we'd better shut off the water say they'd broken off a water pipe or spigot. Now that's fun at the beginning of a busy weekend. At the end of the big Antique Tractor and Engine Show in Portland one year, after a motor home had left, we found the driver had backed into a water pipe and bent it nearly to the ground but it hadn't broken, and of course didn't report it. More repairs. Another couple had backed a new motor home into a tree and bent the bumper. The knew they'd not paid attention to the turning radius of the unit and jokingly asked us

to please cut the tree so this didn't happen to them next time.

One of our favorite Tractor Show visitors was in her late 70's, a Mrs. Stevens from near Marianna, Florida, off Interstate 10. Her husband couldn't see well to drive so she'd wheel the 39 foot travel trailer in early for the show each year, never stop at the office, back into her reserved site among the trees, unhitch the pickup, drive up to the office, exclaim, "we're here--we're tired and hungry, see you later, how much do we owe?" pay and hurry to Portland for a meal. We always enjoyed people like that.


We, of course, were not at all perfect as owners and managers of the campground, but if a request came from a customer or visitor about something that needed to be fixed right then, we tried to comply with the request. Sometimes it's very difficult on a very busy day to repair something that is not dangerous and could wait until the crowd leaves. And if parts or materials need to be purchased it's rather difficult to find them on a holiday weekend or on Sundays. Local supply businesses close at certain times and happenings usually take place right after closing.

Our most obvious event that we remember needed immediate attention occurred in the early 80's. We were having bingo on a Saturday evening and the rain was pounding down heavily on our, at that time, metal roof of the recreation building. We not only had quite a few of our campers at bingo, but also several people from the surrounding community were there. Little did we know that while we were shouting out the bingo numbers the 5 inches of rain was washing out the only driveway into or out of our campground. Bingo ended and a local couple started to drive home. They backed back up the drive and said there's only a small foot bridge left across the now flooded drive. Normally the water would flow under the drive and through a two foot diameter pipe. We put on rain gear and took a look. Neighbors were stranded and everything was closed for Sunday. We called other neighbors and they picked up our bingo players and helped them across the foot wide path. The players left their cars at the camp and went home soaked.

Fortunately we had some contractors staying with us and Sunday morning took a flying leap across the narrow gorge with their company truck. An hour or so later here they came with equipment and said for us to call and get the local gravel pit open and they'd fix the driveway. I could visualize hundreds of dollars bleeding out of our skinny bank account. Loads of the proper gravel came and the men grabbed the large 2-3 foot in diameter stones that were left around the now visible pipe and slammed them in to place with their backhoes. A crowd gathered and watched while precision in building a new solid driveway was done in less than two hours. None of us had ever seen such workmanship. My heart started throbbing again as I thought about the price I'd need to pay. These guys wouldn't take a cent and said they'd enjoyed showing off. Twenty-eight years later when we sold the camp, nothing else had ever had to be done to the road except adding gravel and grading. The men, of course, got refunded what they'd paid and the rest of their stay free. Our seasonal's also found not to challenge them to a game of pool. They were good at that too.

Situations like this as well as problems with water, sewage, and electricity and broken playground equipment need to be taken care of immediately, but non-dangerous things can be put off a day or two. Yes, we advocate telling campground owners tactfully about things that could be corrected for campground safety and/or enhance the camping experience for all visitors. We appreciated suggestions and it is then the responsibility of management to "git 'er done." We've noticed in our travels that if we returned to campgrounds with problems we had told them about years earlier or repairs that needed immediate attention and they hadn't fixed them, we would then contact the clubs, or state or national associations to which they belonged. We do it anonymously and it works. All campers can help too---to make everyone's camping experiences safer and more enjoyable.

If you have any suggestions about which we can write or any questions about camping, just contact us at 260-637-3524 or e-mail jmacnut@yahoo.com. Enjoy the winter wherever you are. See you next time.

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The results of a September goose hunt. Pictured left to right are Lee Hannon, John Lang, Patrick Shaffmaster, Melani Shaffmaster, Reyna Silva, Alan Smith and Angel Silva. (Photo by Alan Smith)

Dog Tales

by Alan "Grizz" Smith

**November
 The Perfect Month**

November has got to be my favorite month of the year. The leaves are gone from the trees, the frost has started working on the under growth and season is open on all the critters that I love to hunt. What more could a guy ask for? With the leaves off it's a lot easier finding the coon and squirrels that the dogs have treed. I spend a major part of the summer and early fall preparing for November hunting seasons. I try to be caught up on my honey-do list. I'm not sure if it's even possible to be completely caught up on this list or not but I try to get enough done to keep me sleeping in the main house and not the dog house. I've used wood as my whole heat source for more than 20 years now. I can tell you it takes a lot of wood to heat a home when you are burning it 24/7 for a little better than five months. Plus add that to wood for camping and hunting trips and it becomes quite a chore. With the exception of a couple of my hunting buddies helping me from time to time this is a chore that has always been mine to complete by myself. This year I have had a lot of help though. With my wife's niece and her family

living with us I've had plenty of helping hands. While I still have done all of the cutting and splitting they have taken care of most of the loading and unloading and all of the stacking. Now if I can get them to carry it all in the house over the winter and keep the stove stoked, I'll be in business.

In my October column I touched on some of the problems that I always seem to have during the early September goose season. I know now that I am not the only one that struggles during the early season as I've had several people confess to me that they also encounter the same problems. They say "that even a blind hog can find an acorn every once in a while" and I'm no different. I finally had a pretty good goose hunt on the last weekend of the early season. While scouting I had found a large group of geese using a yard and pond on a daily basis. It took three weeks of daily visits but I finally caught the landowner at home and gained permission to hunt. Persistence really does pay off! So on Sunday September the 12th well before daylight Patrick Shaffmaster, Lee Hannon and I were setting out decoys. We had four youth spectators along so we had several blinds to conceal. Fortunately we were able to butt them right up against a sweet corn patch and blend them in. If not for the corn it would have been hard to hide as everything else was mowed lawn. Anyway this hunt wasn't perfect but we managed to take ten geese and had a lot of fun in the process. The landowner was glad to have some of the geese shot and welcomed us back anytime we wanted to hunt there.

I have been in touch with several of my coon hunting buddies in the last few weeks and everyone is gearing up and getting their dogs tuned up for the kill season. I have a few buddies that will be coming from out of state to do some coon hunting here in the Hoosier state. We always have some exciting hunts and mishaps so maybe I will have some good coon hunting stories to tell in the near future. Unless of course they make me look bad, you can't expect me to tell stories that make me look bad! Can you? Don't let me kid you my hounds and I do our fair share of looking bad also. From most reports I'm hearing it looks like coon prices will not be much different that they have been in the last few years. It's kind of disappointing but then most of us are not in this sport for the money anyways, so I guess I'll keep feeding my hounds a little longer.

I've also had the pleasure recently of bumping into Les Helms. Les is a good friend from way back and has always kept a few hounds and squirrel dogs around. I've really been enjoying getting a chance to catch up with Les and we are planning on getting together soon for a few squirrel hunts. Well that is about all I have for this month. If you have any dog events or training days that you would like to see in this column shoot me an e-mail at agrizzs@gmail.com with all of the information and a contact number and I will be glad to mention them. To me November is the perfect month. I hope you enjoy November as much as I do. Good Hunting!

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Susie with smallmouth bass caught in Wisconsin. (Photo by Rich Creason)

Outdoors

With Rich Creason

Smallmouth Bass, Sunken Logs & Copper Falls

Susie and I sat in the truck with Chris Beekma and watched the waves crash onto the shore of Lake Superior. Ordinarily, this would be a beautiful sight, but not with a boat and trailer hooked to the truck and our scheduled fishing trip being dashed against the rocks.

We headed to Ashland, Wisconsin in early September for the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers annual conference. We had been given about 20 or 25 choices of activities in and near Ashland by the local tourism ladies, Mary, Maribeth and Joanne. Our options included, (but certainly were not limited to), bear hunting, canoeing, hiking, biking, wildlife viewing, geocaching, and fishing for a wide variety of species in nearby waters. We decided on a Lake Superior outing for fighting smallmouth.

After a 12 hour drive, we arrived at the AmericInn Hotel and Convention Center which sits right on the bank of the largest Great Lake. We checked into our room and then called Chris to work out the final details of our upcoming battle with some four and five pound smallmouth. He was to pick us up the next morning at the Inn, take us to a nearby tackle shop to get our licenses, and then launch his boat into Chequamegon Bay. (That's pronounced she-wab-me-gon.) That's how we found ourselves sitting in his truck watching the waves.

Chris decided it was unsafe to venture out into the big waters. He asked us if we would mind fishing some smaller inland lakes. Having the choice of possibly finding if our personal flotation devices really worked, or enjoying ourselves in some sheltered waters, we took the sensible option. He fired the truck up and we headed to a chain of 10 lakes a few miles away.

He expertly backed his 19 foot Skeeter boat with a 200 HP Yamaha and a Minnkota trolling motor into the water next to the dock. The lake we had entered was Twin Bear, but we also fished in Millicent and Heart Lakes. Each held a wide variety of fish species including large and smallmouth bass, musky, northern and others. We began slowly cruising along the shoreline, casting to the edge of

weed lines, sunken trees, and some hidden reefs. We used assorted diving baits and I threw some spinnerbaits. It didn't matter the lure or presentation. All caught one to two pound smallmouth with a few largemouth bass thrown in for variety. While we were expecting smallmouth more than twice that size on Lake Superior, any size smallie with give the angler a good fight. We released all we caught and finally had to head back to the hotel. If you want to fish the big lake smallmouth we weren't able to try for, contact Captain Chris Beekma, Get Bit Guide Service, 10595 Cedar Crest Rd., Iron River, WI 54847. You can check his website at www.getbit-guideservice.com, phone 715-292-4410, or e-mail Chris at getbit@cheqnet.net.

During our breaks between conference activities, we visited the local visitor's center (twice) on the west end of town (outstanding) where I purchased several Christmas presents in their extensive gift shop. We then walked the downtown streets to observe the fantastic murals painted on the business walls, found coins on the beach with our metal detectors, and picked up a quart bag of colored beach or sea glass polished by the waves, rocks, and sand and washed up along the shore. The pieces are then used for making jewelry or can just be put into clear jars for unusual decoration.

We had one morning left open for a wide variety of trips throughout the area. We decided to go on the hike along the Bad River where it goes through Copper Falls State Park. This was a two mile trek along wooded trails which bordered the 60-100 foot deep canyon formed by the river plunging through the rock on its way to Lake Superior. The 29 foot drop near the start of the trail is called Copper Falls which the park is named after. Gorgeous vistas appear frequently through the trees showing the copper colored river slashing through the canyon. I snapped dozens of pictures of the roaring water, but I took as many pictures on the opposite side of the trail where assorted fungus, late wildflowers, mosses, and other plants grow abundantly. Given time, we would have retraced our steps to see the same route from the opposite direction.

Our last visit was to a business called Timeless Timber. This name is the registered trademark of wood products manufactured from logs recovered from the bottom of lakes and rivers in North America. These sunken logs have lain on the bottom since the logging days of the northland over 100 years ago. Made from old growth timber, with fine grain and unique color, these products are made from a piece of history. I watched the short video explaining the logging practices and how the sunken logs were salvaged to be made into beautiful furniture, musical instruments, flooring and more. I strolled through the extensive gift shop buying several items to bring home plus purchasing some scrap lumber to make my handcrafted pens.

This small area of northern Wisconsin has a lot to offer any outdoorsman. Deer, bear, and birds are numerous and the fishing opportunities are unlimited. Contact the Ashland Chamber of Commerce (www.visitashland.com) for all the information needed to plan your own trip.

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Outstanding waterfall on the Bad River in Copper Falls State Park. (Photo by Rich Creason)

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BOZARTH CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT SEPT 18, 2010



1st Place overall: Mike Bowser (L) with a total weight of 5.59 pounds, award presented by Andy Curtis (R).



First Place Big Fish: Allen and Gary Reed with a crappie weighing 1.05 pounds.

Bozarth Crappie Tourney September 18, 2010

Article & Photos
by Ryan Pershing

We had 27 teams show up to compete in our crappie tournament held on September 18. The tournament, which was in memory of the late Eddie Gifford, produced many nice catches. Mike Bowser, a lone participant, held off the rest of the anglers to capture first place. His total weight for seven fish was 5.59 pounds. Close behind the leader was the team of Charlie and Paul Hildreth who totaled 5.48 pounds. Allen and Gary Reed

managed to pull in a total weight of 5.12 pounds to finish third in the event.

The Reed team nipped the Hildreth team by one hundredth of a pound to claim honors for big fish. The winning crappie weighed in at 1.05 pounds. Rounding out the top three was Mike Bowser with a crappie weighing .94 pounds.

With a great turnout for the 2010 season we are looking forward to the following year for another exciting year of fishing. We would like to thank all the fishermen who participated in our tournaments and hope to see you all back again in the spring. We would also like to give a big thank you to Ray Dickerson and The Gad-A-Bout for allowing us to provide everyone with the results and information from our tournaments. For further information you can contact us at (765) 981-4522 or visit our website at www.bozarthcampground.com/

The parade is not restricted to only entrants from Wayne County, units from other areas are invited. This year the parade will honor Purple Heart recipients.

For more information contact Ron Weadick at (765) 969-5767 or Wayne County Veterans Service officer Marshal Smith (765) 914-2781

NOVEMBER COMING EVENTS

Nov 6 Quilt Show & Craft Fair sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, 100 North 10th, Richmond, IN (765) 966-2234. "Patches through time" 10:00am - 4:00pm. Adm \$5 adults, children 3 & under free. Quilts, Craft Fair, Vendor mall, Lectures, Skilled demonstrations, Lunch, Baked goods, Instrumental music in the Sanctuary. Proceeds support Church mission outreach to Hope House and Genesis.

Nov 6-7 38th Annual Vintage Wheel's Inc Rod & Custom Car Show Sponsored by Vintage Wheels Inc. Inside heated Tom Raper Center at Wayne County Fairgrounds, Richmond, IN. Located 1/1/2 mi. N of US 40 W, turn onto Salisbury Rd N at Knarrt. Sat. 9 am to 10 pm and Sun 10 to 4 pm. Adm. \$5 per person, children 12 & under free. Add'l Model car contest, continuous DJ, Awards 3:00 pm. Over 120 quality show cars, bikes & specialty vehicles. Proceeds from Vintage Wheels projects benefit Children with special needs. Info Contact: Glee Ann Winters (765) 962-0433 or delibak9342@aol.com

Nov 20 27th Annual Tree Lighting Metamora, 6:30 pm at the Gazebo across from Grist Mill. Special music, sing-a-longs, the Christmas Story, free hot chocolate, coffee & cookies. **FREE**
Nov 26-28 27th Annual Christmas Walk Fri & Sat 10 am - 10 pm, Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Extended hrs at Grist Mill. An Old Fashioned Christmas in Metamora, IN. Carolers, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus at Claus House, enjoy many unique shops. **FREE**

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I would like to recommend you to go to the Laurel Hotel Restaurant located in the quaint historical town of Laurel, Indiana along scenic SR 121 in Franklin County. Along the roadway is remnants of the former Whitewater Canal. The Whitewater Canal Railroad makes stops at the Restaurant on its trips between Connersville and Metamora. We ate at the Laurel Hotel Restaurant and had a fabulous buffet meal. You get a lot of good home cooked food at a reasonable price. See their ad on page 11.

Bozarth Oct 2-3 Tournament

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corner of the camp shelter they had placed a tarp to shelter them from the wind.

Ryan Pershing weighed the crappie teams fish as they came to the scales. Charlie Hicks recorded each weight and Dylan Sparks wrote each weight on the Scoreboard.

Following is the placing of the teams for the 2-Day Crappie Tournament by weight:

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| 1st Mike Morrison & Dave Bowser 9.84# | \$200.00 |
| 2nd David Pence & Aaron Scott 9.00# | \$95.00 |
| 3rd Steve Pershing & Mike Bowser 8.90# | \$55.00 |
| 4th Jeff Yeakle & Jonathon Brumley 7.73# | \$40.00 |
| 5th James Lasswell & Kyle Kress 7.68# | \$35.00 |
| 6th Place Myron Etchison & Chas Hildreth | 7.53 lb. |
| 7th Place Ed Sexton & Mark Jacob | 7.08 lb. |
| 8th Place Donnie & Donald Roberts | 7.05 lb. |
| 9th Place Kenny Adkins & Ron Beeks | 6.47 lb. |
| 10th Place Tanner & Ron Billbre | 5.73 lb. |
| 11th Place Robert & Phil Leisure | 4.85 lb. |
| 12th Place John Metzger & Bill Russell | 4.85 lb. |
| 13th Place Robert & Denise Taylor | 3.24 lb. |
| 14th Place Doug Clay & Keith Snyder | 3.09 lb. |
| 15th Place Hagan Amburgey | 3.06 lb. |
| 16th Place C.B. Hupp & Randy McCormick | 3.06 lb. |
| 17th Place Richard Jackson | 0.00 lb. |

Following is the placing of the teams for Big Fish:

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| Salamonee Reservoir Saturday Oct 2 | |
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University of Wyoming, is interviewed in the book. He says that shooting and hunting teach kids self-control, self-restraint and sound judgment. Eaton is glad about the "No Child Left Inside" movement, inspired by Richard Louv's book, *The Last Child in the Woods*. "It's a good thing for kids to spend more time outdoors, but I doubt that the connection they make with nature is deep enough to promote a conservation ethic." In his opinion, "Not only are hunting and fishing good for kids, kids who hunt and fish are better for the environment."

According to Eaton, hunting is justifiable in terms of its enormous economic impacts and benefits to environmental conversation. He said, "We all take life, but for those who participate directly in it, the food chain becomes a love chain. Look at Ducks Unlimited. They've permanently conserved over twelve million acres of wetlands throughout North America to the benefit of the entire living community. In just a few years, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has conserved over four million acres for wildlife and successfully reintroduced elk to the eastern U.S."

He sees most of the environmental community engaged in rear-guard actions while the hunting and fishing community are on the offensive. "How many people are aware that hunters and fishermen are behind the National Wildlife Federation, the largest conservation group in the world?"

Eaton concluded that the social justification for hunting lies in its positive influence on the development of our youth into compassionate, virtuous and responsible adults who respect life and defend nature.

The 336 page book is available from OWLink Media. For more information contact Dr. Randall Eaton at 513-244-2826 or at reaton@eoni.com. Visit www.randall-eaton.com or www.owlinkmedia.com.

Dr. Eaton was the keynote speaker at the Hoosier Outdoor writers annual conference held at The Four Winds Resort on Monroe Reservoir.

Roaming The Outdoors

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VETERANS DAY PARADE NOV 6
Citizens are looking for entries in the 2010 Veteran's Day Parade, the Veteran's Council of Wayne Co. is sponsoring the parade and asks that all units honor or commemorate the contributions of veterans or display a patriotic theme. The parade will begin at 1 pm and proceed from 14th and East Main west to the Richmond Municipal Building.

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Braden Barney caught this whopper Bluegill in a local pond in Wabash County. Sent in by Ryan Pershing. (Bozarth County Store Photo, Lagro, IN) (Email)



I caught this 15-20 pound Striped Bass fishing in the Whitewater River on 7-4-10, it was 35 inches long. (Photo by Joe Rouse) (Email)



First day of early goose season, Doug Bur (L), Robert Moore (R) and Ron Smith taking the photo. (Photo sent in by Ron and Judy Smith) (Email)



Mark Johnson caught this 61 pound Catfish on 6-9-10. It was 47 inches long. (Norm's Bait Shop Photo, Campbellsburg, IN)



Danielle Wilcox caught these nice bluegill in a farm pond ice fishing in 2010. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



8-year old Jerry Austin Eversole and his Grand pappy Jerry Eversole took this Russian Boar in Southern Ohio with a Crossbow in April 2010. (Harrison Hunting & Taxidermy Photo, Liberty, IN)

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