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who served their country in Alaska, Saipan and Okinawa from 1942 to 1945 in WWII. It will also include the Welcome Home Celebration for Vietnam Veterans in Richmond, IN, the "Wall That Heals" that was at the Richmond Veterans Memorial Park August 24-28, 2011 and most of the events that took place there. (**Insignia of U.S.N. Seabees, Photos by Ray Dickerson**)

**Top Right:** Bill Embry, owner of Got 2 Love It Team Tournaments, debuts his new column in The Gad-a-bout. Bill is a legend in his own life time and one of the best known bass fishermen in the state of Indiana. In this and the coming issues he will teach us all about "Bass Fishing Techniques." This month he talks about "Fizzing your bass?" See Page 8 (**Photo by Bill Embry**)

**Bottom Left:** Hardy Lake Part II. I hope all of my readers take a trip to Hardy Lake and see for themselves that what I write is true, it is a great place to catch fish and enjoy a day or weekend. See Page 16-17 for more. (**Photo by Ray Dickerson**)

**Bottom Right:** Joe Martino says, "All of today's bows are excellent and all are more than capable of performing beyond our expectations – regardless of manufacturer." See more on Page 20. (**Joe Martino Photo**)

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by Ray Dickerson

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### NEW DISTRIBUTION AREAS IN OHIO

The Gad-a-bout can now be picked up for free in Celina, Hueston Woods and Saint Marys, Ohio thanks to Paul McCloud our new Sales Representative and Outdoor Writer who is concentrating on Ohio distribution, he began with the September issue. His first article to appear in The Gad-a-bout is on page 23, it is about the Whiteater Lake located in Whitewater State Park just south of Liberty, Indiana. Paul lives in Liberty.

### READ BILL EMBRY'S NEW COLUMN

Bill Embry's new column appears in this issue on page 8, it is titled "Bass Fishing Techniques." Learn how to keep your bass alive.

### 50 GUN RAFFLE SAT OCTOBER 15 MILLHOUSEN VOL FIRE DEPT.

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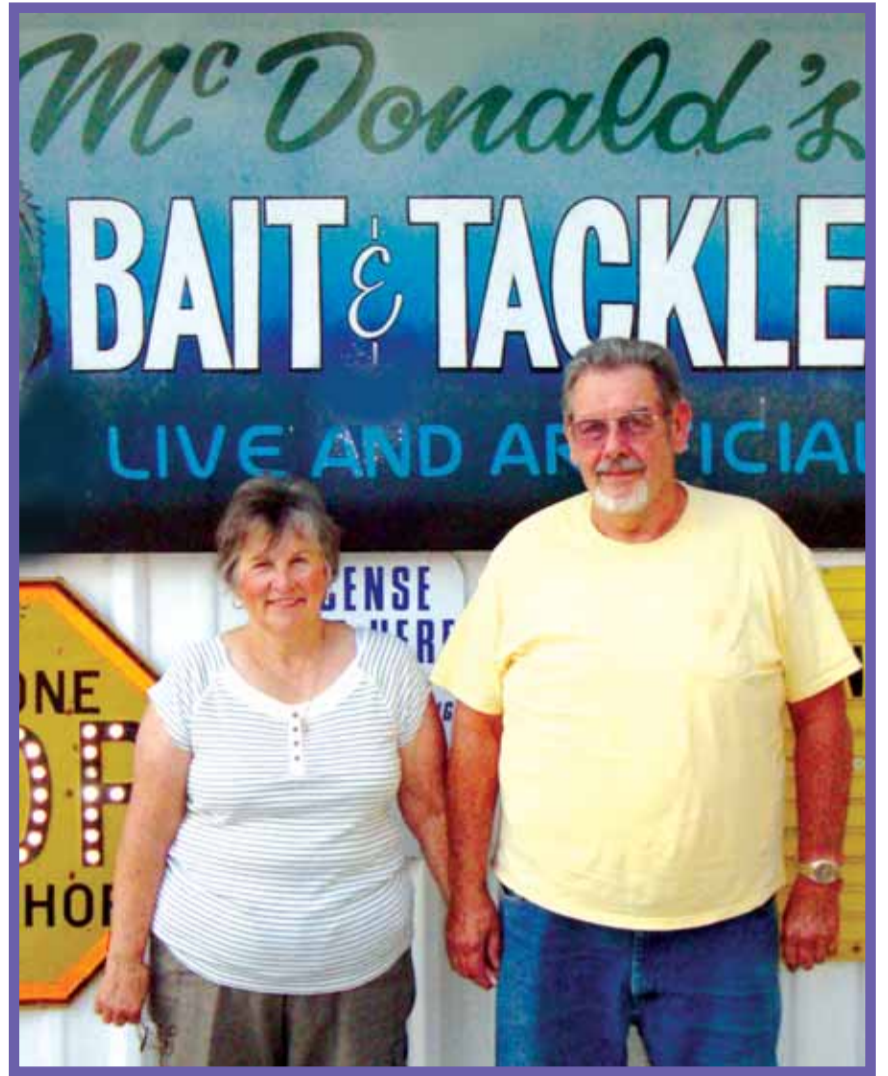
\* 50 guns will be given away if all 200 tickets are sold, if not, we will randomly remove guns to keep it at a 1 in 4 chance of winning.

**Editor's Note:** This is for a very good cause, a fire engine costs a lot of money, help these firemen out if you can.

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Estelle and Phil McDonald  
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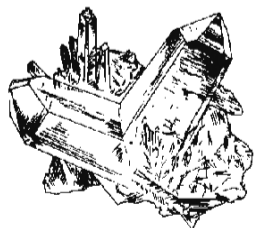


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# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe  
Professional Fishing Guide

## How to catch fish in October on Brookville Lake

Fishing at this time of year can be frustrating if you don't keep an open mind. Your biggest obstacle is gonn'a be shad. Shad is a bait fish that feeds on plankton in the Lake. There are millions and millions of shad in the lake that where spawned this summer and are now about 1 inch long, perfect eating size for just about every game fish in Brookville lake, from crappie to striped bass. I'm not saying you can't catch any fish at this time its just that all that bait is competition with your bait. Look at it like this if you just walked out of a smörgåsbord and some one offered you something else to eat, would you eat it. Probably not, but you might eat a snack, that is one way to look at it. Or if your lucky enough to be fishing when the game fish your fishing for is feeding it can seem quite easy. Either way timing and presentation is everything.

### Walleye:

These fish will be scattered with the bait from the dam to the river above the lake and every place in between. The best way to fish for them is to troll crank baits or fish with a jig tipped with a night crawler. The jig can be dragged on the flats cast to the bank or vertical fished straight up and down. If you have wind, another good method is to cast out the jig tipped with a night crawler and just drift with



Dave Riley caught this nice stringer of walleye while fishing with me on Brookville Lake. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

the wind on the flats. My favorite jig is a whistler jig made by Northland Tackle. They come in about eight different colors and about five different sizes. The 1/32 or the 1/16 ounce models are perfect for drift fishing the flats. We carry all of them at the store in bulk.

### Large or Smallmouth Bass:

These fish will be anywhere there are shad. At times you will catch these fish feeding on deep drop edges in the middle of the lake and then catch them feeding shallow in the water column over a flat or on main lake points. Try shallow running crank baits and spinner baits for the shallow bite. For the deep bite a 4 inch tube is my favorite but you can also use a worm, lizard or crawl fish.

### Striped Bass:

These fish will be in the lower main lake feeding on deeper shad anywhere from the surface to the thermo cline. One good way to fish for them is to troll down rig with small buck tail Jigs. I use a hand made 1/8 ounce jig with a 3/0 Oshanas hook tipped with a 6 inch snake tail. The colors I like are white, chartreuse, pearl and blue. Live bait fishing is another option. By far the number one bait is shad, the next best are chub minnows or shiners. Just bait up with

a heavy hook and sinkers, drop it straight down, reel up a couple of cranks off the bottom and put it in the rod holder. The trick is knowing when, where and how deep.

### Crappie:

Some of these fish will be in the deeper coves around standing timber at various depths. Try a 1/16 oz jig and 1" tube tipped with a crappie minnow or a slip bobber rig tipped with a minnow. The main lake lake holds most of these fish in the summer. Look for submerged brush piles on drop off edges in the middle of the lake from 18 to 25 feet deep on the bottom.

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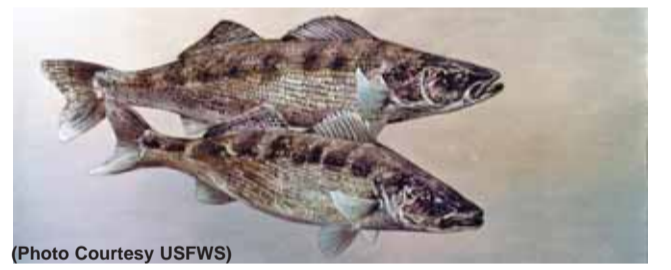
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If your fishing by yourself I hope this helps.

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# News from the Indiana State Police



by Sgt. John D. Bowling

## It's Deer and Harvest Season-Time to Avoid Car-Deer Crashes

Each fall the annual crop harvest coupled with the beginning of hunting season and the "rut," (deer mating season) makes deer movement more prominent and the number of car/deer crashes increase. While this is my favorite time of the year, it's also a time to remind motorists to use extra caution when driving in rural areas of Indiana. Deer are generally more active in the early morning (pre-dawn) hours or the hours just after dusk but could be on the move at anytime.

In the eight county Pendleton District, the 2010 car deer crash totals were as follows; Delaware had 198; Fayette had 73; Henry had 138; Madison had 156; Randolph had 80; Rush had 49; Wayne had 225 and Union had 41, for a staggering total of 960 car deer crashes in our district. So almost a thousand vehicles were damaged by hitting deer in our district alone!

Motorists should take the following precautions when driving in rural areas to avoid having a crash involving a deer:

- When possible use high beam headlights at night and be aware that deer could be standing on or near the side of the roadway.
- Drivers should watch approaching vehicles and observe what may break their headlights beams; it could be a passing deer. This technique allows extra time to slow your speed and be alert for the deer.
- Watch for reflections from the deer's eyes.
- Where there is one deer there are often several. Do not assume you missed the deer because more could follow. **BE ALERT!**
- If your vehicle strikes a deer do not touch it. A frightened or wounded deer can cause you serious bodily injury. Remain in your car, make sure you and your passengers are safe, and call the police to obtain a crash report for your insurance company. You should report this as you would any other crash.
- Finally, as always, **BUCKLE UP!**

For more information concerning deer habits, population, and trends in your area contact your local

conservation officer or the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife at 317-232-4080.



## Harvest Season Safety Tips

With fall here, your Indiana State Police would like to remind everyone of the road hazards that are common during this time of year; farm implements and increased deer movement. During this time of year the farmers are harvesting their crops and this means large farm equipment on the roadways.

As the farmers move their equipment from field to field motorists are reminded to exercise caution on the roadways particularly on county roads. Remember, some farm implements are much wider than the normal vehicle using the roadways and motorists may need to slow down, move over, and perhaps even come to a stop to allow these large pieces of machinery to pass.

### Tips for farmers:

- Have all lighting and placards on your equipment as required by law.
- When parking equipment along the road while in the field, make certain it is visible at night.
- Avoid traveling on state and U.S. highways during rush hour traffic.
- Wear reflective clothing when working at night so as to be seen by motorists and farm workers.
- Indiana Code 9-21-5-7 requires operators of vehicles being driven at a speed below the posted limit to move over to the right at their first opportunity if three or more vehicles are following to allow those vehicles to safely pass.

### Tips for motorists:

- Be patient when traveling behind farm equipment; farmers have the same rights as automobile drivers to operate their equipment on the roads.
- When approaching farm equipment from the opposite direction, pull to the right of the traveled portion of the road and allow the equipment to pass.

- Always be cautious when approaching farm equipment parked on the side of the road. Someone may be getting into or out of the equipment or performing maintenance.

## Indiana State Police Offer Tips for Traffic Stops

Every day in Indiana there are hundreds if not thousands of traffic stops that are performed by legitimate law enforcement officials performing their sworn duty. I get asked often by folks, what should I do if I get stopped? Well, on a very rare occasion, a person impersonating a police enforcement officer comes to the attention of law enforcement and the public after performing a bogus traffic stop or falsely representing themselves as a public servant.

Indiana code 35-44-2-3 states: A person who falsely represents that the person is a public servant, with intent to mislead and induce another person to submit to false official authority or otherwise to act to the other person's detriment in reliance on the false representation, commits impersonation of a public servant, a Class A misdemeanor. However, a person who falsely represents that the person is:

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Remember, in Indiana, a law enforcement officer

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# Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Gary Catron

## Hunter Psychology 101

It's no secret that hunters spend quite a bit of time and a great deal of money trying to learn about the animals they hunt. Videos, DVDs, game calls, wildlife cameras and even cable/satellite television are but a few ways to shed light on the habits of various species of wildlife helping hunters in their quests. And we should whether we are an occasional hunter or we take vacation from work to take it a bit more seriously. Hunters often neglect to understand one animal that is always part of the hunting scenario: the human.

I know Conservation Officers aren't the only ones that sometimes hear stories from hunters expressing dissatisfaction with a hunting experience. The bad hunting experiences are recounted at sports stores as well as good ones. Sometimes a less than enjoyable hunt results from hunting with a good friend or family member. Sometimes it is a product of sharing a woods or property with someone else.

Those who have attending a hunter education course have been exposed to what is termed "The 5 stages hunter development." In a nutshell, those that study such things tell us that as a hunter gains experience he or she will usually pass through 5 stages of development with each stage having a distinct goal

to the hunter. Not every hunter will necessarily pass through each stage and a hunter can be in different stages depending on the type of hunting.

The first stage is the 'shooting' stage. As the name implies, the goal is to getting off a shot. This can lead to poor decision making due to not waiting patiently for a good, safe shot. This is a stage we should consciously try to work a fellow hunter through as quickly as possible. A good amount of time and ammunition on a shooting range is a good way to achieve this. Marksmanship is attained and the appeal of shooting is lessened which can change the primary focus from shooting to hunting. This stage is not limited to the young. If you introduce an adult to hunting expect them to encounter this stage also.

The second is the 'limiting-out' stage. In the hunter's mind success is determined by taking the limit of a particular animal. It may be squirrel, geese, deer, practically any animal hunted. The bag limit could be 1 or any number. A hunter may remain in this stage for some time even though they have achieved their desired success of taking the limit of a particular animal many times. It should be observed that due to the desire to take the limit there may also be a susceptibility of taking risky shots that may be dangerous or cripple the quarry.

The third is the 'trophy' stage. In this stage the hunter is selective what he or she takes. Success is measured by these hunters by the quality of the animal rather than the quantity being taken. Deer and other big game animals typically come to mind but it could be many others as well. A hunter may decide to shoot only older spring gobblers passing on the 1st year jakes and maybe even 2 year old birds. The trophy could be a certain species of waterfowl or a pheasant with a tail estimated at 30 inches or better. To some, it might mean a large doe white-tailed deer they find particularly challenging.

The fourth is the 'method' stage. In this stage, the hunter focuses on the type of equipment or the method used to hunt with. They may still wish to take the limit but the method used is the higher priority. Hunting with archery equipment is a good example. It doesn't have to be bow hunting for deer but could be turkey or even squirrel as well. It might mean hunting with a device that the hunter has made themselves like a muzzle-loader or a bow, arrows and primitive points flaked by hand. Hunting deer, squirrel or even coyote with handguns are other examples. How an animal is taken is more

important than how many are taken. This can also be an excellent way to stretch hunting opportunities.

The fifth and final is the 'sportsman' stage. This stage can also mean different things to different hunters. To some, success is measured by the totality of the hunting experience. Perhaps there is no goal of taking an animal during the hunt but instead focusing on bearing witness to another in the hunt taking their first dove or quail. Some view this stage as a sort of mentorship to another hunter. It may involve introducing hunting to a coworker or grandchild. The quality and enjoyment of the hunting ritual is the brass ring rather than bagging animals. If you hear a hunting story relating someone bringing a gun to shoulder on legal game and for whatever reason they chose not to shoot, there is a good chance they are either in this stage or on its cusp.

By properly identifying the stage of hunter development that we and others are in we can more easily find compatible hunting partners or at least have a better understanding of what might make us or another hunter 'tick' so to speak.

I wonder if there are similar stages in the career of a Conservation Officer.

## 2011 Youth Deer Hunting Season Approaching

Mark your calendars; collect your kid and their hunting gear because youth deer hunting weekend is September 24th and 25th. Youths 17 or younger can take part in the 2-day hunt. The youths may use any device otherwise legal to hunt deer in Indiana except handguns. Regardless of the youth's experience, they must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age that has a valid hunting license of any type that is not an apprentice license. The adult may not possess a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow during this hunt. The adult must stay in close proximity of the youth and be able to communicate with the youth hunter at all times. A participating adult may accompany no more than two youth hunters at the same time.

During this deer hunt, youths may take a deer of either sex. Antlerless deer taken are in addition to those taken during any other season. Youths taking antlered deer during this hunt may not take another antlered deer during the remaining archery, firearm or muzzleloader seasons.

Deer hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. As a reminder, immediately upon taking a deer, a temporary tag must be completed which includes the hunter's name, address, sex of the deer, hunting license number, and

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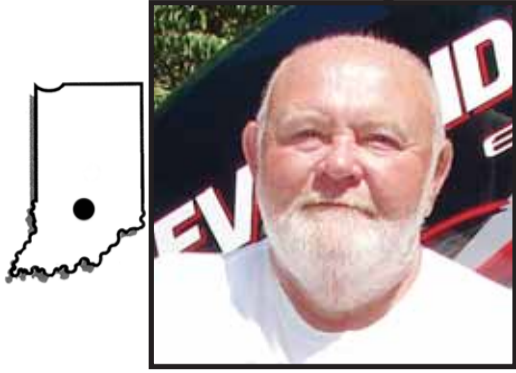
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# Bass Fishing Techniques



by Bill Embry

## Fizzing your bass?

This last year has brought us some of the most unusual weather that I have seen in my lifetime. From last summers drought, to the cold & snowy winter of 2010 & the floods of this spring with most lakes and reservoirs well over there spillways. This summer we have broke many high temperature records dating back some 70 years. These extremes in our weather patterns have been hard on us, but have also been extremely difficult on nature.

For example I have witnessed water temperatures on some reservoirs reaching 94 degrees in temperature. In just a two week time frame they have dropped 20 degrees. I have never seen this happen before.

Black Bass for instance have had a very difficult time. I have witnessed them spawning later

this year, even as late as July.

I have had to fizz more fish than in other years because they are staying in deeper water to only come up to feed. With surface water temperatures in the 90's fish seem to be more comfortable in the deeper waters closer to the thermal cline.

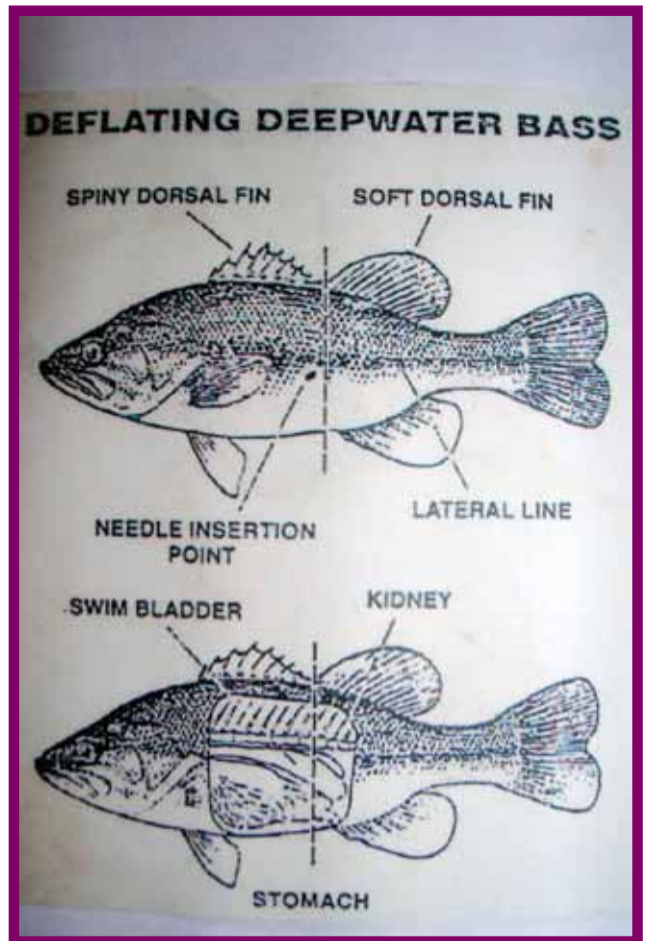
I'm sure some of you are wondering what is fizzing? Fizzing is a technique that is done to a bass when you catch a fish in deep water or one that has just come out of deep water to feed and you happen to catch them. It's relatively simple to save these fish. You have to deflate their bladder. When this happens to a human, they call it the bends. You have to be put in a pressure chamber to be depressurized.

A fish is much easier. All you have to do is stick a needle into his bladder and release the air. There are a couple of ways to do this, In the side or in the throat. Please don't do this if you don't know how! But hopefully this will help you learn how and possibility save a few bass.

Over the years of running bass tournaments I have instructed many anglers on how to do this.

If you have ever caught a bass in the summer and put it in your live-well and you notice its lying on its side and having problems swimming around, chances are it's bladder is full of air causing it to eventually die because it was brought to the surface to fast.

The picture below shows you the way this is done in the side of the fish. Notice where the finger is on the Spiny Dorsal fin on the top of the fish. (2nd one back). Draw an imaginary line straight down until your just about to the lateral fin. Then take your needle and get under the scale



Use this illustration as a guide to help you locate where to insert the needle. (Illustration provided by Bill Embry)

of the fish push it in, submerge the fish & hose into the water. If no bubbles appear from the hose move the needle in and out until bubbles start coming out of the hose that is attached to the needle.

As soon as the bubbles slow down remove the needle from the fish it should float upright at this time. Do not wait until there are no bubbles coming out of the hose before you remove it, this will cause the fish to sink to the bottom. I use an 18 gage needle with about 12" of hose. Some anglers use a sharpened inflating needle like for inflating a basketball.

In the next few months I will try to help you learn some tricks of tournament bass fishing and some that I have learned over the last 30 years. With some of my experiences that may or may not help you in your fishing experiences.

Good "Fishin" Bill



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# Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

## DREAM OR VISION????

Have you ever gone someplace, a woods or lake, perhaps to an outdoor museum or living history area, sat down under a tree or next to a lake or stream and suddenly you were transported to another time.... same place but different time. Well I have.....

You can see and hear all that is going on around you. It was the site of a village, 800 years ago. I saw the houses of mud and straw; surrounded by a fence of intertwined vines and grass. Smoke rose from the village, giving it an intangible feeling. There were people... men, women, children..... Working, playing, talking to each other. Then it was gone.....

Dream or Vision it would stay with me... during my waking time and my sleeping time. I would only talk of it to people I thought would understand... I could not help but talk of it... It was all so clear... so real.

I went home and began to write down my feelings... I found I was writing their feelings... their desires to help others remember them, as they were so long ago.

The love of a young couple; the excitement of the hunt; the passing of a loved one; the developing need to believe in a greater life than themselves. Emotions like love and hate; generosity and greed... all the emotions that we feel today; they must have felt eight centuries ago.

We know what our ancestors across the great water were doing during the 13th Century... Now, we are beginning to learn what these people were doing here at the same time.

....I walk about the site of an ancient village. Partly restored by modern people. People, who want to learn about the ancient people who once lived here. They examine their remains... carefully, reverently. They make figures based on their findings so that others can see what they looked like.

The Big House and the poles that told these people when to plant their crop of maize, squash and beans... the three sisters of legend who grew from the body of Mother Earth. To plant the golden, broad leaf plant they called To-bak-ko. A gift from the Creator and Mother Earth. A gift to smoke in the pipe as a prayer offering to the six directions. To petition their help and to give thanks for what they give to the people. Gifts of wisdom, food, protection, light, warmth, rain.

The Woman's House, taboo to all men, marked with a symbol to keep men away... This is where the women took care of their spiritual and physical needs. Needs related to being a woman.

These people were the beginnings of a great civi-  
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# The Order of Red Men



by Malcolm Greene

## The Improved Order of Red Men

Greetings Brothers!

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Following the Revolution the various secret societies founded before and during the conflict continued in existence as brotherhoods or fraternities.

For the next 35 years each group went its own way, under many different names. In 1813, at historic Fort Mifflin, near Philadelphia, several of these groups came together and formed one organization known as the Society of Red Men.

At Baltimore, Maryland, in 1847, the various local tribes came together and formed a national organization called the Grand Council of the United States. With the formation of the national organization, the Order of Red Men soon spread, and within 30 years there were State Great Councils in 21 states.

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### A Different Kind of Chili or Think Cincinnati, Don't Think Mexican

A friend of mine, that I used to work with way back when, opened a restaurant in Fort Wayne called Willy's Chili. Always willing to support friends in their endeavors, Joanne and I dined there one evening. He warned us ahead of time that his restaurant menu was based on a Greek 'style' chili long since nicknamed Cincinnati Chili and to, "... not think about Mexican chili when we consumed his version of Cincinnati chili.

The menu had instructions for five different ways to order it and eat it besides having it on a hot dog. Actually we could probably have consumed it in several other ways besides the basic '5-way' instructions recommended on the cartoon place mat that he drew up.

Sorry to say, the restaurant menu didn't go over with the people in Fort Wayne so he closed his doors and opened a tool rental store, but I still like the chili.

The chili is basically a highly spiced (not hot) soupy chili and it's good eaten as you would a bowl of Mexican chili or soup. I'll explain a little later why oyster crackers are recommended to be served with the chili 'all ways' instead of the usual 'saltines'. The instructions are to order it as 1-Way, 2-Way, 3-Way, 4-Way, or 5-Way Chili.

One - Way: A bowl of Cincinnati Chili served plain. Two - Way: A plate of spaghetti with Cincinnati Chili ladled over it. Three - Way: A plate of spaghetti with chili and shredded cheddar cheese on top. Four - Way: A plate of spaghetti with chili, chopped onion, and shredded cheese on top. Five - Way: A plate of spaghetti with chili, kidney beans, chopped onion, and shredded cheese layered in that order.

The Chilly Willy way to eat Cincinnati chili was to 'slice' or cut a small triangle of the layered spaghetti, chili, bean, onion, cheese combination and eat it. Next you fill the empty spot with oyster crackers to soak up the good juice that will always form in the vacant spot. Turn the plate and repeat. Go back from time to time and eat the juice-laden crackers.

Here, I'll repeat myself, "Do not think Mexican chili when consuming this dish." For all of you readers that are interested, I'll give you a recipe that I adapted from one that I got off the Internet. It is good served on hot dogs in a bun or over almost any type of cooked pasta. Be creative.

### CINCINNATI CHILI (Do Not Think Mexican Chili.)

1 quart of water	2 pounds of hamburger
2 cups (one can) chopped tomatoes	2 medium onions (diced)
4 garlic cloves or 4 tsp. garlic powder	
A dash of Worcestershire sauce	1 tbsp. unsweetened cocoa
1/4 cup chili powder	1 tsp. Cayenne pepper
1 tsp. ground cumin	2 tbsp. cider vinegar
1 bay leaf	1/4 tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. ground cinnamon	1 - 2 tsp. salt

Put hamburger and water into a 4-6 quart pot and simmer about 30 minutes or until the hamburger is in very small pieces and cooked through; stir constantly. Add all of the other ingredients and simmer for about three hours. Add water as needed if chili becomes too thick.

Take the pot off of the stove, cover, and set aside until cool enough to put in the refrigerator. Refrigerate overnight and remove the layer of grease/fat that has formed on the top of the chili before reheating and serving. This chili may be frozen for later use.

### CINCINNATI CHILI 2 (The easy way.)

1 (2.25 oz.) pkg. of Cincinnati Recipe Chili Mix  
(Distributed by Skytime, Inc. - 4180 Thunderbird Lane, Fairfield, OH 45014) Mail order/Questions Check out Skytime Chili on the Internet for more information on ordering the mix - I was lucky enough to find several packages in a discount food store.)  
1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste 6 cups water  
1 to 1 & 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef - do not brown.

Put water in a large pot and add meat. Break up the meat with a fork and bring mixture to a boil. Add rest of ingredients and simmer uncovered for about 1 to 1 and 1/2 hours or until desired thickness - stir occasionally.

Should make about 2 quarts of Cincinnati Chili - serve as above.

FOR CONEY DOGS - Serve cooked hot dog on a bun slathered with mustard. Spoon chili over hot dog and top with diced onions and shredded cheese or do as the people in West Virginia eat their hot dogs - add a large spoonful of Cole slaw on top.

### RAY'S McMEX CHILI

(Served in restaurants under other names.)

Start with a pot of your favorite Mexican style chili. Serve over a bed of cooked spaghetti, macaroni, angel hair pasta, or other pasta. Top with chopped onions and your favorite shredded cheese - salsa, hot sauce, and other flavorings are optional.

TIP - Cook spaghetti or other pasta until done - put a large spoonful of oil into cook water before bringing water to a boil. This will help to keep the pasta from sticking together. Drain pasta and rinse out excess starch by running hot water over and through the pasta while it is still in the strainer. Put drained pasta back into the pot it was cooked in and fill pot with hot water. Keep warm until ready to serve.

To serve, put strainer over pot and using a large spoon or spaghetti server, put serving size portions of pasta into strainer. Drain and transfer pasta to individual serving plate or bowl. This eliminates the pasta sticking together and makes serving a lot easier. If all of the pasta isn't used, store it in water in the refrigerator. Reheat, drain, and serve.

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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

## Practice Like a Pro

Bam, bam, bam! Three rods had doubled over seconds after the captain told everyone to get ready. On his sonar, he'd noticed a gob of bait and the familiar hook-marks of predator fish shadowing the bait school near an isolated hump in 100 feet of water. One of the fish fell off the hook almost as fast as it bit, but the others stayed put until my partner and I were able to crank them within net range.

"Did you make a waypoint of that spot?" I asked the captain.

"Sure did!" he said.

Then he did the unexpected. Or at least, he did something different than most captains would do most days when they happen to troll across a particularly hot spot. He kept on motoring away from the area we'd encountered our "near" triple.

A half hour later, I swished the net under another hefty king salmon. "That's the 3rd fish on that same spoon, isn't it?" said the captain.

n't hook up," I said.

The captain rifled through his vast collection of spoons and picked out one of them. "Take it off and try this one for a while."

Now there's a strategy not often used on the Great Lakes. Few captains substitute their hot lure for an untested one.

There was a good reason for his "madness," however. This wasn't a normal day on the lake where the goal was to nab a limit of salmon and trout as fast as possible. Sure we wanted to catch some fish, but that wasn't the prime purpose for our day on the water.

Starting in May and running right on through the summer, a series of big water tournaments are held in Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. Most of these tournaments are Pro-AM in nature and on the professional side, top finishers can win some major bucks. Most of the players in these tournaments are local fishermen, either fishing from their home port or a nearby location.

There is a growing number of skippers, however, who travel the "circuit." They'll start off with the Hoosier Coho Club's Classic in early May, then head for a new port and tournament almost every weekend.

The action we had above occurred a few days before the Gander Mountain sponsored tournament at Ludington in late July. The captain we were with was one of those who was doing the circuit and the reason for his unorthodox approach to a day on the water was because he was practice-fishing for the tournament.

We knew in advance the day wasn't going to be a normal one. For one, I have much more experience fishing near Ludington than the captain—definitely one of the reasons I was invited on board. Besides that, the captain was going through the familiar routine he's developed for testing "new" waters prior to each tournament he's entered. The routine has been successful witnessed by his numerous top 10 finishes.

"The basic approach is to study the history of an area," said the captain. "Fish are usually found in certain locations at certain times of the year, season after season. I'll pre-fish in those areas as well as nearby zones. I'll also head deeper, shallower and investigate places that look to be similar to the local hotspots. There's not enough room for everyone in the tournament plus the normal weekend crowds for everyone to fish the best known hot spots. I need to know the hotpot and some other areas where I can probably pick off another fish or two."

Switching out lures and try-

ing new presentations is something the captain only does during his pre-fishing days. "On tournament day, there's not a lure that goes into the water that hasn't caught several fish in practice," said the captain. "And, I make sure I have back-ups of the hot baits."

Our pre-fishing tactics allowed us to catch a "slow" limit of fish, that day. We fished right up until "lines up" would have been called during the tourney. And it was an interesting experience to see the pro at work.

Incidentally—our captain turned in another top ten finish at Ludington.

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# Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker

## Why do fish like worms?

My three-year-old granddaughter Meredith was on the phone. "Grandpa, I want to go fishing."

How old is old enough to learn to fish? Five? Six? What about a youngster that just turned three this spring?

Three is probably a little young I thought, but I didn't want to tell Meredith she is too young. I knew her mother, daughter Michelle had prompted her. Michelle has always been an outdoors woman, plus she wants to keep the old man busy.

So, I told, Meredith, "Sure. That's great. We'll go sometime." I figured she would forget about the request.

Then on my birthday, Michelle called and wanted to know what I was planning for the day. "Oh, not much. I don't celebrate birthdays these days. Your Mom and I may go out and eat this evening," was my response.

She said, "We'll if we come up, Meredith wants to know if you will take her fishing?" She wants to talk to you.

"Happy birthday Grandpa. Will you take me fishing?"

Of course, the answer was "Yes".

I headed out to purchase some red worms for bait, and next rigged a rod and reel. For panfish, I use a spinning rod and reel with six-pound test line. Sometime with youngsters, I suggest starting the old-fashioned way with a cane pole. Yes, you still can buy them.

A cane pole is a good way to start, but probably not for a three-year-old. There is danger in trying to swing the pole and a line with a razor-sharp dangling hook.



After an "Uhooo" when Meredith first stopped a worm, she wanted to know why fish like worms. (Photo by Phil Junker)

I went to my rod-reel stash and selected a closed faced reel. (Actually, it is one my wife uses.) It is easy to use and there is much less chance of tangling the line. I had decided I would do the casting (training for that will come later), and Meredith would do the retrieving of the line by cranking the reel handle to bring in the line, weight, bobber, hook and bait.

When I opened the box of wiggling worms and showed them to Meredith, I got an "uh" and a funny look on her face.

After explaining that bluegill like eating worms, I threaded one onto the hook, and cast to a nearby pole sticking up where a dock once existed. Almost instantly, something pulled the red and yellow bobber beneath the surface.

"Wind," I said exclaimed as I helped her hold the rod with one hand and wind the reel handle with the other. She excitedly turned the handle and slowly brought a strug-

gling gill to the bank.

"I got one, I got one, Mommy, I got one."

We caught another, put another worm on the hook, and then the fishing slowed.

"The fish aren't biting," I explained. "Why do fish eat worms?"

"It's just a food they like, but right now they aren't hungry."

"Why" was the response.

"Apparently, they just aren't hungry. Maybe they're taking a rest."

"Why?"

"I don't know"

"Why"

I had no answer for that one. But, I was having fun.

We continued to fish, casting to several different locations. About 15 minutes later, we caught two more.

Meredith touched the fish as I explained how their fins can hurt. She also eventually touched a worm.

It is important with youngsters to make fishing fun. Try for panfish, which are easier to catch than bass. Be patient and don't make it a chore. And don't get exercised when they decide they want to throw rocks and sticks into the water.

I was surprised with Meredith's attention span. I think it was as long as mine.

It never is too soon to involve kids in the outdoors. Most enjoy it from the time they can walk, maybe sooner. Meredith and her younger sister, Allison when they were babies liked riding outside in the stroller. When they were upset, a trip outdoors seemed to sooth them.

So what age is old enough to learn to fish. It depends on the youngster, but it may be sooner than you think. It was in my case.

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Big catfish like these caught at a tournament fished from Derby on the Ohio River seem to be harder to find these days, and the DNR is looking a the possible need for new regulations related to cats. Tournament anglers return their fish to the river. (Photo by Phil Junker)

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# Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

## YOU SAY THAT BIRD IS HOW OLD?

Occasionally, you hear stories of the relationships between man and his wildlife neighbors. You forget to close the garage door at night and the next morning you find a raccoon has dropped a litter under your rolling tool chest. So, for six weeks your wife's dish washer continues to make that funny noise because you can't get to your socket set without fear of having your foot chewed off. And, you have to leave the garage door open to allow the mother to search for food. One time, while living in town, A possum took up residence in a garden watering can in our garage. For quite a while I would sneak into the garage in the morning, raise the door and carefully back the car out while watching to make sure I didn't accidentally run over our guest (by the way, many people think a possum is a flat animal that lives in the middle of the road).

I've heard many stories about caring people who go to great lengths to rescue or assist wildlife in distress. One instance was two ladies screeching their car to a halt to gingerly remove a member of the lizard family off the road and out of harms way. These ladies have my undying respect simply because women seem to have an inherent fear of anything that isn't sporting a healthy crop of hair. However, I was astounded to learn of a rescue that has turned into a long term relationship that seems to defy the very laws of nature.

A couple here at the lake discovered a fledgling blue jay that had fallen from the nest. Unable to return it to the nest they took it in and assumed the responsibility of keeping it alive by feeding it worms and insects. It thrived, grew into adulthood, and adapted to life with its rescuers. B.J. (its name which stands for, what else but Blue Jay) had its own digs (living quarters) and was soon flying around in the house. In fact, it adapted so well that it developed a taste for such foods as spaghetti and pizza. After all, who wouldn't give up a worm casserole for a Noble Romans pepperoni and cheese with anchovies?

Once mature, they released B.J. to the outdoors, but he refused to leave and after a flight always returned to his quarters. At one time, the father of the lady of the house worked at digging

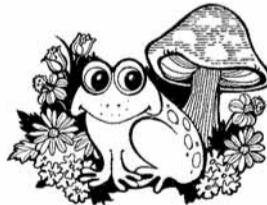
the foundation for a new barn. B.J. would circle overhead and occasionally land to pick up worms from the upturned dirt. I thought he would have lost his taste for such meager fare with a full table waiting inside, but who can figure what a blue jay thinks.

I was amazed to learn that B.J. fell from his nest nineteen years ago! Today, he's getting feeble and fell from his perch last year and suffered a broken leg. A veterinarian set it and applied a splint but the bird can no longer stand on a perch. He seems content to hop around the house and collect his share of the pizza.

Two years ago the same couple found a duck that had lost a bout with a turtle. One leg and foot had been stripped of skin and the webbing between the toes was missing. They took the seriously injured bird to a vet who after examining the damage recommended it be treated by an orthopedic surgeon (veterinarian, of course). After the procedure and a bill that would have purchased a used fourteen foot aluminum fishing boat and a ten horsepower outboard, the duck was brought home to recuperate. It survived the ordeal, the wounds healed as best they could, and with a pronounced limp it was returned to the lake. Somewhere out there, probably on the water, is a duck (that should be named Cap'n Drake) that had the good fortune to have been helped by a kind hearted couple that thought its life was worth at least the cost of a fourteen foot boat and a ten horsepower outboard. That is the epitome of compassion and caring.

I have the pleasure of knowing a man who shares those feelings for stray dogs, cats, and all forms of wildlife. His home is located on a fairway of a private country club. A small lake borders the fairway along with two smaller ponds adjacent to it, all three used as targets by duffers. A few years ago a series of violent storms turned the course into a sea of churning, muddy waters as the three bodies of water joined together. Jim noticed pods of carp and an occasional turtle struggling against the current trying to swim against the current. He assumed they were trying to get back to their water holes, so he shucked his shoes, rolled up his pant legs, waded into the muck and began scooping up the fish and turtles. He then struggled to each pond, threw the fish and turtles into deeper water and returned for more. He finally realized that it was like trying to keep a snake in a Dixie cup when apparently the same critters were soon back in shallow water. He waited until the waters had receded enough to expose the ponds and repeated the procedure, this time with some success.

So, remember to be kind to critters in distress. Hug a skunk. Kiss a catfish. Pet a possum. And if you find a black snake coiled up on your tool box in the garage, wait until later to fix that leaky faucet. Or, let your wife do the job. ■



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## Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

## Changes are Taking Place in the Camping World

In the camping business as well as in most other businesses, a major key to keeping ahead of others in the same business in the same territory is "location, location, location." We know this and if you visualize the territories as you travel about, even in everyday life, why do some businesses prosper while others of the same type flounder and may close. There are other reasons like management etc., but many times location is the key to survival and prosperity. Our son-in-law locates specific areas in five states for the development of business for a major chain of stores. He has the uncanny ability to study the city or town and be able to convince his company and the people in charge of development in the town to place one or more if these stores at designated locations.

Over time new highways and interstates bypass the small towns and their businesses, including of course, campgrounds. If the campground owners stay at that location many of them go to the expense of becoming destination campgrounds, especially if there are natural features in the area. They've outlived the name, "overnight campgrounds" and road development has helped necessitate the change to destinations. In this case they find the need to go to the expense of adding more amenities.

I'm a believer in leaving the natural areas, which have been set aside by local, state and federal agencies, to protect the species of plants, animals, and land form features, which have thrived for centuries. They should have little or no development of the property and features and have limited access by the public. Any of you who have traveled the National Parks recently know that only a certain number of people can visit some of the parks each day. As a result the surrounding towns and countryside are burgeoning with camping grounds, motels, bed and breakfasts and hotels. Families want to be at or near their destination (i.e., a national park or seashore) for some of their vacation. This results in the difficulty of getting reservations unless you phone or e-mail just at the right time. If we don't limit the number of people in our national wonders, there will be more and more demands for more and wider walkways and pavements, more camping grounds within the parks, more man-made playgrounds, hotels, etc., this eventually will make a virtually barren wasteland instead of a remnant of original creation.

In an earlier article I mentioned how I had worked my first year as a naturalist in an Indiana

State Park in 1957, and came back and stayed in a tent in the park while getting my geoscience master's degree at I.U. in 1971-73. I then reiterated that I had cried when I saw that the park developers in the intervening years had cut out a camping ground from a large natural part of the park and had destroyed many of "my" trees. In any of the local, state and federal parks the trails are getting wider and more development is taking place within the boundaries. In other parks, large sections are being closed off to the public because of over use, lack of money to hire caretakers, pay for equipment, and for too much development. Years from now they may be re-opened.

We continue to see less and less of the species of wildlife, including wild animals, species of wildflowers, shrubs, trees etc. As public use of their habitats increase, the wildlife able to travel will migrate from their homes as we encroach on their territories more and more. Picking of wildflowers, sometimes rare or endangered, and defacing trees, causes these permanent plants to be destroyed. I will admit to collecting specimens for my earth and space classes while on a three month camping trip to Europe in the 60's. In Pompeii, Italy I asked the attendant if I could take specimens of volcanic pumice and scoria left in Pompeii by the explosions of Mt. Vesuvius. He said of course—it will help us dig out the town to help find more artifacts and fossils of the inhabitants. After filling my pockets and my wife's purse we brought these "treasures" back home to Indiana and I used them for years in my earth and space science classes and in my lab classes in geology at I.P.F.W. A lot of my students couldn't believe they were actually working with stuff from Vesuvius. I still feel a little guilty but I've given my collections to a local county park near us and to my nephew-in-law who teaches earth science in east central Indiana. It is thought that no lava or ash left the vent of Vesuvius in 79 AD, but eventually lava and fine ash exploded out in 204 AD and on several occasions since. Much of the fine ash and the scoria and pumice I collected fell several feet in thickness over previously destroyed Pompeii in March of 1944.

At many of our natural wonders are signs about being prosecuted if caught collecting within the park boundaries. As a result of flagrant destruction in the Petrified Forest of Arizona, many of the petrified trees that are left are far off the trail.

Traveling around the country and camping at favorite locations has had us note that land in cities and near a lot of natural features is being bought up by developers of condos and motels. With the senior population increasing in size and prices to camp and prices for RVs increasing, a lot of seniors are choosing apartments, condos and villas in which to retire in the southland's. Another cause and effect for those over 55 to choose a permanent residence is trying to keep up with camping equipment and repairs needing to be done by specialists, sometimes a long way from home. In many of the residences being chosen by retirees, they have little to do with upkeep. This is very apparent in the south from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and in other parts of the country in lesser but increasing amounts.

Many campground owners are selling their land to be converted to condos, double wide manufactured housing communities and villas. The campground owners continually have to spend more and more for the amenities campers are demanding. We've seen overnight campgrounds increase their

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Top: The beach at Hardy Lake is big, it will accommodate a large crowd here seen from the picnic area near the beach house. Bottom: A public dock at Alpha Ramp.

Top: A speedboat pulling a raft was running at full speed whipping around giving the raft rider plenty of bumps and free air. Bottom: These tent campers have lots of space.

# Great Fishing, Camping & Having Fun at Hardy Lake

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

As promised here is the second article about Hardy Lake. In August you read about the history of Hardy Lake, in this issue here are ten photos I took while visiting Hardy Lake this past summer. I talked to a lot of fishermen on my visits and they all agree on one thing, you want to catch fish, come to Hardy. You can catch largemouth bass, tiger muskie,

stripers, walleye, crappie, catfish and bluegill. There are four launching ramps for boaters and two fishing piers for bank fishermen.

There are six trails ranging from easy to moderate, just the kind of trails I like to walk.

My visits was during the week and back when we were wishing for cooler weather and now are wishing for warmer weather. It seems as if Mother Nature is playing games with our recreation times this year.

But whatever the weather you will find plenty to keep you busy at Hardy Lake. I'm going to refer now to the printed publication distributed by the

DNR on Hardy Lake to give you some hard facts and accurate information.

Situated in scenic southeastern Indiana, Hardy Lake is the smallest state-operated reservoir but has Indiana's largest state-owned dam. Located in Scott and Jefferson counties, the lake is accessible from SR 256 and 3.

The property's total acreage is 2,449, including water surface of 741 acres. Unlike most reservoirs, a stable pool elevation is maintained throughout the year. Hardy Lake is owned and operated by the Indiana DNR. For Camping contact [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov) or 1-866-622-6746.

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Top: There are lots of picnic areas for family and friends, this one is near the beach and a fishing pier. Middle: Here four fisherpersons drift near the Amphitheater on a beautiful sunny day. Bottom: Shale Bluff Campground offers 149 electric sites with paved roads, gravel pads, water fountains, flush toilets, hot water and showers and 18 primitive sites.

Top: Alpha Marina and launching ramp, seasonal mooring with open dock slips, on-water fuel, modern restrooms and fishing boat rental. Middle: The Amphitheater is located near the Shale Bluff Campground. It is in a beautiful location built on a hillside giving everyone a good view. Bottom: Here a fisherman returns to Alpha Ramp after a day of fishing.

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Whether "way back then" or today, a rabbit hunt is always a gathering of friends. Left to right: Front, Glen Cissell's Dad, Don Bickel with Bear, Glen Cissell with Jack; Back, Joe Buser, Mark Bickel, Les Robertson and Ross Robertson. (Don Bickel Photo)

and that's the news from  
**West Central Indiana**



by Don Bickel, Forester

**Whether "way back then" or today, a rabbit hunt is always a gathering of friends**

As we approach the upcoming Indiana rabbit hunting season, plans are made for the immediate hunt, but memories of past hunts also flood the mind. The return, a year later, to the deer stand, pheasant field or the duck blind is fueled by memories of past years.

My dad, George Bickel, for a few years wrote a column for the Corydon Democrat, entitled "Way Back When". Dad was born in 1904 on a southern Indiana - Harrison County - farm. His reminisces of rabbit hunting written in 1978 are memories of my growing up in the 40's and 50's on the same farm and his recollections of even earlier times.

Today, we still pursue rabbits - hunters and dogs. There have been some changes, but probably minor when the actual pursuit is considered.

Hunter orange was an unknown in the first half of the 20th century. Most shotguns in the 20's and 30's were single and double barrel, but rabbits were plentiful. Hunting clothing is much warmer now - I

remember blue bib overalls, denim farm coats and less than warm leather shoes or boots.

In "Way Back When", Dad wrote: "One of my in-laws, a non-hunter, used to say, "Aren't you ashamed, you big men with big guns, going after those little bitty rabbits?"

But as the hunters will vouch, going after them and bringing them in is not always the same thing.

The rabbit hunter needs quick reflexes and a good aim to bring down that bouncing target which never seems to move in a straight path.

Once in a while, a keen-eyed hunter will spy the bunny sitting as if frozen in its form or bed. Then he must make a decision, be a sport, kick up the rabbit giving it a chance or reward himself for his good eyes by taking the sure shot at the sitting target.

The decision will probably depend on what success the hunter has had up to that time. Rabbits today are few compared to the number found 50 or more years ago. Lack of cover is the chief reason for the decline.

Nowadays, farm country is rather clear of weeds and grass, no brushy fence-rows, no brier patches, no brush piles and fallen treetops, so where is a poor cottontail to hide? As I recall, the places where we found the most rabbits were fields near some good protective cover, in brush and briars, in old weed-grown orchards and in grassy cover near farm buildings. I am sure there are rabbits still to be found in such locations. On my home farm, a field adjoining the woods surrounding the William Glietz sawmill was usually productive of rabbits.

They found food in the fields and protection under the many stacks of lumber near the mill. In sinkhole country, the bunnies found food in the fields and cover in a convenient ground hog burrow.

Hunting can be done by the hunter alone or with his dog, or for more fun and success as many as four or five men and boys with a number of dogs.

A sitting rabbit may not move even if a hunter walks within a few feet of

it, but with several hunters and dogs moving across the field, chances are that the bunny will be alarmed and run. Then as the shots ring out and as is quite possible, the target keeps running, the dogs are put on the trail.

Off they go, yapping and baying, while the hunters select strategic spots to wait for the rabbit to "come around" as is the habit of most running game. If the barking ceases or if the sounds come from one place, then the hunters realize that the rabbit has holed up and is probably safe until another day.

The ideal rabbit hound trails noisily but slowly in bringing the game around, affording the hunter another shot.

There is, as in all use of firearms, a degree of danger in group hunting. Inexperience or carelessness could possible result in tragedy.

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handle a sick-looking rabbit or one with noticeable sores.

And there is tracking rabbits in the snow. It can be a serious hunt or a family outing. If conditions are right, meaning not too bitter cold and windy, enough snow but not too much, a night preceding when rabbits were moving about, then the next day, take to the outdoors.

Dad, mother, the kids, dogs of any kind, just enjoying the outdoors, following a line of tracks till they merge with others. All the time discussing whether some tracks were squirrel or rabbit, seeing tracks of birds, mice, on opossum, a fox, or jumping the rabbit. No shooting, just the fun of watching bunny and the dogs.

Seeing them going across the woods, along the fence, down the hill and finally out of sight in a thicket. Lots of fun, but no meat for the skillet. Fried rabbit or other tasty ways of preparing the meat, furnished a welcome addition to the fall or

winter menu in the farm home.

Hunters on a lengthy hunt might field dress their game, taking out the "innards" and letting head, feet and fur on. Then if the weather was cold, the rabbit could be hung in any unheated building, safe from dogs and cats until needed.

Those sold to the little grocery stores in the city or town (this was before the days of supermarkets and strict sanitation laws) were often seen hanging outside the store until purchased by some rabbit hungry customer. Price - ten cents to the farm boy - I don't know how much the grocery man charged.

Speaking of farm boys, most of them did a bit of rabbit trapping along with the trapping of fur-bearers.

A box trap, a wooden box held up by a figure four trigger, baited with a piece of apple or a corn nubbin, was the standard farm boy trap. I could make figure four trigger much easier than trying to describe one in words.

Some used snares, possibly illegal, an arrangement of a small flexible sapling, a trigger, and a loop of stout cord which choked the poor bunny. Tehhsteel traps set for fur-bearers also occasionally secured an unwary rabbit.

Your best bet today if you want some "hasenpfeffer" is to go to a meat market that stocks frozen domestic rabbit and pay the price." ■

• If you don't feel you should stop, drive the speed limit, with the emergency flashers on to attract attention. Proceed safely to location where you feel comfortable or until you observe a second police car.

If you have a question about a traffic stop you were involved in, call your local authorities or State Police Post.

This brings to close another month's installment. Thanks for reading and for allowing all of us to serve all of you. Be safe, watch out for those deer and we will talk again next month. ■

## IDNR News

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the date of the kill. All deer harvested during this hunt must be delivered to an official deer check station within 48 hours of harvest.

For additional information and a listing of DNR properties having youth hunt events visit: [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr). Good luck young hunters. ■

## Talking Leaves

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lization that developed from north to south and east to west. People, who were different in so many ways but alike in others... the important ones. They believed in a power that was stronger than they were. A power that controlled the sun and moon; the wind and rain; the coming and going of the seasons and all that happened with each change...

The lunar year with each time period lasting from one new moon to the next. The expectations of Spring; the good days of Summer; the preparations of Fall and the long sleep of Winter. All the things that made their lives worth the living and many of the same things which make our days more fulfilling.

Was it a Dream or a Vision? Was I awake or asleep? I do not know nor do I care, for I have journeyed into the past... for just for a moment... And because of it, I have acquired a better insight of our life today.....

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The following are some tips if you are questionable about the person attempting to stop you:

- Stop in a well lighted and populated area
- Only roll your window down enough so you can communicate (one or two inches)
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# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## One bow can be the best

I'll admit it because I have written it. I have written statements like, "All of today's bows are excellent and all are more than capable of performing beyond our expectations – regardless of manufacturer." I'll admit to writing that, because I do believe that to be true. However, it seems as if most writers are scared to ever come out and write that there is a "Best" product in its class or a company that performs, in one way or another, to higher standards than the others. Well, I am not afraid to write it. After testing several bows and personally choosing to shoot Mathews bows for the last several years, I can honestly say that I feel that their lineup of archery equipment is a cut above the competition. Now don't get me wrong, any of today's bows are more than capable of serving their intended purpose – Mathews bows just seem to have a way of serving those purposes with more grace and performance than the others.

Let's face it – if someone asks you which is the best shotgun, the word Benelli is quite likely to spew from your lips. So why are we so afraid to admit that there can equally be a best bow? I don't know. Sure, these are my opinions, and you aren't required to agree with them at all. But, I will keep hunting with my Mathews and Benelli because I know they are superior products – both in performance and in service and support.

Matt McPherson hit a home run when he first introduced the Mathews solo cam bow to the world and he hasn't stopped hitting them since that day. He is like the Babe Ruth of archery. He has continued to take the archery world by storm with countless innovations along the way such as, well, single cam technology for instance. Beyond that, McPherson's engineering wonders have gone on to include parallel limb design, harmonic dampers and stabilizers, built in string suppressors, Perimeter-Weighed Cams, slim limb technology, V-Lock Limb Cup System, in-line grips and the new reverse assist roller guard, Grid Lock™ and Z7™ cam which can all be found on the new Mathews Z7 line of bows. The list goes on and on due to Mathews quest for ever-increasing performance. Regardless of which bow you look at in the Mathews line-up, you can rest assured that it will be full of Mathews innovation and technology. If you have been shooting archery long enough you will agree that once Mathews came on the scene, all other bows began to try to emulate the Mathews look and style. It's because Mathews was onto something.

Let's face it – Archers shooting Mathews bows have claimed more national titles than those shooting all of the competition's bows combined. This just



The author feels that there can be, and is, usually always a best product in its class, regardless of what that product is. In the case of archery, he feels that his Mathews bows are undoubtedly the best bows he can use. (Joe Martino Photo)

doesn't happen by accident. Part of this is because Mathews bows are known for being more forgiving, more shoot-able, smoother drawing, quieter, etc. Let me give you an example: I remember the first time I shot a Mathews bow. I remember thinking to myself, "Wow, this thing almost seems to shoot itself." It was so smooth that I barely noticed that I had shot it. My Mathews bow is so shoot-able that when I pull a bad shot, I only miss the bullseye by a couple of inches or so. With my other bows, if I did that I would likely miss the entire target altogether. Mathews bows have brought the fun back into archery for me. I no longer feel like I have to shoot my bow to prepare for hunting seasons. I now shoot my bow because I enjoy it.

When you compare the top models from each manufacturer, they are all in the same ballpark on price. Personally, if I am going to spend relatively the same for any of them, I am going to choose the best. And the new Mathews Z7 or Monster lines get my nod. They are simply the smoothest drawing, most balanced, quietest, most accurate bows that I have ever shot – period. I actually love shooting archery again!

Besides the product itself, the service that those at Mathews, Incorporated provide to their customers is also top-notch. You know what, you can call Mathews headquarters and speak to someone. One of the other top manufacturers doesn't even have a contact number on their website, instead allowing you to make contact with them via email only. Here again, If I am laying down a chunk of change for a new bow, this doesn't cut it.

If you are in the market for a new bow this year, do one thing. Shoot several different makes and models, but make sure to shoot a Mathews as well - Then you decide which is best for you. If you aren't in the market for a new bow – I have a feeling after shooting a Mathews, you will be! One word of caution, however - If you do buy a

Mathews bow, your taxidermy bills may start to increase!

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Indiana State Police (ISP) today joined forces to unveil the first pick-up truck converted for traffic enforcement in and near construction zones. Equipped with police lighting, sirens, radios and radar equipment, the white pick-ups will be operated by uniformed troopers on unmarked patrols.

“It’s not INDOT’s or ISP’s goal to catch motorists in the act of committing a violation, but to promote compliance with safe driving practices and reduce the number of crashes,” said INDOT Chief Operations Officer Troy Woodruff. “On average four out of every five people killed in highway work zones are motorists, not highway workers.”

An analysis of 2010 statistics found the top causes of work zone crashes to be following too closely, improper lane change and failure to yield the right of way. Troopers in the white pick-ups will more easily spot these violations, which carry increased fines and penalties under a new state law that took effect this month.

“We know people tend to drive different whether or not a marked police vehicle is present,” added Major Brent Johnson, the Operations Support Division Commander of the Indiana State



Police. “Our expectation now is that seeing any white pick-up truck in or near a construction zone will cause all drivers to be more attentive.”

At approximately \$32,000 each, INDOT is purchasing the Ram 1500 trucks specifically for ISP work zone enforcement around the state. Use of the special pick-ups is in addition to traditional marked and unmarked state police vehicles, including motorcycle patrols and unmarked Mustang police vehicles.

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The kids hunt in the sand was full of money with prizes to be drawn after the hunt. Kids from two to 12 were trying to find the hidden coins. (Photo by Rich Creason)



The late afternoon adult hunt. 95 degrees and no shade on the field. The hunter in the foreground of the picture just turned 85 and still hard at it. (Photo by Rich Creason)

# Outdoors



With Rich Creason

## Southern Indiana Treasure Fest a Scorcher

Eight days of ninety plus degree heat and extreme humidity made this year's Treasure Fest a challenge. This event was our third year at Starve Hollow State Recreation Area near Vallonia, Indiana. We stayed in our motor home in the campground and ran our air conditioner 24 hours a day for a week. But, we spent most of our time outdoors.

Treasure Fest is an annual gathering of metal detector enthusiasts who pay an entry fee to participate in at least three hunts every day for a week. The hunt coordinators take the entry fees, turn them into old coins, and prizes, and bury the money and numbered metal tokens for the prizes in various hunt fields. The entrants (about 60 this year) line up around the field, wait for the starting gun, and then, start swinging their detectors, trying to locate the hidden items. What you find, you keep.

There are a variety of hunts over the week. Often, the first hunt of the day was a poker hunt. Folded playing cards with a silver dime or Indian head penny stapled inside are buried in one of the fields. Hunters get in groups of five and are allowed in the field one at a time to recover one target. When all five on the team have their card, they make up their best poker hand. The top three winning hands get prizes. The rest get the coin which was in their card. While not very profitable for most, this hunt gives everyone a chance to check

out their machine to make sure everything is working properly.

Normally, the second hunt of the day was for silver dimes, Indian head pennies, and prize tokens. Prizes could be almost anything including hats and shirts, gold pans (I won two), detector earphones, flashlights, larger silver coins, metal detectors, and hundreds of other items. I like these hunts because I find the target in the field, but don't know what I've won until I turn in the token after the hunt.

The third and final main hunt of the day is usually more silver dimes, Indian heads, and sometimes tokens. This hunt is mainly for silver dimes which are currently worth from \$2.50 to \$2.90 each, depending on the going rate for silver. It takes around 20 of these each day to break even on our \$50 per day entry fee.

Other hunts were going on throughout the week. A kid's hunt was held daily. This was for those twelve and younger. Clad (newer) coins were donated by the adults, and were thrown into a sand playground area. Some were covered, some still showed above the sand. The youngsters used detectors to find them, often with the help of an adult. At the end of this hunt, the kids came back to the registration and prize table, and had their names drawn (usually several times) for stuffed animals, games, fishing tackle, and other age appropriate items. Our six-year-old grandson, Benjamin, won a new Tesoro metal detector on one of these drawings. (It took me 30 years to win one.)

A beach hunt was held on several evenings. Coins were buried in the sand on the beach (there is a small lake at Starve Hollow). For a separate entry fee, usually about a dozen participants looked for the buried treasure. Sand scoops were used instead of digging tools. The coin was located with the detector, and scooped up quickly with one hand while the other was swinging the machine looking for another target. This hunt is fast and fun. Beach hunts are my favorite.

The competition hunt was another event which lasted four days. The best of the best, or those who thought they were, again paid a separate

entry fee to try to prove it. This hunt had four classes of entrants. Instead of hunting for silver and prizes, they were hunting for the most special targets. After ten minutes, their targets were counted and recorded. At the end of the four days, trophies and prize money went to those who had recovered the most targets. There was a ladies division, men's (under 60), senior's (60-69), and masters division (70 and older). There are actually at least two hunters over 80 at the Treasure Fest. One celebrated his 85th birthday that week. Our daughter, Angi, captured third place in the ladies division. After the first day, (in the dirt), she was tied for second place. The second day was on the beach. Angi had never hunted in the sand before, and dropped to third place, 10 targets behind. The next two days were back in the dirt, and she caught up nine targets, just one out of second place. If there had been a tie, either a coin flip or a five minute hunt would have decided the winner.

There is a really nice nature center on the property. The naturalist there is Sandy. She had activities three times every day for the kids so the treasure hunters could be on the field without worrying about where their youngsters were at. She had nature crafts, tree identification, snake and turtle handling, bird watching hikes, canoeing, and much more. Her two daughters, Elizabeth and Cory, helped with all the fun stuff.

While I'm not that old yet, I have been doing this hobby for almost 40 years. It's amazing the different things found with a metal detector. Lots of trash, coins, jewelry, relics, toys, tools, and anything else metal can be found. I never know what is in the ground when my machine goes off. So, if it beeps, I dig it.

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# Looking Downstream



by Paul McCloud

## Aquatic Weed Infestation A Serious Problem at Whitewater Lake

The people of Union County and its neighbors are blessed having one of the most beautiful and well-maintained state parks in the country. The Brookville/Whitewater Memorial State Park recreation complex offers all the best in outdoor recreation the Midwest can offer. However, such a large complex can have its problems. The lovely 200-acre Whitewater Lake has become seriously infested with aquatic weeds. The weeds run from the banks out as far as twenty feet from shore and are growing in water as deep as twelve feet. The shallow North end of the lake (fish spawning area) where Silver Creek enters, became a nearly impenetrable mass of weeds this June, we're talking ten plus acres. By July the swimming area at the beach was overgrown from around three feet deep out well past the safety line. The launch ramp and boat docks were also overgrown with these weeds.

A small percentage of aquatic plants are good in a well-managed aquatic eco-system. It helps maintain oxygen levels, water clarity and marine habitat. When these plants get out of control the negative impact on a lake can be devastating.

The particular variety of plant that is causing the problem appears to be in the water milfoil family. It can get started by a small fragment brought in on the legs of aquatic birds like ducks, geese, herons etc. It can also be brought in on the sides or bottoms of boats as well as lower units or the boat trailers. A very aggressive variety of water milfoil is the Eurasian variety. An exotic introduced to our shores in 1942 by the aquatic pet industry and now infesting most of the lower 48 states. Either native or Eurasian milfoil can ruin a lake if allowed to get out of control. Because it grows so dense it can shade out other forms of aquatic plants and since it is not a valuable food source for aquatic birds can discourage their presence. The plant biomass can become so dense that predator fish will lose their feeding grounds and many fish species lose their spawning grounds. Also, a dense mass of milfoil on the waters surface becomes a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, and with reported cases of West Nile Virus on the increase this is another means for concern. Recreational use of the lake can be seriously reduced or ruined all together. It gets wrapped around boat propellers and fishing tackle, and is



Nasty mess on waterline has to be scrubbed off boat. (Photo by Paul McCloud.)

disgusting to swimmers. I personally witnessed many folks show up at the beach only to get back in the cars and leave after seeing the mess in the water.

Controlling these weeds is very difficult. It is next to impossible to control or remove them mechanically, as only a few small fragments can regenerate and create a new infestation. There are specific chemical treatments that work well and do not adversely affect other plants or marine life. These chemicals are expensive and used only for spot treatments. The state of Indiana alone spends over 1.2 million dollars a year on aquatic weed control. Winter draw downs that expose the roots to freezing has shown to be the most efficient and economic way to at least control water milfoil infestations. Neighboring lakes at Hueston Woods and Brookville Lake as well, go through an annual fall draw down and neither have a problem with the weeds. As a matter of fact Whitewater empties into Brookville Lake, so many fragments of this weed does make into Brookville Lake. Although with the weeds having some roots as deep as twelve to fifteen feet, eliminating them completely, at least in Whitewater may not be possible.

We asked Mr. Bob Felix, Property Manager of the Brookville/Whitewater complex for his comments about the situation on Whitewater? "The weed situation is getting really bad, we have treated the weeds around the beach, boat ramps and docks. We use an environmentally safe chemical treatment but it is quite expensive. Treating the whole lake with chemicals would be cost prohibitive. I am meeting with our biologist soon to discuss this very matter." I asked if a winter draw down would be feasible, as it has shown to be quite effective on other lakes? "That is something that might be tried, again we'll be discussing it with the biologist." Mr. Felix promised to keep us in the loop and we'll pass that information on as it becomes available.



A three foot long section removed from trolling motor. (Photo by Paul McCloud.)



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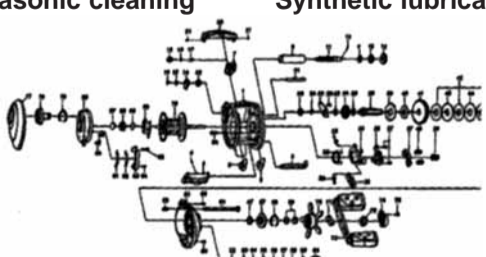
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Tom Cooper took this trophy antelope in eastern Wyoming while hunting with High Pine Outfitters. (Tom Cooper Photo)



Tom took this photo of free roaming buffalo on the Marquiss Little Buffalo Ranch in eastern Wyoming. (Photo by Tom Cooper)

## Wyoming Trophy Antelope Hunt

by Tom Cooper  
Owner of Buck Scrape Taxidermy

In February of 2010, Erick Mares of High Pine Outfitters contacted me looking for some deer and antelope hunters to fill some spots for this coming fall. He was looking for someone to put a group of hunters together. He expressed a need for more antelope hunters than anything. However he also offers elk, lion, and turkey hunts.

Since I had never antelope hunted and was interested in growing my taxidermy business through assisting my customers in booking hunts, I was interested in Erick's proposal. However my business motto is to only recommend outfitters where either I or a taxidermy customer has had a positive experience. I called the references Erick had listed, the Douglas, Wyoming, Chamber of Commerce and two local wild game processing plants and ask them for any info on the outfitter. All of them, without exception, only had positive comments about Erick, his family and his business. Therefore I decided to take the risk of going with an outfitter that neither I nor anyone else I knew had used.

I contacted several customers that I thought might be interested and explained to them that even though I had not used this outfitter, he came highly recommended and that they should contact him themselves if they had any questions. I booked a group of four hunters plus myself.

Normally I prefer to bow hunt, but this hunt would be a rifle hunt. Erick explained that the average shot would be between 150 to 250 yards. Being a bow hunter by choice and a slug gun hunter when I do use a gun, this seemed to be a long shot. However I had previously taken a moose, black bear and a couple of mule deer with my rifle. However in 2008, after taking a trophy elk with my bow in Wyoming, I had missed a long shot with my rifle at a caribou in Quebec. I had practiced nearly everyday with my bow to prepare for the elk hunt, but had only shot my rifle a few times. But when a

quick long shot was needed after running and still breathing hard, I missed my only chance at a trophy caribou. Therefore in the weeks prior to this trip, I made several trips to my cousin's farm to sight in and practice shooting my 30-06 bolt action rifle. I found that my gun seemed to pattern the Remington Springfield Cor-Loc shells the best. I had used 220 grain for the moose hunt, but for the mule deer I decided that 180 gr. was a better size bullet. However as I prepared for this hunt and after talking it over with experienced hunters and reviewing the ballistic of different loads on the internet, I selected a 150 gr. bullet for this antelope hunt.

I sited my gun in for a little less than 2" high at 100 yards. The longest place I could find to safely practice was 200 yards and at that distance I was right on. Unlike previous years, I made the trip to practice about every couple of days in the weeks prior to the hunt. For my mule deer hunts I had purchased a set of Stony Point Shooting Sticks. They had served me well with a couple of shots in the 180 yard range, however for the caribou hunt I had left my shooting sticks behind and that may have contributed to not being successful. For this hunt I routinely practiced with the shooting sticks.

We all arrived in Doulas, Wyoming just after noon as planned where we met up with Erick Mares the outfitter. From Douglas we followed Erick north about 80 miles to the ranch. On the drive we saw antelope in almost every pasture. The ranch where we would be staying was called the Little Buffalo Ranch. It had a herd of about 100 free roaming buffalo on it. The ranch house was a beautiful stone and log structure. There we met Erick's wife Kenzie, their little girls, and Kenzie's parents, Glow and Carrie. This was the home of Kenzie's grandmother who still visited the ranch on occasion. Kenzie's uncle who manages the ranch also lived in another ranch house a few hundred yards away. After meeting everyone we set in for a great meal that Kenzie had prepared.

Sunday morning we met Calvin and after breakfast we traveled about 30 miles to where Calvin took Grant and Steve with him and Eddie and I went with Erick.

Eddie and I had decided that he would take the first shot. Within minutes of driving around we

came across our first buck, but Erick said it was not a shooter. He had us glass the buck and explained to us how to judge the horns. We left the truck and hiked up to the next ridge where we spotted a nice buck with some does. He was 240 yards and according to Erick a shooter. We glassed him for a while then Erick said that we know where he is and we will go on and see what we can find.

We drove around the area and spotted several bucks that looked nice to me and Eddie but Erick said we should be able to do better. Then far on the other side of a valley we spotted some antelope up on a ridge with a couple of nice bucks with them. We drove the truck around to that side of the ridge out of their sight then hiked the remaining yards to the top of a ridge. We stalked up to the top for a vantage point to find the two bucks about 100 yards below us. They were bucks anyone would be proud of, but again Erick said we should be able to do better and back down the ridge we went. Then coming around the north end of the property while checking out another buck we spotted a really nice buck. He was wide, tall and his horns were a perfect heart shape. However before we could make a stalk on him he was already over the next ridge. Eddie had commented earlier that he wouldn't mind taking an old buck with something different about his horns. I said this perfect heart shaped buck was just what I was looking for.

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We decided to turn the truck around and drive a two track up the middle of the area where we were hunting. It would take us in the direction that the heart shaped buck was traveling and maybe we would see him again. At this point this was the 17th buck we had passed on. We drove to the other end spotting several bucks on the way, some not shooters and some on the other side of the area nearly a half mile away or more. We got to the other end of the property and Erick asked what we wanted to do next. I commented that I wanted to go back and kill the heart shaped buck. We got back in the truck and returned north in the direction we had last seen him.

We drove back to the location where we expected to find him. Then Erick stopped the truck and hiked up the next ridge expecting to find the heart shaped buck on the other side. While he did that I decided to take a hike over to the ridge to the right. After Erick did not find the buck, he and Eddie joined me where I was glassing a nice buck laying down about 600 yards to the southeast. Erick decided it was a nice buck but we could do better so we started to return to the truck. Just as we started back, the heart shaped buck appeared at the top of the ridge where Erick had just been looking for it. It must have been in a draw and out of site while Erick was glassing the area. Erick ranged it at 240 yards. I looked over to Eddie and he was not making any move to shoot it. Since I was not expecting to shoot first I had not chambered a bullet in my gun. I slowly pulled my shooting sticks from their holster. Erick looked back at me and said "are you going to shoot it?" as I worked the bolt action to chamber a round. I moved forward a little to get a better shooting angle and as I did the buck took off across the ridge and down behind a rise. Erick and I ran around the back side of the rise hoping to cut him off for a shot, but he beat us there and I had no shot through the sage brush before he was out of site again. We ran to the next rise about 100 yards away. Eddie was now watching as the whole episode unfolded from his advantage point on top of the first rise. As we came around the next hill the buck was running up on a small rise and stopped to look back. I pulled the trigger and he fell right at the spot. I had shot the heart shaped buck we had seen earlier that day.

Overall it was a great hunt with all of the hunters taking nice antelope. I took a chance on an outfitter and gained a friend. I plan to send High Pine Outfitters many clients in the future. The food was great, the hospitality could not have been better and the quality of animals and guiding was superb. I would highly recommend hunting with Erick Mares at High Pine Outfitters. ■

## The Order of Red Men

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the MCL Cafeteria the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. to eat and our council fire is lit for our meeting at 6:45 P.M. and is quenched at approximately 7:30 P.M. Please join us at our meeting.

At our September meeting we will have James Orr, Pastor to present the Southern reasons for the Civil War. At our October meeting we will have Colonial Sanders (the fried chicken man.)

May the Great Spirit be with you throughout your journey. Look for us on the internet at [www.REDMEN.org](http://www.REDMEN.org) and/or call Malcolm Greene ■

## KAMPFIRE KOOKIN'

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the flavor packet for a nice cup of bouillon later on. Cook noodles (pour boiling water over noodles, cover, and set aside for a few minutes until noodles are tender.) Drain noodles and add spaghetti sauce or chili, chopped onion, and shredded cheese. I like to add some drained pinto beans and chopped hotdogs or luncheon meat to mine.

Try some chili (Cincinnati or Mexican) over pasta the next time it's your turn to do the kookin' 'round the kampfire. ■

## Camping Here and Beyond

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prices to over \$50/ night. In many of these their clientele are asking by phone or by e-mail if they have free Wi-Fi, a water park, larger heated pools and spas, paved camping pads with barbecue pits or at least where they can cook outside their campers instead of having to bring camping stoves along on the trip. Many campgrounds and resorts won't allow wood fires over which to cook or around which to relax into the evening. The increasing new gadgets in larger RVs and motor coaches demand over 50 amps of power. At our newer campsites we had 110 amps at each site. Of course we charged extra for the electricity used. To each his own but there has to be a place where the ambiance of what we have in our homes is not taken on vacation or expected to be offered at more and more campgrounds and resorts. Of course we exempt full time campers from this large (most campers) group as they've almost all sold their homes and travel the continent, usually with the seasons.

We are seeing less and less campers in both RVs and tents out of their units and enjoying the trails etc. We're all getting so used to all the cable channels, HD/TV, I-pads, tweeting and face booking, etc., that the vacations actually becomes a new type of vacation almost like living at home. I can only imagine people asking one another "Where did the time go, and what did we actually do on our trip?"

In November we'll discuss various camping clubs, discount clubs, where to look for information on the amenities of campgrounds of all types from primitive to resorts and what to look for on the internet. Now is a good time to plan and get everything in place so that when the time comes

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**Oct. 7-9 Canal Days** 10:00am – 5:00pm Enjoy the 41st Annual Canal Days Festival. There will be artists, crafts, flea market items, antiques and collectibles.

**Oct. 7-9 Metamora Canal Days Limited Train** Whitewater Valley Railroad. take the train from Connersville. Friday **Oct 7** departs 10:00am w/2 hour layover. Saturday **Oct 8** departs 10:00am w/4 hour layover and 12:01pm w/2 hour layover Sunday **Oct 9** departs 10:00am w/4 hour layover and 12:01pm w/2 hour layover All trains departing Metamora for the return trip to Connersville on October 2 & 3 will combine and depart as one train. Call the Whitewater Valley Railroad at **(765) 825-2054** for more information.

**Oct. 15-16 Overland Limited** Wild West Train Whitewater Valley Railroad. The last Wild West Train of the season. Join the Circle D Rangers as they protect the Metamora bound train. Come and see Bandits, Marshals, Robber Barons, Fancy and some Not So Fancy Women as you roll through the scenic countryside. Trains depart Connersville at 12:01 PM. Call the Whitewater Valley Railroad at **(765) 825-2054** for more information and reservations.

**October 14-15 and 21-22** The Haunted Village of Metamora 7-10pm. Enjoy a hayride through town followed by a guided tour past spooky and haunted attractions. Cost \$5.00

**October 15, 22 Haunted Canal Boat Ride** Canal boat Departures 7:30pm, 8:00pm and 8:30 p.m. \$5 per person. The Ben Franklin III will be hauntingly decorated for night cruises and staff will be dressed in costumes for the occasion. A professional storyteller will spin ghostly yarns to keep you on the edge of your seats during the cruise. Children will receive a sweet treat after the cruise.

**October 22, 23 Pumpkinliner** Whitewater Valley Railroad. Ride the train from Connersville to the pumpkin patch. Your train ticket includes round trip train service and a pumpkin for each child 12 and under. Trains depart on Saturday Oct 22nd and Sunday **Oct 23rd** at 10:00am (Saturday only), 12:30pm, 2:30pm and 4:30pm. Cost \$9.00 per person. Reservations required. Call the Whitewater Valley Railroad at **(765) 825-2054** for more information and reservations.

**October 28 Final Friday open mic** music night Signup 6:00pm Music from 7:00pm-10:00pm. Lover's Lane outdoor music stage. Come to play, come to listen, or both! This is your opportunity to get on stage and show off your music skills. If you love to listen, this is a FREE opportunity to enjoy an evening of music.

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**October 29 Safe Trick or Treating** in Metamora 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Enjoy trick or treating throughout the entire village of Metamora. Free.

**Nov 5 Metamora Indiana Chili Cookoff** Cooking will be from 8am-12pm at the firehouse. The cooking team is limited to 3 people. 1st Prize \$200, 2nd Prize \$80, 3rd Prize Gift Basket. There will be trophies and a peoples choice award. Each entry will receive a free Metamora hat. For more information call George at **765-647-1212** at Words & Images/The Train Place. Entry form is available at [www.metamoraindiana.com/chilicookoff\\_entry.htm](http://www.metamoraindiana.com/chilicookoff_entry.htm) Entry fee is \$20.

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**Oct 7 4th Annual UAW Classic Car Cruise In**, 5-8 pm. H Street, Bedford. Live DJ, prizes, food & drinks by Cedar Hill Catering. **812-279-9125**. Free practice session at Midwest RC Raceway & Hobbies, **812-583-0155**.

**Oct 8 Family Forest Fun Day**, Murray Forest Park, Bedford, 10 am-3 pm. Hardy Lake Raptors, activities and learning for entire family, concessions. **812-275-5692**

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**Oct 20 Fall Break Fun Day**, Edgewood Park, Bedford, 10 am-2 pm. Raindate,  
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### VETERANS SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION IN NOVEMBER 2011 ISSUE

In my November Gad-a-bout I will have a 4-page Pull-out section with stories, pictures and information dedicated to American War and Peacetime Veterans. It should be distributed around October 13-14th.

### GREAT LAKES OF THE WABASH RIVER FISHING NEWS REMINDER

Ryan Pershing will be bringing all of us up-to-date on the fishing tournaments in the Great Lakes of the Wabash column in the November Gad-a-bout. Here is a reminder of the upcoming fishing tournaments on Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs in September and October 2011.

Coming in September there will be several crappie tournaments to lure the outdoorsman to the lakes. The Indiana Slab Masters 2-Day Classic Tournament will be held on the Mississinewa Reservoir Saturday, **September 24** and the Salamonie Reservoir Sunday, **September 25**. This will be their inaugural Classic Tournament as this group was formed in November, 2010 for competitive fun in a club environment and to fish the Indiana waters. We welcome these fishermen to the area. For more information about the club you may visit [indianaslabmasters.com](http://indianaslabmasters.com).

Also coming in September on the Salamonie Reservoir will be Bozarth's Crappie Tournament on the **17th of September**. This will be our third tournament of the year and then will be rounded out with a two day tournament held **October 2-3** on the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. All fishermen are welcome to participate! There will be an informational meeting held the Friday before each of

informational meeting held the Friday before each of these tournaments at 6:30 pm in the Bozarth's Country Store banquet room. This meeting is not required to participate but is a good way to meet other fishermen and compare notes as well as receiving tournament guidelines. For information on signing up for either of these tournaments call Bozarth's at **(765) 981-4522**. Results of these tournaments will be shared in the next issue.

### OHIO/INDIANA RECIPROCAL HUNTING & FISHING AGREEMENT ENDS

Indiana's reciprocal agreement with the state of Ohio that allowed people who live in the Buckeye state and own land in Indiana to hunt and fish in the Hoosier state without an Indiana license, has ended.

The change is in reaction to the Ohio legislature's recent passage of a bill that eliminates the ability of Indiana residents who own property in the Buckeye state to hunt or fish that Ohio property without a license

With the law change in Ohio, Buckeye state residents who own land in Indiana and want to hunt or fish on that or any other land in the Hoosier state must now purchase a nonresident license before they can hunt or fish on that or any other Indiana property. Similarly, Indiana residents who own land in Ohio will need to buy a nonresident Ohio hunting or fishing license to hunt or fish on that or other land in the Buckeye State.

### TRAPPING CAMP AT SALAMONIE RESERVOIR OCT 8 & 9TH

Salamonie Reservoir and Indiana State Trappers Association (ISTA) will be hosting a Trappers Education Course on October 8th and 9th, 2011 at the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center. The program will focus on trappers of all ages, though youth trappers are encouraged to attend.

The program will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 8th with education on trapping issues, ethics, and regulations. Lunch will be provided. After Saturday's lunch, trappers will get a chance to set traps for furbearers. Trappers will accompany an instructor on the trap line and set traps under close supervision of the instructor. Traps will be left overnight and checked the next day.

Free camping is available for all course attendees at the Lost Bridge West Youth Campground near the Interpretive Center. At 9 am on Sunday, October 9th, trappers will accompany trapping instructors to check traps and handle the fur of animals caught on the trap line. After the traps are checked, furbearers that are caught on the trap line will be used in skinning and fleshing demonstrations by ISTA instructors. Lunch will also be provided on Sunday, October 9th. **Trappers will not need a trapping license to attend this program. Entrance fees will be waived for all participants.**

There are no fees or costs; just pre-register to attend. To pre-register or to get more information, contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at **260-468-2127**. **Trappers will need to pre-register by September 25th.** Trappers may want to bring waterproof boots or hip waders to wear on the trap line. Trappers will need to dress for the weather. Free overnight camping at the youth campground is available for trappers attending the course on Friday night and Saturday night. **Trappers must attend both day-sessions of the course to receive the IDNR Trapper Education Certification.**

The Salamonie Interpretive Center is located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area, west of Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

### FREE BEGINNER WATERFOWL HUNTING WORKSHOP

Two free waterfowl hunting workshops will be

offered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources this fall.

The first will be at Grouse Ridge Public Fishing Area on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The second will be on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Monroe Lake's North Fork Service Area, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The same material will be covered at both events – there is no need to attend both.

The workshops are intended for novice waterfowl hunters and those who want to try waterfowl hunting for the first time. All ages are welcome.

"We had folks at last year's event aged from 8 to 73," said DNR waterfowl biologist Adam Phelps. "All beginners are welcome."

Parents who already hunt waterfowl are welcome to bring children, but the material is tailored for beginners; experienced waterfowl hunters are not likely to get much out of the workshops.

Organizers hope to build on the success of last year's novice waterfowl workshop at Monroe Lake.

"We had over 50 people at last year's event," Phelps said. "Feedback from participants was excellent and helped fine-tune the presentations for this year."

Presentation topics will include waterfowl hunting regulations; duck and goose identification; and equipment and techniques, including a show-and-tell segment. Waterfowl hunting equipment, including blinds, waders, clothing, decoys, gadgets and boats will be displayed and discussed at length.

"Despite all the equipment you can use, we stress that you can hunt ducks and geese with a minimum outlay, so we focus on what you must have," Phelps said.

DNR Law Enforcement and Fish & Wildlife personnel will be available to answer questions. Lunch will be provided.

Both workshops are free but registration for the Monroe Lake workshop is required; no registration is required for the Grouse Ridge workshop. Participants may register for Monroe Lake by calling South Region Law Enforcement at **(812) 837-9536**. Questions on the Monroe Lake workshop may be addressed to Phelps at **(812) 334-1137**. Questions on the Grouse Ridge workshop may be addressed to Steve Mund at **(812) 346-5596**.

**Editor's Note:** This issue will be distributed to close to the time of the September workshop. Plan on attending the October workshop to use this information.

### TRAIL OF SCARECROWS

Prophetstown State Park is hosting a second annual Trail of Scarecrows contest.

Entries will be displayed from Oct. 1-31 throughout the park.

Trail of Scarecrows is a fundraiser that helps support future interpretive and educational programs, such as displays at the nature center, environmental and nature education programs, and much more. The entry fee is \$10.

A map of the trail will be available at the main gate. Attendees can vote on their favorite scarecrow for one penny per vote and can vote as many times as they like. Prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place participants.

**Scarecrow entries must be received by Sept. 25. Setup can begin on Sept. 28. Participants should finish setup by dusk Sept. 30.**

Entries are welcome from individuals, families, clubs, organizations and other groups.

The park entrance fee of \$6 for in-state vehicles or \$8 for out-of-state vehicles will be charged.

For an entry form, complete list of rules and regulations, tips, examples, and direction regarding the scarecrow setup, please contact Gayle Pitstick at [gpitstick@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:gpitstick@dnr.IN.gov) or **(765) 567-4919**. ■



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Tucker Coffman caught this 2 pound, 14 inch Largemouth Bass in a farm pond in July 2011. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Cameron Coffman caught this 4 pound, 16 inch Largemouth Bass in a farm pond in July 2011. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Kenny Dowden from Anderson, IN caught this 21 1/2", 5.1 Smallmouth Bass in Stoney Lake Michigan while on vacation 8-11-11. (Photo by Jenny Dowden)



Chris Snyder took this 20 pound Turkey in the 2011 Spring season. It had a 10 inch beard and 23mm spurs.(Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Jenna Garden found these really nice Morel mushrooms on May 1, 2011. Jenna lives in New Paris, OH. (Photo sent in by her uncle)



Michele Owen of Flyway Bay Kennels, Kendallville, IN caught this 39 inch King Salmon in Pere Marquette River, Michigan in 2009. (Michele Owen Photo)

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Tom Hart from Madison, IN caught this Northern Pike with a 1/2 oz Williams Wooster Tail on 6 pound test line 8-13-11 at Mar-Mam Lodge in Ontario. (Tom Hart Photo)  
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Mike Burdette from Richmond, IN caught this 24 inch Walleye on April 14, 2011 night trolling at Brookville Lake. (Mike Burdette Photo)



Mike Burdette from Richmond, IN caught this 26 inch Walleye on 6-17-11. (Mike Burdette Photo)



Keith Reece took this 24 pound Turkey during the 2011 Spring season. It had a 10 1/2 inch beard. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Ed Brown took this 24 pound Turkey during the 2011 Spring season. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Mike McCurdy from Connersville took this 24 pound Turkey on 5-6-11. It had a 11 inch beard and 26mm spurs. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)

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Justin McClellan from Liberty, IN, age 10, caught this 47 inch, 35 lb, Barracuda while Deep Sea fishing in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Florida in July with his Dad, Mike and his Pop, Jack. It was a big surprise to Justin after 15 minutes of reeling him in to see that this was on his line. (Mike McClellan submitted the photo)



Jason Reece took this turkey in the 2011 Spring season, it weighed 23 pounds and had a 10 1/2 inch beard. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)

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