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wild turkey from the field. (Photo by Joe Martino)

Top Right: Steve Chapin, owner of Most High Adventure Outfitters has recently brought their canoe and kayak outfitting operation to Lawrence County to enable visitors to explore the White River and other areas streams or paddle around Spring Mill Lake. The company provides canoes and kayaks for relaxing floats down the White River and Salt Creek. Most High Adventure Outfitters also provides guided tours of the White River which feature the unique historical, cultural and geologic features of the river. (Photo provided by David Branneman Lawrence Co. Tourism 812-849-1090)

Bottom Left: Indiana State Trooper Pete Cates gave me this flyer to help get the word out to those going afieled that if they come up on an illegal growth of marijuana to leave the area and call their Tipline 1 (888) 873-1694. There is a larger flyer on page 6.

Bottom Right: Jeff Frame holds a real nice Muskellunge (Muskie) he caught at Lake Webster in Northern Indiana. Jeff caught it on a 1 oz. Ledgebuster spinner bait. "Jeff you finally made the front cover of The Gad-a-bout." (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson

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NEW LISTING ADDED FOR MORE READERS TO FIND PICK-UP POINTS

Last month I added a partial listing of additional pick-up points where people can pick up The Gad-a-bout for free. These pick-up points are business locations, State Parks, Fish & Wildlife Areas and other location that support current advertiser locations and in areas where we are trying to establish new advertisers in a specific location. You will find the listing immediately following the Advertisers listing on page 2 and it is continued on page 31.

This month the listing is completed for all areas.

The Gad-a-bout is totally funded by advertising. The advertiser is very important to me and I will do whatever is necessary to see to it that they get the very best support possible.

You can help by shopping at the advertisers in The Gad-a-bout in your area or nearby areas. It is essential that you verbally tell the business when you visit them that you saw their advertisement in The Gad-a-bout so they know their advertisement is working for them.

If you enjoy reading The Gad-a-bout, but can't find it in your area, you can also view it for free at www.thegadabout.com.

YOUR OWN PLACE WITH A VIEW

Phil Junker, who writes Outdoor Tales in The Gad-a-bout recently moved back to Cloverdale, Indiana to be closer to family. He formerly lived in a beautiful home in Derby, Indiana overlooking the Ohio River. He has it up for sale, it is a three bedroom home with two fireplaces, lots of glass in the two large living rooms to enjoy the river view. Large screened-in porch and two decks, two full baths, one with a jacuzzi tub, and a very nice kitchen. The home is located at 13285 North S.R. 66, Derby, Indiana. It is close to a boat ramp and American Discovery Trail. All of this for a reduced price of \$139,000. See photos of home in advertisement at right. You can call him at 812-499-0209.

NEW ALSACE CONSERVATION CLUB'S 23RD ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

The Derby is being held on Saturday April 30th from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lake in The Pines just west of New Alsace.

This Derby is designed to encourage adults and

children alike to enjoy fishing, the outdoors and practice water safety. The New Alsace Conservation Club is a non-profit organization in their 29th year of operation.

At the 23rd Derby they will be giving away derby prizes and door prizes valued at \$1500 or more to those who register. The Derby is open to the public with an entry fee for adults and children 12 years or older of \$18. Children under 12 are free. The Derby is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EDST). Registration begins at 6 a.m. on derby day and continues throughout the day. Participants are not required to possess a Indiana fishing license, since it is on a private lake.

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For more information call Lake in The Pines at 812-623-2136 or Dale Back at 812-623-2431 or Email: dback@nalu.net.

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Bozarth Country Store is sponsoring a Crappie Tournament on April 30, 2011, seminar date is Friday April 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Bozarth Country Store located at 7309 East 400 South at Lagro, Indiana (765-981-4522). The start of the Saturday Tournament will be determined at the Seminar. Many prizes at Seminar, please plan to attend.

Rules: 2 person team, Young or Old, Male or Female, boat or shore fishing, Start time determined at seminar. Teams must sign up no later than start time of tournament. Teams must stop fishing by 3 p.m. and return by 4 p.m. (earlier is ok) for weigh in (if you are late - for any reason your team will be disqualified - Sorry). All issues will be reviewed by the judges - their decision is final.

Issue Judges are Fletcher Bozarth and Ryan Pershing. Tournament conducted by Andrew Curtis 765-384-5351.

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe

Professional Fishing Guide

May Fishing on Brookville Lake by Species

May is probably the best month to be fishing on Brookville Lake. The fish are coming out of a long cold winter there's no young of the year bait fish, the water is still cool and the fish are hungry.

If you like to cast your going to love the month of May. From the time you put your boat on the water the potential to catch a fish casting to the shore is very good. At this time of the year fish are spawning and feeding on the shore.



Look for structure like rocks. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

To catch largemouth bass you can fish with just about anything you have in your tackle box. Jigs, tubes, worms, crawls, cranks, spinner baits, top water, it does not matter, these fish are aggressive and hungry. What your looking for is some type of structure on the shore, it could be a fallen tree, a rock pile or an under water stump. Largemouth bass are typically ambush feeders so any of this structure has the potential to hold a largemouth bass. All you have to do is get your bait close to the structure and they will hit it.

The bluegill will be spawning on the shore in the month of may, if you find one you have found a hundred. One of the best ways to catch bluegill is under

a bobber. Just use a very small hook, a small piece of worm or a wax worm. When you locate them on the shore dial in the right depth below a slip bobber and you will not be going home empty handed.

The walleye is one of those fish that spawns when the water is still cold. Their spawning cycle starts when the water temperature reaches about 46 to 47 degrees or around April 1st. So in the month of May all the are doing is eating. What are they eating you ask, eggs. Bluegill eggs, crappie eggs, bass eggs, any egg that is unattended will become food. The walleye is not the only one. The bass, catfish, bluegill, white bass, all of them feed on each others eggs. Its just the way of life under the surface. When you're walleye fishing you typically fish on the bottom or at least close to the bottom. What you're looking for is spawning fish. If you find where the fish are spawning the walleye will be close. They can be caught casting a crank bait or a jig.

The Striped bass are one of those fish that will be spawning in the month of May. The best way to catch them is on the surface. If you like to troll, troll shallow diving crank baits or jigs. If you like to cast use surface baits with sturdy hooks. They will hit top water baits just like a largemouth bass will. The only difference is they weigh 20 plus pounds. The fight is like hooking on to the back of a pick up truck!

White bass are a schooling fish that also spawns in the month of May. To catch 50 fish a day is not uncommon. They are usually caught around rip rap just below the surface. Throw anything white at them and they will eat it.

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Stumps. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)



Timbers. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

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The Simple Life



by Jack & Leslie Turner

Treasures of Yesterday

We live in a fast-paced society. We hurry to and from work; hurry to and from church; hurry to and from sporting events. We eat our meals fast. In the production world, the focus is on large volumes of goods manufactured as fast as possible.

There are drive-thru's for food, pharmaceuticals, banking, snacks & soft drinks and library's set before us because we "don't have time" to walk in or we simply want things instantly.

This couple longs for the days of yesteryear- at least the opportunity to enjoy a simpler lifestyle similar to that of our grandparents. We also envy those who live on farms or in log homes in secluded areas.

As a way to spend time together and to capture the history & feelings of days gone by we frequently visit antique stores, flea markets and yard sales. We occasionally attend auctions as well. In doing so we seek out old or rustic items discarded for various reasons. It is said, "One man's trash is another man's treasure." And over the past two years we have acquired a lot of treasures.

During our drives through the country we frequently see old, run-down and closed up barns, produce stands, school houses, gas stations and churches. From these we are able to get glimpses of how communities once thrived.

When we talk with others of our visits to antique stores and buying things for our home, the question almost always asked is, "What kinds of things do you buy?" The majority of our purchases could be categorized as: kitchen items, quilts & linens and decorative pieces. Many of our decorative pieces are made of wood. We have wooden hearts, stars, shelves, signs and baskets.

After many trips in search of our household treasures, Leslie noticed an abundance of wooden signs in various shapes that were being sold, many simply constructed and being sold in the ten to forty dollar range. She said to Jack, "Honey, we can make these ourselves." So now Jack searches for aged, scrap wood and then cuts them into various sizes and shapes. Then Leslie paints the signs with whatever she so desires.

Much of our work now is displayed in our bedroom, kitchen and outside on our patio. In the future



Leslie's, grandmother Fogle's hutch. Complete with red kitchen appliances. (Photo by Jack Turner, Jr.)

we hope to extend our hobby so that we can make and sell some of our work at trapper's conventions, craft shows and yard sales. Leslie gets some of her interior decorating ideas from magazines such as Country, Country Extra, Country Living, Country

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Gary Catron

Scouting for TurkeyHunters

Indiana's spring turkey season is nearing and boots are getting dirty. Preseason scouting can be well worth the time in preparation of turkey season. Conservation Officers are doing their scouting as well. Not for turkey, but for signs of the unscrupulous turkey hunter...baited hunting areas. Poachers!

Those of us that value the sights, sounds and challenge of the spring turkey hunting experience probably won't ever be able to fully understand why anyone would want to take a cheap shortcut like putting out grain in order to lure a turkey into shooting range. I'm not referring to planted food plots but to piling or broadcasting food bait. Without argument this is unsportsmanlike, unethical AND highly illegal.

Why does a small percentage in pursuit of spring turkeys choose the route of poacher? The reasons vary. Greed, (not a valued trait) for sure sometimes plays a part in their decision making process. Feeling peer pressure to bag a bird at times can be a factor even though we teach our children to resist negative peer pressure. Do some view a hunt a success only when an animal is taken? Sadly, some share this mistake. Sometimes there is a flawed sense of entitlement about deserving to take a turkey.



Wild Turkeys on a bait pile. (Photo by ICO Andy Cline)

The excuses go on and on.

Energetic turkey hunting exploits are retold many times often recounting how tough a bird was to call in and situations that required great patience, savvy tactics and some adversity on behalf of the hunter. What would a turkey hunting story be like as related by a turkey poacher? "Well, I dumped out about a hundred pounds of grain that I bought and came back and waited for a turkey to come eat"...for sure, this would not be the recounted version even if it were to be closer to the truth.

The hunter education curriculum defines hunter ethics as doing the right thing even though nobody is watching. At times this can be a challenge when making quick decisions. Choosing to transport bags of grain to a location in preparation of shooting turkeys is another category altogether. A singular motive would make it much easier to locate and target these hunters. I guess that's why we wear out so many pairs of boots.

2011 Youth Turkey Season

Indiana will have a special youth spring turkey season April 23-24. Youth 17 years old or younger can participate in this special season. Youths may use any devices normally legal for turkey hunting. An adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter but must not possess a firearm or archery equipment while in the field and does not need to possess a turkey hunting license. Youth hunters must be properly licensed to take wild turkey and satisfy tagging and check-in requirements. Youths may take one bearded or male turkey during the spring regardless of whether it is taken during the special youth season or during the regular spring turkey season.

Turkey hunting safety 101

Indiana's regular spring turkey season runs from April 27-May 15, 2011. But, that's not the point. Unique aspects of spring turkey hunting require us to think defensively. Here is a review of some safety tips: Call from a position with a good field of view where you are protected from the backside. Resting against a large tree works well. Whistle or yell to alert other hunters to your position. Do not stand up or move until doing so. Resist the urge to sneak in on a turkey and never use a gobbler call. Never shoot at sound or movement. Identify your intended target in three different ways at three different points in time. Be careful using turkey decoys. These

could lure in inexperienced hunters. Do not wear or possess red, white or blue clothing or items. Eliminate red/blue handkerchiefs! These are the colors of a gobblers head and wearing such items could present a bad shooting situation. Don't assume you are the only hunter in the area. Other turkey hunters may be present as well as those seeking the elusive morel. Never assume that other hunters are responsible. When hunting with a companion, discuss safety techniques with them and be certain of each other's location at all times. Obey all firearm safety commandments at all times. For additional information on the Indiana spring turkey season visit: www.in.gov/dnr/.

Indiana 2011 State NASP Tournament Results

Over 950 student archers competed at Indiana's 5th archery in the schools state tournament in Muncie on March 11th. Of the 43 teams competing that day, 26 qualified to compete in Louisville, Kentucky at the National NASP tournament.

The top finishers in their respective divisions are as follows:

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Owners of Fields' Outdoor Adventures from left to right: Ryan, Mark and Jason Fields. (Fields' Photo)

Fields' Outdoor Adventures, LLP 1st Year Anniversary

On June 5, 2010, Fields Outdoor Adventures opened their doors for business in the small rural community of Rushville, Indiana. Starting a business in today's economy was scary, but with a lot of hard work and god's blessing, Fields Outdoor Adventures, LLP has blossomed into one of south-eastern Indiana's most exciting and coveted outdoor adventures stores in the region. They are known for quality products, outstanding personal service and very reasonable prices.

Fields Outdoor Adventures had their grand opening in August of 2010. Roger Raglin was on hand to sign autographs and talk with patrons. A cook out was enjoyed by many and archery games were played with several thousands of dollars in prizes being awarded. Fields Outdoor Adventures first anniversary event is scheduled for June 3, 4 and 5, 2011 and is looking bigger and better. Roger Raglin will again be in attendance to meet, greet and sign autographs. Representatives from several outdoor companies have expressed interest in being involved with the party. Food will be served the anniversary weekend and the very popular archery shoot for prizes will go on as well. Exact plans, new events and times will be advertised in the May issue of the Gad-a-Bout.

A building does not make a store, its people do. Jason Fields manages Fields Outdoor Adventures. Jason is very qualified and knowledgeable of guns, archery and outdoor activities. Jason worked in the hunting department for a major box store, took on a pro-staff position with several outdoors companies and was then hired by Remington Arms as a marketing and merchandiser where he worked for about four years. Jason is a great communicator and many

repeat customers look to Jason for his expertise and advice.

Ryan (Spanky) Fields is one of Fields Outdoor Adventures knowledgeable bow techs. You really need to take the time and come meet this young man. Trust me; you'll never be the same. Spanky works full time for the Shelby County Sheriff's Department but works his days off in the family shop. He will definitely make you laugh but will amaze you with his bow knowledge and shooting ability.

Fields Outdoor Adventures is truly blessed to have to two part-time workers with such vast knowledge and skills of their trade. Jerald Creager is a retired Rushville High School teacher and had a bow shop of his own a few years back. Not only is Jerry an outstanding person to talk to but also a great bow tech and a true student of archery. Scott Wright serves Fields Outdoor Adventures as a gun clerk. Scott continues to amaze folks with his vast knowledge of guns and ammunition. If you have any questions about coyote hunting, ask Scott. He is their coyote staff specialist.

Fields Outdoor Adventures, LLP is a complete outdoor store. They sell bows and archery equipment, guns and ammunition, gun holsters, gun cleaning supplies, archery and gun targets, hunting scents, calls, attractants and food plot supplies plus much, much more. They carry a nice assortment of binoculars, range finders and scopes (bore sighting services also available). They also have an indoor archery range (20 yards). Fields Outdoors also carries a line of young children's outdoor equipment including bows, fishing gear and guns. Customers have compared Fields Outdoors Adventures to larger box stores, but appreciate and admire the individualized service and respect afforded to each and every customer who visits.

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Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

The Moon Of Planting

With Spring here the work in the fields and gardens takes on a wave of busy action, featuring the Three Sisters (squash, beans and maize), Iremember well our Victory Garden. We would make regular visits to the corner lot, which had been properly conditioned with black soil and fertilizers and divided among the neighborhood into sections where each family grew carrots, potatoes, beans, onions, lettuce, etc. to supplement our diets during WW II. We watered and tended our little crop until harvest time. I enjoyed picking the carrots because I liked to eat them raw.

Maize, corn is my favorite vegetable, followed by the row carrots. My grandmother, mother and aunt put up tomatoes, green beans, saurkraut (another favorite) and of course some things I didn't care for like brussel sprouts, spinach, cauliflower etc. I promised myself that after I grew up I would not eat them and I still don't.

Spring is a great time to share with young ones. I enjoy pointing out the flowers and plants picking out those that some particular importance to the native people. This one has roots used for dye, that one is medicinal or makes a fine tea. Even when a black snake drops from a branch overhead its startling effect makes the heart pump a little faster and the blood run a little quicker.

There is still some ice in the creek but the water runs clear and cold like a young child gamboling from rock to rock. If the water is deep enough you might even catch sight of the flashing color of a fish diving here and there as it moves down stream to reach deeper water.

Spring has it's own smell. It is a combination of all the things happening at this time of year. It is a strong smell but yet a gentle smell. It is a sweet smell and yet pungent smell.

Surely the Great Spirit has blessed this season when Mother Earth is preparing the land and the creatures that live upon it for the wonderful seasons ahead. Take the time from your busy lives in the month ahead and take a little stroll in the woods, a park, or your back yard and take in the beauty of Spring.

It was also a time for teaching the children on the verge of adulthood. Uncles would gather the boys an set out bows and arrows to hunt. They would learn how to read sign, how to set snares for

small game.

While resting by the stream, uncle would tell stories of brave deeds and great skills of past generations. Teaching them to always consider the elders. Leaving meat in front of their lodge, aunts would work with the girls teaching cooking, how to select plants for food and medicine. They taught them how to sew and decorate garments. A girl's skill with seniew and awl would bring her a good husband. She was taught to care for the little ones and she got plenty practice helping with their little brothers and sisters. The older women taught them lullabies and courtship songs especially the old songs to sing to the elders.

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

A bird in the hand

Every turkey hunt is one to remember regardless of the outcome, but the one at the top of my list took place just a few short days ago. My nine year old son Nicholas and I began our spring turkey hunting season in famed Pike County, Illinois with Xtreme Management Hunts. I have hunted with Xtreme Management Hunts for years for both deer and turkeys but I just can't imagine a spring turkey season without making the trip to Pike County to hunt with such a dedicated, talented group of people.

The first morning of our hunt found in a Double Bull blind overlooking a clover field which was surrounded on three sides by deep draw where multiple gobblers were roosted and sounding off to greet the new day. Our guide, Justin Bernard, and made the

decision to stay patient as we felt confident that birds would eventually work their way to the field as they had on previous mornings. As luck would have it that was probably the only morning that that didn't happen and in hindsight we probably should have opted to for a little running and gunning instead. As is often the case with turkey hunting though, sometimes you can't switch locations fast enough while other times your best bet is to hold tight play the patience card.

The second morning of our hunt found us hunting with co-owner and guide Herb Schulz as Bernard had pre-arranged obligations. Again, daybreak found us nestled in a Double Bull situated in a narrow green field bordered by timbered draws. The weather wasn't as friendly as the day before with strong winds whistling through the draws, which incidentally helped to shield us from the much of the winds force. Only a sparse few gobblers were vocal that second morning, and those that were anywhere from one-quarter to one-half mile away. Schulz's confidence in this field, coupled with the fact that a nine year-old isn't as mobile as an adult, kept us in the blind for the first hour of daylight when we may have otherwise ditched it in an attempt to move in on a bird. But it's a good thing we didn't.

Moments after Schulz stating that he had just seen too much activity in this field to give up on it just yet, we spotted a longbeard step into view from the timber. We were confident that once he saw the Dave Smith Decoys in front of the blind that that he would march right in. But this wasn't the case. Rather, the gobbler simply maintained his position in the field and began pecking and feeding. This continued for approximately twenty minutes without the bird coming any closer. He would stare towards the decoys occasionally, and even interacted with a deer, but just wouldn't commit. This baffled both Schulz and I as neither of us had ever encountered a bird with the will power to resist Dave Smith decoys.

Then his reason for not advancing all of a sudden became obvious as another longbeard stepped out from the timber about fifty yards away and broke into strut. This was obviously the dominant bird in that area and the distant gobbler knew better than to approach the lifelike decoys for fear of getting thumped. As a matter of fact, once the second bird came upon the scene, gobbler number one made a hasty retreat.

After breaking in and out of strut for a few minutes trying to impress the fake ladies and jake in front of our blind, we gave a few soft yelps and purrs to convince the old gobbler that he should join the party. He obliged



Proud moment. The author and his son Nicholas moments after Nicholas got his first turkey. The Double Bull blind played a crucial role in this harvest. (Martino Photo)

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

New IJC Study of Lake Levels

A new report from the Army Corps of Engineers predicts Lake Michigan's water levels will be slightly lower in the summer of 2011 than last summer. This in and of itself won't be a major problem to Great Lakes anglers or beach-goers. But lake levels have been an ongoing issue causing major and minor problems for decades and if this year's level is the beginning of a trend, it could portend bad things to come.

Though the Army Corps of Engineers aggressively denies they have been a cause of lowered water levels in Lakes Huron and Michigan, the first step to give the agency the go ahead for remedial action has taken place. Experts and common sense thinkers both pointed fingers at the Corps after they dredged shipping channels in the St. Clair River to facilitate commercial shipping traffic from Lake Erie, through Lake St. Clair and into Lake Huron.

The corps blames global warming, mother nature and natural cycles on the lowered lake levels in the two Great Lakes upstream from their project and points to questionable historical data which makes it impossible to definitively decide on either side of the issue. Individuals and groups on the other side of the issue argue historical data isn't needed. It's common sense that with more water flowing out of these lakes, the water levels are going to either decrease or at least require above normal precipitation and weather patterns to allow the lakes to naturally cycle higher.

Budgets are tight, massive public works projects are mostly things of the past and forcing the Corps of Engineers and/or their Canadian counterparts to design and implement a way to diminish the amount of water flowing through the channelized river would be a tassel admission of being forced to spend millions to repair a boondoggle of



Lower lake levels will affect shallow harbors and boat ramps before it hurts the fishing. (Photo by Capt. Mike Schoonveld) their own creation.

Wouldn't that look bad? Think of it this way. When kids are playing baseball in the yard and break a window in the house, there are two unrelated issues. Determining whose fault it was and apportioning the blame certainly is warranted. But the main issue is getting the window repaired.

So far, all that's being done and is apparently being stonewalled bureaucratically, is trying to determine who is at fault. The issue of mitigating the problem has not been addressed.

The International Joint Commission, a bi-national group formed over 100 years ago to address issues affecting the many rivers and lakes whose boundaries are shared by Canada and the United States has decided to begin that process. They have directed the Upper Great Lakes Study Board to explore what the effects would be of raising the average levels of Lakes Michigan and Huron. Regardless, of where the problem originated—man made or Mother Nature—the technology is available to staunch the leak to better control the water levels in these two lakes.

What the IJC hopes to learn from the new study is how raising the Lakes Michigan and Huron water-level regimes by different amounts would affect users of these lakes as well as the affect on the downstream lakes all the way to the St. Lawrence Seaway. They have told the Study Board to look at raising the Michigan/Huron lev-

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Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker

Love of animals turns to gators

Growing up on a farm near Culver in northern Indiana, Bonnie Neidlinger was always an outdoors person. She loved animals, but no one would have guessed she would several decades later be raising and telling people about young alligators.

"I've always loved animals," said Bonnie Neidlinger, as she gently held a baby alligator in her hand, and showed it to a group of people, who were waiting to head out onto Central Florida's Lake Rosalie for an airboat nature tour of the northern reaches of the Everglades.

Bonnie grew up spending most of her time outdoors on the family Indiana farm near Culver. She served as a 4-H leader, and was introduced to the care of exotic animals by her father-in-law. About a half dozen years ago when she and her husband, Wayne took over operation of an airboat nature tour business, she took it upon herself to learn as much as she could about gators.

She was a quick learner. Now she has three young gators (she is licensed to care for gators, a protected species), which she uses to educate visitors about what probably is Florida's most famous animal.

As she held up a young gator named Trixie, she said the 18-inch reptile is her baby. "She thinks I am her mom," she added. "When I pick her up, she knows it is me."

Bonnie always has loved animals. "When I was a young girl on the farm, I had chores. One of them was to feed the chickens. But, I never considered it a chore. I loved feeding them," she explained.

After she married Wayne, she was introduced to exotic animals. Her father-in-law, Ralph Neidlinger raised many. He started with deer, but then came small animals, followed by a buffalo, red ox, a baby cougar, mountain lion cub, and probably some other Bonnie doesn't recall.

For Bonnie, her most exotic animal adventure (at least before alligators) involved bottle feeding a baby bear and raising it on the farm until it was three years



WhBonnie Neidlinger shows a baby alligator to a group of visitors planning to head out on an airboat nature tour. (Photo by Phil Junker)

old. As an adult male, it went to a man near Indianapolis, who raises bears.

Bonnie's alligator presentation serves as an introduction for the airboat tours, where visitors can expect to see gators most days. Occasionally on a cold winter day, the gators may be hard to find. Gators are a key part of nature in Florida. While it may be a bit of exaggeration, it is said anywhere there is water in Florida there are alligators.

While Captain Fred's Airboat Nature Tours (the name of Bonnie and Wayne's business) gives visitors a chance to see dozens of beautiful birds, animals and plants, alligators probably is the one thing most people want to observe.

Viewing gators in the wild, one would think they would never be tranquil like a pet, but Bonnie has been able to calm the youngsters. "Gators will bond with humans," explained Bonnie. As she shows a young girl how to hold Trixie, she calls the animal "sweet". Then she adds, "when I first get them they aren't as sweet...they are not friendly, but it doesn't take long for them to get to know me."

In the wild, a female gator has about 50 young. "If after a year, she has 10 percent survive, she has done well," says Bonnie.

However, alligators can grow to more than a dozen feet in length. They have been described as living fossils, having been extant for 200 million years, predating dinosaurs.

Bonnie's young gators come from a Florida gator farm, where the animals are raised commercially. When they get larger, they are returned to the farm and Bonnie obtains new young to start the process again.

Bonnie's husband, Wayne serves as airboat captain and guide. And like his wife, he grew up on an Indiana farm and has always loved nature. He learned the airboat tour business from his cousin, Fred Neidlinger, another former Hoosier.

Gator's are a key attraction on the boat trips, but Wayne points out many birds, other wildlife and plants as the boat winds its way around the lake. Frequently, eagles are spotted along the way.

While Bonnie and Wayne now spend most of their time in Florida, they still maintain their farm near Culver and make several trips back and forth each year.

For more information on Bonnie and Capt. Fred's Airboat Nature Tours, go to website: www.captfreds.com, or call 1-863-696-1637.

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Ramblings from Da Region



by Gene Clifford

Log blinds for longbeards and bucks

Making ground blinds work, takes work, and lots of it.

I'm a great believer in ground blinds, log blinds that is, as I don't hunt deer, and don't climb at my age, but for turkey hunting they are the frosting on the cake.

I suspect that most treestands addicts who are skeptical of ground blinds have forgotten what they have learned from mistakes that have happened in their treestands. Like the time they were sky lighted, or the time their stand creaked at a most inopportune moment, or the time they couldn't get a shot off because of a branch they hadn't removed. Ground blinds are no different than that, but at least you have the opportunity when building this ground blind, to correct these hindrances in your shooting lanes, in advance.

For many whitetail hunters, the best reason to use a ground blind is your desire to hunt a spot that has no suitable trees in which to place a treestand. As for the Baby Boomers, who are approaching retirement age, many find that more and more of them are just not feeling comfortable climbing around in trees anymore. For us turkey hunters I recommend the ground blind be placed not much more than 50 yards from a path that the turkeys, and deer both, are using, to go to and from the farm fields they are feeding in, and the woods they are roosting and resting in.

Another reason for using ground blinds are those people, kids included, that can't sit for long periods of time without fidgeting. These hunters, and their kids, can fidget all they want as long as they are quiet. They can read, eat, sip beverages, scratch where it itches, or even check their Blackberrys. While some treestands can accommodate two people, ground blinds can be built to hold as many as you like. There are especially good for those hunters who like to videotape their hunts.

In springtime the best camo color to use are those with grays and black mixed in, unless the greenery has started to appear. But whatever you wear, having your hands and face covered is a must. Some years back I found a springtime camo hat with a camo mosquito netting hanging from the bill, which is a lifesaver in cutting down the possible reflection from those of us who wear glasses. Camo face masks, for me, have a tendency to cause my glasses to fog up



Photo #1 Laying out the ground blind. (Photo by Gene Clifford)

from my breathing.

Us ground blind hunters use decoys more often than those in treestands. My feeling is that a log pile type ground blind is seen by the game being hunted, year round, and they just get used to it being there, and are most likely interested in the newly placed decoy, than the blind that has been there forever.

Brushing in your blind isn't always necessary, especially if you're hunting turkeys. Over time, most animals will learn to ignore a log pile ground blind the same way they will ignore an abandoned vehicle or farmhouse. Back in the 70's when I was hunting state property in Kansas for ducks and geese, I noticed in many fields surrounding the marsh area, were old school buses and vans with the tops cut out, allowing hunters a place to pass shoot from, that sat there year round.

In **PHOTO #1 (Above)** you'll see just how I lay out my ground blind with a piece of 16" by 48" plywood anchored, not more than shoulder high, to a tree and a railroad tie fencepost with 2.5 to 3" dry-wall or decking screws.

The blind itself is about 5 foot by 5 foot, enough for 2 hunters to easily sit and hunt together. Even though it can't be seen, in the photo there is a farm fence right behind the blind so I won't have to worry about any game coming out of the woods too close to where I'm sitting.

In **PHOTO #2 (Next Page Top Right)** you'll see me laying the logs together, with them being held in place by old fence posts and 3 foot pieces of

rebar driven into the ground leaving about 2 foot exposed. When the log blind is completed to about 24" to 26" inches high the rods and posts can be driven further so they don't interfere with your shooting lanes. Remember when building this type of ground blind, periodically sit down inside it to get the feel as to whether the blind is high enough to conceal you yet not too high to shoot out of.

In **PHOTO #3 (Next Page Bottom Right)** here you have the finished product which took me about 2 hours to build after the 15 to 20 7" logs were cut from blow downs nearby. All that any game walking by will see, is from my armpits upward. So when it comes time to hunt I'll be in full springtime camo with a face mask on.

The tools and material needed for this blind are: 8 to 12 - 3" fence posts or 3/8 or larger rebar 15 to 20 - 7" logs from thigh sized down to arm sized A 3 lb hammer to drive the posts and rebar. A small chainsaw to trim the logs to length if needed.

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Photo #2 Stacking the logs held in place by old fence posts and rebar. (Photo by Gene Clifford)



Photo #3 The finished ground blind. (Photo by Gene Clifford)

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INDIANA STATE TROOPER ANDY WANDERSEE RECEIVES AWARD



Indiana State Police Superintendent Paul Whitesell, Ph. D presenting Indiana State Trooper Andy Wandersee his Life Award for the Pendleton District for his outstanding devotion to remove 85 impaired drivers from Indiana roadways in 2010. (Indiana State Police Photo)

Indianapolis, Indiana-The Indiana State Police conducted an awards and recognition ceremony Tuesday, March 29, 2011 in Indianapolis. The ceremony honored and recognized acts of service, and sacrifice made by fellow members of the Indiana State Police and other public safety professionals.

The event was conceived by Indiana State Police Superintendent Paul Whitesell, Ph.D., with the first ceremony on February 22, 2006. Superintendent Whitesell felt the need to publicly recognize the achievements, deeds of self sacrifice, and accomplishments that often go without the proper recognition.

Awards were presented in the following categories: Meritorious Service Award, Life Awards, Trooper of the District Award, Ray Reed Memorial Award, Capitol Police Officer of the Year Award, Outstanding Investigation of the Year Award, and Trooper of the Year Award.

Life Awards were presented to the trooper of each district with the highest annual total of operating while impaired arrests. Every trooper that removes an impaired driver from the road does so with the knowledge they may have saved the impaired drivers life, but also other innocent persons from death or injury resulting from a crash.

Trooper Andy Wandersee received the Life Award for the Pendleton District for his outstanding devo-

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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

Teens Can Be Mischievous

I believe that on each trip we took the teens had either inquired of other teachers, heard their parents talk about mischievous things to do to other people or invented ideas themselves. I don't think any trip over the years was without at least a few tricks to "try the Irish in me." But, since we started taking groups in the late fifties and early sixties, we've learned of hundreds of little events that tend to make each trip interesting. None, as I recall, were really dangerous. A couple of them could have gotten the students involved, sent back home at their parents' expense had we not caught them in time.

One of the most recent, in the early nineties was the most masterful even though simply accomplished. It was a good learning experience for both the givers and the takers. We were camped in a youth group area of a State Park in the south. The first week of April was usually Spring Break for our school city. A young German language teacher was with us as chaperone and had not brought a tent along. He slept in our passenger van in which we hauled students. It was his first trip to chaperone with us. The rest of us were in 2-5 person tents of various types, girls on one side of the camp and boys on the other.

In the same area was a tent with three boys (late teens or early twenties, from Germany). Our chaperone conversed extensively with them and we all noticed they were smoking marijuana. At some time in the evening all three noticed our girls and started following them. We kept our eyes open and watched every move they made. Our German teacher asked them tactfully to not bother us, especially our girls. They kept it up and kept smoking. Soon after we finished our evening shopping and eating we noticed the boys had "passed out" in their tent. Just after we had retired for the night our German teacher and a couple of our boys took heavy twine and tied the tent zipper down followed by tying down the zippered screen door flaps. There was virtually no way these bothersome boys could get out without cutting at the bottom and working the zippers up one at a time. Evidently they didn't awaken during the night, and we, of course packed up hurriedly and quietly in the morning and found fast food on down the road. We wondered all the next day how they got up for the rest room after we had left. I've never seen 16 to 18 teens room so fast and so quietly.

Another year on a trip south we had all high school seniors. We were camped in a private park near Tarpon Springs, Florida. The German teacher was chaperoning again and we were swimming at Howard Park on the Gulf. Kris came to me and exclaimed "John, I think I've done something

wrong." I put the keys to the school passenger van in my swim suit pocket and went swimming. Our whole group scoured the sands for about an hour and I called my automobile club in Tampa. A locksmith came and worked a few minutes, opened the lock and made us a couple of new keys. As I finished signing the papers, Kris came up to me and said he'd pay for the trip and keys. Of course, nothing was due. His next comment was that he was going home and immediately join an automobile club. Lesson--- have a safe, secret place to keep keys outside the vehicle or let someone who's not going in swimming keep them.

On the same trip we had reservations and had paid for a group camp site at a County Park near Orlando. Leaving activities on the Gulf Coast, we took our time, shopped for breakfast and lunch and started east on I-4. There was construction and detours everywhere. We got to our destination for the evening way after 8 p.m. The gates were locked and no one around. Evidently security saw or heard us and eventually, with our reservation papers and sob story about detours, he let us in to camp, but said he wasn't at leisure to give us the combination to the gate. OK????? We had breakfast and lunch food ready for the next day but hadn't eaten supper. We were all hungry. While contemplating what to do about the problem three of our boys sneaked away, climbed a fence and walked a mile or so and purchased sacks of some kind of sub sandwiches. Problem solved. Thankfully no one left by themselves, and when the three returned we had the camp all set up ready to turn in for the night after the subs. While they were gone we found DRY CONDITIONS--NO CAMPFIRES signs so we couldn't have cooked a meal anyway. Lesson---Read the rules about opening and closing the gates, and get a permit and gate combination to come in late if necessary. Most camps have no problem about giving you the gate combination ahead of time if you have paid and had a reservation.

We had planned to go to Planet Hollywood, which we did, and a couple of senior girls got our Florida travel book and found that there was also a Hard Rock Café nearby. We were just on schedule and I knew the next day was going to be a serious test for everyone---Disney or Universal. The girls got the younger kids in the group to ask if we could also go to the Hard Rock. I knew from other trips that we had paid for certain things we were going to do at certain times and if we didn't make it within about 15 minutes of our schedule we would be pushed back to a much later time, thus missing other things. When the two girls found out we had refused, they sat on the restroom steps and cried and pouted, even when we were at our appointed places. We made sure our schedules were met because we've seen cancellations in the early years. Everyone lived through this situation and one of the girls is now a much respected attorney in Maine.

Going south through Marietta, Georgia, we had stopped at a real nice nature preserve. Leaving the preserve we stopped and ate, and shopped for the next day. El and I were on breakfast detail and were just leaving the checkout stand when the lunch detail people came along. We stood over to the side and a boy, Tom, was in back of the lunch people. An elderly couple had started to check out between the lunch people and Tom. I looked on the check out counter and there was a quart of beer. The elder-

ly couple paid and left and we walked up to the cashier. We asked Tom if that was his item coming down the counter. He said "no, it must have been left by the couple in front of me." We knew better but
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Radioactive Future Hunting and Fishing

Lately, due to the rapid developments in such areas as electronics, medicine, mechanics and other physical sciences, I decided to step out of the cave I live in and try to understand at least a little of what is happening in our world. I purchased two books, huge volumes covering mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, and medicine. I figured that by the time I get through assimilating all that data I will go from the I.Q. of a bowling ball to at least genius level and maybe beyond. At least I hope to be able to understand how to use this cell phone I carry for something other than simply answering it when it buzzes and punching a bunch of numbers to call someone.

As I studied the General Theory of Relativity and struggled with integral and differential calculus I began wondering how advanced technology might possibly affect future hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts. Is it possible that within a few years by combinations of micro-mechanics, physics and the application of the quantum theory (impressive, huh) we will be using something far in advance of the typical rod and reel or shotgun and rifle. Will we be called fishermen or hunters, or will we be referred to as aquatic and wild fowl acquisition technicians? They say that the most brilliant minds let their thoughts wander in search of possibilities of new discoveries. I must be a real genius because my mind is always roaming around in the bushes. So far it hasn't produced anything but briars and weeds but I think that now I may have a few insights into what we face.

In the year 2020 an aquatic species procurement technician decides to spend a few hours at his hobby. At the dock his hover boat floats silently a few inches above the surface. Into it he loads his favorite rod and reel, complete with its auto servo and gyroscopically balanced extension and retrieval reel. On the rod tip is his favorite infrared, sonar and thermal imaging detector to find the quarry without going to the trouble of having to spend wasted minutes actually searching for a good spot. From the tackle box he selects a lure that is suitable for the type of fish he's after. A proven bass killer, the Model AA5 Bass Banger is a free swimmer equipped with micro mechanisms for imitating actual swimming motions that move it through the water, a transmitter and receiver to receive commands from the rod and to tell the rod

when to start reeling when it latches onto the prey. Skimming across the water at fifty knots the rod signals life forms in a cove. The fisherman stops and releases the lure. It begins the hunt using a built in motion detector, determines the size of the target with its sonar, stealthily approaches the fish and latches onto its jaw with small but powerful barbed pinchers. A signal to the rod starts the Lithium Ion powered reel and the fish is brought aboard. Meanwhile, the fisherman can occupy his time by texting his stock broker to keep up with the latest marketing trends. Perhaps its possible that the boat may be programmed to go on its own and allow the fisherman to stay home and watch old re-runs of Oprah.

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Waterfowl hunters will have similar dogs, with some exceptions. Most electronics don't perform well when immersed in water. The dog will have to be hermetically sealed and equipped with built-in flotation devices as well as webbing on the feet for swimming. Coon hunters who release their hounds and enjoy the sounds of their baying as they pick up a trail may have additional features added to their pack. Special radioactive sensors will detect a scent and keep the dogs on a trail. Built in audio boosters coupled with mega decibel internal speakers will blast out baying sounds at 200 decibals that can be heard for up to five miles. Should a dog become lost, internal receivers will detect a signal from a home transmitter and the dogs will be there when the hunter returns. After all, who wants to lose a dog that will probably cost around \$75,000? So, for the up and coming hunting and fishing generation, good luck in finding enough fissionable material to power your sporting goods.



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by Don Bickel, Forester

Boat Ramp Etiquette or Lack of it!!

Woo - Hoo, winter is over. As I write this on April 1, in West Central Indiana, it seems like a bad April Fool joke. Temperature may get to 50 degrees today, but I won't hold my breath waiting.

I wasn't disappointed when the ice on farm ponds and small lakes vanished. This surely meant better days were coming and I was glad to not feel obligated to go ice fishing. And with the ice gone, we could begin the process of making maple syrup.

After 3 weeks, beginning mid February, we decided the season over. Another April Fool joke, we could probably still be in the syrup business. All through March the freeze and thaw cycle that makes the maple water flow, has continued.

But regardless of the temperature, I will depend on the calendar and if it is April 1, then it's time to get the boat ready for the upcoming season. So, today, I removed the tarp covering , which only had to be replaced one time during the winter.

The boat is a 2002 Sylvan Navigator 1600 - 16 foot - and a slightly older 49 horse Evinrude outboard. This outfit is my pride and joy and I attempt to give it the best of care. A friend of mine, relating his Dad's words when the friend bought a boat - "The best days of boat ownership is when you buy it and when you sell it."

The boat is now in the garage, using the space where the pickup spent the winter. The pickup will now be outside since - chuckle, chuckle - winter is over. I prefer to keep fishing tackle, rods and reels, life vests and all the odds and ends necessary to a successful fishing venture - in the boat. Sunshine, water and wind can shorten the usable life of much of this paraphernalia.

The boat's batteries - 2 of them - have sat on the garage floor on wood blocks - for the winter. The charge was renewed about 2 weeks past. Tomorrow, I'll put them in place and attach wiring and cables. Prior to that, the boat floor and storage compartments have been vacuumed. Next, hook up to the pickup and check the trailer lights. All was OK last fall, but that's not a certainty after sitting for the winter.

Inspect also the tires. With a tire gauge, check the air pressure and bring it up to the recommended amount. Properly inflated tires will result in better

trailer handling when backing down the boat ramp. Also, is the correct license plate on the trailer? And are the necessary state and local stickers on the boat?

With the boat towed onto the driveway, motor flusher - ear muffs - attached to the lower unit of the outboard, it's time to start the motor. The gas tank, half full, had spent the winter with a measured amount of Stabil. This preparation has served well in the past and I feel confident that next week, I'll prospect for crappie.

Now fast forward to the boat ramp. Only one boat beginning to back down, I'm next, should be on the water in a few minutes. It's not a long ramp, but Boat No. 1 is using most of the 2 lane width. And sure enough, when the trailer wheels touched the water, all backing movement stopped and boat, trailer and backing vehicle were dead center of the 2 lane ramp.

Well, OK, I can wait, It shouldn't take too long for someone to get in the boat, have it backed the remainder of the distance, start the motor and back off the trailer. However, the occupants of the backing vehicle, including the driver, exit and begin loading - into the boat - fishing gear, flotation vests, coolers, you name it.

Ah ha, now the boat has a pilot and the vehicle a driver. The trailer is backed to a point where the boat can exit the trailer. It's a tiller steered boat and the designated pilot begins pulling the starter rope or cord. After a number of attempts, the motor fires with an amount of exhaust smoke, and the boat is backed from the trailer.

It is possible, I'll agree, that the outboard problem may occur even with prior starting. But the first part of the exercise could be prevented.

Uncertain of your backing - reverse steering - ability? Practice at home or in a near empty parking lot. Backing a vehicle, takes a different turn when a trailer is attached. even though all boat ramps go downhill and downhill should allow the trailer to easily roll down the ramp - it won't happen. So get some practice or have a designated backer person. If it is a 2 or more lane ramp, attempt to stay within the right, left or center lane.

Now, the next step should have been completed in the parking lot. Agreed, it is not a great idea to have all the previously mentioned equipment bouncing around in the boat while traveling down the highway or on a graveled county road leading to the ramp. But the rules of common courtesy says using the boat ramp for equipment transfer is not the best of ideas.

Performing a check list of boat, motor and trailer details will make a better day's fishing for all, including the 3 boats waiting to launch. ■



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Hoosier Horse Happenings



by Rhonda Helming

these, I Armorall them because this helps keep the manure from sticking and easier for me to just hose it out in between the big cleaning.

Don't forget to wash your windows. My trailer has drop down windows so I like to make sure the hinges are in good working order, and there isn't any cracked or broken glass. The way I clean my trailer usually takes me all weekend. My kids hate it because I have them help me. Not only am I checking the latches and hinges on my windows, but also on the doors of the trailer. Make sure they are secure and in good working order. If they squeak, I spray them with WD-40. That will keep them lubricated and stop the squeaking.

Keep your trailer hitch in good working order. Keep it lubricated and check it every time you hook up or un-hook for loose or missing parts. Pulling down the road takes a toll on our vehicles and trailers. Keeping them well maintained and in good working condition will increase the life of them.

Make sure your brakes are in good working order. You should check your brakes every time you hook up your trailer to make sure they are working. Regular maintenance is recommended for your brakes. Check your lights. You need to make sure the lights and turn signals work properly. Check your wiring and replace any lights that aren't working.

I also have living quarters in my trailer.

In the Spring, I pull all my bedding out and wash it, and I turn my mattress over. I like to keep the inside of my trailer in as good condition as the outside. I will wash down the walls, using furniture polish. I vacuum the floor, wash the rugs, and clean out the refrigerator and the cabinets. I also



restock anything that I have taken out or used over the past season.

Tires are a must! There is nothing worse than having a flat tire on your horse trailer when you are far from home. Make sure you have a spare that is in good shape. Keep the correct tire pressure in them at all times. It makes a difference on how well your trailer pulls. I check my tires each time I pull out of my drive. Take it from me. I always do this because one time when I was pulling home from a horseshow, I looked out of my side window and saw one of my tires from my horse trailer rolling down the sidewalk right beside me. I also go on line and order replacement parts for my trailer, like the bumper guards that are on your drop down windows, and other small things that are easy for me to replace.

I know that I have probably left something out that you the reader would do differently, but this is what I do and it seems to work well for me. I hope everyone is getting ready to start trail riding, showing, camping, or just anything with your horses.

Until next month, stay safe and start getting your stuff ready for

Spring, it will be here before we know it.

Any questions or comments just email me at thehelming@psci.net

HORSE TRAILER SAFETY

It's Springtime and we are all getting ready to either show or trail ride. How many of us do a safety check on our horse trailers before we pull them with our horses? I try to check mine at least twice a year. I pull my trailer a lot and it's hard to find a weekend to do this. When I do find the time, these are some of the things I do: First, I pull the floor mats out. This is a lot of work because it involves taking out my saddles from the tack area. When my mats are out of the trailer I like to scrub them really good. Then I wash the trailer floor and check for any deterioration in the floor. Even though my floor is aluminum, it can still get bad spots and need repaired. If your trailer has a wood floor, you may want to check the floor more than once a year and try to keep it cleaned out.

Let it dry out when you are done hauling your horses in it. Over the course of time, even using rubber mats, the urine and droppings will take their toll on the floorboards if they are not kept clean. I have found that a wooden floor can go bad really fast if you aren't taking good care of it. I make it a habit to clean out the manure after every use. One of the other things I like to do is wash the exterior of my trailer. This lets me check for leaks, loose screws, and rust. Plus, I just like keeping my trailer clean. On the inside of my trailer, I clean the dividers and the rubber kickboards. Once I clean

Drug-Free Indiana. The mission of Stayin' Alive is to promote a safer and healthier community by reducing the problematic use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Franklin County.

While the Coalition works on many substance abuse issues, the main focus of Stayin' Alive continues to be to reduce the misuse and abuse of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) throughout the county. Additional concerns have been to educate the community members of the effects of using ATOD, including the correlation between ATOD use and criminal behavior. Stayin' Alive is also working to change the community norm that consuming alcohol is a necessary and normal part of social gatherings and community events. We also are striving to change the community norm that using alcohol is a normal everyday thing to do.

In response to changing community norms, in 2001 Stayin' Alive hosted the first annual Family Fun Day. This is an event focused around families by

providing them with an alcohol and drug free community event to participate in on Memorial Day. By 2010, this event had grown to over 25 community booth participants and attracted over 800 people.

In 2010 a new draw to the Annual Family Fun Day was the addition of the East Fork Fishing Expo for Kids. This event was well attended by kids of all ages and is back by popular demand this year. Kids are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles and must be accompanied by an adult. This particular event is being sponsored by 52 Pik-Up who will also be supplying the bait. Shuttle service will be available from the Park to the Fishing Expo.

Come out and join the 11th Annual Family Fun Day on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Brookville Town Park. There will be food, games, prizes, crafts and other activities at this free event. Be a part of, "the largest gathering of people with no alcohol" at this year's Family Fun Day!



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Seven year old Isiah Peters from Williamsburg, IN took this 25 lb. Tom Turkey with a Remington 1187, 12 ga. shotgun at 25 yards on the first day of the 2010 youth season while hunting with his dad, Luke. It had a 10 3/4" beard and 22mm spurs. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Isiah also took this 8 point buck on the opening day of the regular gun season. Isiah took it with a bolt action 12 ga. Mossberg shotgun loaded with a federal sabot brass load. The buck ran 50 yards then went down. The deer dressed out at 180 pounds. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)

A Tradition of Hunting

Written By Keith Peters
Isiah's Great Grandfather

The hunting season of 2010 will not soon be forgotten by seven year old Isiah Remington Peters of Williamsburg, IN. The turkey hunt began on a clear morning in April, the first day of youth season, hunting on his apprentice license.

Isiah and his father Luke put on their camouflage hunting clothes and headed for his grandfather John Peters home. They loaded their hunting gear into a Jeep and hooked a 14-foot boat to the back. The trio headed for Brookville Lake, located in Union County, six miles south of Liberty.

They unhooked their boat, loaded the gear and journeyed across the lake to a position earlier chosen by Luke. It forced a steep climb to a soybean stubble field that Luke and his father had scouted previously and had seen wild turkeys dusting themselves and scratching in the soft dirt.

The three set up their blind and placed two turkey hen decoys a measured 20 yards away. A shooting stick was placed outside the blind and adjusted so Isiah could have a place to rest his gun. Turkeys could be heard coming out of the

woods some 300-yards away.

Luke started a cluck call using a slate and a striker. A Tom turkey started toward the blind, then stopped and strutted before picking at the ground. The call was continued and the Tom ran toward the hens and stopped. He started again and at 25 yards, Luke instructed Isiah to shoot. Using a Remington 1187, 12-gauge shotgun, loaded with copper coated No. 6 pellets, Isiah drew his bead and fired, hitting the big turkey and stopping him in his tracks.

When asked if he was nervous shooting the turkey, Isiah said, "I was too busy drawing my bead to think about being nervous. When Grandpa leaned against me I could feel him shaking. That took place to keep the recoil from the gun from knocking Isiah over when he pulled the trigger.

The Tom turkey was checked at Frames Outdoors Sport Shop in Liberty and weighed 25 pounds, had a 10 3/4 inch (beard) with spurs measuring 22 millimeters and was estimated to be four years old. He was the largest checked in during the juvenile season. Needless to say, he was taken to a taxidermy shop to be mounted in a flight position.

Isiah and his Dad went to an old railroad bed where a two man tree stand had been put in place. This was opening day of regular gun season and the air was crisp. The pair set up in

the shooting rail, took aim and shot the buck in front of the shoulder. It ran some 50 yards and went down. The deer dressed out at 180 pounds.

Isiah also is a squirrel hunter, having taken several using his 410 Rossir youth model shotgun. He is being taught by his father to abide by the NRA Hunters Code of Ethics. He has used his three apprentice hunting permits and now will go to a Hunter Education Course to become eligible for a regular hunting license. This course involves answering 100 questions during an eight-hour class.

Isiah is a second grade student at Randolph Southern Elementary School in Lynn, IN. His teacher, Christine Robinson, said of her prize student, "Isiah has great enthusiasm for learning, is polite and possess qualities of helpfulness. He is a great friend to classmates and has been student of the month here at school. He also loves to read."

Isiah gets his hunting knowledge from his family. Luke Peters has taken several bucks with shotgun, muzzle loader and even bow and arrow. Missy, Isiah's mother, bagged an eight-point buck using a Bear 40-pound pull bow with a grim reaper broad head arrow at 20 yards. Missy weighs in at only 120 pounds herself.

Isiah's uncle Matt took a 14-point buck that field dressed at 210 pounds, nailing it from a stand 100-yards away. The deer meat is processed into steaks, deer burgers and summer sausage.

All of the hunters mentioned are members of the National Rifle Association as is the writer of this story, Keith Peters. Luke and his father John have deer listed in the Hoosier Buck program edition, produced by the Indiana Deer Hunter's Association. The buck Luke collected with bow and arrow, scored 149 points. John's buck scored 146 points and was taken with a shotgun.



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a buddy stand with a shooting rail and waited. Soon an eight-point buck came easing through the brush. Using a bolt action 12-gauge Mossberg shotgun, loaded with a federal sabot brass load, Isiah rested the gun on

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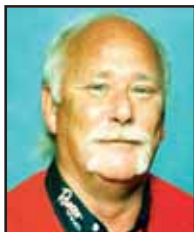




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Cabela's King Kat Tournament Results for Vevay, Indiana April 1-2

Anglers Bring In The Big Ones At The Vevay, Indiana 2-Day \$10,000.00 Cabela's King Kat Super Event Results

This past Friday and Saturday April 1st & 2nd the Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail hit the waters of the Ohio River at Vevay, Indiana for the 2-day \$10,000.00 Super Event. Over 120 anglers from 9 different states were competing not only for a part of the \$10,000.00 in cash and prizes, but the opportunity to qualify for the 2011 Cabela's King Kat Classic. This year's Cabela's King Kat Classic will be held on the Mississippi River at Burlington, Iowa

on October 27-28-29, 2011.

"Fishing was tough as the river has fallen over 20 feet in the last 8 days and continued to fall a couple feet during competition. Add high winds and cold temps and it is making fishing tough on everyone. Only half the field weighed fish today and this field is made up of some of the best catfishing anglers in the country! To give you an idea, 10th place is 19lbs and 17th place has 10.1lbs at the end of the first day", said Tournament Director Tanner Tabor.

"We would like to thank Switzerland County Tourism for sponsoring the event as their hospitality was felt by all the anglers", said Tournament Director Tanner Tabor. "Vevay, Indiana is a great town on some great catfishing water, it was just extremely tough conditions this weekend", said Tabor.

This was a very amazing event with the big fish of the event weighing in at 73.65 pounds. That's a big blue catfish, I don't care what part of the country your fishing in. It also shows what an amazing fishery this section of the Ohio River is even with the adverse conditions the river was in after a major flood. For more information call: 1-(800)-435-5688 or visit their website at: www.vevayin.com.

Results for the Top 5 Teams

Taking first place was the team Ken and Elzie Lewis of Brooklyn, Indiana and Dale Kerns of Norris City, Illinois overwhelmed the competition with a weight of 223.25 pounds and earning \$4,000.00. The 3-person team headed 12 miles downstream of Madison using live shad. They caught 18 fish during the two day competition. They said, "the key was that they found large schools of shad and that the fish were sitting on a nearby ledge". All their fish came directly off the bottom and that most of them were covered in mud.

In second place was Rob Benningfield of Bowling Green, Kentucky and Ed Moore of Louisville, Kentucky with a total 2-day weight of 96.2 pound and earning \$2,000.00. Rob and Ed fished just west of Louisville in 25-30 feet of water using skip jacks. They had 22 pounds after day 1 and only caught 1 fish on the final day. Ed said, "We only got one, but it's the right one!". He was right as it was a 73.65 pound blue cat which was big fish of the event that earned them an additional \$500.

Third place went to Max Howard of Rising Sun, Indiana and Ean Bailey of Aurora, Indiana with a weight of 81.1 pounds and earning \$1,000.00. Max and Ean fished up river 3 or 4 miles targeting tributaries, catching their fish in 6 feet of water on shad. They caught a total of 13 fish during the event.

Willie Smith and Drew Benner of Frankfort, Ohio took fourth place with a weight of 77.7 pounds and earning \$750.00. Willie and Drew fished near

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Aurora in 18-22 feet of water using shad and caught 18 fish over the two days.

Fifth place went to the Bloomingdale, Indiana team of Josh and Jeff Schmelzt bringing in 75.25 pounds and earning \$500.00. Josh and Jeff fished near Rising Sun in 10-20 feet of water using shad. They caught 12 fish during the event.

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Vevey, Indiana Cabela's King Kat Super Event Weigh In Results

Team Name	Weight	Big Fish
Lewis, Ken - Kerns, Dale **IN/IL	223.25	33.05
Benningfield, Rob - Moore, Ed KY	96.20	73.65
Howard, Max - Bailey, Eean IN	81.10	18.35
Smith, Willie - Benner, Drew OH	77.70	0.01
Schmelzt, Josh - Schmelzt, Jeff IN	75.25	0.01
Hettingler, Curtis - Hettingler, Lisa OH	73.75	0.01
Halcomb, James - Breedlove, Charles IN	47.05	0.01
Tutorow, Casey - Lemaster, John IN	43.15	26.10
Lange, Larry & Joshua-Adkins, Greg OH	40.15	0.01
Moran, Ryan - Reynolds, Claude IN	38.60	0.01
Peabody, William - Collins, William KY	26.40	0.01
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Attached is a total list of anglers and their weights. For photos of the winning team and big fish of the event email: lrecelius@crappieusa.com. Be sure to check out our new website at: www.kingkatusa.com.

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From Crappie to the Rattlesnake Saloon

We watched our guide, Lee Pitts, back his boat down the ramp into the waters of Weiss Lake. The air temperature was around 50 degrees. The skies were cloudy and dark and the wind was light with a storm approaching. The surface water temperature was 57°, down thirteen degrees from the 70° temperature of just four days ago. Despite the poor conditions, we were heading out to invite some Alabama crappie to take a dip in the livewell in our boat.

After a long, cold winter in central Indiana, we decided to get an early taste of spring by heading south to Alabama for a few days of warm weather. Wrong! It was nearly 80 degrees in north AL four days before we left home on Tuesday. We arrived in temperature thirty degrees cooler and it stayed there until we headed home on Saturday morning. Of course, Saturday's forecast was for 70° that afternoon and 80° on Sunday. Although the weather wasn't great, we squeezed a lot of activity into those few days.

We arrived in Cherokee County, AL near the



One of the waterfalls in Little River Canyon. Class V rapids are available on this river for expert kayakers to attempt. For Susie & I it was just gorgeous viewing. (Photo by Rich Creason)

town of Cedar Bluff and checked into our room at the Little River Marina and Lodge (www.littlerivermarinaandlodge.com, 256-779-6461). This is Weiss Lake's only full-service marina and is under new ownership and management. Services include (but are not limited to), guide service, breakfast & lunch, lighted fishing pier, three boat ramps, certified mechanic, standard motel and kitchenettes, gas, bait & tackle, and much more.

After putting our gear in the room, we wandered around taking pictures of the many herons

and egrets, and then drove some back roads photographing huge vines of purple wisteria in bloom. We stopped in the local Chamber of Commerce (or tourism bureau) as we always do, for the best dining options in the area and to pick up brochures on local attractions.

For our first night, we chose Lanny's Restaurant on Main Street in nearby Centre. A local favorite for Bar B Q, I ordered a half rack of St. Louis style ribs which turned out to be the largest half rack I had ever seen. Susie had the pulled pork, also a large portion. Outstanding food and very inexpensive. Call 256-927-2400 for directions if you're ever in the area.

The next morning, 7 AM saw us leaving the dock in Lee's boat. We fastened our Frogg Toggs raingear to cut the wind and prepared for some great fishing on Weiss Lake. This lake, known as "The Crappie Capitol of the World", started in-service in 1961. It has a shoreline of 447 miles and covers over 30,000 acres. It surrendered many of its famous crappie, plus some channel catfish, to the very tiny jigs we were trolling. We released all but about 20 crappie from 10-14" to contribute to the evening's fish fry at the Marina.

The locals were impressed by our catch since for the last several days the fishing had been poor because of the large temperature change in the surface water. I told them us Yankees knew how to catch fish, but frankly, I know almost nothing about crappie fishing. Lee did all the work, finding the fish, supplying the proper equipment, and showing us what to do with it. To schedule your own guided trip on Weiss, Guntersville, or Neely Henry Lakes with Pro bass and crappie fisherman Lee Pitts, call 256-390-4145, or go to



Susie and I with the unlucky crappie we decided to keep for the evening's fish fry. The rest were released to fight another day. (Photo by Lee Pitts)

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April, a Cherokee Chamber of Commerce employee, and I climbing on one of the smaller rock walls at Cherokee Rock Village. (Photo by Susie Creason)



Cornwall Furnace, a cold blast furnace, provided pig iron to the ironworks for the confederates in the Civil War. This is one of the best preserved furnaces in the southeast. (Photo by Susie Creason.)

www.leepitoutsdoors.com. We raced the incoming storm back to the dock and we won.

After a short nap (I am getting old!), we drove to the Lighthouse Restaurant & Motel in Cedar Bluff for an early dinner. I quickly saw the Fried Alligator on the menu and ordered it. It was a slightly chewy, all white meat, breaded, with a tangy tiger sauce for dipping. Excellent. From a wide selection, Susie picked seafood and I chose Italian. Dessert was Fudge Overboard, a huge bowl with a brownie, hot fudge syrup, strawberries, ice cream, more strawberries and whipped cream. Check out www.thelighthousemotel.com.

Thursday we planned on touring some attractions in Cherokee County. Our first stop was at Cherokee Rock Village. This 200 acre park includes huge boulders of limestone and quartz which attract rock climbers from many countries. April, from the local Chamber of Commerce, was able to accompany us climbing on some of the smaller rocks. We then visited the Cornwall Furnace. This cold blast furnace was built in 1862 to provide pig iron to be used in building Confederate cannons. It is extremely well preserved.

A driving tour up and down the mountain through Little River Canyon Nature Preserve was next. We stopped along the way at the Orbix Hot Glass Gallery. Unfortunately, they were not quite ready to start making pieces while we were there. Check out www.orbixhotglass.com for pictures of some of their outstanding creations and work in progress. We continued along the road on top of Lookout Mountain. The Little River drops from 1,900 feet to 650 feet through the canyon. This area creates a habitat suitable for several rare and unusual plants and animals including carnivorous green pitcher plants, green salamanders and endangered blue shiner fish.

Our last stop in this northeast corner of Alabama was at the Chattokee Lodge near Gaylesville. This four-year-old lodge is a beautiful sporting paradise catering to only small groups



A small section of the rock overhang which shelters the Rattlesnake Saloon. Small waterfalls were coming off the ledge in several places. (Photo by Rich Creason)

(maximum 10 people) of family or business gatherings, one group at a time. Harlan and Sheila Starr operate this special setting for hunting deer, dove, ducks, geese, quail, pheasant and turkey. They also offer fly fishing for trophy trout or even carp and strippers. Go to www.chattokeelodge.com for all the info you need to schedule your trip to this lodge. For information on any of these spots or other attractions in the County, go to www.cherokee-chamber.org or call 256-927-8455.

Thursday evening found us driving west to Tuscombua, AL for some activities in Colbert County. We arrived at the Coldwater Inn for a two night stay. This hotel is so attractive that groups of youngsters visit here just to have their prom pictures taken in the lobby, on the winding staircase,

and the second floor sitting area.

Next morning we visited the Colbert County Tourism & Convention Bureau across the street to see our good friend Susann Hamlin, the Executive Director of the Bureau. (www.colbertcounty-tourism.org or call 800-344-0783). After setting dinner arrangements with Susann and her husband, Brian, we drove to Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve. We were there last year, but I wanted to see it in the spring to take some wildflower photos and see the creek and the waterfalls in the Canyon full of water. We hiked for several hours, then, returned to the Coldwater.

Susann and Brian picked us up later to head to the Rattlesnake Saloon for the evening meal. We

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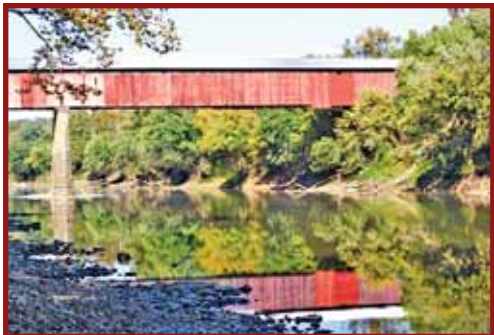
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Williams Covered Bridge, East Fork of White River in Lawrence County, Indiana. (Photo provided by David Branneman Lawrence Co. Tourism 812-849-1090)



East Fork of White River in Lawrence County, Indiana. (Photo provided by David Branneman Lawrence Co. Tourism 812-849-1090)

Limestone Country

The East Fork of the White River Draws Outdoor Enthusiasts to Lawrence County, IN

Article Written by Steve Chafin
Most High Adventure Outfitters, Owner

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Lawrence County in Indiana has often been regarded an outdoor enthusiasts paradise. In fact, in 2009 Field & Stream voted Lawrence County one of the top 100 places to live in the US for outdoor activities. Spring Mill State Park in Mitchell is one of Indiana's most popular state parks. It offers camping and hiking that one would expect from a state park and some unexpected outdoor activities, such as geocaching and cave exploring. Nearby, the East Fork of the White River is enjoying renewed popularity with outdoor lovers of all ages and is encouraging recreational businesses to fulfill this demand.

Most High Adventure Outfitters has recently brought their canoe and kayak outfitting operation to Lawrence County to enable visitors to explore the White River and other areas streams or paddle around Spring Mill Lake. The company provides canoes and kayaks for relaxing floats down the White River and Salt Creek. Most High Adventure Outfitters also provides guided tours of the White River which feature the unique historical, cultural and geologic features of the river.

The owner of Most High Adventure Outfitters, Steve Chafin, is an outdoor enthusiast and professional environmental scientist. His love for the outdoors led him to establish Most High Adventure Outfitters to enable families and friends to enjoy nature and the Southern Indiana landscapes.

In addition to rentals, Most High Adventure Outfitters provides geologic tours of the Lost River and tours of the Spring Mill Lake watershed. The Lost River is Indiana's "mystery river" alternating between being a surface stream and a

subterranean stream throughout its upper course. The watershed of Spring Mill Lake is a completely subterranean, with storm run-off water entering caves via sinkholes and running through underground streams to discharge points at the caves in Spring Mill Park. The guided tours are performed by a local historian and an environmental scientist who has studied the subterranean system for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Tours are conducted from bicycles, paddle craft or automobiles. Most High Adventure Outfitters can be contacted by calling 812-340-0700, or by visiting www.mosthighadventure.com.

The East Fork of White River is a remarkable recreation and biological resource. This area of the river includes freshwater mussels, crawfishes, game and non-game fish species such as the endangered lake sturgeon, eels, mudpuppies, spotted bass, crappie, bluegill, white drum, white bass, sauger, very large catfish and more. The river always has plenty of water so paddlers never have to drag their boats. Current flows are rated from fun to exciting (although there are no rapids) and white sandbars for taking a break, picnicking or camping are plentiful.

The trees and wetlands along the river are home to wood ducks, kingfishers, blue herons, green herons, bald eagles, and ospreys. On most trips down the river paddlers are treated to viewing unsuspecting deer, raccoons, beavers, and even river otters. River otters were released by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources on the Muscatatuck River, a tributary to the White upstream in Washington and Jennings Counties. The otters have since been seen along the

East Fork of the White River in Lawrence County.

Lawrence County is located in the heart of southern Indiana's rolling hills, 90 minutes south of Indianapolis and two and a half hours west of Cincinnati, OH. The Lawrence County Visitor Center provides GPS rentals and information on attractions, lodging and tours in the area. The Lawrence County Visitor Center is located at 533 W. Main Street in downtown Mitchell, IN and is open Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Contact Dave Branneman**, Executive Director, for more information on Lawrence County 812-849-1090 or email limestonecountry@frontier.com

To contact Steve Chafin, Most High Adventure Outfitters click on the following:
www.mosthighadventure.com
www.limestonecountry.com

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COMING EVENTS

Fri Apr 29 & Sat Apr 30 – The Boys Next Door at Little Theatre of Bedford
Sat Apr 30 – Bruce Borders as Elvis at the Opera House of Mitchel



Steve Chafin, owner of Most High Adventure Outfitters paddling on White River in Lawrence County. (Photo provided by David Branneman Lawrence Co. Tourism)

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May 1 - Antique Tractor & Farm Implements Show, Spring Mill State Park.

May 13 - Cruise In, Johnny Junxions, 385 Hillcrest Way, Bedford, 6-9 pm. Classic cars.

May 13-15 - I.B.O. Triple Crown National Championship, First Jewel, Lawrence Co. 4-H Fairgrounds. www.whiteriverbowhunters.com

May 15 - New Frontier, Opera House of Mitchell, 2 pm. Joe East blues and gospel band.

812-849-2377.
May 17 - Bedford Farmers' Market opens. Tue & Thur, Thornton Park, 1-6 pm; Sat, Bedford Square, 8 am-1 pm.

May 20-22 - 12th Annual Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale, www.route50.com

May 21-22 - 2nd Annual Miracle Trail Ride and Race, Lawrence County Recreational Park, Springville, benefits Riley Hospital for Children. Saturday trail ride and scenic road ride, lunch, prizes, \$25 adults/\$10 youth. Sunday features the MAXC Racing Series race, \$10 adult/\$5 youth. Both days \$30 adult/\$15 youth. **812-275-0186.**

May 27-30 - Memorial Weekend at Midwest Trail Rides, Hoosier National Forest. Welcome social, dance, cowboy church, meals, clinician Gary Lane. **812-834-6686**

May 28 - Annual Bob Neeson Memorial Golf Tournament, Otis Park Golf Course, Bedford. **812-275-5692.**

May 28 - Danielle Wells Open House & Cruise In, Kerns Peerless Station, Judah, 2-4 pm. Call for details **812-583-3233.**

May 28-29 - Civil War Days, Spring Mill State Park. Living history demonstrations, ladies tea, speakers, music, and evening ball commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

May 29-30 - Huron Memorial Day Festival, downtown Huron

May 30 - Pioneer Memorial Day Service, Spring Mill State Park, Pioneer Village.

So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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A couple of things to remember in the spring is that thunder and lightning storms are common. Not only is it dangerous, it scares the fish. Some times after a thunder storm fish will be tough to catch from 1 to 3 days depending on the severity of the storm. Also remember when the lake rises it will put fish on the shore, but when the lake is being drawn down it tends to pull fish off the shore, some times to the first drop off, other times they will swim out and suspend over deep water.

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The Simple Life

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Sampler and Farm & Ranch. But she also has a knack and imagination for coming up with her own interior and exterior designs. Our children say our home looks like a Cracker Barrel restaurant.

Purchasing antiques and country crafts as well as making some of our own has helped remind us of the times when hard work prevailed, not everything was mass produced from plastic and fiberglass and things couldn't be purchased so easily with a credit card. It also allows us to appreciate our country-loving neighbors who enjoy the solitude and beauty of the quiet land away from the fast-paced city hustle and bustle.

So take your family and attend an auction, antique stores or yard sales this summer and create memories that will last a lifetime.

IDNR News

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1st John Whalen-Boonville High School
2nd Ryan Beard-Castle High School.
Anderson High School was the winner of the Spirit Award.

"Congratulations" to all participants and "thanks" to all volunteers for making this year's tournament a success. To view the complete state NASP tournament results, visit: www.indiananasp.com.

Fields' Outdoor Adventures

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Fields Outdoor Adventures is a Mathews, Missions, Hoyt and Bear authorized dealer. They can service any type (compound, recurve or long bow) or brand of bow and sell several name brand archery accessory products. Rage and G-5 is just a couple of the broad head lines carried at Fields. Fields Outdoors also offers a nice selection of cross-bows and accessories including Excalibur and Parker. Fields Outdoors is known for its fine selection of firearms. You can find Remington, Mossberg, Bushmaster, DPMS, Springfield, Ruger, GSG, Thompson Center and others. Leupold, Burris, Nikon and Bushnell are some of the glass products offered. Surveillance cameras by Cuddeback and Wildgame are offered as well as Wildgame feeders. Fields Outdoors also offers a nice selection of fishing rods and reels as well as fishing equipment, live and artificial baits.

Take the time to visit Fields Outdoor Adventures in Rushville, Indiana, 40 miles southeast of Indianapolis. They are located one block south of the courthouse on Perkins St. in downtown Rushville. They are open every day except Monday. Hope to see you soon!

Indiana Outdoors

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by confidentially strutting right into the set-up, and just before he had the chance to give the jake decoy a right hook, Nicholas anchored him with a perfectly executed shot at a mere twelve yards! Further inspection revealed that this truly was a great trophy for my son. Besides the 11 inch beard, his longbeard weighed a whopping 27 pounds and packed 1 1/4 inch

spurs!

The rush of emotions we all felt at that moment is indescribable. The whole thing seems surreal, but it wasn't. This wasn't Schulz's first rodeo in terms of introducing newcomers to the trills of turkey hunting either. You see, my first turkey fell while on a hunt with Bernard at Xtreme Management Hunts, meaning that they have been a part of introducing two generations of my family into the right of passage as turkey hunters. The skills I have learned hunting while hunting with them over the years have benefited me greatly. Schulz and Edwin Harpole and their staff of guides are passionate about helping friends and families make memories that will last a lifetime and he certainly accomplished that once again by Nicholas and I.

And how do I know just how great of an operation Xtreme Management Hunts is? Because I have hunted with other outfitters in the county and none compare in my book. Check them out at www.xtremehunts.com or give them a call at **217-430-2695**.

Camping Here and Beyond

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gave him the little lecture about having his parents pay for him to go home by plane if he had paid for it. Each time we see him, he gives us a funny little grin. He's a great guy and really hilarious. He could sell the Brooklyn Bridge to Brooklyn.

The word got out and about the next year or so later the girls came in a hurry to our campsite on our first night out going south. We were at Mammoth Cave Campground. "All the boys are drunk, they cried." "We hurried over to the boys' side of camp and bottles were strewn all over and the boys were lolly gagging, and stumbling around their sites. My Irish background by passed my Scots side and I lit in on them. In just a few moments the girls and boys completely came apart laughing loudly. GOT YOU, Mr. McCORY. FAKE BEER. It took some time for me to cool down but eventually I laughed with them. The whole group had planned the escape. Only on one other occasion did I see a girl almost purchase alcohol, in Busch Gardens. She thought she was above the age in Florida, but still---it's a school field trip. We told her the ramifications if she would have purchased the beer and the world would have gotten back to school. Thank goodness we never had to be called in by the school administration. We always had good groups.

If you have anything about camping you'd like discussed, just call us at **260-637-3524** or e-mail us at: jmacnut@yahoo.com. More teen age pranks in June.

John and El McCory

Vevay Kat Tourney

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solidation into the Pendleton District.

Trooper Wandersse is a field training officer and a member of the Honor Guard Team.

He and his wife Shanna reside in Wayne County with their two children, and is the son of Dan and Earlene Wandersse of Centerville, Indiana. His brother, Senior Trooper Eric Wandersse is also assigned to the Pendleton District.

27th ANNUAL JR. SPORTSMEN DERBY SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2011

The 27th Annual Junior Sportsmen Derby will be held at Brookville Lake on Sat. June 18th. The event is sponsored by the Brookville Lake Anglers Club and your business co-sponsors.

The Derby headquarters will be located in the Tailwater Area just below the Brookville Dam, this location is used for registrations and fish check-in station. You will receive your goodies in your minnow bucket and your Jr. Derby official fishing cap here too. You must return to this location for the fish weigh in, eating and receiving the fishing awards.

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

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

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For more information contact: 513-851-4865 or 513-489-7226.



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The Twilight Limited Train to Dinner aboard the Whitewater Valley Railroad. Take an evening train ride to the Laurel Hotel Restaurant, a quaint restaurant specializing in Pan Fried Chicken and other home cooked meals.

The first Twilight Limited Train to Dinner will be May 6, 2011. The train will depart the Grand Central Station in Connersville at 6:00 p.m. and travel through the Indiana countryside and along the Whitewater River to the town of Laurel. You will walk one block to the restaurant for your meal. When everyone is finished you will board the train for your trip back to Connersville arriving there between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m.

The cost is \$29.00 for adults, \$15.00 for children (2-12), price includes round trip train ride to Laurel, Dinner, Dessert, Drink, Tax & Tip.

The "Train to Dinner" operates the 1st & 3rd Fridays, May thru October. Other dates available for group charter.

Prepaid reservations required (prices subject to change without notice).

For information and reservations call 765-825-2054. website: www.whitewatervalleyrr.org

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METAMORA MAY ACTIVITIES

May 2011 Metamora, Indiana

May 1 - Canal boat opens. Open Wednesday - Sunday. Rides at noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm

Every Thursday and Friday in May, Whitewater Limited Train - Whitewater Valley Railroad- During the month of May, the Connersville to Metamora train will run every Thursday and Friday. The train departs Connersville at 10:00am with a 2 hour layover in Metamora. NOTE: Special rates are available for school groups by advance reservations.

Week 7-8 - Family Fun Days/Mother's Day Weekend

Whitewater Valley Railroad-Train ride through the scenic Whitewater Valley. The train leaves Connersville at 12:01 pm with a 2 hour layover in historic Metamora. Special Fares Available for this weekend- A parent or grandparent rides for half fare when accompanied by their child or grandchild traveling at full fare. Please print the excursions page from website www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions to receive this special fare.

May 14 - Webelo Boy Scout Engineering Activity Day - Pre-registration required 1:00pm to 4:00pm - During this workshop the Webelo Boy Scouts learn about the different occupations in engineering and the activities involved in these various engineering careers. To register please contact the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site at 765-647-6512.

May 21 - The Whitewater Canal 10k Towpath Dash and Fun Run - Don't wait - the field is limited to the first 500 entrants. The Whitewater Valley Railroad will be providing a shuttle train ride for families, friends and observers to take pictures of the racers and to experience the "dash" in action. Start time 8:00 a.m., online registration available. For more information visit the website at www.active.com/running/metamora-in/towpath-10k-dash-and-fun-run-2011 or call 765-647-6512, Whitewater Canal State Historic Site

May 21 - Overland Limited Wild West Train Whitewater Valley Railroad - Join the Circle D Rangers as they protect the Metamora bound train. See bandits, marshals, robber barons, fancy and not so fancy wagon.

May 27 - Open Mic Music Night Metamora Music Fest Stage - Lovers Lane - Signup 6:00pm Performance 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Come to play, come to listen, or both! This is your opportunity to get on stage and show off your music skills. If you just love to listen this is a FREE opportunity to enjoy an evening of music.

May 29 - Memorial Day Ceremony 2:00 p.m. on the Canal - Join us for the oldest Memorial Day Ceremony in Indiana, held annually since the Civil War. Located on the Car Bridge and Whitewater Canal, this special ceremony includes flowers tossed into the canal, along with singing to honor and remember past and present soldiers.

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parked in the lot and we taken down (way down) the hill to the Saloon in the Saloon Taxi (a pickup with benches mounted in the back). Seating was arranged underneath a huge rock overhang which has several small waterfalls coming off the ledge. Indoor seating is available if the weather is cool.

While the menu is limited to hamburgers and hot dogs, these are outstanding and varied. Appetizers are also available, and we ordered the sampler platter. This was a large cookie sheet with nine different items on it. They were chicken wings and chicken strips, breaded jalapeno slices and jalapeno poppers, fried pickle slices, mozzarella sticks, breaded fried green beans, onion rings, and breaded mushrooms. After attempting to eat most of this, we hardly had room for our burgers. Of course, there was a tiny bit of room left for the apple fritter dessert. For all the info on the restaurant, lodging, horseback riding, and more, go to www.sevenspringslodge.net.

While you are this close, you must also allow time before dinner to travel an extra ten minutes to the world's only Coon Dog Cemetery (info at www.coondogcemetery.com). It's well worth the trip.

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tion to remove 85 impaired drivers from Indiana roadways in 2010. Wandersse graduated from Indiana State Police Recruit School in 2008 and was assigned to the Connersville District prior to the con-

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APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 2011**

The Indiana Smokin' on the Water Barbecue Festival by the Lake is sponsored by the Liberty Lions Club, all proceeds go to Community Service projects of the Liberty Lions Club.

The 2-day event takes place at **3801 West Dunlapville Drive, Liberty, Indiana.** Location: Treaty Line Museum area in the town of Dunlapville (just south of Liberty, IN - in the area with the log cabins that is located just north of the Quakertown Recreation area on the west side of Brookville Lake.

Activities include a Craft Show, a KCBS BBQ and Open BBQ cook off of Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork and Beef Brisket, a Kids Que BBQ contest, Award winning Barbeque (Ribs, Chicken, etc.) & other great eats, Craft Fair, Home Show, Music, Food, & Fun, Antique Tractor & Farm Equipment Exhibits, Handmade Furniture and Instruments, RVs, Mobility Carts, Golf Carts, Mowers, and More, Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby, Corn Hole Tournament (Saturday), Home Improvement Products, Handmade Jewelry, Healthcare Products & Services, Live Bluegrass Music (Saturday Evening), Antique and Classic Car & Truck Show (Sunday), BBQ Contest (Sunday afternoon) and all happening in the Treaty Line Pioneer Village.

Event Times: Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. / Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Setup Times: Friday evening from Noon to 8 p.m. or Saturday morning from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. **There is no Entrance Fee for the public to attend the event.**

Cost: Only \$60 for each space (approx 15'x20') for entire weekend.

Location: Across from Quakertown Recreation Area on the west side of Brookville Lake: Treaty Line Museum & Pioneer Village
Restrictions: Please, No: Animals (except working guide/leader dogs), Alcohol, Used Clothing Sales, Bicycles, or Golfcarts (except for event organizers) will be allowed on the premises.

To Find Forms And all the activities go to Smokin' website:

www.libertyindianalions.com/liberty_lions_club/smoke_on_the_water.html

Questions: Contact Carl Sharp at 765-458-5574 (office), or 765-580-0215 (cell) or email at: Carl.Sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com or Zack Cartee at 765-309-3061 (Cell) with any questions.

TURKEY RUN NATURE CENTER

Visit the Turkey Run Nature Center for Exciting New Exhibits and Programs

There's something for everyone at the Turkey Run State Park nature center. Visitors to the center can observe wild animals outside large windows, see a nature movie on a giant screen, experience new exhibits, see live snakes and turtles, watch honeybees work a hive, or go to one of the many nature or history hikes and programs offered there each week.

Our guests can help feed the birds and squirrels on Thursday and Friday, **April 21 and 22**, at 10

a.m., and then watch while they eat and compete with each other for the seed. A free planetarium star show will also be offered at the center at 2 p.m., where guests will discover how easy it is to find constellations and planets and enjoy meteor showers during this 40-minute program.

Saturday, April 23 is our Earth Day celebration! Bird feeding happens again at 10 a.m. From 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., visit stations near the nature center to do activities that are both fun and thought-provoking. Make cool stuff while helping the Earth! Stop by any time for Leave No Trace, bird feeders, burning pictures with the sun, garbage power and much more. A planetarium show will be offered at 2 p.m., followed by a 3 p.m. Lusk Home Tour. This entertaining 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion meets in the cellar of the Lusk Home. Kids and adults will love it! A \$2 per person donation is suggested, but not required. The doors open at 2:45 p.m., and the home is not handicap accessible.

On Sunday, **April 24**, besides the bird feeding at 10 a.m. and planetarium at 2 p.m., at 10:30a.m. meet on the nature center front porch to take a 1-hour moderately rugged hike into Rocky Hollow canyon to discover how the landscape of Turkey Run took shape.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, **April 25-27**, the bird feeding starts at 10 a.m. and the planetarium show happens at 2 p.m.

These programs are all free, and are designed to entertain and inspire people of all ages. While visiting the nature center or attending programs children ages 14 and under must be with an adult.

The nature center is open daily from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Indianapolis time. Please call **765-597-2654** with questions.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK CLUB
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For additional information call **812-295-3463** or **812-247-3780**.

Website: www.lawrencecountyrockclub.org

**BROOKVILLE LAKE DROWNING
EMERGENCY RESPONDERS SEARCH
10:38 p.m. April 10th from PIO Gary Catron**

DNR LAW ENFORCEMENT NEWS RELEASE
INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICERS
For Immediate Release: April 10, 2011

Emergency responders search for body of Cincinnati man feared drowned
Liberty, Indiana-A boater's 911 call summoned

emergency response personnel to the Quakertown area of Brookville reservoir shortly after 5:30pm Sunday afternoon.

According to Indiana Conservation Officer Detective Sgt. John Cannarella, 12 friends were on a boat drifting in the Quakertown idle zone when the 32 year old victim fell from the boat. Once in the 20'-25' deep water he began to struggle to stay afloat.

Attempts to save the man by occupants of the watercraft were unsuccessful. The watercraft did have the required PFDs onboard.

Divers were unsuccessful in their attempts to locate the victim. The search is continuing into Sunday night by utilizing a side-scan sonar unit.

Alcohol does appear to be a factor. The owner/operator of the boat was arrested for BWI (boating while intoxicated).

The name of the victim is being withheld pending family notification. The investigation into the incident is continuing.

11:04 p.m. April 10th from PIO Gary Catron
UPDATE: I was advised moments ago that a recovery of the victim has been made with the assistance of side-scan sonar. The investigation is ongoing. END

10:53 a.m. April 11th from PIO Gary Catron
The victim in Sunday afternoon's boating incident has been identified as 32 year old Roger R Shands Jr of Cincinnati, Ohio. An autopsy is scheduled for Tuesday, toxicology results on the victim are pending.

The owner/operator of the watercraft, a 22.5' Cobalt I/O, 32 year old Shea S Barth was arrested for BWI (boating while intoxicated).

Roger R Shands Jr had been dancing on the rear deck of the drifting watercraft when he fell from the boat. The incident was nearly a double drowning when another passenger of the boat entered the water in an attempt to save Shands.

A type IV PFD was thrown into the water which aided in saving the passenger. Other passengers entering the water to assist were overcome by the cold water.

Divers were on the scene from the following departments: Indiana Conservation Officers, Indiana State Police, Everton and Liberty Fire Departments.

The continuing investigation is being conducted by ICO Detective Sgt John Cannarella and the Union County Coroner's Office. END

**FARM EQUIPMENT ON THE ROADS
PIO Sergeant Rod Russell 8:58 p.m. April 11th**

The Indiana State Police caution motor vehicle drivers that farmers will be preparing their fields for planting within the next few weeks. During this time, large farm equipment may be traveling on the roads, and may impede traffic.

Drivers are reminded to be ever cautious when approaching a hillcrest or curve. Farm implements need additional roadway space, be prepared to slow down, pull to the side or stop. Darkness also creates a hazardous situation for motorists and farmers use extra caution at night, particularly on county roads.

Tips for farmers:

Have all lighting and placards on your equipment as required by law.

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11 year old Lance Johnson from Modoc, Indiana caught this 27 inch 10 lb. 1 oz. Walleye at the Brookville Dam. (Photo submitted by Kelli Johnson - Mom)



Kayla Davison took this 10 point, 205 pound Buck on 11-14-10. (Red Barn Bait Shop Photo, Salem, IN)



Gretchen Leis took this 6 point Buck on 11-13-10. This is Gretchen's first deer. Congratulations Gretchen. (Red Barn Bait Shop Photo, Salem, IN)



Mike Burdette from Richmond, Indiana caught this catfish in the Brookville Dam Tailwater area on 2-13-11 fishing with a jig and minnow. (Mike Burdette Photo)

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safely pull to the side of the road to let same direction travel pass your equipment.

Avoid traveling on state and U.S. highways during rush hour traffic.

Do not leave anhydrous nurse tanks unlocked or unattended.

Tips for motorists:

Be patient when behind farm equipment, they have the right to operate on the roads same as you do.

When approaching farm equipment from the opposite direction pull to the right and let them pass, particularly on narrow roads.

The Indiana State Police want this farming season a safe one for the farmers and motorists sharing Indiana roadways. Please be patient and courteous to each other when driving.

BRACELETS FOR CALL BOXES

Teresa Throop, mother of Trey Kidwell, who drowned at Fairfield Ramp on Brookville Lake in 2007 is attempting to raise enough money to place a emergency call box at the ramp on Brookville Lake. Type [bracelets for call boxes](#) on your browser page to find website on internet.

On The Cutting Edge

IT BEGINS HERE

MY THEORY ON GLOBAL WARMING & OUR AXIS BALANCING ACT

The balance of natural things entails much more relevance than just animals, it has to do with the balance of our earth on its axis.

From the beginning of time this earth has rotated on an axis defined by forces much greater than a mere human can achieve.

We, to a greater extent, humans try to define everything in theory and build fact on top of theory. That is all well and good to a certain extent, until the building blocks all fall down.

My theory, which is not fact, just a theory, is that the earth was created by the forces of a positive nature of events. Somewhere in the vast reaches of space our earth was created to achieve, eventually, something of purpose.

It has taken millions of years to reach that goal and our earth hasn't fully gotten there yet, in fact we may be regressing instead of progressing.

In the beginning, way back to how the earth was formed, the natural resources, as we call them now, was placed or developed within the earth's surface to

make the earth function and remain in orbit on its axis until eternity or the end, which ever comes first.

My theory doesn't involve the theory of the big bang or little bang, just what I consider common sense realization. I think that many of us receive direction by thought destined to be heard. The Indians wrote and talked about "The Great Spirit and Mother Earth," to me that was direction by thought destined to be heard.

The Earth came about in the scheme of things to be where it is, warmed from within and from without by the sun, lighted by the sun, moon and other planets in their scheme of things. The earth had a hot landscape, intolerable for life to exist on it. Its core was the flaming magnum, the heat forced the magnum to the surface erupting wherever the pressure dictated or the weight was a factor to keep the planet balanced on its' axis.

Moving along through the years of development the earth developed an atmosphere. In my theory, in the scheme of things, water was made possible to help reduce the surface temperature and make it possible for sea life to survive on earth. Plant life emerged and between the two, sea and plant life, the next step in cooling the earth was set in motion.

The sea and plant life lived and died around the world creating tons of decaying matter that over the course of era's, created cooling agents, we call them



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Mike Burdette caught this 28 inch Walleye drifting with jigs 4 days before the lake froze all the way to the dam, early Jan 2011. First fish of the year, he let her go. (Mike Burdette Photo)



Josh Smith took this 12 point, 190 pound Buck on 11-13-10. (Red Barn Bait Shop Photo, Salem, IN)

-oil, coal and natural gas. These cooling agents were created to keep the earth's sub-surface temperature cool enough to allow animal and human life to exist on earth.

In my theory, today due to misguided judgement our earth is losing its natural cooling agents - oil, coal and natural gas due to man's wasting it away.

According to some scientists and others the earth's warming is due to atmospheric changes brought on by man's polluting the atmosphere. They call it Global Warming.

I disagree, the warming is coming from beneath our feet, from earth's molten core.

Today we are seeing increased activity of erupting volcano's, earthquakes and reduced ground water supply. In my thinking the warming is coming from the core temperature of the earth because of the loss of our natural cooling agents - oil, coal and natural gas, which is or was stored naturally between the earths core and surface.

If the industrial world wants to divert disaster in the near future they will find alternative fuels to power their vehicles, heat their homes and power their industry.

The second part of my theory is weight distribution. The way the earth keeps its balance and stays on its axis.

The entire planet earth is a complex mass, yet it is fluid, in that there is always movement on the surface and below the surface.

In my theory in order for the earth to be perfectly balanced it relies on the forces of nature to keep it on its axis.

Wind, water, the sun and living things keep the planet earth on its axis by helping the weight around.

The weight is tons of insects, animals, humans, plants, dirt, water and rock.

To move the weight around quickly the forces of nature involve earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunamis, snow storms, avalanches, volcano eruptions and any other natural disaster I haven't mentioned.

The one thing that was not in the original equation was man's capability to build massive cities, dams and infrastructure forever changing earth's landscape that is until nature destroys whatever is in its path.

We are seeing larger and more frequent flooding all over the world. The reason may be the earth trying to cool its surface or the movement of weight to balance the earth, did you ever think of that?

It amazes me why many people will buy housing along rivers in low lying areas.

On the history channel a week or two ago, it showed a rural housing development along a river, which was flooding, the water was undercutting the houses along the bank. One by one the new houses slipped into the river breaking apart and slowly moving with the current.

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