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Top Left: 2009 Freedom Run participants. The 39th Annual July 4th Festival will be held in downtown Liberty Indiana from July 2-4, 2011 on the Courthouse Square. Vendor booths open Saturday 8 am to 4 pm Sunday. There is no admission fee and all events will take place "rain or shine." See a com-

plete list of activities and times in the upper right hand corner of page 15. For those who would like to participate in the Festival Parade 1 p.m. Saturday, July 2, fill out the Parade Application on page 18, cut out and send it to: **Union County Chamber of Commerce, 5 W. High St., Liberty, IN 47353.** Application must be received no later than June 30th. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Top Right: Joey Gibbs caught these two walleye in Brookville Lake on April 25, 2011. Joey is the son of Bill Gibbs of Liberty, Indiana. To see more Game photos go to **Gad's Corner** on page 30. (Photo by Bill Gibbs)

Bottom Left: Ryan Pershing with (2) 13 1/2 inch and 1.25 lb crappie caught on Salamonie Reservoir. Ryan begins a new column with this issue, entitled Great Lakes of the Wabash - Fishing News. The Lakes are Salamonie, Mississinewa and Huntington. Also included in his column for this issue is the USA Crappie Tournament held on June 10-11 on Salamonie and Mississinewa, the stats were submitted by Larry Crecelius who is the Media Specialist for USA Crappie Tournaments, he lives in Salem, IN. See more on page 24-25(Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)

Bottom Right: Give yourself a treat, bring the whole family and some friends too, come to the 2011 Canoeifest in Brookville, Indiana. Before you leave home visit www.canoeifest.org, click on the canoes to learn what all is happening at the Festival. There is something for everyone. (Canoeifest graphic artwork by Jim Surhe)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson

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LANE BOHLANDER

I want to share a response I got from Nancy Bohlander who sent in a picture of her son Lane Bohlander, who got his first turkey during the youth season. She had said Lane was excited about the possibility of his picture being in Gad's Corner.

After the June issue was printed and delivered I sent Nancy Bohlander an e-mail inquiring if Lane had been able to see his picture in Gad's Corner.

She replied to my e-mail that they had people calling telling them that Lane's picture was in Gad's Corner. They laid the paper out on the table for him to see when he got home from school. When he got to the Gad's Corner page, "he just lit up and looked at us and said, Yeah my picture is in here!" really loud. Then he called everyone telling them about it, he took it to school to show his friends and his teacher hung it up in the hallway on the school board of fame.

I want to thank Nancy Bohlander for sharing this information with me. I hope that if Lane is successful in anymore of his outdoor hunting or fishing pursuits that he will give me the opportunity to put his photo in The Gad-a-bout, it will indeed be an honor.

INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICER BILL BROWNE PROMOTED

I don't know how many of you have had the pleasure of meeting Indiana Conservation Officer Bill Browne or not, but in my June Gad-a-bout he debuted his first article to be published in The Gad-a-bout.

I met ICO Bill Browne for the first time at a Turkey Seminar I put on at the Treaty Line Pioneer Village and Museum prior to turkey season in 1990.

They say first impressions last forever, with Bill that is very true.

He wrote in the June issue about it being a true honor serving the fine people of this State and one of his greatest joys being working with young people. He served as a DARE Officer for 10 years and taught an NASP archery program for 2 years and taught Hunter Education and Boater Education classes



Lieutenant Bill Browne

es throughout his career of 24 years as a Indiana Conservation Field Officer.

I believe that all good people at some point in their lifetime reap the rewards they so justly deserve. I got an e-mail from Bill on May 27 telling me that he had taken a promotion. He is assuming the duties of the Public Relations Lieutenant in Indianapolis at the Central Office.

As true to Bill's unique ways, he is crediting others for helping him achieve his promotion.

I have a message for Bill, he deserves this promotion mostly because of his own giving spirit and the years of outstanding performance in the line of duty as one of Indiana's Finest, a Indiana Conservation Officer.

Good Luck, Bill.

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JULY 1-2



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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sgt. John D. Bowling

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All of these man power needs are coordinated by the Special Operations Division. The Special Operations Division is headed up by Captain Brad Weaver and First Sergeant Mike Nichols. These men are responsible for everything from the state wide crash reduction program to helping provide security for the Super Bowl.

Here are just some of the events we provide security for; Indiana Boat and Travel; Indianapolis Air Show; Indy 500 pre-race and race day activities; 500 mini marathon; The Brick Yard pre race and race day activities; The Grand Prix race; Indiana Black Expo; Three weeks of the Indiana State Fair; The National Drags and this year, hopefully, if the labor dispute is settled, the Super Bowl.

This is not even a complete list as there are other events we cover throughout the year as well. Captain Weaver sums it up by saying "It can be a daunting task bringing troopers from all over the state to one location to cover a special event-but it's what we do. It's just another aspect of being a state trooper and being ready to go anywhere in the state you're needed."

INDIANA FIREWORKS LAW

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

- Only individuals over the age of 18 can purchase fireworks.
- A person 18 years of age or older has to be present when anyone younger than 18 is using or possessing fireworks.

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

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

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

If a person recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses fireworks and the violation causes property damage, they can be charged with a class "A" Misdemeanor. If there is bodily injury it is enhanced to a class "D" Felony, and if there is death a class "C" Felony.

Lieutenant Bob Burke, Commander of the Pendleton Post, would like to remind the public "Enjoy the holiday weekend with your family, however, please monitor your children and their use of age-appropriate fireworks. Every year we read or hear about unfortunate injuries and deaths associated with the improper use of fireworks and the devastation caused by carelessness. Many of these incidents could have been prevented with proper supervision and care in handling such devices. All of us at the Pendleton Post hope you and your family have a happy and safe holiday weekend."

INDEPENDENCE DAY TRAVEL SAFETY

As the July 4th Holiday approaches, your Indiana State Police would like to advise all residents and visitors to use their best judgment while traveling Indiana's roadways. We will be patrolling all high crash roadways to keep motorists safe. Troopers will be looking for motorists who commit crash and injury causing traffic violations such as impaired driving, speeding, following too closely and failure to yield.

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

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

- If you're planning to travel a long distance, make sure you're well rested. A fatigued driver is a dangerous driver.
- Use turn signals when turning or changing lanes.
- Obey all posted speeds.
- Avoid tailgating. Remember the two second rule.
- Make sure everyone is buckled up.
- Never drink and drive. If consuming alcohol, make sure you have a designated driver.

TALES FROM THE ROAD

A few years ago I was working a crash on a bridge overlooking I-70. Below me traffic had been at a standstill for over an hour thanks to a construction project a few miles ahead. As I was finishing up I heard horns blowing below. I looked over to see a semi backing up in the stopped traffic, giving stopped traffic a choice-either get out of his way or get backed over.

He backed all the way to the ramp (thankfully without running over anyone) and came right to me so I waved him over. As I got on the side of the truck he began yelling and cussing about being stuck in traffic for hours and how he couldn't take it. As he yelled, I couldn't help but laugh-he was sitting in his truck in "Speedo" style underwear and a short, dirty "wife beater" style tank top and nothing else.

When I asked him why he wasn't dressed, his expression suddenly changed. He stopped yelling, looked down and said "Oh, I started driving before daylight-I guess I got caught in the traffic and just forgot." Well, I didn't forget-so while he got dressed I issued him a couple "Safe Driving Awards." (That's trucker talk for tickets.) By the way, his idea of getting dressed was simply pulling on a pair of old ripped gym shorts.

Many years ago a troop was trying to stop a semi on the interstate, but the truck was refusing to stop. He went across one county and into another where several of us were waiting on him. I was just up on the overpass going towards the ramp I when I saw several cars converge on him and force him to pull over.

Now what was his reason for not stopping? It seems he was wearing, shall we say, an article of women's clothing, and was embarrassed. Why didn't he just pull on some pants and pull over? Your guess is as good as mine-people never cease to amaze me. One thing I know for sure-when it comes to our job you've never "seen it all."

Well thankfully (and before we get into trouble) this ends another month's installment. Thank you for allowing all of us to serve all of you. Keep yourself and your families safe this 4th of July Holiday and we shall talk again next month. ■

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From left to right, Brian "Snook" Nobbe, Louis Fasbinder, Mark Barnard, Dawn Murrell, Mathew Garringer and Rebekah Allen are all volunteers to help the kids who came to the expo to learn to catch fish.



A view of the "Stayin' Alive" 11th Annual Family Fun Day at the Brookville Town Park. Over 25 community booths participated including food, games, prizes, crafts and more. This photo was taken from Mill Street on a hill above the park.

East Fork Fishing Expo For Kids & Stayin' Alive

Article & Photos
by Ray Dickerson

Memorial Day 2011 found me sweating profusely as I walked through the throngs of young people and their parents visiting the East Fork Fishing Expo For Kids and the Stayin' Alive 11th Annual Family Fun Day all held at the Brookville Indiana Town Park. The event was full of things to do for the family and kids from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It was a beautiful sunny day, but warm, really warm.

I parked in the town park near the East Fork of the Whitewater River (Tailwater Area) and visited with the volunteers at the Fishing Expo as they prepared the tackle, bait and food for the kids who came to fish. The kids were encouraged to bring their own fishing poles, however those who didn't have poles, the Fishing Expo Sponsor, 52 Pik-Up, provided them with a pole and their fishing worms too.

I asked Brian "Snook" Nobbe who was busy getting things ready for when the kids got their if I could get a photo of all the volunteers. He rounded them all up, Louis Fasbinder, Mark Barnard, Dawn Murrell, Matt Garringer and Rebekah Allen.

It wasn't time for the event to begin so I meandered over to where Dean Shadley and Bill Baumbauer (both retired Indiana Conservation Officers) were setting up to instruct Fly Fishing to any visitor that wanted to learn how to fly fish. I visited with them for a while.

On the other side of their location other volunteers were setting up an archery shooting area.

I then walked up the hill and continued on to where the "Stayin' Alive Family Fun Day" activities were just beginning to open as it was 10 a.m. on the nose.

I first visited with the WRBI radio station folks who was set up for a live broadcast. I think they are out of Batesville.

I then stopped at the Indianapolis Colts setup. I initially asked them, poking fun, if they represented the Baltimore Colts. Wayne Brock replied, "No, the Indianapolis Colts. I added, my second cousin Webb



Austin Cookendorfer, age 14, caught this dandy rainbow trout with a nightcrawler. Louis Fasbinder helped him release it back into the water.

Ewbank coached the Baltimore Colts at one time. See their photo on next page.

From there I walked by several sports related games, fast pitch, a setup of Brookville Fire Dept trucks and equipment, then stopped and talked to Corps of Engineers (COE) Park Ranger Stephanie Ison who I hadn't saw for some time. She and Ranger Heather Sabin were handing out literature about the COE at Brookville Lake. Ranger Ison has been in her position since 2003, full time since 2008. She has been a real asset to that position. You will read more about her in a future issue.

I then left the park walking up Mill Street to get a better vantage point to take a photo of the park area from the top of the hill. (See photo top of page)

Walking back down through the stadium I met a young man named Sam Westerfeld walking the



Corps of Engineers Park Ranger Matt Garringer shows a couple of kids how to rig a fishing pole and get it ready to catch fish at the Fishing Expo.

other way. I asked the lady following him what his last name was, she gave it to me. I told her I recognized The Gad-a-bout. She said she thought she recognized me, she asked her step dad is Bob Pence and she has been reading my paper for a very long time.

Chance meetings, I love them. Life is so much

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Tents border the road all the way around the ball diamond with the Stayin' Alive Family Fun Day participants catering to an eager crowd. There was a lot of people at the event even though it was rather warm.



Representing the Franklin County Sheriff's Department at the Family Fun Day from left to right is Deputy Jason Lovins, Jacque Shutz and Deputy Donald Speckman. They had a table full of information to give to the public.



COE Park Rangers Stephanie Ison and Heather Sabin passing out information at the Corps of Engineers (COE) booth. Stephanie is the full time Park Ranger at Brookville Lake.

more interesting if you just talk to people.

I headed down the row of tents snapping photos all along the way, I wanted to record a pic of every one who was set up there. One of them was the Franklin County Sheriff's Department (see above).

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I stopped by the Colts display, handing out info was Phil Ortman from Brookville, Wayne and Pam Brock from Eminense, IN. Payton was there too in cardboard form.



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Hot Moon!!!

It is well named for the heat is intense. Thank goodness for air conditioning. I remember when I enjoyed working, shirtless, over at LaBoiteaux. I painted the benches in the council ring, raked the area around the flag pole and looked forward to the weekly visits from the local children to our day camp. It was here that we experimented with craft projects to use with the school classes next fall. We had to have a new project each week in the summer. I had to have a new dance program each week. I had a partner in the summer, Frazier Douglas. I first met him when I went to the scout camp and he was the Indian Lore leader. He had one of the finest collections of Native American clothes out side of a museum. He could identify clothes by nation and time period. He was often called upon by the art museum to identify new pieces they had acquired. I also used the Lakota Dancers to perform at the day camp and for our visiting groups each summer. most of our groups were from the inner city playgrounds. We also had scout groups and church camps.

Summer was a relatively quiet time among the native people in historic time. It was a time for visiting with other camps. Today it is time to go to pow-wows and compete in the dance competitions. A time to enjoy fry bread, corn soup, corn on the cob and food from the fields and gardens. During the summer many of the people still travel from place to place. I remember many years ago, after the war, we had a native

family living at California Woods. We had hoped that they would add something new to our Indian program but we were disappointed. When pow-wow season started they packed up and left.

For me Spring and Fall are my favorites. Summer is just one step above winter because I can always cool off but sometimes it's hard to stay warm. Also, winter means getting in and out of heavy, awkward outer clothing. Summer, on the other hand, means no outer wear, short sleeved shirts or no shirt at all, shorts, which I never cared to wear but had to when I ran the Scout Camp. I had a Marine Gunnery Sergeant, who ran my rifle range. He told me once that the only thing that would make him leave the Marines would be if they made him wear shorts. Among the Native People, in historic times, the breech cloth was the

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basic garment for men and boys. Leggings were added when traveling through rough country, to dress up and when you became an elder (Sometimes). As with native people all over the world women went topless. I have to qualify that to primarily the Eastern Nations. Plains, Southwestern and Northwest women wore dresses with knee high leggings or boot moccasins.

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And my ears sharp to hear your voice.
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you have taught my people.
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every
leaf and rock.
I seek strength not to be greater than my brother,
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shoot is overwhelming. Usually shouts of, "Shoo, Go away, Scram, Git, Hey, and Boo" will be sufficient to keep from dirtying up that clean gun barrel with burnt powder. In case of temptation to use the one round of ammo, put the gun where it's hard to get to, like on top of the outhouse but make sure the ladder is hard to find.

4 - It's best to only use a gun only if there is a junior member of the Cabin gang around that is under the age of 21. He has been instructed in the Hunter/Safety course and can be talked into or threatened into fetching any downed game.

5 - Turkey/deer/squirrel field dressin', skinnin', and feather pickin' should be done by any youngster not big enough to shoot a gun and not big enough to fight back. He should also be swift enough to run down any 'missed' animal.

6 - Turkey cooking is to be done by anyone who can operate the turkey cooker on the back porch.

7 - So far rules #4, #5, & #6 have never been enforced during a legitimate game season - following in the belief that the legitimate season is in when you see game.

8 - Since no one has a license and the sound of a shotgun could bring a suspicious Conservation Officer around, it is recommended that serious turkey/deer/squirrel hunters use the Ol' Mountain Man Ambush routine where you sneak up, insert a forefinger into the turkey, deer, bear, moose, elk, groundhog or squirrel's anal orifice, crook the finger, and then have your hunting partner beat it over the head with a gun butt before it makes any attempt to get away.

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Mothers have even passed the hunting style down to daughters that want to get married usually around Sadie Hawkins' Day but it is recommended they eliminate the beating-over-the-head part unless absolutely necessary and when a mouth gag just won't work.

Women can of course use this method at other times on any single (eligible), still breathing, non-suspecting reluctant male beau that is hard to convince that he should marry and settle down. Once a woman has filled her marriage tag she is then eligible to instruct her own daughters or unmarried female members of the household on how to hunt a husband and/or an unsuspecting wild animal, neither of which needs to be in season.

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1A - Please have your wife sew a name tag inside your underwear or write your name on the outside of the waistband using a large head soft tip pen with permanent black ink. Adding your address and phone number is a plus in case you get lost in the woods or at the mall when you go into town for supplies.

2 - The recommended hunting stand is the front porch of the cabin and seating consists of folding aluminum lawn chairs, stools, nail kegs, the washing machine, and on top of the old refrigerator. The porch swing and rocking chair are reserved for the more elderly senior hunters.

2A - Please bring your own donut cushion. Make sure it has a camouflage cover and is water-proof (you know why). Always make a clear path to the outhouse and have a goodly supply of corncobs both red and white. Red to use and white to see if you need another red one.

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by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

BOOZING & BOATING

Simple pleasures are what make life worth living. And I'll admit, one of my simple pleasures on a hot day on the lake (when I'm not out there professionally) is to boat a big salmon, hand the rod to one of my fishing partners to be reset, then rest a cold brew from the cooler.

Most states, don't have laws prohibiting open containers on boats as is the mandate for vehicles on public highways, but most do have a blood alcohol limit for operating a boat of .10 or .08 above which, if caught, you are in as deep do do as if you had been above the .08 limit on the highway—and rightly so. But a single beer in a guy my size is innocent enough that my personal morality alarm doesn't go off at the thought.

But did you know as a boat owner or operator, even if you aren't drinking anything harder than bottled water, when on the lake you assume all or at least some of the liability for other people aboard who have been drinking? Keep that in mind when your guests show up with a full cooler of barley pops.

One of the earliest field sobriety tests used by police officers is having the suspected alcohol abuser walk a straight line. The booze affects the boozer's balance and perception to the point they fall off the line. Now put that guy on the deck of a moving boat and the same lack of balance and perception can lead to falls on deck, from fly bridges, into open hatches, down the companionway—even overboard.

Insurance company claim reports and police files are full of instances where toxicology tests done after an accident or tragedy point to high levels of alcohol in serious incidents. And don't think

because the victim was a close friend or even a relative, you will be relieved of responsibility. If you are the skipper, expect a call from an insurance company's lawyer if not a man with a badge and sideman.

The complaints always allege that the skipper should have known of the passenger's condition and prevented the injury or death. In some states, a boat owner can be found liable simply for serving the alcohol.

Unlike an automobile, where you can fasten passengers' seatbelts securely and drive them home, passengers on a boat, while you're at the helm, are often free to roam about and even to have more drinks. What is a sober and otherwise competent skipper supposed to do?

For one thing, the skipper should limit the amount of alcohol that's consumed aboard the boat and stop serving drinks before someone becomes intoxicated. As a practical matter, this isn't always easy; some people bring their own alcohol or the condition of your boat mates may not be readily apparent. The best solution, however, if you have friends who have a problems with alcohol, is to invite them to your home and not to your boat.

GET INSURANCE

Years ago, the only insurance I had for my boat was umbrella coverage on my auto insurance which covered the boat while on the trailer and heading down the road and on my home insurance which included liability. In a frank discussion with my insurance man, I learned that was far from enough.

Serious accidents, whether or not you are properly insured, often end up in court and the judge or jury decides the liability level of the boat owner. The judgment may range from zero to 100 percent, depending on the degree of perceived negligence. Often just as spendy are awards to victims for pain and suffering, loss of potential earning power and other dollar amounts. So check with your agent for recommendations to ensure you are properly insured.

Then head for the lake on the next hot day, catch a big fish and enjoy one of life's simple pleasures. Just one. And feel the satisfaction which comes with knowing you are in control.

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Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker



Turtles seen crossing roads during spring and early summer usually are headed to drier ground to lay eggs. (Photo by Phil Junker)

Why did the turtle cross the road?

So, why did the turtle cross the road? No, not the chick -- the turtle. What's the reason for this dangerous trip, one that could leave it splattered in the middle of the highway?

Recently, while driving Route 66 in far Southern Indiana, and a couple of blacktop back roads, I was happy to see flood waters have receded, and I also counted more than a dozen box turtles making their way across the hot, dangerous road. It is a spring ritual, but why?

One friend with an effort to be humorous, offered, "To get to a shell station." Someone else suggested to get to a SHELLter."

There is no question that the travel by a female turtle is related to the spring ritual of reproduction. But what drives them across roads at this time?

Throughout much of the years, turtles will move from one water source to another, but the females are the ones most likely seen during the May to June nesting season. And they are the ones usually seen crossing roads.

According to several herpetologists, the turtles probably are crossing roads to lay their eggs. They apparently cross roads to lay their eggs as they leave marshy, wet surroundings in search of dry, warm soil, and often where there is more sun striking the soil.

How the slow moving, low to the ground knows where higher, drier soil exists is another question. Guess nature just provides the instinct.

When drivers see turtles crossing the road, some stop and try to help them avoid being pancaked by a car.

I've done it myself. However, there are a couple things to keep in mind.

Be careful with your auto to make sure you don't encounter an accident with another motorist, while trying to be a good Samaritan for a turtle. The other point is don't take the turtle back to the side of the road

from which it came. It likely will just turn around and try to cross the road again.

Occasionally, female turtles will lay their eggs in a yard or driveway. This happens most often in May and June. Don't be alarmed. There is no need to artificially incubate the eggs or move them. Try not to disturb the female turtle as she will leave when finished.

The last several winters when I was at our little camp in Florida, a female turtle has come from a nearby pond to lay eggs near our back fence. In less than two hours, she lays her eggs and is gone. The eggs were laid in the same place, and I assume by the same turtle. I leave the eggs alone, and have never seen the youngsters.

The turtles I normally see crossing the road in the springtime are box turtles. They live long lives, are slow to mature, and have few babies hatch each year.

In general, turtles (there are many different ones) are among the oldest reptiles groups, dating back more than 200 million years. They predate lizards and snakes.

Nature is a wonderful thing, and watching turtles is just one of the neat experiences we are fortunate enough to observe.

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Most anglers started fishing with live worms before they later tried artificial worms or other baits. And live worms remain a favorite for many worms are inexpensive or free, and they catch fish.

There are many different types of worms. Some work better than others for various species of fish. The availability of the various worms also is a factor. Certainly, there are other types of live fishing bait. There are minnows, crawfish, crickets, leaches, and more, but worms probably top the list for freshwater anglers.

One of the most popular and highly regarded fishing books, "Lunkers Love Nightcrawlers" by **BUCK PERRY** provides strong evidence that night-crawlers are responsible for tricking more trophy bass onto a hook than any other bait, live or artificial.

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by Tag Nobbe

Professional Fishing Guide

July Fishing in Brookville Lake

July is the time of the year that the shad show up in the main lake. Shad is a bait fish that feeds the masses within the lake. When they first show up in the lake they are just little transparent swimming back bones. They are the part of the food chain that is close to the bottom. The shad feed on plankton in the lake and all the other fish feed on them through out different stages of their life cycle.

The white bass are one of the first fish to start feeding on the young of the year shad. The white bass is a schooling fish that lives in the main lake. These schools of white bass can be as big as a 10 acre field and can range from 12 inches to 17 inches long.

When the shad develops from an egg to a fish they school up for protection. These schools can be as big as the clouds in the sky. These schools of shad will move to the main lake feeding on plankton floating in the water. This is where being close to the bottom of the food chain is not a good thing.

I have been sitting in my boat with the water being as smooth as glass. Then out of no where a feeding frenzy irrupts on the surface of the water that is 10 acres in diameter. This is where the shad school cross the path of the white bass school. What the white bass school will do is surround the shad school and get below them and force them to the surface. This is like running the school into a wall. The white bass will hold them there as long as they can feeding



Jake Surber (L) from St Leon IN caught his 5 lb. walleye on 6/11 fishing with his Dad, Rod Surber (R) and Tag Nobbe. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

on them till the shad school can get away. Of course at this point the white bass will just coral them back up and do it all over again.

This will happen for about 2 weeks. Then the shad will get big enough and smart enough to out maneuver the white bass and it will be over.

What this means to you as a fisherman, is some of the best fish catching fun of the summer. All you have to do to catch white bass when this is going on is have a line in the water. Fifty fish an hour is not uncommon. What you look for is boiling water and cast through it. When you see it just start the out-

board motor and go right to the boiling water. Stop short of it, and idle with in casting distance. As long as the water is boiling the white bass are feeding. The best bait to use is 1/8 ounce lead head jig with a 2 or 3 inch white curly tail or a 1/8 ounce white rooster tail.

Once the shad get a little bigger the schools start to split up into individual smaller schools. Some will move back in the coves, some will move to the north end of the lake, and some will stay suspended in the main lake. At this point of the shads life cycle every body else will start to feed heavily on them also.

For fishing the main lake look for them on or near flats drop off edges or main lake points. If you like to troll fish the flats using shad imitating crank baits. If your a spoon fisherman look for concentrations of shad on humps or under water points. Under hand pitch to them and frog hop the bait back to the boat. This type of fishing is called a reaction bite. There is so much bait in the lake that the fish you are fish for are full. The only way you can get them to hit is out of a reaction not because they are hungry.

The only other way to be successful is timing, be there when the fish are feeding and your going to catch fish. Get there 2 minutes after their finished feeding and your going to be scrounging to catch a fish.

Tag Nobbe

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 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Annual book sale at Liberty
 10:00 a.m. to 7th Pie Sale at the Log Cabin - Historical Society
 11:30 - 12:15 DIXON DANCERS - *in front of courthouse*
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2010 Liberty Festival booths set up on the Courthouse Square. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

LIBERTY FESTIVAL JULY 3,4,5, 2010

Article by Ray Dickerson

The 39th Annual July 4th Festival will be held in downtown Liberty Indiana officially from July 2nd thru the 4th, 2011 on the Courthouse Square.

On Friday evening, July 1st From 4 to 7 p.m. the American Legion will be serving a Grilled Chicken Dinner at the Legion Hall located at 4 West High Street in Liberty.

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

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

For those who would like to participate in the Festival Parade 1 p.m. Saturday, July 2nd, fill out the Parade Application on page 18, cut out and send it to: **Union County Chamber of Commerce, 5 W. High St., Liberty, IN 47353.** Application must be received no later than June 30th.



Melissa Spillers
UCDC Executive Director

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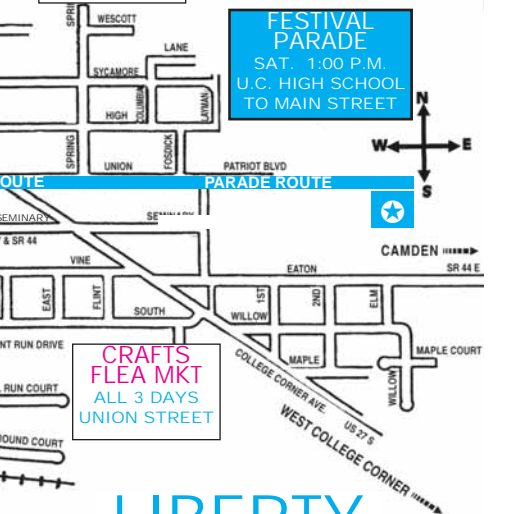
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The 2010 Liberty Festival Parade, led by the Military Honor Guard followed by a truck trailer with a seating capacity of Military Veterans. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Parade Grand Marshall, Tim Woodruff, waves to the crowd along Union Street. Tim's driver is Jim McCashland driving one of his vintage convertibles. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



The Liberty High School "Marching Patriots" give up a vacation day to show pride in their community by participating in the festival parade. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Mac Keasling at left, has been taking care of seeing to it that the courthouse square's 130 Festival booth spaces are filled each year since the 1970's. Unidentified boy at right.

A message from UCDC's new Executive Dir. Melissa Spillers

My name is Melissa Spillers I have lived in Union County most of my life. I graduated from Union County High School in 1987. My family has always been from here. My son is 9th generation to live in Union County and 5th generation to graduate from a Union County School. I love union county!!

I am very pleased to be in the position of the Union County Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce. I am excited about the up coming 4th of July festival. We are going to be having an "open mic" for this years event. We do have a couple of local stars already signed up. Josh Brock will be the entertainment that we have opening. We are so excited to have all the different people and groups that want to sing or play their music on the courthouse lawn. Something that is new this year to union county is the farmer's market. It is every Thursday from 4-8pm. It is located currently (due to construction in town) at Marker's Wally World on 101 right next to Whitewater State Park.

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by Dan Graves

Watch Out For That Dock

Boats! Why do we have boats? Probably, because we haven't yet learned how to walk on water. Yeh, I know that in the old days boats were the only means of transportation if you wanted to explore new lands or attack your neighbor for no other reason than their dog whizzed on your wife's flower bed. And today, big boats still serve as a first line of defense against anyone who doesn't like our dog.

However, consider the fact that a boat operates on water, a media known to be slippery and unpredictable and downright nasty at times. Over the centuries, man has learned how to control the forces of nature in order to get their boat to go where they want instead of which way the wind blows. Sails, oars, and then motorized types allowed control over the desired direction of travel.

Modern boats powered by inboard and outboard engines are marvels of technical ingenuity. That is, under some circumstances. Fishing with Rollin in his 20 footer with a 200 horsepower outboard on the stern and a powerful trolling motor on front lets us go wherever we want, in spite of the wind. Until we get there. Then it's a contest between Rollin, the trolling motor and the wind. I sit on the stern while he occupies the bow. For a long time I thought he was being considerate by constantly maneuvering the boat with the trolling motor to compensate for wind drift and to keep both of us in a good position to cast. I would be fishing on the right side of the boat while he fished the left. If I were catching more than Rollin the boat would slowly rotate and I would be casting on the left while he switched sides. And the bow would be pointed in the opposite direction. I finally figured it out and started playing my fish up to the stern and quietly slipping the hook and releasing them while his back was turned. Occasionally he would turn and tell me I would have to fish harder to keep up with him. With a look of indignation I would tell him that it ain't the ketchin' that counts, it's the tryin', while I quietly snickered under my breath.

A few years ago I purchased a sixteen footer complete with all the fancy electronic gear that I had no idea how to use. It was all I could do just to get the engine started, much less know what I was seeing on that fish finder screen. My problems really started when I tried to put the thing in the lake for the

first (and all subsequent times). I had to have help from a sympathetic person at the marina to get it wet and to take it out of the lake. For the next two years I dreaded the idea of getting it off and back on the trailer and because of this, finally sold it. Now boatless and living on a large lake, my wife watched wistfully as happy boats trundled around on their pontoon boats, sitting under canopies and lounging around on overstuffed chairs and benches. "BAHH", I told her. Pontoon boats are for wimps. I'll buy a two man kayak and we'll show them what real men and women are made of. That went over like an obnoxious gas in a divers helmet.

We now own a pontoon boat. The thing is twenty-one feet long, six feet wide with a canopy, an overstuffed captains chair in front of an elevated control console, and plush benches with seating for twelve. It has a stereo system complete with AM/FM radio, courtesy floor lights and carpeting of all things. Since we purchased it from an owner already on the lake, my job was to move it to it's new dock. But first, a stop at the marina for fuel was required. Sitting in that chair (with armrests, no less), feeling like the captain of an aircraft carrier approaching a pier, I barked orders to the helmsman.

"Steady as she goes. No, hard a-port. No, too hard a-port. Hard a-starboard. Engines back full your scurry knife. I'll have your head swinging from the yard arm you worthless scum".

BANG! It's amazing the sound that aluminum makes when it smacks into an aluminum dock and how well the sound carries over water. Engine reversed and a successful approach. The first docking caused only a few bucks worth of damage. Admittedly, our first cruise was quite pleasant as I gave it full throttle and screamed up to 16 miles per hour. Okay, so I won't be pulling skiers but it can still be used for trolling.

On the second outing fuel was again a necessity. I'm still wondering why they put the fuel pumps in such a position that you have to approach with the pumps on the port(left) side while the captain sits on the starboard (right) side. He can't see where the bow is as it approaches the fuel dock. My helmsman (my wife) stood forward and directed me, saying "go right, no go left, BACK UP, BACK UP!"

WHAM! The whole marina shook as I yelled at her, "Use the proper terminology. Say port and starboard and hard a-stern". One pontoon was lodged under the dock and took a lot of bouncing to free it. That wasn't nearly as bad as the tongue lashing the captain got from the helmsman, even though I explained to her that I outranked her and she could report to the brig as soon as we made landfall. And, it isn't proper protocol for the captain to have to eat cold cereal for supper just because he pointed out a mistake by one of the ship's deck hands.

I'm getting better at controlling the thing, having only scraped a little paint off on the last docking. And, I can't swing a fly rod without snagging the lure in the canopy. I've also lost a lot of authority when the helmsman promoted herself to a bosun's mate. Next thing you know I'll be expected to vacuum the carpet.



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Ramblings from Da Region



by Gene Clifford

I Enjoyed the Chase

I enjoyed the chase even tho I was skunked for the 4th time in 16 years of hunting the wily longbeards. I chose to hold out for a mature longbeard but the good Lord thought otherwise. I had the chance to mentor a younger fellow in the ins and outs about wild turkey hunting. We got to hunt together about 8 times during the 19 day Indiana season, as it seemed to rain just about every other day during the season, and with my age, nearing 75, I found my legs needed the day between to rest up, from the long walks, a half mile out and back, involved with the area we were turkey hunting.

The first two days of the season were rainy, so I chose not to hunt until it cleared up a bit. The first days hunt found us sitting side by side in a very small, 4'X5' log blind I had hastily built last year in the woods, on the edge, of a 40 acre soybean field. We saw at least 8 or 10 birds, mostly hens but there were 2 mature toms, but they, for some unknown reason, were not the least interested in our calling or decoy placement. This is quite unusual in the first week of the season, as in the past seasons I've hunted, the birds were either curious, or wanted to socialize with my decoys. Later on in the season the live birds seem to get decoy and call shy the more they are hunted in a certain area. But we 2 were the only ones, with written permission, hunting these woods and fields, as we saw not one other turkey hunter during the season. After 3 unproductive hours at this location we picked up and went about 1 1/4 mile farther west to the west side of this very large woods, to hunt out of another log blind mine, on the edge of another 40 acre soybean field, where I got my bird last year, on the 3rd day of the season. Over the next 2 hours, no birds were seen or heard at this location, so we called it a day about 11 AM.

The next time out we decided to dig mini foxholes, beneath a couple of trees alongside a creek running through the first field we hunted. This way we would have the sun to our backs, which would be to our advantage. Our reason for doing this was because we saw the birds, 2 days earlier, leaving the woods some 100 yards south of our location, crossing the picked over soybean field, and seemingly going directly to the creek for a first thing in the morning drink. With this new location we felt we would be able to see the birds as they came out of the woods they were roosting

in and waylay them, as they came to the creek. With 2 hens and a full fan Tom decoy in place we sat and watched some 15 or more birds come out of the woods, 150 yards west of us, and never come more than halfway across the field. With so many birds in the field at one time or another, we couldn't pull up stakes and leave until there were no visible birds feeding. So there we were until almost noon.

The third time out we went back to our foxholes alongside the creek and watched again as almost another dozen birds came out into the soybean field to pick, scratch and even dust awhile, but not any closer than 65 yards according to my range finder. Close only counts in Horseshoes, Grenades and Napalm, but not in turkey hunting.

The next time I went out alone, to the base of a large tree in the woods, directly across from the field from the foxhole location. The problem with this location was that I didn't have the time to clear out sighting and shooting lanes in the undergrowth of blackberry and multi-flora rose. So I could only see my decoys, some 25 yards directly in front of me, and less than 20 yards to my left and right.

After about 2 hours of only seeing 2 hens come out of the woods near my location, I became drowsy because of boredom and early morning rising. I then slid down onto one elbow and rested my eyes. You know what's coming don't you. Little did I know that some 20 minutes later on my dozing when I tried to get up and lean back against the large tree, there were a 2 year old Jake and a hen between me and my decoys. My movement sent them scurrying out of sight. This was a fitting example of IF YOU SNOOZE YOU LOSE.

On the next to the last day of the 19 day season, my turkey hunting student and I decided to split up and each take a spot about a 100 yards apart on the west side of the soybean field where we have been seeing turkeys every day. We both heard some gobbling that morning, so the anticipation was on the rise. After about 1 hour, I heard a tom gobble some 20 yards away or less, behind me in the woods. This makes the hair on the back of your neck rise significantly. As I slowly turned to my right to get a possible sighting of this gobbling tom, out of the corner of my eye to my left, at the edge of the field, not more than 15 yards from where I was seated, silently appeared a mature tom and a 1 yr. old jake. While reaching for my 20 ga. shotgun, the tom took off flying to my left, in the direction of my hunting buddy. He later stated that he could hear the wing beats of the tom flying towards him, but didn't have time to shoulder his gun. Right after the tom flew past him, came running the 1 yr. old jake, who stopped to look back at where he came from, and that was his undoing, as my turkey hunting student with an itchy trigger finger, could not wait any longer.

This was not a very big bird at 14 lbs, with only a 3" beard, but the ear to ear smile on my friend made up for it all.

All this hop scotching around trying to find a better location to intercept these turkeys is the honest to gods truth about this year's turkey hunting season. ■

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by Don Bickel, Forester

"The apparent lack of an adult does not mean a young animal is orphaned"
First watch and wait

A few days past, I received a call from my daughter-in-law and her words, "'Well, I've got myself in a pickle and I need some advice.'"

It seems the small lawn at the office was mowed and in the process, a nest of young rabbits was disturbed. Two bunnies, uninjured, ran in different directions - away from the nest and possibly in harm's way.

One was captured and also the second when it ventured into the parking area. At the time of the call, both bunnies were residing on a towel which had been placed in a cardboard box. Now, what do I do?

With young animals or birds, it is considered best to not attempt a rescue. However, in this case, the street and its traffic being very near - this was the human thing to do. Now, it was my call as to the next step. The mother rabbit was undoubtedly nearby, the nest is generally somewhat secluded and the female rabbit goes to it several times in a 24 hour period to allow the young to nurse.

My advice: find the nest - if possible - and cover with grass and weeds to make it a darkened location. Then place the young rabbits in it, both at the same time. And hope the darkened location causes them to stay.

If the nest - a small depression lined with the mother rabbit's fur - cannot be found, create the same small mound of vegetation and place the young ones under it. In this case, the mowed area was small and the nest was located.

The concern about the mother rabbit abandoning the young because a human handled them is for the most part wrong. It is also to be remembered, small sized animal species and birds are usually tended by the parent for only a short time - 2 to 3 weeks. After that time they are left to fend for themselves and this mother rabbit will probably have another litter before the July of July.

Keep in mind, these are wild animals and human intervention seldom comes out on the

good side. Actually, it is illegal to keep any young animal or bird without a proper state issued permit. The one reason to possess a young or injured animal would be the time needed to take it to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. A list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators can be found at www.wildlife.IN.gov.

While in the process of writing this column, another call. "There's a fawn lying by my back porch. It is really tiny. What should I do?"

The caller felt a road killed doe lying on the roadside a short distance away, was quite likely the mother. No way to tell if that was the case, so I advised:

Call the county sheriff's office, inform them of the situation and ask that they call the conservation officer who was on duty.

In the meantime, do not disturb the fawn, it will probably stay in that location if not bothered. The caller said the fawn was lying absolutely still with it's head flat on the ground. That is the position a fawn in its early days would take until its mother - the doe - came back to it.

No way to tell if the deceased doe was the mother - so in this case, let the conservation officer make the call. Should there be a thought the fawn would run into the road or street AND if an enclosure - dog pen - was available, the fawn might be placed there until the officer arrives.

But remember, if the fawn is disturbed, it can move very quickly. If a rescue is to be attempted - two people or more should be involved. However, it is quite likely the fawn - in this instance - will not move.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources advises the following:

If the fawn is not injured, the mother is likely nearby.

Leave the fawn alone and its mother will probably come and get it. Deer can take better care of their young than a human.

Human scent on the fawn will not prevent the mother from taking care of it.

If you do not see any deer nearby, have someone watch the fawn without being seen by the mother. This would mean, stay in the house or some hidden location. If the fawn is seen late in the day, quite likely the doe will not return until late evening or just after dark.

If a bird has fallen out of a nest, it is OK to gently return it to the nest. The best way to make sure an animal or bird is truly orphaned, is to wait - 12 to 24 hours - and check it periodically.

In the case of the young rabbits, the nest was - once located - easily seen. In the nest were 2 or 3 more bunnies and the two "escapees" snuggled in with their siblings. This ending to the episode is not often repeated.

In Nature, growing up is harsh, regardless of the Disney like scenario. Floods, ice storms, free ranging dogs, coyotes, vehicles on the road, raccoons, skunks, opossums, and barn cats are an everyday threat. Human intervention seldom makes the situation better.

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About 1,000 B.C., a group of hunter/gatherer people, later dubbed the Adena-Hopewell Indians, roamed the area which is now Anderson, IN. They lived and foraged along White River in what is Madison County. Now, 3,000 years later, no one knows what happened to this society. But they left clues to their existence including tools, weapons, and mounds which were used in certain ceremonies. These earthen features are now included in what is called Mounds State Park.

While one of Indiana's smallest State Parks, Mounds is unique because of these unusual earthworks. Inside the property, 10 different mound features can be found, the largest being called the Great Mound which was built around 160 B.C. Members of the tribe gathered at this mound for certain religious ceremonies. Astronomical observations were a part of these ceremonies. The layout of the Great Mound allowed the Indians to use it as a prehistoric calendar, forecast the summer and winter solstices, and other uses. These mounds were generally not used for burial purposes.

Mounds like these are found in other areas of Indiana (including New Castle) and Ohio. While they are usually found near a river, this was probably just for convenience when the people had to travel from place to place. The Great Mound has a gateway into the central platform area. It is then surrounded by a ditch or moat like area, and a raised earthwork, thought to be a seating area for those watching the ceremony.

About seven years ago, a new interpretive center was built in the Park. This is an extremely nice facility. We visited it a few weeks ago and plan on taking our grandson, Benjamin, there this summer. Some of the arrowheads and tools found in the area

are displayed here. It also has a wildlife viewing room, an observatory garden with labeled plants, interactive exhibits for children and adults, a small gift shop, plus a display and explanation of the Great Mound. An interpretive naturalist service is also available here for church, scout, school, and civic groups. My wife and I recently joined a group from Primrose Retirement Community in Anderson who visited Mounds and were impressed by the gentleman who led our group and explained all the attractions.

While you are visiting the Park, many other activities are available. A family campground is equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers, picnic tables and grills, electric on each campsite, and a dump station is nearby. A primitive youth tent area for groups under adult supervision has water and vault toilets. Reservations are available for this area.

Two year-round shelter houses are provided on a first come, first served basis. These can also be rented/reserved for a specific date. A pavilion is available April to December and must be reserved for use. This includes chairs, tables, kitchen facilities, fireplace, restrooms, etc. Picnic tables and grills, plus playground equipment are located at various spots around the park. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, a modern pool and bathhouse with a 500 person capacity is open.

Hiking trails are located throughout the Park and a map is available at the front gate. Six separate routes are offered including a one mile "easy", a .4, a .9, and a 2.5 mile "moderate", and a .5 and .7 mile "rugged" paths. Depending on the one you pick, you may hike along White River and see limestone bluffs, find the 20 most common Indiana trees labeled, cross boardwalks, view deer, waterfall, upland game and songbirds, and skirt many of the mounds for which the Park is named.

The Park is open from 9 AM to 5 PM in the summer and 11-4 in winter. It is closed at night except for the campers. It is managed by the State Parks and Reservoir Division of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Mounds State Park is located on the east side of Anderson at 4306 Mounds Road. Their phone is 765-642-6627 or get on the IDNR website for more information.

When I was young, I hiked the trails in this Park numerous times. My wife took groups of her students on field trips here every year. Until we were invited to visit with the Primrose group, I had not been here for many years. I plan on taking our grandson here as often as I can in the future.

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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCorry

More About Teen Camping

Hopefully this will be our next to last column dedicated exclusively to camping with teens. There may be incidental mentions in the future as memory allows but not the whole article. Throughout the years of teaching we took many cave, canoeing and camping trips sometimes staying overnight but sometimes being driven home by inclement weather. At least we were usually close so we could pack up wet gear and go home to dry out. Several of the trips were to train for Spring Break trips later in the school year. We'd rent canoes or use those loaned by families of students on the weekend outings. Usually we would canoe a while downstream, stop and set up tents, make a fire, and see what the teens had brought for meals.

Usually menus were reasonable and hopefully a lot of camping knowledge would be imparted on these short weekend outings. The short trips paid off later when we were hundreds of miles from home. On warm spring or fall days we would find safe open areas of the streams and overturn one another. We'd usually change out of wet clothing into dry clothes at highway overpasses. When changed, we'd get out our well-packed and water proof packets of lunch and eat under the overpasses or in some cases under an Interstate. The kids learned there was a time to be serious and time to goof off. Everyone liked to row the canoes and most usually had a little trouble at stern. If they didn't "drive" carefully, they almost always hit the bank or were carried up against a log jam by the current. If they didn't hurry and portage over the jam, another canoe would invariably come up against them and box them in and that's when the fun started.

On some trips South we'd stop at the Stephen Foster State Park in southern Georgia, camp out and canoe the Okefenokee Swamp. On one trip the senior girls in two canoes wanted to lag behind, they said, to try to find Pogo Possum. Rain started falling and the boys all made it back safely to the canoe livery. We waited about an hour and finally told the worker at the livery the girls weren't back yet. He took his porta-page speaker, put on a rain parka and motored out into the waterways he probably knew by heart. In a moment of panic the girls had made an incorrect turn and had headed north toward Folkston, Georgia. They made all kinds of excuses, such as being chased by alligators, running out of gas and not knowing how to change the tanks, etc. They were wet and scared but survived. The boys swore not to tell back home since the girls probably had something on them, too.

On the way to New Orleans one year our CB

radio went out in the lead van and two of our boys, "electronic wizards" we called them, had us stop in Effingham, Illinois, at an automotive store. After assessing what was wrong we purchased the materials and in just a few minutes we were on our way talking to all the drivers on Interstate 57 as we headed south. One of the boys eventually went to Purdue and was on two or three National Champion Rubie Goldberg teams from Purdue, matching wits with teams from all over the USA. On that same trip we were having an evening meal after having set up camp at Saint Bernard's State Park and saw a video on a TV screen in the restaurant. It was about constructed wetlands waste water treatment systems. At the end of the video it mentioned the location of the contractor, actually in northern Indiana. I called him when we got back home and he stopped by my classroom and described how he thought he could help me at my campground. Having degrees in both biology and the geosciences I had kept tabs on what the Board of Health was doing in the state. I had a septic system flowing into a chlorination system and then going through a 13 acre field to a stream flowing through my property and then off site. I knew we soon would need to change the system and I'd already investigated a mound system. The contractor convinced me this wetlands system was better for our situation so we hired him to develop a plan for us. We kept all the effluent from going off our property site. I believe we had the first of its kind developed for campground use in Indiana. The State eventually approved the system on a trial basis. The next spring and summer we had the most awful mess at our campground. But in our next 14 years at camp we had no problems with the system. I assume the new owner has had no problems either. There were people calling and coming to view the system from all over. The kids on our trip were amazed how a little video could turn into a big project.

I can't recall any Spring Break while teaching we weren't with a group of teens, except the one I reported on in an earlier article about El and I camping in our home made camper to Missouri. Each time we would get chaperones from our school and/or parents especially since they knew our students and their backgrounds. On one such trip a parent had related to me that he was reluctant to go since one of his parents was very ill, but he wanted the experience so he could know more about school camping and that he hadn't had the opportunity to take his two girls, both in my Ecology Club, on many trips. He even volunteered his van. The night we were in Tomoka State Park, near Ormond Beach, he received a phone call that the parent had passed away. We took him to the airport, (I can't recall if the girls went or not) and he left his van so we could use it the rest of the camping trip. We had extra drivers so that wasn't a problem. He called and said he'd made it back OK, but he had the locking gas cap key in his possession back home. He gave us permission to call in my auto club locksmith to take care of the problem. That's the only time we had a death in a family of a person on any of our trips.

We hope everyone is getting involved in a lot of the festivals and local ethnic events around your neck of the woods, and, of course, taking time to relax in state, local and private camping grounds. If you have anything about camping you'd like us to write about, please us at: 260-637-3524 or e-mail us at: jmacnut@yahoo.com. See you in August. Keep those suggestions coming.

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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
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Crappie Tournament June 4, 2011

With poor lake conditions lingering from our previous tournament we managed to have nine teams show up to compete in our crappie tournament held on Saturday, June 4th, at the Salamonie Reservoir. Besides the high water levels, our fishermen also had to deal with record high temperatures and humidity. Despite these conditions several teams were still successful in bringing in nice crappie.

After missing out by .03 of a pound at our last tournament, the team of Ron Bilbrey and Don Mandrell came back victoriously by landing 6.02 pounds with seven fish to soundly win this tournament. Right behind the leaders were the team of Jim Paul and Dan Paul who won second place with a total weight of 5.28 pounds. The team of C.B. Hupp and Randy McCormick, whom won our previous tournament, rounded out the top three with a total weight of 4.91 pounds.

The team of Bilbrey and Mandrell also landed the big fish award with a weight of 1.37 pounds. Remarkably this was only .01 of a pound more than the second place fish caught by the Paul's.

At the end of the day everyone enjoyed a good day of fishing. We would once again like to thank



Jim Paul and Dan Paul won Second Place Overall and second big fish. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)



Ron Bilbrey and Don Mandrell, Winners of tournament as well as the big fish. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)



Dax Harnon, Alex Harnon and David Eastman from Anderson fishing on Salamonie Res Saturday afternoon.

everyone who showed up and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next tournament date scheduled for Saturday, September 17th. For more information contact us @ (765) 981-4522 or email at brccampground@hotmail.com.

U.S.A. Crappie Tournament Salamonie & Mississinewa June 10-11, 2011

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Crappie USA Tournament Results for Indiana's Mississinewa, Salamonie Lakes

This past Saturday June 11th Crappie USA held a qualifying event on Indiana's Mississinewa and Salamonie Lakes. These anglers were competing for not only cash and prizes, but a chance to advance to the prestigious Cabela's Crappie USA Classic. This year's classic will be held October 12-15, 2011 on the Kentucky/Barkley Lakes at Paris, Tennessee.

Semi-Pro Division Results

Taking First Place was the Indianapolis, Indiana team of Don and Herschel Licht with a weight of 5.78 pounds beating out the second place team by only .01 pound to earn \$1,000.00. Don and Herschel were fishing Salamonie up a past the bridge fast trolling the edge of brush and weeds in 3-4 feet of water using a double rig with a Road Runner tipped with minnows and a straight shiner rig.

Second place went to the Anderson, Indiana team of Myron Etchison and Randy Marsh weighing in a close 5.77 pound and earning \$600.00. Myron and Randy were also fishing Salamonie spider rigging black/chartreuse Southern Pro tubes around Monument Island in 20 feet of water with

their fish holding 5-6 feet deep in the morning and 8-9 feet deep that afternoon. In all the team caught between 75-100 fish to come up with 7 keepers to weigh in. The team also received a check for \$250.00 for the Ranger Cup Award.

National sponsors Ron and Connie Gooding of Hamilton, Illinois came in third place with 5.31 pounds and earning \$400.00. Ron and Connie were fishing Salamonie around Monument Island in 8-12 feet of water with their catch holding 6-7 feet deep. The team was using jigs with 4 inch shiners to catch 50-60 fish for the day.

Amateur Division Results

First place in the amateur division was the 3-person team of Dax and Alex Harnon along with David Eastman from Anderson, Indiana with a weight of 6.84 pounds and earning \$750.00. Dax, Alex and David were fishing Salamonie tight lining pink Charlie Brewer Sliders tipped with minnows in 20 feet of water catching their fish in 11-12 feet of water. The team caught between 60-70 fish for the day.

Second place went to the St. Mary's, Ohio team of Deb and Dave Gregory with a weight of 6.19 pounds and earning \$500.00. Deb and Dave were fishing Mississinewa using Southern Pro jigs tipped with large shiners slow trolling in 19-20 feet of water catching around 40 fish close to the bottom.

Taking third place was Bloomington, Indiana's Joe McWhorter and Bill Egan weighing in 5.67 pounds and earning \$300.00. Joe and Bill were single pole tight lining Salamonie in 15-17 feet of water using shiners to catch near 100 fish for the day.

In fourth was the Wabash, Indiana team of Daniel Paul and Rollin McCoart with a weight of

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First Place winners in the Semi Pro Division was Don (L) and Herschel (R) Licht with 5.78 lbs of Salamonie Crappies. Beating out second place by .01 of a pound.



First Place winners in the Amateur Division from left to right, Alex Harnon, Dax Harnon and David Eastman caught 6.84 lbs of Salamonie Crappies. Dax also caught 2nd biggest fish.



Second Place winners in the Semi Pro Div. Myron Etchison (L) and Randy Marsh (R) with 5.77 lb of Salamonie Crappies.



Second Place winners in the Amateur Div, Deb (L) and Dave (R) Gregory with 6.19 lbs. of Mississinewa Crappies.



Third Place winners in Amateur Div, Joe McWhorter and Bill Egan with 5.67 lbs. of Salamonie Crappies.



Fourth Place winners in the Amateur Div, Daniel Paul (L) and Rollin Mcoart (R) with 5.63 lbs. of Salamonie Crappies.



Fifth Place winners in the Amateur Div, Ron Bilbrey (L) and Don Mandrell (R) with 5.5 lbs. of Salamonie Crappies.



Jim Raymer (L) and Uncle Bob Raymer (R) caught the biggest Crappie weighing 1.61 lbs. winning \$175.00.

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Old Trail District Troop 16, 45, 119 and 1832 assembled in front of a barn at the Cope Environmental Center located on Airport and Shoemaker roads in Wayne County, IN

Old Trail Dist. Spring Camporee Cope Environmental Center April 29 - May 1, 2011

Article & Photos
by Ray Dickerson

As some of you readers might remember last year my grandson, Dylan Smock, joined the Boy Scout and Troop 16, while he lived with us and just about everything he did with the scouts while in Indiana (he lives in Massachusetts) was recorded here in The Gad-a-bout. I got to know everyone in Troop 16, which was the troop I was a member of as an Explorer Scout back in the mid-fifties, here in Centerville, Indiana.

Janet Bennett, Committee Member of Troop 16 contacted me back in early April and told me about their Spring Camporee being at Cope Environmental Center. She wanted to know if I would be interested in attending it to maybe do an article. I told her it would depend on what was going on at that time.

Well as it worked out I was able to be there for part of the campout. I called Troop 16's Scoutmaster, Mark Culbertson to let him know that I would be at the Camporee that weekend.

On Friday afternoon I drove to Cope which is only about a mile or so from home. It's strange in all the years they have been there, I had never been there until stopping there Thursday. It's a very interesting place to visit, especially if you are big on renewable resources. I found it very interesting as you will read here.

I parked my van and walked up to the entrance. A gentleman was sitting under a shelter and I told him who I was and why I was there. He introduced himself, Phil Seybold, Scoutmaster of Troop 1832 from Hagerstown. He added that formerly he had been the Facilities and Grounds Director at Cope Environmental Center, but now was a sustainability & green building consultant on his own. But he still did sustainability education for certain events, such as this Camporee.

I asked him what the scouts were going to learn at Cope. He told me, "Scouting Goes Green." They would learn about wind power, solar power, composting, green buildings, solar cooker, water and soil quality and running vehicles on vegetable oil.

But first the scouts had to get there, set up their campsites and prepare for their first night of camping. Each troop had to gather recyclables along the roadside and bring to the camp as part of their participation in the campout.

I left Cope just as the sun was setting and told Phil that I would see him early the next morning.

On Saturday morning I parked my van at a little before 8 a.m., the scouts were already up and getting ready for the 3 mile hike with Phil Seybold on the grounds of Cope

Environmental Center.

At 8.55 a.m. we all headed down the trail, past the pond into the less wooded area, then into the grassy area with some native grasses. Phil stopped at a station along the trail and began talking about invasive species like Autumn Olive a plant that wasn't native to the area and how it could impact native



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On Friday evening the Boy Scout camp was all set up at Cope Environmental Center.

species, since it didn't have any natural enemies.

Our next stop was at a wetland. Phil explained the benefits of wetlands and how only 3-4% of Indiana was wetlands. Many wetlands disappeared from Indiana due to their elimination, in trade for more land to be developed for farming, urban sprawl and industrial expansion. Wetlands are a natural filter for the water as it goes down to the aquifer. By taking away the wetlands the natural filtration that we had to make clean water vanished. Today some construction companies are building pervious surfaces such as driveways, parking lots and roads so that water can soak through the surface and drain down to the aquifer. In the winter time the heat of the day will cause snow and ice to melt and filter down through the surface too, which will eliminate overnight freezing - an extra benefit.

Phil said the wind turbine at Cope produces about 1500 to 1800 wats of electricity per hour when the wind is blowing real good. That amount of electricity can light 15 incandescent bulbs or 150 L.E.D. bulbs. However if you are using a hair dryer you will use everything the turbine can put out. Turbine energy doesn't convert electricity to heat efficiently, if you have base board electric heat in your house it's not good. If a house is built right with efficiency in mind with the right appliances you can run the house off wind and solar. If the wind speeds gets really high the turbine has safety built into it, the tail turns at an angle that will slow the turbine speed

down to idle. When the wind slows to a safe speed the turbine automatically produces electricity again. Before investing in the turbine though, a word to the wise is to check with local laws and ordinances before putting one up. You may have to take it down.

Just down the trail was a sustainable living demonstration home. Phil explained to us that to save costs Cope decided to make the home sustainable rather than build a new one. He said though that he can build a new home 80% more efficient than a normal house and do very easily at the same cost as building a conventional home and it will use 80% less energy. On an existing home it is a lot harder to do. At the home at Cope they feed the electricity into it from the wind turbine, they have placed 1000 wats of solar panels on the roof that faces south, to this point the house is actually super insulated with 2 inches of foam, blown in insulation and has 30% recycled content fiber-cement siding on the outside giving it a R25 insulation rating. It has a geo-thermal heating system, has an energy-star metal roof, new insulated windows, has highly efficient appliances, has a aqua-star on demand hot water heater which uses 50% less energy than a regular one. Cost will vary depending on the house.

We then returned walking past the campsite to the garage area where Phil explained that Cope uses Biodiesel fuel for their diesel car and tractor. Basically they run on recycled vegetable oil. They explained the process to us, but I can't explain it here. You can go to website www.biodiesel.org and read all about it there or many other sites listed.

From there we went to a small water hole that had a solar panel near it. Phil went around to the other side and positioned the solar panel towards the sun and soon water was being pumped out a tube into the water below.

We then walked around to the restroom. Phil explained that the restroom was not an outhouse. He asked if anyone had ever passed an outhouse in 90 degree weather at summer camp. The smell is pretty nasty, right? In a outhouse there is no air movement and the poo is breaking down very slowly, the opposite is happening in a compost toilet. The compost toilet uses the movement of air to increase the decomposition of the waste, the process moves through four stages. By the fourth stage whats left is

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The Simple Life



by Jack & Leslie Turner

Home Sweet Home

We are dreamers! But we are also realists. So if someone would have told us in April that two months later we would move from an apartment into a house we probably would've laughed at them.

Well it's the first week of June as we sit to write this article and we're writing it from our front porch.

We had always talked and dreamed of living in a log cabin or old farmhouse. And to be honest we really weren't seeking a house of any kind.

Driving to our apartment one day we noticed an older home, perhaps eighty years old, that had a sign in the front yard. It was less than a quarter mile from our previous residence. At first we joked that it would be "cool" to live there. Two or three days later Leslie called and inquired about the availability of the house. After several days we came to the conclusion that if we "tightened our belts" moving into the house could become a reality. So Leslie set up an appointment to go see the house. We walked through the home. At first glance we knew immediately that the home "fit us". It reminded us of our visits to our grandparents homes in years past. A picket fence framed the back yard. It had a cellar-style basement with built in pantries. There were old archways into the dining room and living room. And beautiful wood framing around all of the old paneled doors. It had so many qualities that touched our hearts. We decided to pray about it.

The next day, however, we received a phone call letting us know that the other couple had decided they wanted the home for themselves. Needless to say, Leslie was heartbroken.

In our marriage our faith is of utmost importance. And every major decision we make, we make not only together, but with the Lord's help through prayer. We decided that since we didn't get to have the home for ourselves, the Lord must have other plans for us- bigger and better plans that we could not understand at the time. Jack also reminded Leslie that if God wanted us to have the house, perhaps something unexpected would happen. Perhaps the other couple would call and say they had changed their minds. And guess what? That's exactly what happened. In less than forty-eight hours the other couple not only changed their minds they decided not to move at all.

So on June 1st, we spent the first night in our new home. As we've begun to settle in, we're starting to cherish more and more the character of this old house and what each tiny element of the past means to us. We now look to the future and the prospect of creating memories that will last a lifetime.

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I then started back toward the sports booths on the south side of the field when I saw a fireman standing in the middle of the field with two more ways from him. I asked him if they were going to have a demonstration or something in the field. He told me that the Rushville Air Evac helicopter was going to land and they were there to keep the field clear for the landing. Shortly we could hear the tell-tale sound of the helicopter and watched a small dot increase in size as it accurately set down on the field. I saw a guy in a shirt and tie across the way and walked over to him, it was Asst. Fire Chief Larry Race with the Brookville Fire Dept., I asked him if I could get a photo of him, his crew and the Air Evac crew. He told me it would be up to the Air Evac crew as soon as they shut down the helicopter. As soon as the engine stopped and the crew got out I walked over and asked if I could take their photo for my paper. They agreed, see photo on page 9.

I then walked over to the Brookville Fire Dept. equipment setup and while there I asked Asst. Chief Larry Race about the phrase on the front of the fire truck, "First In - Last Out." He told me the firemen had designed their own deal for their uniforms and trucks, in the design they put the phrase, "First In - Last Out." I decided to put the phrase on the front of Engine 11. I told him the phrase reminded me of 9/11. He just nodded.

I then headed back towards the tailwater to see if I could get a couple photos of kids catching fish. I arrived there around 11:30 a.m. I asked Snook if there had been many fish caught. He said fishing was pretty slow. I walked on down to where the biggest group of fisher-kids were fishing. I stayed there until after 1 p.m., when the event ended. I got one photo of a trout being caught by Austin Cookendorfer (see photo on page 8). A couple of the kids actually caught a couple rocks and landed them. Earlier before I got back there I was told that 2 rainbow trout and a sucker was caught and possibly a couple more, maybe.

The day wasn't about catching fish though, it was about people getting together for a family fun day. Let me tell you everyone I saw was having fun, even those doing all the work to put this spectacular event on.

For what it is worth, Franklin County has another hit on its hands. Good job folks!

Outdoors Tales

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plump earthen dwellers in long.

"Bluegills on chunks; crappies with a piece on a jig; catfish and bullhead whiskers stand on end for juicy crawlers; walleyes inhale them offered on a variety of delivery systems like spinners and live bait rigs; largemouth and smallmouth bass engulf crawlers in virtually any fishing situation."

Frabill has developed a series of live bait videos, which are available for viewing or downloading on the internet at **YouTube**. There you can search for Frabill nightcrawlers. It is a short video (less than three minutes) but provides interesting information about using worms for fish bait. It includes information about everything from harvesting wild night-crawlers to caring for them afterward, both short-term and long-term.

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USA Crappie Tournament

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5.63 pounds and earning \$200.00. Daniel and Rollin were fishing by the dam on Salomonic in 15-17 feet of water with their fish holding in 10-12 feet of water using Southern Pro tubes tipped with minnows, vertical jigging tree tops to catch 200 fish for the day.

Fifth place went to the Anderson, Indiana team of Ron Billbey and Don Mandrell with a weight of 5.5 pounds and earning \$150.00. Ron and Don were vertical trolling on Salomonic using green/chartreuse jigs tipped with minnows in 22 feet of water with their fish holding in 16 feet of water to catch 50-60 fish for the day.

Congratulations to all the teams fishing this event. For a complete list of tournament standings and down loadable photos for this event visit www.crappieusa.com then go to Tournament Results.

Big Fish Award

Taking big fish of the event was the team of Jim Raymer of Noblesville, Indiana and Bob Raymer of Greenfield, Indiana with a 1.61 pound crappie and earning \$175.00. Second place in the big fish contest was the team of Dax and Alex Harmon along with David Eastman from Anderson, Indiana with a 1.59 pound crappie and earning \$75.00.

Crappie USA Free Kids Fishing Rodeo

In conjunction with the tournament Crappie USA held their Kids Rodeo on Saturday morning with several local children attending the event. All the participants signed up for a chance to win one of 6-52,000.00 scholarships to be drawn for at the Cabela's Crappie USA Classic.

Crappie USA and our anglers have contributed nearly \$302,000.00 to the "Crappie Kids" Scholarships since 1997. We are very proud to be a part of the education process for the youngsters who participate in our tournaments as adult/youth teams and those who fish in the Crappie USA "Kids Fishing Rodeos".

"A Big Thanks to Ryan Pershing and Fletcher Bozarth owners of Bozarth Recreational Resort for all their help with hosting the Seminar", said Tournament Director Larry Stephens.

Stats for the Tournament:

Weather-The morning was cloudy with light winds and 69 degrees. Afternoon brought 85 degrees sunny and light winds.

Water-Mississinewa was clear and at summer pool. Salomonic was 18 feet over summer pool and muddy.

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Editor's Note: I spent Friday and Saturday at the Crappie USA tournament at Salomonies Reservoir and was very impressed with the efficient way that Tournament Director Larry Stephens and his staff member, Ed Shuten put on one of the best run tournaments I have ever attended. At the weigh-in Deb and Dave Gregory from St. Mary's Ohio assisted Larry. Deb helped record the fish statistics and Dave helped Ed transfer the fish from the teams to the scale. Deb and Dave placed second in the Amateur Division of the tournament.

Since the fishing teams could fish either Salomonic or Mississinewa, care was taken to make sure that after weighing the fish each team was aware they had to return the fish they caught to the lake they caught them from if they were going to release them.

Ed Shuten told me that this was his last tournament, he intends to enjoy his retirement from now on. He taught Social Studies for Junior High and High School at Westport Indiana before retiring.

Jim Raymer, who caught the biggest crappie, 1.61 pound, is the founder and president of a newly formed Indiana Crappie club called the Indiana Slab Masters established in November of 2010. To learn more about them go to www.indianaslabbmasters.com Also a big thank you to Fletcher Bozarth, owner of Bozarth Country Store, for hosting the Crappie USA Seminar on Friday evening. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Oh, by the way Fletcher, thanks for supper, it was really good.

Also I want to thank Ryan Pershing, who is manager at Bozarth's Country Store for writing a column in The Gad-a-bout, he will be sending fishing reports as he has time for what I call the Great Lakes of the Wabash River, i.e. Salomonic, Mississinewa and Huntington Reservoirs.

The next Bozarth Crappie Tournament will be held on September 17. For more information on this tournament contact Ryan at (765) 981-4522 or email at brrcampground@hotmail.com.

Boy Scouts/Cope Environmental

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practically dirt and can be removed. There is also no odor from it. The solar panels feed the energy needed in the compost toilet to provide the air needed in the decomposition of the waste.

The tour was over and everyone headed back to their campsites.

I stayed long enough to take photos of the scout troops and get their names, listed below. Then I thanked everyone and headed towards Brookville Lake for my next activity. Had 3 for that weekend.

(Please note: background noise on my recording tape may have caused me to mis-spell some of the names listed here, call with corrections to 765-855-3857)

SCOUTS ATTENDING THE SPRING CAMPOREE

Boy Scout Troop 16 from Centerville, IN. Scoutmaster Mark Culbertson, Committee Members Alan and Janet Bennett, Josh and Nathan Bennett, Assistant Scoutmaster Bob Sharp, Anthony Sharp and Dakota Wilson.

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Boy Scout Troop 1832 from Hagerstown, IN Scoutmaster Phil Seybold, Adults David Shepherd and Mike Bodwell, Scouts Austin Herr, Mike Cowan, Ryan Tinchler, ? Seybold, Michael Bodwell, Harrison Seybold, Mathew Bodwell, Brenton Baumer, Thomas Tutterow and Andy Herr.

If anyone would like more information on the Cope Environmental Center they can call **765-855-3188** or go on line to their website: www.CopeEnvironmental.org. They are located at 4910 Shoemaker Rd., Centerville, IN 47330.

Their hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday thru Friday (Call ahead to ensure someone will be there)



The Wall That Heals, The Vietnam Traveling Wall shown here at the Whitewater Memorial State Park in September of 2008. The Vietnam Traveling Wall will be at Veterans Memorial Park in Richmond, IN Aug. 24 - Aug. 28 with special ceremonies each day. The Vietnam Veterans are asking for donations to help defray the expenses of bringing the wall to Richmond. See adjacent column for details. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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The Vietnam Veterans are seeking donations to help defray the expenses of bringing the wall to Richmond, Indiana.

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Jul 3 Independence Day Celebration

Fireman's Festival 10am - dusk

Parade 6pm fire trucks from local and nearby towns, horseback riders, vintage cars, kids on bikes and trikes, costumes, small floats

Fireworks 10-10:45pm Mount and Basin Streets

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Jul 16 - Overland Limited Wild West Train

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Five-year-old Ryley Riggs holding a very nice large-mouth bass he caught in a private pond. His father, Nathan Riggs, said it wasn't the biggest one he caught that day, but it was one he could hold the best.



Scott Hawthorn caught this 12 1/2 inch bluegill in a private pond, it weighed 1.94 pounds. (Bozarth Country Store, Ryan Pershing Photo, Lagro, IN)



Brandon Shelton, age 16, caught this bass and a few more at Summit Lake on Sunday June 12th using night-crawlers. He caught them all on his own. (Photo by Greg Shelton, a very proud Dad)



Hagan Amburgey hold a 13.5 and 14.5 inch crappie, the biggest weighing 1.49 lbs he caught on the Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store, Ryan Pershing Photo, Lagro, IN)



Steve Goodson of Rush Co. took this 27 lb double bearded Tom with a muzzleloading shotgun on 4-29-11. 1st beard 8" and 2nd beard 11". 35mm spurs (1 1/2"). (Steve Goodson Photo)



Mike Vaughan caught this 24 inch walleye in Brookville Lake, it weighed 6 pounds 8 oz. in May 2011. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Bob Pence took this 27 lb. Tom, it had a 11" beard and 25mm spurs. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Ryan Mathews caught this 42 lb, 41 inch catfish in the Sugar Creek at W. Union Bridge. (Jordan's Bait Shop Photo, Yeddo, IN)



Steve Pershing with (2) 13 1/2 inch crappie caught on the Salamonie Res.. (Bozarth Country Store, Photo, Lagro, IN)

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