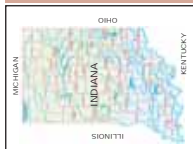


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Top Right: Jason Rihm caught this 7 pound, 22 inch long, 17 inch girth on Memorial Day at Wood's Campground in Carthage IN. See more fish photos in Gad's Corner pages 29 & 30. (Jason Rihm Photo)

Bottom Left: A couple dances to rock and roll tunes of yesteryears at Farmer's Pike Festival near New Castle, Indiana in September 2010. See Page 19 for all the information on this years activities and the four days of music that will get your feet a tapping and a yearning to get up and dance. Don't be bashful, especially if you are a senior, get up and show the youngsters how to jitterbug! See Page 19 for this years schedule. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Right: Tag Nobbe gets ready to board his boat and launch it at the 2010 Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye/Catfish Tournament. This year 2011 the tournament includes Walleye, Bass & Catfish. The Bass category includes Large and Smallmouth bass. See pages 8 & 9 for all the details. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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ADDITIONAL SALES & ETC ADS

I have been getting some ads recently for auctions, sales and other things that would normally be read in a Classified Ad Section. The Gad-a-bout publication doesn't have a classified section so I have dedicated a part of Page 31 for these type ads.

In the past I attempted to have a classified section on several occasions, but it was just wasted space due to no one wishing to use it.

See page 31 for Campbell Auction Team's two auctions in this issue.

AN HONOR TO HAVE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY

In September I will have the honor of visiting with former members of the U.S. Navy Seabees in Pekin, Illinois who served their country in Alaska, Saipan and Okinawa during WWII. My father, Ray Dickerson Sr., served with some of these same Seabees in Alaska and Okinawa.

I didn't serve in a war zone in my four years in the United States Air Force, but to me it was an honor to have served in the United States military.

My sister and I visited with the 79th Naval Construction Battalion (same group as above) in Lancaster, PA back in 2007. We had a wonderful time. I am looking forward to this visit even more so, since then I have done more research on and my father, I'm sure we will have much more to talk about.

NEW SALES REP & WRITER (S)

PAUL McCLOUD

Beginning with the October Gad-a-bout Paul McCLOUD from Liberty, Indiana will be representing The Gad-a-bout selling advertising in Eastern Indiana and Western Ohio. Paul has fifteen years experience selling sports related ads in the most south-western counties in Ohio (Darke, Preble, Butler, Miami and Montgomery). He was the sports and special events Editor at Twin Valley Publications in West Alexandria, OH. Paul is also going to write a column beginning in the October issue. He says, "I've been an avid hunter and fisherman all my life and am enjoying my retirement here in Liberty, with two of the best lakes in the state at my front door."

I met Paul through a friend, we met for the first time last week. He loves fishing at Whitewater Lake in Whitewater Memorial State Park, maybe he will



PAUL McCLOUD

take me fishing some time too. The last time I fished was with Tag Nobbe in 2001. Paul's first article is going to be about Whitewater Lake. Watch for it.

BILL EMBRY

Bill Embry who owns "Got 2 Love It Bass Tournaments" and a renowned bass fisherman will begin writing a column with the October Gad-a-bout. Bill lives near Lake Monroe. I have attended several bass tournaments he has put on and let me tell you he runs the most efficient operation you will see when it comes to getting the fishermen on the water, off the water, their fish weighed and awards given.

Below is Bill holding the largest fish that he has caught out of Lake Monroe, a 9.4 pound caught on the day before Easter 1996.



BILL EMBRY

I contacted Bill in July about writing this column and was happy when he accepted. Bill will be writing about fishing in Indiana lakes and other waterways.

I know you readers will enjoy reading both Paul and Bill's new columns in October. Continued above

PART 2 OF HARDY LAKE POSTPONED

Due to some unfortunate happenings and all the Festivals for September I am postponing the 2nd article on Hardy Lake until the October issue.

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by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

What the heck's a Thermo Cline?

At the current time Brookville lake is 88 degrees on the surface, with very little oxygen below 15 feet. What this means is that all the fish in the lake have been living in very hot water. Some fish like the catfish thrive in this climate, but other fish like the striped bass can't bare the heat. In the summer the lake develops a thermo cline. From year to year the depth of the thermo cline changes, depending on what happens in the climate. This particular year we received an astronomical amount of rain in April and May. This rose the lake to 18 feet above the lakes summer pool. All this new water was mixed in with the existing water. Then the Corps of Engineers had to pull 5,500 cubic feet per second off the lake for three and a half weeks to get the lake back down to summer pool.

It was kinda of like flushing the lake. Now the lake has all new water, very clean and highly oxygenated. This climate is perfect for fish. Most all the summer in the guide boat we have had a banner year as far as catching walleye goes. We could catch big smallmouth bass, big largemouth bass just as easily as we could catch walleye. This was all do to the high oxygen content in the water, the fish where in great shape due to the cool oxygenated water.

What happened after that was the complete



Carrie Winkowski from Chicago fishing with me on Brookville Lake. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

opposite, no wind, no rain and 90 degree days, day after day after day. This is when the thermo cline develops in the lake. A thermo cline is where the upper warm water meets the lower cold water. The upper layer of water above the thermo cline holds all the oxygen but the water below the thermo cline holds no oxygen. If you get occasional rain showers and wind, it will keep the upper layer of water cooler and in turn keep the thermo cline deeper. Right now the water is 88 degrees on the surface and 55 degrees 100 feet deep. With water being this hot for so long and no wind or rain the thermo cline is just 15 feet deep. Even over 100 feet of water there is no oxygen below 15 feet deep and at 15 feet deep the water temperature is still 86 degrees. So all the fish in Brookville lake are in less then 15 foot of water. As I was saying earlier some fish can thrive in this climate but some cannot. I was at the lake yesterday and there were a few 20 plus pound striped bass floating dead on the surface. The striped bass just can't take the heat. If the thermo cline was 30 feet deep they could merely swim down to the cooler water. So if your at the lake and you see dead striped bass on the surface, they died primarily of excessive heat. This is no new thing it seems like it happens about every 10 years and it don't kill all the striped

bass, just the big ones. Aw bumper. Some of the other fish in the lake like walleye, large and small-mouth bass will get stressed from the excessive heat, but it generally won't kill them. They will just kinda get bloody spots on them, but thats all.

Once the water starts to cool in the fall, the lake will go through a fall turn-over. What causes this is as the surface water gets colder it gets heavier and sinks through the lower deeper water. As this occurs it will re-oxygenates the deep water and the thermo cline goes away until next spring and it all starts over again.

As far as fishing through these hot times goes, look for spots in the lake around underwater springs, over-hanging branches, under boat docks, around submerged brush or drop-off ledges. Timing is a premium, fish early in the morning when the water is at

its coolest. You have to remember these fish are stressed and over-heated, but they have to eat some time. Try to fish slow and methodical using live bait or fish with something that you can just get a reaction bite from, like a spoon.

Good luck Tag

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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sgt. John D. Bowling

Drive According to Traffic Conditions: Do Your Part to Help Keep our Roadways Safe

With Labor Day weekend being the heaviest travel weekend of the summer, it's time to revisit some driving tips for heavy traffic conditions. Your State Police continue to be innovators by using stats to direct our enforcement efforts to help reduce crashes. So far this crash reduction program is working as we are down 29 fatalities state wide as I write this, but we need your help in keeping you and your families safe.

- Allow extra time to get to your destination.
- Don't use cruise control in heavy traffic.
- Avoid abrupt stops and starts in heavy traffic always signal lane changes.
- Use headlights even during daylight hours.
- Reduce your speed in rain and NEVER drive into flowing water.
- Decrease your speed in construction zones-Obey posted speed limits.
- REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN AND MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES-This includes tow trucks and highway maintenance vehicles.
- Make sure you are well rested. A fatigued driver can be as dangerous as an impaired driver.
- Remember the two second rule and increase the distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you.
- Don't forget to watch for slow moving farm equipment on county and state roads.
- Make sure you have a charged cell phone in your vehicle and NEVER TEXT WHILE DRIVING!
- Buckle Up! Your best chance at surviving any crash is by wearing your safety belt.
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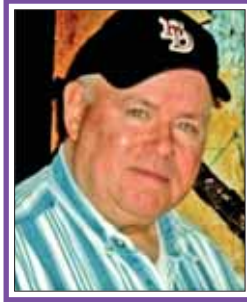
ALWAYS watch for stopped or slowed traffic on the interstate, as more crashes are occurring as secondary crashes in traffic stoppages. As I write this in July we have had two fatal crashes just this month on I-70 in traffic that was stopped for a minor traffic event. We also had a double fatality on a state road with a vehicle getting hit in the rear at a traffic signal.

Following too closely and failure to yield continues to kill Hoosier motorists- so make sure to increase following distance and stop completely at stop signs. Prepare to stop at stoplights instead of speeding up as you approach to "beat the yellow light." Look twice in all directions before pulling out.

Lieutenant Bob Burke, Commander of the eight county Pendleton Post, puts it this way. "We have provided you with many good tips for safe driving during one of the busiest holiday travel periods each year.

If I could stress one point, it is the need to be aware of the possibility of heavy traffic on the major highways and interstate roadways that can result in traffic backups and slowed or stopped traffic. You need to be aware of your surroundings and pay attention to the traffic flow in order to prevent yourself from becoming involved in a serious crash. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday weekend!"

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LARRY L. HART 1945 - 2011

I write this on the day of the showing for one of the finest law enforcement officers I have ever worked with, retired Centerville Police Chief Larry Hart. I first met Larry when I was a teenager and have known him for over 30 years.

While it's true Larry did a lot of anonymous charity work helping families in the community, his humble nature would be embarrassed if we were to dwell on or even mention that. No, Larry was a law enforcement officer through and through, and that is how he would want to be remembered. That is how I choose to remember him.

More than once I was relieved to see CM-1 roll up on my car when I was in a jam. Once I had two young men stopped on I-70 at the 147 mile marker. They were in a stolen car and had driven off without paying for their gas, and I could see a large butcher knife in the console.

I called for assistance and was informed it was several minutes out. The two men were getting nervous, so I started to get them out at gunpoint. A car came screeching up behind me and an officer walked up, gun drawn. It was Larry-he had been listening on his radio, knew I was by myself and drove all the way out to the interstate to help.

Another time I had stopped a bank robber. Radio said back up was several minutes away, but in the distance, I could hear a lone siren approaching quickly. Once again CM-1 came sliding up and helped handcuff and place the robber in my car.

Of course the guy was playing stupid, saying he had done nothing wrong. I'll never forget the look

on Larry's face, with that sarcastic smile, as he said, "Really-I guess that money bag on the seat and pistol under the seat is just for looks." The guy actually smiled and said, "Oh well, there's no sense in trying to lie-I guess you got me."

Once I was called in the middle of the night to the scene of serious crash, just a couple miles or so from my home, involving another officer. I arrived quickly and found that Larry had gotten there first, and with the help of a neighbor, put out a fire.

I asked him a few days later how he got there so fast? He let me know that he always slept with his

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Gary Catron

August 15th

For as long as I can remember August 15th has marked opening day of squirrel season in Indiana. While most often I have not gone squirrel hunting on the opening day, it was always a milestone in my mind that additional hunting seasons were nearing. I have been told by many parents that they cannot wait until squirrel season arrives so they can take their kid hunting to introduce them to hunting, preparing them for other types of hunting.

Squirrel season can be a perfect way for an adult to mentor an inexperienced youth to the sport of hunting due to a bit of uniqueness absent from other forms of hunting. To start with, the hunt is either sit and wait or a very slow spot and stalk. Either way, an adult can easily observe the young hunter making sure the practiced rules of safe firearms handling are being followed and guarantee that when a shot is taken that it is a safe shot done in a safe manner.

Another plus is that absolute silence is not always necessary. A parent and child can carry on a conversation without scaring away the intended quarry, giving additional safety tips, shoot-don't shoot scenarios, explanation of animal habits, eth-

ical hunting issues, and all other things important and unimportant. It's often a good time to reaffirm that the enjoyment of hunting is not connected to the bagging of game.

Comfort is easily achieved as often a nice fitting base of a tree or a log can be found to wait on a squirrel to reveal itself. Youthful patience, or lack thereof, should be mentally noted and factored in while planning future hunts. Less equipment to be burdened with is a plus. Most of what is needed can fit in a hunting vest or a small pack. No elevated hunting stands needed!

Okay, I haven't mentioned that it can be uncomfortably warm and humid in the August woods. No, I didn't forget that the mosquitoes can be a real annoyance, I just didn't include them. I'm not going to point out the spiders or their webs that seem to prefer life at about face level. I have omitted these things because they might deter some from getting into the woods. The natural things that can create short-term unpleasantness should be planned for also!

Plan Now

Hunting seasons will be here before we know it so plan now if you, your family or friends are in need of a hunter education course. Anyone born after December 31, 1986 is required to successfully complete a hunter education course prior to purchasing a hunting license (unless utilizing an apprentice license exception).

The hunter education course provides a broad foundation of information in a variety of hunting related topics such as: wildlife and conservation management, firearms safety afield and at home, hunter ethics and responsibility, wildlife identification and survival and first aid, tree stand safety, muzzle loading and archery.

Indiana Hunter Education courses are being scheduled as we speak. Hunter Education courses are posted on the DNR website at www.in.gov/dnr. This has proven to be an excellent tool for the public. Most can find a course that is either close to home or one that fits into an already busy personal schedule. Check weekly for a course near you!

DNR, others

Praise work of Dick Mercier

Current and former DNR officials and others from the hunting and fishing community are paying tribute to Dick Mercier, a longtime conservation leader and member of the Indiana Conservation Hall of Fame who died on Sunday, July 31st.

"Dick was a true champion for outdoor enthusiasts and the cause of conservation," said Rob Carter, director of the Department of Natural Resources. "His tireless efforts, especially in the legislative arena, not only benefit today's hunters and anglers but will do so for generations to come."

John Goss, former DNR director and former executive director of the Indiana Wildlife Federation, said: "Dick Mercier put his time and talents into his passion for the outdoors serving as an unpaid advocate and the force behind the Indiana Sportsmen's Roundtable as the most consistent and effective voice for Hoosier sporting groups at the Statehouse for many years."

Mercier, 85, is best known in conservation circles for helping incorporate the Indiana Sportsmen's Roundtable in 1993. As Roundtable president for 16 years, he promoted legislation favorable to sportsmen and women and was instrumental in passage of



RICHARD G. MERCIER 1925 - 2011

the Landowner Liability Bill and the Senior Fishing License. The former opened the door for hunters, anglers and trappers to access private land while lifting the threat of liability to the landowner in the event of an accident. The latter established a low-cost license that helps the DNR capture federal excise tax dollars that were being lost.

He also worked to advance hunter education and apprentice licenses to get more youth outdoors, and was a strong advocate for the expansion and funding of venison donation programs to food banks.

"Dick was an outdoorsman, an ally of other outdoorsmen and women, and an honored friend of the DNR," said Mark Reiter, DNR Fish & Wildlife division director.

In 1995, Mercier accepted the DNR's Conservation Organization of the Year award on behalf of the Indiana Sportsmen's Roundtable. He was named Conservationist of the Year by the Indiana Wildlife Federation in 1998 and by the DNR in 2002.

In 2004, the Indiana Bowhunters Association created the Dick Mercier Conservationist of the Year award, presented annually to a deserving individual.

"He was kind of a unique blend of visionary and pragmatic," said Gene Hopkins, an IBA member and Mercier's successor with the Roundtable. "That's what I liked about him."

"It was something rare to have someone who could see the future and put the present into clarity as well as he did. He's one of the guys I consider a mentor, a true mentor. Thank God he was there. Thank God he had the time and commitment to do what he did. He's going to be missed."

Doug Allman, who worked with Mercier on the Roundtable, said: "I admired Dick for seeing the big picture in a lot of things ... Even though he didn't always agree with the DNR, he still put that aside and worked for funding and legislative issues that helped the DNR and helped sportsmen. He saw the connection. You don't see that very often today. People get so locked in on a 'you're either for me or against me' mentality. Dick rose above that."

One of Mercier's proudest moments came when he was inducted to the Indiana Conservation Hall of Fame in 2010.

"We have lost one of Indiana's giants of conservation," said Bourke Patton, executive director of the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation and chairman of the Conservation Hall of Fame Committee. "Dick worked tirelessly to promote hunting and make it safer in Indiana. His significant contributions made him a deserving selection to our Hall of Fame."

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Jeff Koester prepares to give last minute instructions to fishermen before the start of the 2010 Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye Tournament. At right is Amy Gaston Stehr and holding the muzzleloading rifle is Gregory Hoff, when he fired the gun it signaled the beginning of the tournament. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Indiana State Trooper Richard T. Gaston who was killed in the line of duty on March 4, 1999. This Memorial Tournament celebrates his life and dedication to his family.



13th Annual Richard T. Gaston Walleye/Bass/Catfish Tourney September 17, 2011

by Ray Dickerson, The Gad-a-bout

This year it is very easy to sign up for the Richard T. Gaston Walleye/Bass/Catfish Tournament at Brookville Reservoir - online, simply type in their website www.gastontournament.com and follow instruction on the screen.

Yes, you read right, this year a Bass Tournament has been added to the Richard T. Gaston tournament. The tournament officials allow you to sign up for **Walleye & Catfish, Catfish, or Bass & Catfish** only. All these events have an additional Big Fish event. You will have the opportunity to view all the options on the payment page. Everyone who registers for the Catfish event is automatically entered into the Queen Mum Smallest Catfish Award for free. The Queen Mum smallest catfish award is for the smallest, not the largest. We've seen some really small catfish the last two years.

The tournament field will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Registration and payment will be required before the day in order to receive your boat number.

Once online go to Registration and click on one of the three fish icons, see examples at right.

WALLEYE

**TEAM EVENT
2 ANGLERS PER BOAT
\$150 ENTRY**

WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

This tournament is the original event. It costs \$350 for one team per boat. A team consists of two members. Anglers fish between the allotted times and then return to the beach for the weigh in.

Payment must be processed before the deadline in order to get your boat number -- **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Each Walleye team member has the option of joining in the Big Fish Walleye Contest for \$10.

It is an individual event. All monies collected for this event are added together -- half of the money goes to the scholarship program and half goes to the participating angler with the greatest weight for a single qualifying walleye.

2011 Prize Payouts

Walleye Prizes

1st Place: \$1,500, 2nd place: \$500, 3rd place: \$350, 4th place: \$250, 5th place: \$150

Walleye Big Fish Prize to be determined.

BASS

**TEAM EVENT
2 ANGLERS PER BOAT
\$150 ENTRY**

BASS TOURNAMENT

Like the Walleye, the Bass Tournament is a team event with two anglers per boat. Anglers fish between the allotted times and then return to the beach for the weigh in.

Payment must be processed before the deadline in order to get your boat number -- **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Each Bass team member has the option of joining in the Big Fish Bass Contest for \$10.

It is an individual event. All monies collected for this event are added together -- half of the money goes to the scholarship program and half goes to the participating angler with the greatest weight for a single qualifying bass.

2011 Prize Payouts

Bass Prizes

1st place: \$700, 2nd Place: \$350, 3rd Place: \$275, 4th Place: \$200, 5th Place: \$150

Bass Big Fish Prize to be determined.

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Up to six (6) qualifying fish can be weighed in. Payment must be processed before the deadline in order to get your boat number -- NO EXCEPTIONS!

Just like the others, each Catfish angler has the option of joining in the Big Fish Catfish Contest for \$10.

It is an individual event. All monies collected for this event are added together -- half of the money goes to the scholarship program and half goes to the participating angler with the greatest weight for a single qualifying catfish.

2011 Prize Payments

Catfish Prizes

1st place: \$200, 2nd place: \$150, 3rd place: \$75, 4th place: \$50, 5th place: \$25
Catfish Big Fish Prize to be determined.

The Queen Mum Smallest Catfish Award \$150

If you are reading this online click here to register www.gastontournament.com



Above Richard at left with friend, Jeff. *"Richard was the kind of guy who wanted to see people smile. Those of us who knew him will remember him always. He was just the best."* Tom Becker, friend of Richard's (Photo reprinted with permission of Jeff Koester)

Day of Tournament Saturday, September 17th

Check-in Mounds Beach 7:30 a.m.
Take-off times: Walleye 8:00 a.m., Bass 8:30 a.m. and Catfish 8:30 a.m.
Weigh-in Mounds Beach 4:00 p.m.
Early Check-in/Registration Friday, Sept 16th 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Parkside Marine & More, 7191 Fox Run Road, Brookville, IN

About Richard T. Gaston

Richard Terrell Gaston attended Brookville High School in Indiana and graduated in 1988. He then entered the United States Marine Corps, spending most of his time at the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC, which serves as the Presidential Honor Guard. In 1992, Richard was chosen Marine of the Year for his company, which placed him among the best of the Marine Corps elite.

After the Marine Corps, Richard returned to Indiana and attended Indiana University/Purdue University of Indianapolis. He also worked in the security department of the Children's Museum of



Boats line the shore at Mound's Beach on Brookville Lake in 2004. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Indianapolis.

In 1998, Richard and his wife, Amy, welcomed their daughter, Jeanie, to the world. Shortly thereafter, Richard was accepted into the Indiana State Police Academy, fulfilling his dream of becoming a law enforcement officer.

Just three months after being sworn in, Richard was killed when a tractor-trailer left the road and struck his squad car while he was conducting a routine traffic stop. Doug Fites and his grandson, Charlie, were also killed in the accident.

After losing Richard, his family and friends thought of no better way to pay tribute to his life than to give back to the community that he loved so much. The fishing tournament was a logical start, since there is nothing Richard liked to do more than cast for walleye on Brookville Reservoir.

The fishing tournament was established in 1999 to raise money for the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund awards at least five \$2,000 scholarships each year to seniors graduating from his alma mater - Franklin County High School.

Thus far, the fund has supported 62 college-bound seniors with a total of \$122,000 in scholarship money.

The basis for awarding scholarships is quite simple. Recipients are chosen based mostly upon answers to an essay question. It is believed that as long as the students have been accepted to a technical/trade school, college, or university, then they qualify for assistance. The selection committee does not believe that grades, test scores, and class-standing are the best way to measure one's desire to reach his/her goals in life.

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Across the great waters another ancient people...a like but different...matriarchal, clans, elders...but with a female goddess ruling all...sorche nichleodas, "the night of ghosts", the end of the year. Different customs but many of the same legends and stories about the sun, moon, and stars. The Celts and our native people hundreds of miles apart yet so much alike. Do we need further proof that we are all children of the same Creator, that we are all relatives. The Lakota teaching "Peace Through Brotherhood" and our great challenge. All men are brothers regardless of race, creed, or language...all coming from a single beginning so many eons ago.

Colors are very special to the Native People. Like so many things there are four sacred colors...Red, White, Yellow and Black...in addition there is Blue for the sky and Brown or Green for the earth.

Different nations arranged the four sacred colors in different ways representing the four directions or winds. Usually White was North for the snow; Red was East for the sunrise; South was Yellow for warmth and West was Black for rain. In the Southwest Medicine Men made Sand Paintings using earth from the Painted Dessert or dyed with natural dyes. The sacred paintings were destroyed at the end of the ceremony, the sand being scattered to the four winds. However, many craft shops sell colored sand and non-sacred designs as a craft project. One color is painted with glue and the sand poured over it. When shaken lightly the sand adheres to the glue and the rest falls off leaving a painted part of the design. We did sand painting at the Day Camps where I worked. We dyed our own sand using 1 pint of prime tempera paint for 10 pounds of sand. It was a long process passing the colored sand through a screen to break it up, but the children loved doing it.

Color is a part of our every day life too, Red and Green traffic lights. How we choose the clothes we buy and wear. With some women the color of hair is important, while with fly fisherman the colors used in making the fly is important. The colors you chose

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The Order of Red Men



by Malcolm Greene

The Improved Order of Red Men

Greetings Brothers!
July 31st we returned from Arlington National Cemetery where our chiefs placed a wreath at the grave site of the Unknown Soldier who gave his life to protect our freedom and the American way of life. The changing of the guard was awesome to see and makes one truly proud to be an American.

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You've eaten supper or dinner, whichever you call the evening meal, and you're sitting around the ol' campfire pondering life's oddities, problems, and ambitions or whatever it is that you ponder while sitting around the campfire. All of a sudden, the munchies strike.

For those not in the know, the munchies are hunger pains in disguise. It's like when you get a craving for something to eat but you're just not sure what you're hungry for and you've probably just eaten to boot. You'll need a list and some recipes for things that might help you satisfy those cravings.

Joanne and I have some favorites that we make ahead of time and take with us. And then again we sometimes take ingredients to make some snacks on the spot. Thank the 'makin' for snacks and teaching the grandkids 'how' to put them together keeps them busy and out of trouble - most of the time.

SWEET SNACKS (Troop 38 Peanut Butter Fudge)

(My brother Joe's favorite.)

1 pound of powdered XXX sugar
1/2 cup milk 1 (13 oz.) jar chunky peanut butter
1 (7 oz.) jar marshmallow crème

Mix milk and sugar in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Let it boil for four (4) minutes. Take the pan off the heat and add peanut butter and marshmallow crème - blend together until smooth. Spread the candy out into a greased 8" x 8" pan or a greased 9" x 13" pan. Cool and cut into squares.

A Simple Gorp

(Nothing fancy here.)

1 part raisins 1 part miniature marshmallows
1 part chocolate chips 1 part M & Ms (optional)
1 part salted peanuts (optional)

Mix all together and put in Zip loc bags for munching on the trail or around the campfire.

The Only Way To Make P, B, & J Sandwiches

(This eliminates messy jelly on front of your shirt.)
1 jar of peanut butter 1 jar of your favorite jelly
Bread slices

Mix equal amounts of peanut butter and jelly together and spread on a slice of bread, cover with another slice of bread, cut in half and serve. Adjust ratio of jelly to peanut butter to your taste.

SALTY SNACKS (Joanne's favorite.)

BBQ Flavor Popcorn Seasoning
2 tsp. paprika 3/4 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp hickory salt 1/2 tsp. chili powder
1/2 tsp. onion powder 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper

Combine ingredients and store in a saltshaker. Make a large bowl of buttered popcorn (seasoning sticks to popcorn best if it's buttered) and shake on the desired amount of BBQ Seasoning - stir the popcorn to distribute the seasoning. Joanne says she makes about 5 batches of this seasoning at a time.

TIP: I love roasted, salted sunflower seeds that are still in the shell. I've found that if I pour some of this seasoning into my jar of plain salted seeds it flavors them and I don't have to buy the more expensive BBQ Flavored Seeds. They're great to munch on when squirrel hunting.

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Small salty crackers (any flavor) Dry roasted peanuts
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Roasted soybeans

Blend all ingredients together and serve in small individual brown paper bags. Add or subtract ingredients to your taste or to their availability. You might try serving some of the BBQ Popcorn Seasoning along with this snack.

For a sweet version of this recipe try adding M & M's, chocolate chips, peanut butter flavored chips, cinnamon flavored chips, lemon flavored chips, etc. Some of my Boy Scouts throw in a few handfuls of Gummy Bears.

OTHER SNACKS (Finger Snacks)

(Simple to do with a variety of prepared meats.)
1 (16 oz.) can jellied cranberry sauce
1 (12 oz.) bottle chili sauce 1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tbsp. lemon juice 3 1/2 to 4 lbs. frozen cooked meatballs or make your own (Cocktail sausages or Smokey Links can be substituted for meatballs.)
Blend sugar, juice, and sauces together. Pour over the cooked meatballs and stir occasionally until heated through.

Joanne's Spreadable Bar Cheese

(This is as good as another well known Bar Cheese.)
1 lb. Velveeta (or similar) cheese
9 tbsp. (1/4 cup) mayonnaise
1/2 of a 5 oz. jar prepared horseradish
5 drops hot sauce (or to taste)

Melt cheese in a double boiler and add the rest of the ingredients. Blend thoroughly and refrigerate until needed. Serve as a dip or spread on crackers.

Deer Lumps

(It's just a name.)

Venison round steak (you can use beef)
Your favorite BBQ sauce Olive oil
Salt, pepper, and garlic powder to taste
Trim off all fat and discard. Cut meat into 1/2 inch cubes and brown in the olive oil - season to taste. Turn down heat and simmer until meat "lumps" are fork tender, drain off oil, stir in BBQ sauce, cover, and simmer a few moments more. Serve in individual bowls with toothpicks.

Pronto Pups

(I'm not sure how this snack got its name but here it is according to my sister.)

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

Watchin' Weather

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I'll scream if I hear someone opine another time their fear about fishing the Great Lakes because "the weather out there can turn on you in a minute."

Yes it can. But it can do the same thing in Kokomo or Kalamazoo. But a change in the weather should never be a surprise.

I can count the number of times in recent years that I've been truly mystified by what the weather did while I was outdoors. I've been in and through some interesting weather out there, but it was no mystery.

Today's weather people are more informed than ever before and deliver better information. There are more weather resources than ever. Every TV and radio station does weather reports, there's the weather channel on TV, many stations carry continuous weather as a part of their HD

channel programming, there's NOAA weather and probably a dozen Internet weather sites with staff meteorologists. This year I have Sirius Weather Radio (TV?) available on my boat's fish-finder and people with smart phones can select from a number of weather apps.

How can anything short of an earthquake go undetected?

The truth be told, the 5-day forecast you hear today is better than the 1-day forecast we could get a decade ago. (The truth also be told, anything greater than a 5-day forecast is pretty much a wild-guess. Maybe it's a SWG - a Scientific Wild Guess, but none-the-less....

"It's summer time and the livin' is easy. Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high...." I was humming those words from one of my favorite oldies tunes as I got ready to take a couple from central Indiana out on Lake Michigan. Mid-summer's hazy, humid days, quiet mornings and glass calm waters covered by cottonwood fluff make me recall it every day. But when I clicked on my computer to check my usual weather sites before heading out for another day of "easy livin'" the weather radar showed something more serious than cottonwood fluff to ponder. There was a big, green, red and yellow area over southern Minnesota and northern Iowa and the storm track had it heading for Lake Michigan.

That's a long way and most of the time, such a storm would take 6 hours or so to rumble across southern Wisconsin. So off we went, across the smooth lake to the area the fish had been active in recent days.

across Wisconsin and I realized this mass of super-cells were moving fast. (Seventy miles per hour-said the weather service later.)

As the storm moved within 15 miles of the western side of the lake, I was pulling rods and when I pulled to the docks, the sky was angry and black. We were safe.

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Sirius Marine Weather is another tool to warn boaters and fishermen about approaching storms. Photo by Capt. Mike Schoonveld)

Instead of clicking on the sonar screen to look for fish under the boat with my Lowrance HDS 7, sonar/GPS, I zoomed-out the map feature to enable the screen to show all the way to the Mississippi River. A couple more clicks and my Sirius Marine Weather module painted the current weather radar returns on the screen. The storm was to the Mississippi River, by now--still a state away.

Rods were set. A fish bit. The rod was reset and I glanced again at the weather screen. Now the storm was halfway



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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

CUSTER WAS A BABY WHEN THAT THING WAS MADE

Recently, a friend called to tell me he had an antique firearm listed for sale on a web site that is dedicated to the sale of firearms of all types. Could I possibly tell him what the approximate value might be for the thing in its present condition? I tried to explain to him that all of my arsenal has been created in the 20th century and anything before that he could get an answer he would have to find someone who is at least 135 years old and a dedicated shooter.

"You have all the books", he said, "and surely this one is listed in it"

I relented and asked what he was trying to sell. "It's a Remington Model 2 in what I think is .32 rimfire (now here is where it got interesting) in what I consider to be somewhat fair condition". I asked him what he considered to be somewhat fair condition. By the time he finished describing the overall condition of this thing I suggested that he throw it in the nearest dumpster somewhere between 12 o'clock and 1.00 o'clock in the morning. That way, he couldn't be accused of getting rid of a crime scene weapon if someone saw him. He persisted, so I got out my latest edition of American Made Firearms and looked it up. Admittedly, my books are a little outdated. The "s" in them looks like an "f". I found the Remington Model 2 and called him.

"According to this publication (it's so old that there was a short article about something called a .22 caliber "rimfire" cartridge that had been developed) the value of that model is as follows:

Manufactured between 1873 and approximately 1910, it was estimated that a few thousand were made. To me, that means that it could have been between 1,000 and 1,000,000. Unfortunately, the print date on my book was between 1872 and 1911 so I'll have to give you the values listed between those dates".

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I told him that according to the description of

the rifle he had given me he should accept no bids lower than \$2.50 and that he should be happy to get a bid of \$3.75. He didn't seem satisfied with that estimate, so I contacted another friend who deals in older collectible firearms. He loaned me a book that was published in this century and listed more realistic prices for antique firearms. Now, the listing for a Model 2 Remington in the condition described was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$300. I like all kinds of firearms, but the idea of paying that much for a rifle that will do no more than hang on a wall baffles me. Guns are made to shoot, and if the possibility exists that one may blow your hair piece down over your eyes when you fire it, I'd rather spend my money on something else. I know that the antique firearms collectors out there will put a bounty on my head after reading this, but consider this. If you were a Union or Confederate soldier in, say, 1865, which would you prefer to take into battle - an ancient old flintlock smooth bore musket or a Remington Model 700 in .308 with a 4x16 variable scope, a sling, and a Harris bi-pod? Now, if this particular rifle were shootable, and on the chance that the slug might make it half way to the muzzle, and if ammo were available I might consider trying it.

I recall a friend who years ago acquired an old breech loading Sharps in .45-70 along with a few rounds of ammo the same age as the rifle. I didn't think anyone was dumb enough to load crusty green ammo and pull the trigger, but he did. I expected to take what was left of his body back to his mother and leave it on the porch and run. It belched out a weak "PHOOOF" and the slug bounced across the dirt forty yards away. I told him I would be glad to loan him the money on the installment plan for a real rifle as soon as he decided to give up the comedy act.

I have to admit that after researching the value of my friend's rifle I casually leafed through the Flayderman's Guide to Antique American Firearms and their Values book that was loaned to me. Frankly, I was amazed at the variety of guns that have been produced in this country since we convinced the British to pack their bags and leave. Through the 19th century Colt, Remington, Sharps, Stevens, Wesson, Winchester, and a slew of lesser known brands produced a prodigious number of firearms. I was given a small rubber figure of Popeye to cut my teeth on after I was born, but kids of the 19th century must have chewed on the barrels of Colt pocket pistols instead. Admittedly, some of those things look real good, especially the Stevens-Lord Model Gallery Pistol in .22 long rifle and .25 rim fire. What I really liked was the price of \$12.88. Maybe collecting old guns might not be so ridiculous after all. In fact, if someone has one of those pistols in pristine shape I'm willing to offer up to three times the new price for it. Hey, does anyone out there have a Winchester Model 1887 Lever Action Shotgun for sale? ■

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Falls Park in Pendleton, Indiana. Here visitors to the Fall Creek Heritage Fair in the park enjoy the natural beauty as they stroll along a trail.



Booths line the streets of downtown Pendleton for the Merchants Downtown Fall Festival an annual event that coincides with the Heritage Fair September 9-10, 2011.

Fall Creek Heritage Fair & Downtown Fall Festival September 9-10, 2011

by Ray Dickerson & Rich Creason
Photos by Ray Dickerson

The 35th Annual Fall Creek Heritage Fair in conjunction with the Merchants Downtown Fall Festival will both be held on September 9-10, 2011 in Pendleton, Indiana. Admission is free, times are Friday 9 to dusk and Saturday 9 to 6 p.m.

Pendleton is conveniently located at exit 19, just off I-69, this community's central location and hometown charm has made it a favorite destination for those who are looking for an interesting and unique shopping experience.

The Heritage Fair is held in Fall Creek Park and has over 200 booths of quality handmade items including wood items, jewelry and hand-sewn articles. Lots of home baked goods, famous K-burgers made by the Kiwanis Club of Pendleton, TNT BBQ, also elephant ear and funnel cake booths. The Fair is sponsored by the Century and a Half Club.

For booth space contact their President Lana Barton at 765-778-3183.

No flea market or commercial items are allowed. The show brings in 5 - 7000 visitors, more if the weather is nice. It was voted the best fair in Madison County two years in a row.

Quilts in the Park, Pendleton Historical Museum in Falls Park, September 8th -11th, sponsored by the Spring Valley Quilt Guild. \$3 donation at the door. For more information contact Suzanne Hagan 765-778-1818.

While visiting the Fall Creek Heritage Fair and
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A pair of swans gracefully glide along on the Fall Creek lake completely unaware that I'm taking their picture.



Booths along the street and inside big tents offer the visitor to Fall Creek Heritage Fair and the Downtown Merchants Fall Festival a variety of crafts, merchandise and food.



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Someone will be setting up local entertainment that will run downtown from 4 p.m. to dusk on Friday and from 12 Noon to dusk on Saturday.

The cutest baby contest will take place at the corner of Pendleton Ave. and State Street. Place your votes at the Pendleton Business Association Information Booth.

The Pendleton Garden Club will have their plant sale at the corner of State Street and Pendleton Ave.

Visit www.pendletonshops.com/ to find out more about Pendleton, this is the Pendleton Business Association web page. You can visit the Businesses page to find out more about their interesting and unique shops, including antiques, restaurants and unique gift shops.

For more information contact: Jeanette Thompson, Pendleton Fall Festival Coordinator at djhm@aol.com or 765-778-7443.

The falls on Fall Creek are a part of Pendleton's heritage. For nearly two centuries, it's been the focal point of life here. It only made sense, then, to preserve the area. The falls are at the heart of an expansive park that features nature trails, an Olympic-size swimming pool, meeting facilities, a historical museum, and much more.

Pendleton is located along Fall Creek in South Madison County. The first settler to build a cabin along was John Rogers in December 1819. In the Spring of 1820 seven more families came and the community began.

In 1889 the discovery of natural gas started a gas boom, the population grew dramatically.

The Pendleton community is unusually rich in historic interest. It sits beside Fall Creek, which

takes the name from the fact that here the creek tumbles over a 12-foot ledge of solid limestone. In early days this was a mill site, but through time it eventually became a grand old swimming pool for the community and area. It was a fine place for summer fun, complete with diving boards built in the rock, a big water slide, and of course a bathhouse for the patrons.

In the 1960's the old swimming pool had to be closed to the public for swimming due to pollution. This indeed was a disappointment for the community. The old bathhouse turned into a storage place for the town and park department.

In early 1979 a group of Pendleton People were gathered to discuss plans for the annual Pendleton High School Alumni Day. It was at this meeting that the subject of a historical museum was introduced. For the next few months plans were formulated to proceed with such a project. Finding a home for the museum was perhaps one of the first decisions to make. Several locations were considered.

With plans for a museum and need for a home, the decision was made to make over the old bathhouse in Falls Park. Everyone came together to make this happen. Volunteers and donations were abundant. Log planks from Tennessee were put in place. Finally, after much work and dedication it was finished and ready to furnish with all the donations of artifacts and memorabilia from bygone days. So many generous hands fulfilled our dreams, and the Pendleton Historical Museum was now ready to be opened and shared.

Sept. 5, 1981--a Saturday--was a great day. Many people came to the dedication of the



Another Craft booth set up at the Heritage Fair and Fall Festival in Pendleton, IN. You don't want to miss this special Indiana event on September 9-10, 2011.

Pendleton Historical Museum. The weather was perfect, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts participated, the Pendleton Heights High School Band played, the Pendletones sang. Also Jessamyn West, the famous author of "The Massacre at Fall Creek," was the speaker. It was truly a day to remember. So many hands helped to make the museum a reality. That occasion was over 27 years ago.

The dreams of many people came true, and through these years we have continued to maintain and share this museum with all who come to visit.

Special tours are available upon request, and many school groups plan outings at the museum. The museum, located in Falls Park, is open May through October on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

In 1991, through efforts of members of Historic Fall Creek, Pendleton Settlement, Inc. the town was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Creek Heritage Fair & Downtown Fall Festival. ■



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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
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Suffering from the heat and humidity of Indiana summers brings anxiousness of the awaiting fall season. The Great Lakes of the Wabash River are known for excellent fall fishing and we are more than ready for the beauty of nature to take place over the foliage of the local reservoirs. If you've never ventured to this part of the state, this is the perfect season to visit.

Coming in December 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 indianaslabbmasters.com.

Also coming in September on the Salamonie Reservoir will be Bozarth's Crappie Tournament on the 17th. 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 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



Betty Kreisher caught these catfish in the Salamonie Reservoir. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

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.

With all these exciting fall fishing activities, we look forward to sharing information to help you enjoy the Great Lakes of the Wabash River. If you plan on making a trip to this area be sure to come by and grab a bite to eat at our country store as well as browse through our selection of bait and tackle, camping supplies, and other hidden treasures. Bozarth's Campground and Country Store is located



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Talking Leaves

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to paint the rooms in your house or even the house itself and the selection of furnishings for the house mean something to you. I'm sure you can think of many other reasons colors play a part in our lives.

As you advance through the months of Fall take time to stop, breath deeply and enjoy the smells, colors and sounds of the season.

OLD CHIEF SAYS: Time is the most valuable thing we have, why do we keep wasting it? ■

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1/3 cup sugar 2 tsp. cocoa

Combine ingredients in a storage jar - shake to mix. Use 1 - 2 spoons full per 6 ounces of boiling water. For an added treat sprinkle some cinnamon in your cup and stir in with the mix before adding hot water.

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Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker



Numbers of big catfish may be dwindling

Catfish are fun to catch and good to eat, and most people never think about their numbers dwindling and the need for management. There seems to be an endless supply of big cats. However that may not be the case.

Indiana's Department of Natural Resources a number of months back proposed regulation changes that would protect catfish, however at the June meeting of the Natural Resources the regulation was pulled from consideration.

Earlier, DNR officials said the fast-growing number of catfish taken forced them to propose changing harvest rules to help protect public catfish resources.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife proposal sought to increase the existing 10-inch minimum size limit on channel, flathead and blue catfish to 15 inches. A daily limit of one channel, flathead or blue catfish 28 inches or longer also was included in the plan.

Indiana currently has no limit on the number of large catfish that can be taken by licensed sport and commercial fishers both in inland waters and the Ohio River.

However at the July meeting of the Commission, the proposed regulation was pulled for consideration.

A DNR official said there would be further study of the regulation.

Reportedly, strong opposition was received from commercial fishermen.

Out-of-state commercial fisherman have been taking large numbers of big catfish in nets and hauling them out of Indiana from boat ramps at places like Derby. Many of the catfish apparently are being



Youngster love to catch catfish. Not only are they fun to catch, they are good to eat. (Photo by Phil Junker)

sold to pay fishing lakes.

While I have no scientific data related to the Ohio River catfish population, many amateur anglers believe the numbers of larger cats is down in the past decade. A biologist friend offers the same opinion.

It will be interesting to see if the any proposed catfish reg changes appear again.

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DOG DAYS -- Summer's "dog days" are tough on people, and tough on dogs.

"Dog days" are usually the hottest, most sultry days of summer. They occur between early July and early September. They are hot, stagnant, and often very humid days that are tough on people and the pets as well.

It is said the name comes from the ancients who believed that Sirius, which also is called the Dog Star, is in close proximity to the sun, and thus was or is responsible for the hot, hot weather.

During hot, sultry summer weather, it is important to properly care for dogs and all pets, and it also is the time training and conditioning is necessary for hunting dogs to prepare them for the upcoming season.

The U.S. Sportsman's Alliance says hunters set the highest standard for dog care in the US, the Alliance offers simple tips can apply to all dogs.

"Heat can take a toll on animals that are outside—even for a brief period of time when air temperatures soar. No hunter wants to lose a great hunting companion to heat or heat-caused stress." According to the

Alliance, several simple care tips can help protect your pet.

"First, if your dog has long thick hair, keep it brushed and clean and free of burrs and matted areas. Keeping a dog's coat clean reduces the stress on the animal. Possibly consider having long hair groomed and clipped on the dog to help it stay cooler.

"When exercising your dog during summer days (recommended for all hunting dogs as fall seasons approach), select time periods that are cooler and when humidity levels are lower. Carefully selecting the time outdoors, and controlling the amount of exercise your dog receives, can help it avoid possible heat stroke problems.

"Learn and stay alert to overheating and its impact on your hunting dog. Don't push exercise if your dog is panting heavily and develops white foam around the gums.

"If your dog is kept in an outdoors kennel, always provide a shaded area so your dog can move out of the sun. If necessary, wrap the top and sides of the kennel with a shade screen. Provide plenty of fresh water on summer's hot days. When possible, consider taking your dog for a swim in a lake or other body of water.

"Also, be vigilant to parasites that can rob your dog of energy—or create irritations. Fleas and ticks can also cause your dog stress during the summer heat. Consult your veterinarian if you cannot keep these pests under control.

"In addition to food to eat as scheduled, be certain your dog has plenty of clean, cool water to drink. Change the water daily—and often during the day when possible. Stagnant water can lead to other dog health issues caused by mosquitoes. Another source of water can work to help keep you dog cool and happy. You can also offer ice cubes or crushed ice as treats, as many dogs love these."

My rat terrier, Tyler loves ice cubes. To him, they are a real treat on a hot, summer day.

And while not on the Alliance's list, don't leave your pet in a car on a hot day. Even with the windows lowered, the inside car temperature can quickly soar to over 100 degrees, and prove fatal to your dog.

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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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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCorry

Another Camping Season is ending in the Midwest

Even though we've retired from teaching and campground ownership we told ICOA (Indiana Campground Owners Association) that we'd be in Tampa at the same time as the big Tampa RV Super Show in January. We told them that if they needed someone to pass out Indiana Campground Travel Guides, especially for camping, we'd volunteer, saving someone up north the trouble and expense on coming about 1200 miles. They would need to sit or stand nine or so hours a day and then it would be another 1200 miles to travel back home to face winter again. Of course they took us up on it. We had a great time telling folks from, actually all over the world, what to see and do in Indiana and about camping near these festivals, natural areas, parks, and other local events. El and I think about all the people, classified as "snowbirds" from all points north (and many from the east and northeast), and Canada, who stopped by the Indiana ICOA booth this last January. There were thousands of people who walked by and many inquired about such things as what camping grounds are open all year, what is there to do in Indiana—Many would comment, "We always take the Interstate across Indiana just as quickly as possible because we don't see anything to do, or so we can get to warmer weather or to the next camp ground so we can get a good campsite."

Campers, you've just got to get off the too often beaten path of the Interstate wherever you are in the United States, or the autobahn in Europe, or whatever major highway you might be on in various countries of the world. Anyone can travel these super highways at breathtaking speeds. But many have found it much more interesting and enjoyable to take the more adventuresome roads at a leisurely pace and see and hear the places which have been bypassed by the big highways. The roads aren't as big and the traffic isn't rushing to get wherever as it is on the big supers. Start earlier and plan to get to your destination later. You'll be much more enlightened, more informed, more memories to tell others, more rested when you get "there", and learn more about rural and small town America or whatever country you might be traveling.

It's quite a hoot to stop in a small town for a meal or to rest and pull up to a mom and pop restaurant filled with the good ol' boys. Breakfast is our favorite time. If anyone famous in some sport, politics, the entertainment industry, etc., has ever lived in that town, the walls are filled with pictures, newspa-

per articles, lists of their awards and achievements and credits. If you dare to ask about these people or event you're likely to get into an all-day conversation. You might compare any of these discussions with one in Indiana about the 1954 State Championship Basketball game between Milan and Muncie Central at the Butler (Hinkle) Field House. Most everyone you talk to about such a famous Indiana event probably would say they were there, had watched it on their black and white TV, or that they'd seen "Hoosiers", the film prompted by this game. I wasn't there in person to see the game but a few of we seniors at Decatur Central H.S. watched it on a classmate's black and white. Later in the summer I was invited (and accepted) an invitation to play with the Butler University Band at the Indiana/Kentucky basketball game at Hinkle. My percussion instructor was the band director, Dr. Charles Henzie. What a thrill!!!

If you're planning a camping, hotel, motel, or bed and breakfast trip this fall, especially if you're staying in the Midwest, plan to check up ahead of time what festivals or other events are taking place on the way and around your chosen destination. Annual event guides are available from probably every state's Department of Tourism. If in Indiana, the Gad-a-Bout is a good place to start. You'll probably be surprised at all the fall activities going on in and around several of the counties in Indiana and in surrounding states.

Those of you, who travel south, southwest, or west, get an early start with your favorite RV dealer's mechanics to check over your camping unit. Usually they can identify and correct most problems you might have before you travel on your planned trip. You may need to stop in an unfamiliar town and need to motel it while your unit is being repaired. It really ruins the rest of the trip and "vacation" at any unscheduled stop along the way or at your destination. Camping sites and/or motels at which you'd scheduled to stay need to be postponed or canceled, many times without reimbursement.

If you are stopped without any way to get around, you can probably rent a car for the duration. Some insurance plans cover such needs and most automobile clubs probably can get you reasonable rates on car rental for a period of time. I'd then go directly to the local visitors' bureau, library, or welcome center to find out what to do in and around the strange surroundings where you've had vehicle trouble. Or, we've seen people just sit in a motel with the TV on and then gripe for months afterward about nothing to do in that boring little town. Even a high school fall festival, band concert, or musical would by a possibility, or you might even contact one of your familiar church, parish, or temple groups. They have a lot of activities in small towns. As the song lyrics go, "don't worry, be happy," and I add "keep busy".

Many states have visitor bureaus as one entersthat state on the Interstate or in larger towns. Usually you can find statewide event guides for the complete year so you're covered pretty well wherever you go in that state. Stop as you enter each state for a few minutes. If you don't see what you need, ask. Maybe the display materials have all been taken and not replaced by the attendant. But, be ready in case you have an emergency stop.

If you have any questions about camping you'd like us to write about, please contact at: jmacnut@yahoo.com or call us at: 260-637-3524. We've had requests to write about camping gear and

equipment, short term versus seasonal camping, and private, state or federal camping and the cost comparisons. See you in October.

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by Don Bickel, Forester

**The Goodies of Fall, if
you can get to them first!**

My good friend Hal Bench lives down along Sugar Creek, sort of near the County Line. Sometimes when the weather is a bit uncomfortable , we find just sitting on his back porch in the "rock-er cheers" and deciding what is best for the world's problems, is usually the best way to spend the day.

"Simmons."
"What?"
"Simmons."
"You mean per-simmons?"
"Yeah, that's what I said, simmons."
Hal and I were discussing the many edible goodies available to those willing to do a bit of searching in the woods and brushy fence rows of West Central Indiana. These same wild-foods can be found in many backyards and barn lots - in many cases, unused, and available to the first person who asks permission to garner the harvest.

"Hal, how do you know when to pick persimmons? I know how puckery they can be when they're not really ripe."

"Wal, Donald, sometimes hit seems to take a frost to make the simmons soft and ripe. But not all the time. The best way is to keep checking the tree and when some of them possum apples start fallin', then they're probably ripe. Just pick one up and taste it. If it is soft and a little bit sweet, then his time to pick the soft ones. Or jist start pickin' em up off the ground."

"So whenever the persimmons get ripe on a certain tree this year, then that's the same time they'll probably get ripe next year. I know that some trees get ripe sooner than others."

Mention persimmons and some folks screw up their face with the mental association of this wild fruit and its unripe tartness. However, persimmon pudding is the usual dish brought to mind by the native fruit. Whether your recipe or preference is a finished product that is cake-like or has a pudding

consistency, persimmon pudding with a dollop of whipped cream is a fall treat that is hard to beat.

Hal and I had launched into this discussion of wild edibles on the premise that if we got lost somewhere in this Hoosier wilderness, we might need something to eat before being rescued. Of course, we also knew that getting lost in this part of Indiana long enough to starve was probably not an actual possibility.

"Say, Hal, what's your favorite method for hulling black walnuts?"

"Wal, when we wuz kids, we'd jist use our hands so's we could go to school with em' all black and green. Mom didn't like it too well, but even lye soap wouldn't warsh it out. Now a-days, I lay en out on the ground and drive over 'em with the pickup. Then I'd go kick amongst 'em so's they didn't stick in the ground. You could put them on the driveway. Be careful that the weight of the truck don't break 'em."

"After the sun has worked on 'em fer a couple days, knock the hull off and put the nuts in a 5-gallon bucket. When the bucket is half full, cover them walnuts with water and stir 'em real hard with a stick. This'll get all the little stuff off of them and when they dry, they'll be cleaner to handle. If they's squirrels around, better keep them walnuts covered with a piece of screen wire."

"Donald, do you know how to separate the bad nuts from the good ones?"

"No, I guess not."
"Wal, jist leave 'em uncovered and when the squirrels get done , jist the bad ones will be left."

All of these good things from the woods are also good things to the wildlife. The hickory nuts, butternuts, (if you can find a tree), beechnuts and hazelnuts are all special in their tempting flavor, but in many cases, you have to be quicker than the squirrels and chipmunks if you want more than a taste. The soft fruits of fall: the pawpaws, wild cherries, elderberries and wild grapes are also special to the animals, but also birds seek out the smaller fruited varieties.

Pawpaws, the Indiana banana, is a special treat to those who delight in its taste.

"Hal, are there any special tricks to pawpaws?"

"Naah, jist get them off the tree. When they hit the ground, they's all kind of animals jist waitin' fer 'em. Now when you pick 'em, they'll be green and a little bit hard. Jist lay 'em on the kitchen counter or winder'sill - out of the sun. They'll start turnin' black on the outside, but they'll be butter yaller on the inside and then they'll be loft and taste like a ripe 'nanner."

"You know, Donald, I don't think we'd starve if we would git lost around here, seeing how we'd only have to walk a mile in any direction to find a road. But we'd sure enjoy the pickin' and eatin' on the way."

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Left: William is teaching Susie how to apply a field jacket which protects the bone on the trip to the museum. Right: This is my big rib, 28 inches long. We had to put a plaster field jacket on it before moving it. (Photo by Rich Creason)

ground, the fossil is given a number, pictures are taken, the one meter square grid where it was found is recorded, and the date, name of collector, body part (if known) and other pertinent info is written down. Then a one meter square grid divided into 10 square centimeter squares is placed over the find and its location is drawn on graph paper. When this is finished, the bone is carefully lifted from its multi-million year old home, still on its dirt pedestal, and wrapped in several layers of paper towel to cushion and protect it, then wrapped again in aluminum foil, and taped shut. The tape is then labeled with name, numbers, etc. to correspond with the paperwork. The package is then placed in a large plastic container for its journey back to the Children's Museum.

In our five days of digging, Susie and I found, dug, and documented 22 bones including five rib pieces about four to eight inches long, several pieces of vertebra from the neck to the tail, a couple chevrons (the underside of the tail), three skull elements (pieces), two jugals (check bone), a toe bone, and a couple of yet unidentified pieces. My best find of the week was a 28 inch rib. It is very unusual to find a piece of rib this long.

Numerous other bones were found including two femurs (the large leg bone). These were both around three feet long and took many hours to dig out. A large humerus (upper arm bone) and a large jaw bone were also found. The larger bones (including my rib piece) are wrapped in foil and then have a plaster cast applied to them before moving to help prevent breakage. These bones will all go back to Indiana to

be cleaned, repaired, and put on display or be used for research.

If you think this sounds like something you would be interested in doing next year, contact the Children's Museum of Indianapolis at 317-334-3322, or visit www.childrensmuseum.org. You can get information on dino digs, memberships, events, exhibits, or anything else you need to know about the Museum. If you live anywhere near central Indiana, I would highly recommend getting a membership of some type to the Museum. We purchased a Premier

Membership. This allows two grandparents (us), one grandchild and two guests to enjoy the attractions as often as we want, plus it includes many other privileges and discounts. Many other types of memberships are also available. With the large variety of exhibits at the Museum, you don't even have to be a kid to enjoy visiting.

We've been home from South Dakota for a week. Only 51 more weeks before our next dinosaur dig! The author may be reached at eyewrite4u@aol.com.



Tools of the trade. Clockwise from the left—clam shucker, bottle of paleo bond, brush, and exacto knife. (Photo by Rich Creason)



Susie and I in a prairie dog town on a bluff overlooking nearby river in northwest South Dakota. (Photo by Rich Creason)

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Centerville Boy Scout Troop 16 with visiting Seaford, Virginia Troop 123. Troop 123 was hosted by Troop 16 at the Methodist Church in Centerville on their way to Canoe Base 7 at Ely, MN and on their way back. Above is both troops plus 1, from left to right, 1st Row: Andy Bowes Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 123, Dylan Smock Troop 54 Worcester, MA, Troop 16 members Nathan Bennett, Max Emerick, Josh Bennett, Janet and Allen Bennett Committee Members. 2nd Row: Troop 123 members Ben Bowes, Scott Tyree, Cody Williams, Landon Davis, Aubrey Wroten and Jordan Snyder. 3rd Row: Troop 123 members Larry Snyder Scoutmaster, Dalton Mason, Rich Burgess Assistant Scoutmaster, Kyle Taylor, Brian Wroten Assistant Scoutmaster and Steven Young; Mark Culbertson Scoutmaster and Bob Nuss Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 16. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Centerville Troop 16 Hosts Troop 123 from Seaford, VA

by Ray Dickerson

When I got the Boy Scout Troop 16 newsletter for June from Janet Bennett, Committee Chair Person, I saw the following message.

"On Sunday, July 10 and Saturday, July 23 the Methodist Church will be having a visiting Troop from Seaford, Virginia come in to stay the night on both nights on their way to and from their canoe trip at the Northern Tier Scout camp. Our troop will be just getting back from summer camp on the 9th. We would like to cook a meal for them on

Sat., July 23rd. More info to come."

I got in contact with Mark Culbertson, who lives just up the street from me, he is the Troop 16 Scoutmaster, I wanted to tell him Dylan Smock, my grandson would be visiting here with his mom and sister, I wanted to know if Dylan could participate in Troop 16's activities while he was here. Dylan joined Troop 16 back in 2010 while staying here, but went back home earlier this year, he transferred his membership in the Boy Scouts to Troop 54 in Worcester, MA. Mark said, yes, Dylan would be more than welcome to participate in Troop 16's activities while he was here.

As it turned out on July 23rd when Troop 123 from Seaford, VA stopped in Centerville to spend

the night at the Methodist Church, Dylan and I were there volunteering our time to help fix supper for them too.



Seaford, Virginia scout leaders from left to right: Brian Wroten Assistant Scoutmaster, Larry Snyder Scoutmaster, Rich Burgess Assistant Scoutmaster and Andy Bowes Assistant Scoutmaster. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Scoutmaster Larry Snyder Troop 123 presented Scoutmaster Mark Culbertson Troop 16 with this plaque, it is inscribed, "Thank you for your support Troop 123 Seaford, Va July 2011." (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Normally in the past I hid behind the camera when participating in scout activities, but this time I joined in and helped prepare the meal.

Troop 16 members participating was Josh and Nathan Bennett, Max Emerick, Committee Chair Person Janet Bennett, Committee Member Allen Bennett, Scoutmaster Mark Culbertson, Committee Member Bob Nuss and former Troop 16 member, Dylan Smock from Worcester, MA.

Boy Scout Troop 123 from Seaford, VA members were Ben Bowes, Scott Tyree, Cody Williams, Landon Davis, Aubrey Wroten, Jordan Snyder, Dalton Mason, Kyle Taylor, Steven Young, Larry Snyder Scoutmaster, Brian



Centerville's Boy Scout Troop 16 cooked supper for Seaford's Boy Scout Troop 123 who stopped in Centerville on their way back from a canoe trip at Ely, MN. From left to right, Front Row: Max Emerick, Dylan Smock (Troop 54 Worcester, MA, former member Troop 16), Nathan Bennett. Back Row: Allen Bennett, Josh Bennett, Janet Bennett, Bob Nuss and Mark Culbertson. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Wroten Assistant Scoutmaster, Rich Burgess Assistant Scoutmaster, and Andy Bowes Assistant Scoutmaster.

The supper menu included plenty of spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread (hot dog bun halves), tossed salad, lemonade, desert and lots of fellowship.

A nicer bunch of young men and their adult leaders you would have a hard time finding. Everyone of them

lived up to the creed of being Boy Scouts. I wish more local boys would join Troop 16, I recommend it to them.

Editor's Note: A big thank you to the Centerville Methodist Church for sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 16 for seventy years now and letting them use the church facilities to host Boy Scout Troop 123 from Seaford, VA. ■

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Troop 16 members serving food from left to right, Max Emerick, Nathan Bennett, Allen Bennett, Dylan Smock and Josh Bennett (Josh is behind lemonade keg).



Here is the proof that Ray Dickerson actually did something at a Troop 16 activity. It's also proof that I need to lose weight! (Photo by Dylan Smock)

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News From The Indiana State Police

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police radio on, and if something serious happened, would wake up and go. THAT my friend is dedication to the cause-being a policeman through and through, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Larry set the example for all of us that were younger in the occupation than he-this is not a job, but a way of life. That kind of dedication is hard to find and often taken for granted. Lucky for Centerville his replacement, Ed Buchholz, is cut from the same mold and is another fine policeman.

We shall all miss Larry's contagious smile; his dry sense of humor; his love of bluegrass music, and definitely his ability to weave a tale. Yes, I will miss my friend, but more so, we will all miss one of the finest policemen to ever wear the uniform. ■

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An avid hunter and angler, Mercier raised and trained champion hunting dogs.

"He loved his bird dogs," said Jack Corpuz of the Central Indiana chapter of Pheasants Forever. "He just got a new puppy about four years ago, so clear up to the end he was still training bird dogs. If you go back far enough in the archives, you'll probably find a hunting regulations book with him on the front behind a bird dog."

Mercier was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis and a 1943 graduate of Shortridge High School. He attended Texas A&M and Purdue. After graduating from the U.S. Army Air Corps School of Aerial Navigation, he served in World War II as an instructor for Air Corps navigation cadets.

He is survived by his wife Mary Em (Mamie), daughter Mary Jane Van Hoesen, Lummi Island, Wash.; sons Richard M. of New Albany and David G. of Indianapolis; three grandchildren and a great grandson; and a sister, Marilyn Wetzler, Boca Raton, FL. ■

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Alliance's watchdog efforts protect the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers in the courts, legislatures, at the ballot, in Congress, and through many public education programs.) For more information about the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and to donate, call (614) 888-4868 or visit: www.usportsmen.org.

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For more outdoors with Phil Junker, contact his blog at: outdoorscribe.blogspot.com ■

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FOUNDERS DAY LIBERTY

Sept 10-11 Founders Day will be held on the Liberty Indiana Courthouse Square, September 10-11, 2011, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Car Show, Booths, Crafts, Antiques, Books, Food, Music, Auction, Early American Demonstrations For more info contact Arthur Redinger 765-458-5294 or Melissa Spillers 765-458-5976.

SAD NEWS FROM HNE PRINTERS

I got a call from Steve Cooney early this morning with the news that Neil Thompson had passed away, he was only 59. Neil was the Production Director of The Republic/HNE Printers where The Gad-about is printed. I never saw Neil when he wasn't smiling, he was easy to work with and was seriously concerned about producing quality work for his customers.



NEIL THOMPSON

I know he will be missed by me and everyone who had contact with him and all the staff at HNE Printers. They have my deepest sympathy.

Neil's funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. Wed., 8-10-11 at Barks, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home in Columbus, Indiana. Rev. Nathan Greene officiating. Condolences may be made by logging onto www.barkseweaverglick.com

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of South Central Indiana.

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- Sept 18 Girls Archery Extravaganza (See Pg 4 details)
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- Sept 19 Old Hunter's Shoot (See Pg 6 details)
- Sept 17 Varmint Bench Rest Matches
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ARCHWAY DAYS CENTERVILLE

Aug 26-28 Free activities for children include Chalk Art Contest, Pedal Tractor Pull, Money Pits, Games, Parade, Entertainment in Maplewood Park, Gospel Singers, Martial Arts Demonstration, Teen Singers. Activities: Boy Scout Troop 16 Pancake Breakfast & Lemon Shake Up stand; Girl Scout Troop 1484 Game Booth; Historic Centerville Quilt Show; Children train rides; Children's rides & inflatables. For information contact 765-993-0419

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Sept 2 & 16 Twilight Limited Train to Dinner Whitewater Valley Railroad, Departure time 6:00, pm, Dinner excursion train from downtown Connersville to the Laurel Hotel Restaurant. Call (765) 825-2054 for reservations

Sept 3-5 13th Annual Old Time Music Festival, Sept 3, 10-9, Sept 4, 10-5. A musical weekend of concerts and workshops. A full schedule of music groups on the Lovers Lane Stage and music. Various locations will be hosting performances. Sat music begins at 10:30. Sat Evening Concert, Events, Music Work-shops, Kids Music Area, Vocal, Dulcimer, Harmonica, and Harp Performances! For a sched. www.metamoramusic.pbworks.com.

Sept 10 Voyage in Time: Life Along the Whitewater Canal, 10am-5pm. A day of historic demonstrations. Indiana artisans will demonstrate fiber arts, blacksmithing, wood carving, sorghum molasses making, hearth cooking, 1850's gardening

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Aron White at right, caught this 42 lb. Flathead catfish in Salamonie Lake on chicken liver in May 2011. (D&J's Corner Mart Photo, Salamonie Lake, IN)



Rihm caught this 7 lb. 22-inch long Largemouth Bass with a 17-inch girth on Memorial Day at Wood's Campground in Carthage IN. (Jason Rihm Photo)



Paul McCloud from Liberty, IN caught these nice panfish in Whitewater Lake: 2.9" Bluegills and 1-10" Redear. (Photo submitted by Paul McCloud)

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and herbs. An Indiana group of Civil War Re-enactors will also make camp at the Grist Mill Park. For more information call 765-647-6512.

Sep 10-11, Ride the Statesman with Mr. Abraham Lincoln. Whitewater Valley Railroad, Train departs Connersville at 12:01pm, Spend the day with the 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, riding to the historic town of Metamora. Listen to Mr. Lincoln as he delivers a memorable speech before the train departs Metamora for the return to Connersville. For more information call (765) 825-2054 or visit www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions

Sep 17 Overland Limited Wild West Train Whitewater Valley Railroad, 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. For more information call (765) 825-2054 or visit their website www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions

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Sep 30 Wild West Train to Dinner with Steam. Whitewater Valley Railroad, Train departs Connersville at 6:00pm, Enjoy a Wild West themed Twilight Limited Train to Dinner excursion departing from downtown Connersville. Come and see Bandits, Marshals, Robber Barons, Fancy and some Not So Fancy Women as you roll through the scenic countryside. The Wild West entertainment is being provided by the Circle D Rangers. Fares are \$39 per person and includes the round trip train ride, meal, tax and tip. Limited seating is available and reservations are required. For more information call (765) 825-2054 or www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions

LAWRENCE COUNTY TOURISM MITCHELL, INDIANA

Sep 3 Mums The Word and Chalk Walk Contest, Wiley Art Center, 1402 J St., Bedford, Chalk Walk

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Janie Carden from Vandalia, OH caught this 26 inch 7 pound Walleye on 7-8-11 on Brookville Lake. (Midlake Trading Post Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Paul McCloud from Liberty, IN caught these Channel Catfish in Whitewater Lake on 6-25-11, one was 26" and one 23". (Photo submitted by Paul McCloud)

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Holding a 22.5 lb. King Salmon is my son Tim Collins from Edinburgh, IN. My grandson Gabriel, age 12, caught this fish on Lake Michigan 7-2-11. (Photo submitted by Jim Collins, Versailles, IN)



Six year old Wyatt Gibbs, grandson of Bill Gibbs caught this 12 pound Wiper in the Ohio River in July 2011 using a minnow. (Photo by Bill Gibbs)



Kainin Klein, grandson of Bill Gibbs caught this 24 inch Channel catfish in a farm pond in July 2011 using a night crawler. (Photo by Bill Gibbs)

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At left 10 year old Curtis Pruitt holding a couple ounce bluegill and at right 9 year old Isaac Lowder holding a 4 lb. catfish they caught in Geist Reservoir. (Photo submitted by Annie Curdy)



Chris and Rachel Jones caught a 25 lb. Blue Channel catfish and a 15 lb. Flathead catfish on 7-11-11. (Norm's Bait Shop Photo, Campbellsburg, IN)

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