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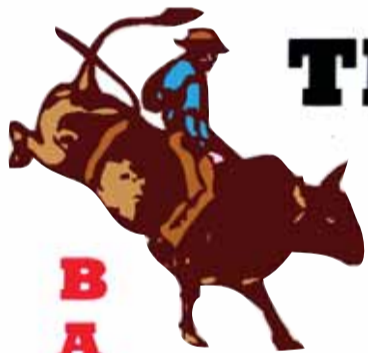
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Top Left: On Saturday I was cruising along SR 1 near Blooming Grove, IN enroute to Metamora when out of the corner of my eye I saw what I thought looked like Andy Griffith's police car. I was past it before I knew it. I turned around and parked across the road from it to take this photo. You know Andy Griffith passed away July 3, 2012 and I can't help but wonder if the person who parked this older police car didn't do it out a genuine respect for Sheriff Andy Taylor of Mayberry. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)
Top Right: Nathan Eaton from Columbus, Indiana caught this King Salmon while fishing with Captain Mike Schoonveld on Lake Michigan See page 12 (Captain Mike Schoonveld Photo)

Bottom Left: Ten year old Liam Mitchell from Bellbrook, Ohio caught this four and half pound smallmouth bass in Brookville Lake using a Zoom Minnow jerk bait. See more fish photos on pages 30 & 31. (Photo submitted by Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle shop, Brookville Lake, IN)
Bottom Right: Visit Centerville's Archway Days Festival in Centerville, Indiana on August 24-26. Read all about the Festival and activities by reading pages 15 thru 18 in this issue. The special pullout section has a map on the centerfold showing where the historic structures, activities and Sponsors are located. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Raymond E. Dickerson

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AAHHH, NOTHING LIKE WORKING IN 98 DEGREE HEAT AT THE COMPUTER!!!!

I really don't like air conditioning due to when I'm in it my nose gets stuffed up, it runs and I sneeze quite a bit. However, today typing here on my computer preparing the August Gad-a-bout I think my fan is not making too much headway against the 98 degrees it is here in this room. I have even added a second fan. According to WGRR in Cincinnati it is 102 down there, I bet it's close to a hundred outside here in Centerville. The forecast on "The Weather Channel", is for 102 degrees here in east central Indiana with a heat index of 110 until 10 p.m.

It is now 10:45 p.m. and for the first time in a long time I believe the weather person was correct.

TAG NOBBE NOT IN THIS ISSUE

The avid readers of Tag Nobbe's fishing exploits on Brookville Lake will be disappointed when they don't see his column this month, but have no fear he will be back in the September issue. I didn't think too much of it when he missed the writer's deadline, but then began to worry when I hadn't heard from him by this past Saturday. So I called his cell phone and left a message. Shortly thereafter I got a e-mail from his telephone that he was on the East Coast traveling. So that is why he isn't in this issue.

FARMLAND CONSERVATION CLUB AUGUST COMING EVENTS

Every Thursday Trap Shoot & Five Stand begin 6 pm
Rifle Range Bench Rest Shoot - Aug 25 begin 10 am
Hoosier Hunt to Retrieve - Aug 25 begin 8 am
Open Archery Shoot - Aug 12 Time 8 am to 3 pm
HFH Archery Shoot - Aug 18 begin 7 am
Contact: Matt Hines 765-546-1389

Women in the Outdoors 7th Annual Event - Aug 4 Time 7 am to 7 pm Contact: Aaron 765-730-2990.
NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA ISLAND X-4 NEW CASTLE, IN

Dan Wells, Commander, NSVA Island X-4 of New Castle, Indiana called me on June 17th and we had a pleasant informative conversation. He learned about The Gad-a-bout and my interest in the United States Navy Seabees. They are a Chapter of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, of which, the Commander of NSVA, Carl Barrett, appeared in my July Gad-a-bout writing about the NSVA, he was on

page 19 of that issue.

Dan asked if I could help them get the word out about their Chapter. I told him I would be glad to help in any way I could.

Their Chapter of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-4 meets on the first and third Saturday of each month. The Ladies Auxiliary at the New Castle VFW Post 1282 serves breakfast as a fund raiser on those days and are happy to have a bunch of hungry SEABEES on hand to support their efforts. The breakfast starts at 9 a.m.

Dan's organization (Navy Seabee Veterans of America) welcomes any service veteran or members (any branch of service) who served with construction units of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (formerly The Bureau of Yards and Docks). They promote the camaraderie of fellow mates and pledge to look after their and their loved ones welfare. They support the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation and the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association.

Their meetings for the next 2 months will be August 4 & 18 and September 1 & 15.

To contact Dan Wells call 765-749-0816. The New Castle VFW is one block north of highway 38 on SR 103 in New Castle (park in rear of bldg.)

Their slogan - Once a SEABEE....Always a SEABEE.

FARMER'S PIKE FESTIVAL AUG 31-SEP 3

The 32nd Annual Farmer's Pike Festival will be held Aug 31 thru Sep 3 (see map on their ad at right showing how to get to their festival). You can also log onto their website for more details:

www.farmerspike.com

FALL CREEK HERITAGE FAIR PENDLETON, IN

The 36th year of the Fall Creek Heritage Fair will be held September 7 & 8, 2012 in Pendleton Indiana. Over 200 craft and food booths will be there. Hours are 9 am to 6 pm. The craft auction will be held on Sept 8th at 11 a.m. (See Sept. Issue)

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Mary and John Wood, owners of Wood's Campground standing on the deck near the camp store overlooking their the 44 acre Wood's Lake. The lake is full of game fish.

WOOD'S CAMPGROUND

Article & Photos By Ray Dickerson

I traveled to Wood's Campground to meet John and Mary Wood, owners of Wood's Campground south of Knightstown, IN. It is located on the north-west bank of Wood's Lake. A 44 acre impoundment that was Structure #3 in the Upper Big Blue River Watershed project area started in the mid-1960's for Henry and Rush Counties. Structure #3 (Wood's Lake) is a flood control dam on easement land south of Knightstown in Rush County, west of SR 140,

which was completed in April 1974. It has a permanent pool of 44 acres. See adjacent aerial map.

When I arrived John came out of the camp store to meet me. He and Mary live at the campground for the camping season, they go to Florida for the winter. He told me the lake is teeming with game fish. While he was checking on his wife, who was still inside, I talked to some of the campers who verified the fact that they have caught some real nice fish out of the lake.

John told me the lake has bass, bluegill, crappie, catfish, redear and carp. A 9 lb. bass was caught in the lake and released. The lake is fed by Three Mile Creek and it's tailwater stream joins the Big Blue River just to the north a little ways.

It was a real nice morning, the sun was shining and I looked around the campground thinking I would sure like to have a campsite here. John came back and told me to get in his golf cart and he would show me the campground.

It was pretty early in the morning when I visited with John, as I was making my delivery that day up to the Salamonie Lake area. There wasn't too many campers moving around, just a few. John has some spaces available in the wooded area and the semi-wooded areas. If you are looking for a quiet campground offering electric, primitive spots and tent camping with lots of trees, open space, fishing, boat ramp, bait shop, a pavilion set up for playing music and other activities, this is your kind of campground.

After we returned to the Camp Store Mary Wood

was waiting for us. I asked them if I could take a photo of them. They said it was okay.

We talked about lots of things. Earlier John told me how he met Mary. He and a friend were riding their horses across the fields and dells, he was 16 at the time. He met Mary for the first time as she was crossing her father's field. They all waved, his friend said he knew her. John said to his friend, "I think I will marry her." About two years later he and Mary were married. Mary inherited the farm and the two have lived there ever since.

I thanked them for letting me visit with them and headed for Raccoon then to Salamonies area.



Google Map of Wood's Campground showing its location on Wood's Lake. From US 40 take SR 140 south to Carthage Pike, watch for their sign on the left.

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by Sergeant John D. Bowling
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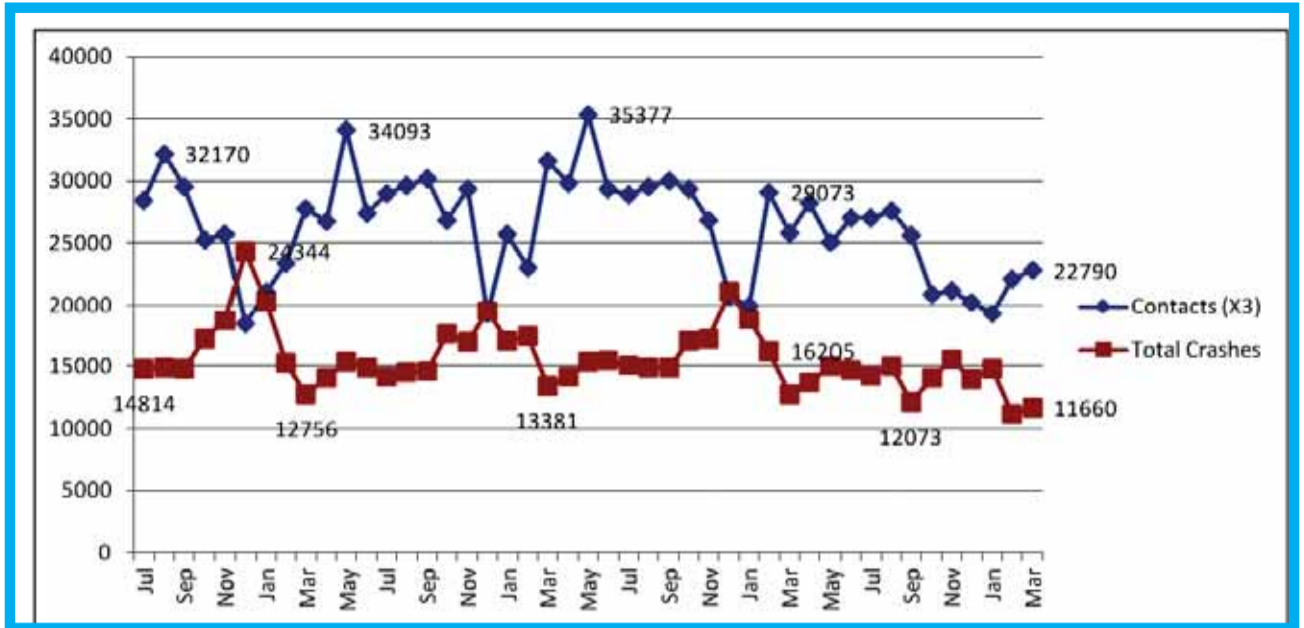
The last few months I've been covering just a few of the special units within the State Police. This month I will cover the Special Investigations Unit. Detectives assigned to this section specialize in one of the following areas; white-collar crime, vehicle theft, child pornography and cyber crime.

Vehicle Crimes Unit - The Vehicle Crimes Unit consists of one sergeant and three troopers who conduct vehicle crime investigations statewide. They assist other investigators and agencies with the identification of stolen vehicles, vehicle parts, and vehicle documents. This unit has a direct link with the National Insurance Crime Bureau and serves as the department's liaison with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Crimes Against Children Unit - The Crimes Against Children Unit consists of one sergeant and five detectives who conduct investigations involving the possession and distribution of child pornography and



A cyber crime detective retrieves computer evidence. (Indiana State Police Photo)



exploitation. These detectives utilize the latest technology in pursuing individuals who prey on children. Often these cases span into other states, and sometimes other countries.

Organized Crime and Corruption Unit - The Organized Crime and Corruption Unit consists of one sergeant and six detectives who conduct long-term complex financial investigations. Investigations include political corruption, internal employee theft, and investment type scams.

Cyber Crime Unit - The Cyber Crime Unit was established in May 1998. This unit provides law enforcement officers' assistance in criminal investigations where the use of any type of digital media was used as an integral part of the crime, such as cell phones and computers. The unit consists of six sergeants who conduct forensic retrieval of digital evidence. There are also 28 trained Digital Media Recovery Specialists who are utilized throughout the state on as needed basis to conduct on-scene computer previews.

These folks are at work day and night solving crimes and putting child pornographers, embezzlers, and car theft rings in jail. Their arrests often go unsung as one case will lead to another, with the need to keep a low profile essential.

If you think you might be interested in a career with the Indiana State Police in the Special Investigations Division, you can go to our web site at <https://myweb.in.gov/ISP/Recruitment/> and fill out a pre-application. This will insure you will be notified when the next selection process begins.

State Police Launch Crash Reduction Enforcement Program

Reducing traffic fatalities on Indiana's urban and rural roads has been a consistent objective of the Indiana State Police and until this year success has been achieved with year after year reductions in deaths caused by traffic collisions. In large part the success has been the result of what is frequently referred to as the three 'E's'; Enforcement, Engineering and Education.

As 2012 has progressed the number of urban crashes CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

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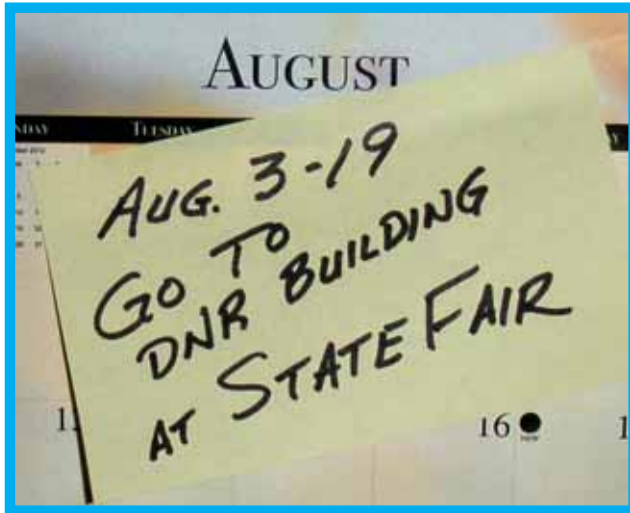
Soon, very soon, as in just-around-the-corner-son, the Department of Natural Resources building and grounds will be hosting thousands of visitors daily from August 3-19. Well, yes, there is also the Indiana State Fair thing going on during these dates at the state fairgrounds and there is much to do and see there also if a person desires!

If you've not visited the DNR complex for many years you will find many changes have taken place. Our 'outback' (north side of the building) has been updated to include a shaded 150 seat amphitheater with presentations being given on various outdoor topics, all enjoyable for the entire family.

While 'outback' visitors will notice the recent addition of our concrete pond. One can't miss it. 'It' is 312,000 gallons large! This fishing pond provides catch and release fishing for visitors, costing nothing but perhaps a smile. Go FishIN coordinator Clint Kowalik has all the equipment needed and he, DNR personnel or volunteers will assist participants at their fishing stations.

Fishing isn't the only activity at the pond. Demonstrations of paddling safety, fly fishing, SCUBA, retrieving dogs and others are scheduled throughout the 17 days.

The front of the DNR building didn't escape change. A major focus is a colossal fountain formed



with native limestone. This provides an easy to find meeting place for friends and family, it is used as a respite to enjoy the misting water and one of many photo-worthy spots. While here, check out the front porch for a hands-on exhibit or two.

And don't be surprised if you find yourself in a flashmob. DNR interpretive naturalists can often be found roving about the building and grounds with some interesting things with them, many of which may fly, crawl, slither, etc. Their presentations cause people to suddenly assemble and learn a few things before going on their way. It's kind of a manipulated flashmob where even the participants didn't know it was going to happen.

"Wow" can still be overheard along the west side of the building where trophy size fish freely swim about small ponds. Gone are the aqua blue-green painted ponds. The replacement holding ponds are crafted in a more natural manner as is the surrounding landscaping.

If you've not been inside the DNR building for many years, by all means, come in! Our living room has been remodeled also, but many first realize and comment about the air conditioning. Years ago I remember the need to keep the doors open in attempt to keep a breeze circulating through the building. No so now. Okay, perhaps I'm aging myself on this point but now that I've brought it up many of you remember it too, don't you? Browse the many indoor exhibits in comfort; the east wall still consists of built-in fish tanks for visitors to meet various native fish species in face to face fashion.

While inside, be sure to visit the Indiana Conservation Officer/outdoor education booth. Well, perhaps it's not a booth in the traditional sense. It's more of an area. Although there is an area where visitors can ask questions and pick up literature to suit their needs, this area also has an interactive portion to it. Last year, Conservation Officers, outdoor education specialists, and volunteer from the Indiana Hunter Education Association assisted visitors at a pellet gun

range. This year, I think you just might be able to test your archery skills there.

Before exiting (and who would really want to?) don't neglect visiting Mother Nature's Mercantile where you can find something for yourself or even do some early holiday shopping for like-minded family and friends. They really are some unique gifts here. I've pulled out the plastic there more than once.

These activities scratch the surface. There are many more that I've not mentioned. Mark your calendar. Consider this your sticky note reminder. We hope to see you there.

News From The Indiana State Police

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is slightly lower but the number of rural crashes and deaths has increased. The Indiana State Police has analyzed this trend, and unlike the past, no clear pattern of location for these fatal crashes is materializing. What we see are random fatal crashes occurring in unpredictable locations. What did materialize though are the factors resulting in these senseless rural crash deaths. They are: 1) Driving off the right edge of the road; 2) Failure to yield the right of way and disregarding traffic signals; 3) Unsafe speed; and 4) Driving left of center. Historically, these violations are associated with inexperienced drivers or drivers that are fatigued or distracted by an array of electronic devices, other passengers or eating and drinking beverages while driving.

Another observation was the correlation between the numbers of Indiana State Police traffic contacts (tickets or warnings) issued as compared to the number of reported traffic crashes from all police agencies across Indiana. From July 2008 through March of 2012, as noted in graph on Page 6, when the number of state police traffic enforcement contacts decreased there was an increase in the number of crashes and when the number of state police enforcement contacts increased the number of crashes showed a decrease in the same time frame.

July 2008 – March 2012 Total Crashes Compared to Total Contacts Written

In an effort to stop the escalation of traffic crash deaths, the state police are embarking on an aggressive traffic violation enforcement program. This program will use a combination of marked and traditional unmarked patrol cars, as well as non-traditional stealth patrol vehicles inclusive of Ford Mustangs, aircraft patrols and state police vehicles that look like INDOT work trucks that will concentrate their enforcement efforts near construction zones.

The Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, Dr. Paul Whitesell, commented, "We are steadfast in our commitment to minimize the number of crashes that injure and kill people on our roadways and will use all tools and enforcement methods at our disposal to stop such needless tragedies."

For the complete list of crash causation factors related to both urban and rural driving click this link: http://www.in.gov/isp/images/Causes_of_Crashes_11.pdf.

This ends another month's installment. I thank you all for allowing us to serve you. Be safe with your families out driving this summer; make sure you're not our next statistic, so we can talk again next month.

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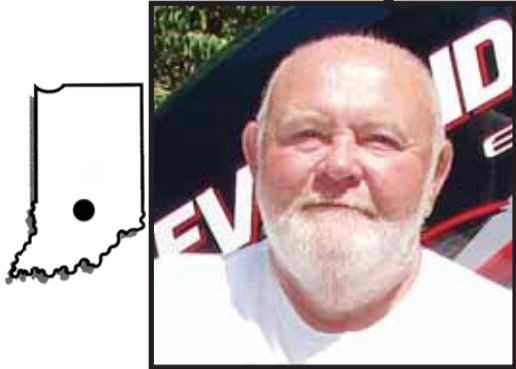
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by Bill Embry

Enjoying a day on the water with a Fishing Guide

Spending a day on the water with an experienced fishermen, can be an experience of a lifetime. The knowledge that you can learn from them will help you for the rest of your fishing life. Even if the fish aren't biting as good as you think they should. Fishing is a lot like hunting, your not going to get that big buck every time you go hunting. Fishing is pretty much the same. Some times you get them sometimes you don't. But the knowledge that you may learn on that day may help you more than you realize the next time you go out. Most guides spend great deals of time on the water locating fish for their clients to catch on these trips.

But from time to time the fish just don't what to corporate. But what you may learn from your guide that is trying to find these fish may help you one day when you out on the water under the same situation that he is with you today. Remember your paying him, so he feels obligated to locate fish for you. This is how he gets return business. But there is no guide that I know of that guarantees you will catch fish!

So even before you choose one try to keep in mind, that your going out to have a good time on the water with a very knowledgeable individual that has many years of experience on the water. I think that you will find if your new to the sport of fishing the experience you have will be well worth the cost of the trip. Here is a guide that I recommend- J&R Guide Service. Rusty Collier guides on Lake Monroe & Patoka Lake. 812-797-9904

He also has an ad in the gad-a-bout. Rusty guides for crappie, bluegill, bass, catfish, wipers, turkeys, deer, rabbits, coons, etc. In the mean time pray for rain & try to keep cool!!!!

"Good Fishin"

Bill Embry

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Pictured below are photos of fish caught by some of Rusty's clients. (Rusty Collier Photos)



Gage's trophy crappie. (J&R Guide Service Photo)



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Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

A Needy Man Stands Here..... Part 1

The old man stood on the fourth hill of life. He faced the West and could see the mist. Beyond the mist lay the Spirit Land. He knew he had only one way to go. However, it was not yet time....

He turned to the East. "From whence comes the light..." In his imagination he could see all the way back to the first hill....Infancy. The people had already been on the reservation for many years when he was born. Many of the people still lived in canvas tipi's. More and more were building "white men's" houses.

His father, Limping Pony, still tried to cling to the old ways. He invited one of the elders to come and conduct the naming ceremony. The man had been a great warrior in his youth. He brought his sacred bundle to conduct the ceremony. Sacred objects were highly prized and closely guarded. The agent paid good money for old objects that he sold to museums for even more dollars. Some of the "crazy heads", the young men had a craving for the "fire water". They stole these sacred objects from the elders to trade for whiskey.

They even took them from their own clan.

The elder named the boy "Little Turtle". This had been the baby's grandfather's name. He had passed it over, to be given to his first grandson, before he died. The family gave a feast on this great occasion. There was not much food, but his mother did the best she could. She was called Singing Bird, because of her beautiful voice.

She was often asked to be the lead singer at the gatherings and when the dancers performed for the white visitors. They came every summer to see the "Indians". They were very generous, throwing money on the blanket.

The agent was always pushing the men to farm the land. He wanted them to dig up Mother Earth with the big knife. The Elders talked against it. First, it desecrated Mother Earth but it was also not a man's place to plant. This was woman's work. The men were warriors and hunters. Raiding another camp was not allowed by the army. Every year there was fewer game to hunt. A few rabbits, quail, and prairie dogs.

The agent provided cattle, that was supposed to replace the buffalo.

It was scrawny and the meat was tough. They were supposed to keep the cattle to raise. There was nothing else to eat. There was never a bull to increase the herd.

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So the cows were slaughtered to feed the people.

Indian children were kept on the board until they were two. Then they were turned over to the older girls. It taught the girls how to be good mothers. Singing Bird had a second child, a girl. They called her Little Deer. She was a cranky baby, always crying and fussing. Singing Bird never fully recovered from the birth. She died within a year after the baby was born.

When Little Turtle was ten winters old, his father prepared him to go out and seek a vision. The agent disapproved of such customs. In order to get a pass to leave the reservation Limping Pony had to lie. He said the boy wanted to visit relatives in another camp. The agent issued the pass. Carrying a bundle of his belongings the boy began to walk towards the other camp. When he came to the sacred hills, he turned off and ran behind the rocks. He climbed to a flat place. Here he unpacked his bundle. Wood for the fire; sage, his mother gave him to help his prayers, and most important, his father's pipe and a small pouch of sacred tobacco.

When darkness came, he prepared his small fire. He struck the flame in the old way. He lit the fire behind some rocks. Away from the wind and away from the prying eyes of some white man. He wrapped his blanket around him and prepared the pipe. He put the sage on the fire and cleansed the pipe in its sweet smelling smoke. Then he filled the pipe and lit it with a small ember from the fire. He offered it to the six directions as his father had taught him.

It was late when the owl came. It landed beside the fire and looked deeply into his eyes. It said that the Owl was his Guardian Spirit. It would always be with him to guide him on the straight path. Then the eagle came. Its great wings cast a shadow over the fire. He told Little Turtle that he would have a new name. When he left the hill, he would be Lone Eagle. The eagle then changed into a man. His forehead was painted white. The lower face was painted blue. The eagle told the boy that whenever he danced he must paint his face in this way.

Finally the owl and the eagle taught him a song. They said it was his special song to use when he needed to call them for help.

When he got home, the boy told his father everything that happened in the vision. His father went about the camp announcing that his son had a vision, in the old way, and had been given a new name. From that day forward he would be called Lone Eagle. The young man was invited to join a society, the Kit Fox Society. When they met they painted

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Left Photo: Allen and Gary Reed who won the tournament with 7.16 lbs of crappie. (Photo by Author)



Right Photo: Bob and Jim Raymer who won big fish with 1.42 lbs. and came in 2nd with 7.08 lbs. (Photo by Author)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Bozarth June 23rd Crappie Tourney Results

On June 23rd we held our second of four crappie tournaments. There were a total of fifteen teams that signed up to do battle on the Salamonie Reservoir.

The weather cooperated and produced a very nice day to be on the lake as there was little to no wind, slightly overcast, and temperatures holding in the low to mid 80's. One issue the fishermen had to deal with and one that has continued being a problem this year is the low lake levels. The lake level the day of the tournament was at 14 feet below summer pool and this is the level our lake has been at since early spring.

Being such a nice day there were still several teams unable to locate the big fish as eight of our fifteen teams were unable to land seven fish that weighed over three pounds. Even though these teams had a rough day on the lake we did have three teams that were able to find the big ones and come to the weigh in table with a total of six pounds or more. The team of Allen and Gary Reed was the team that ended the day at the top of the leader board. They managed to bring in an impressive total of 7.16 pounds to capture the top spot. They caught their fish using crappie shiners and fishing two feet deep in four feet of water. Coming in second place and right on the heels of Team Reed was Bob and Jim Raymer with a total weight of 7.08 pounds. Team Raymer also captured the big fish of the day as they landed a crappie weighing in at 1.42 pounds. Taking third place was the team of Don Mandrell and Ron Bilbrey whom

that now leaves us with two more tournament dates on our schedule. Our next date is scheduled for September 15th and we wrap the season up with our season ending classic on September 29th. For anyone interested in more information concerning our crappie tourneys you can contact us @ (765) 981-4522 for more information. Thanks again to all our anglers that continue fishing with us to make this an enjoyable event for all involved.

The following is an update on conditions and events from the Great Lakes of the Wabash. As mentioned previously the Salamonie Reservoir continues to suffer from the lack of rain and currently sits 14 feet below summer pool. The Mississinewa reservoir is 5 feet from summer pool and the Huntington Reservoir is at its desired summer pool level. Also due to the lack of rain the entire area remains in a burn ban. These conditions have not made our area the most attractable to visit but we hope things will get better and help encourage people to get out and come experience all the great activities these properties present.

If looking to visit the Great Lakes of the Wabash you may want to take advantage of these events that are scheduled at the respective properties. On July 13-15 the Salamonie Reservoir will host Christmas in July. On July 28th the Mississinewa will host Smokey Bear's birthday bash and this event will also take place on August 4th at the Salamonie. For more information you can contact (260) 468-2127.



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Charters Changing Face

A recent trip to Sault Ste. Marie convinced me there's now a new wave of charter captains coming on the Great Lakes scene with new ideas and business plans strategically different than the skippers who have paved the way in past decades.

I was hosted by Captain Travis White (whites-guidedfishing.com) as we chased late season kings and pinks in the Saint Marys River. This was the first year Travis was in business due to the requirement for a Coast Guard Licensed captain to be 18 years of age. (He and his dad have fished the area for years.) Youth wasn't the only noticeable difference in White's operation.

His charter boat is an (almost) 17-foot Crestliner. We only ran 4 rods, two of them were fairly standard downrigger sticks with conventional reels, the other two were spinning outfits spooled with 10-pound line ran as flatlines. "Wait until you get a big king on one of those rods," Travis said. "We'll be half way to Sugar Island before you get the fish to the boat!" Had I come earlier in the year when the Atlantic salmon stocked at the Soo were available, we'd have been wielding fly rods instead of trolling gear.

Was a downsized charter boat with downsized gear an anomaly or a sign of things to come?

Charter fishing is an expensive business to start. The cost of a well-equipped, reliable boat, all the gear, dockage fees and off-season storage can be easily in the 6-figure range. Then there is fuel. Gas prices well over \$4 was a slap of reality to everyone. When you are putting it in a boat which gets only a half-mile per gallon, the end of year fuel cost totals are still staggering.

That's why, at many ports along the Great Lakes coastline, new charter captains like Capt. White are opting for small boat operations. There now are plenty of 18 to 21 foot outboard powered boats capable of safely operating in all but the worst sea conditions. The initial cost of these boats is a fraction of the tab for larger boat. More



The author runs a 21 foot boat to make big catches affordable for groups of 1 to 4 people. (Author Photo)

important, the upkeep, maintenance and fuel costs are scaled back drastically. Small boat charters may only carry half the customers, but lower operational costs allow for lower charter fees while being profitable.

The economic woes of America has been felt as much by charter operators as by other segments of the economy. Many seasoned skippers used to have a corporate clientele which kept them busy on weekdays which might otherwise go unbooked. Deals and high-dollar sales aren't only the purview of golf courses, these days. Many of those corporate charters were cut back or eliminated.

Many skippers have a steady flow of repeat customers who return year in and year out or even several times each season with the same group of people. Perhaps it's family, perhaps its friends. Workers from the same shop, from the same church or the same neighborhood would settle on a day to hire a charter and off they'd go.

Trying to find a group of 5 or 6 people all unscathed by the Obama economy is a challenge. Perhaps 2 or 3 of the people were confident in their economic position, the others were laid off, worried about lay-offs or otherwise pinching pennies hoping to weather the recession.

I know several "small boat" skippers who had their best year ever. All of them booked trips with former customers of the captains with large boats. "We couldn't get our usual group together this year..." the customer would say on the phone.

Fishing license sales were one of the bright spots across the country last year. Polls indicated families were staying closer to home and doing things "local." Even a small boat charter is somewhat expensive, but compared to "traditional" summer vacations, a charter holds up.

Some captains around the state are already looking to downsize. New captains around the state can't afford to up-size. Just as the Great Lakes fishery has changed and evolved over the past decades, the charter boat industry is changing, as well. THE END

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First Place winners Gale Risner and John Quinn with their winning 9.09 lbs of crappie. (Photo by Author)

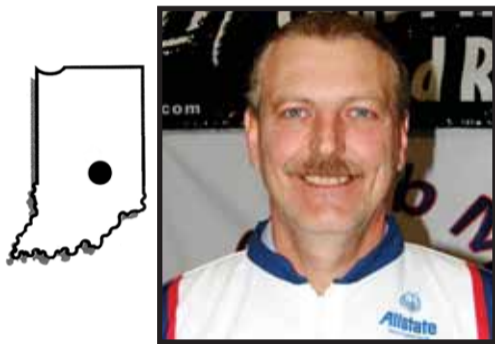


Don Licht and John Williams caught 8.89 pounds of crappie to win 2nd place and a 2.12 pounder for big fish. (Photo by Author)



Tom Hankins and Glenn Gill caught 8.85 pounds of crappie to win 3rd place. (Photo by Author)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Mississinewa Tournament

I started fishing the lakes of the Wabash some five years ago, and I can tell you, the spring spawn is an exciting time on these lakes, as the Indiana Slab Master members found out on May 5th when the club fished Mississinewa for the first time during the pre-spawn. The weather was great with sunny skies, warm temperatures and a full moon, the night before the tournament. Even with water being 15 feet below summer pool the lake gave up several nice stringers of fish and a couple crappies over 2 pounds. Don Licht and John Williams had big fish of the tournament with a 2.12 pound female. Tom Hankins and Glen Gill also had a large female at 2.04 pounds. Tom and Glen were spider rigging in 6-11 feet of water with Lake fork baby shad scented with juiced up baits and tipped with minnows to catch there 8.85 pound stringer, enough for third place. Don and John caught their fish in 10-20 feet of water, using a double rig with Roadrunners on the bottom and shiners on the top to catch a total weight of 8.89 pounds, good enough for second place.

Congratulations to the Lafayette, IN. team of Gale Risner and John Quinn on their first Indiana

Slab Masters win. Gale and John have put together several nice finishes in the past and now have a win under their belt. Gale and John concentrated on 2-12 feet of water using Southern Pro tubes tipped with minnows and scented with Juiced Up Baits to catch their 9.09 pound, seven fish stringer. They were rewarded with 1st place plaques, a nice check and a \$75.00 gift certificate from BnM Rods.

The Slab Masters, Mississinewa tournament had 38 teams show up. Most of the 38 teams weighed in a seven fish limit. Most people hear this and worry that tournament fishermen are hurting the crappie population here in Indiana; this couldn't be further from the truth. It is the goal of the Indiana Slab Masters to release every fish weighed in. When the water temperature rises, as it starts to do in May, we have several ways and sometimes multiple ways of achieving this goal. Most modern boats are equipped with live wells with timers and recirculation pumps, when water temperatures rise we refrain from pumping warm water from the lakes into the live wells, we use frozen bottles to cool live well water and run recirculation pumps to keep the fish lively. Some opt to use aerators and even oxygen bottles with regulators to keep the fish healthy. This does not stop just because we pull our boats out of the water. Once fish are taken from the live well they are put into a cooler with the same water that was in the live well with most using battery operated aerators to keep the water oxygenated. At the weigh in table the fish are quickly put into a basket for weighing than go back into the coolers and are taken back to the lake for release. Of the approximately 250 fish caught, all but five were released to be caught again. Crappie are a well sought-after game fish and the average fisherman will usually take more fish in an afternoon than a tournament will lose in a day. This says a lot of our club president, Jim Raymer, whose passion is releasing all weighed fish back alive. This has caught on with the entire club and members are spending a lot of money to do just that, after all they are not our

resources, they belong to our kids and grandkids as well.

As for Team Bilbrey and Mandrell, we thought at tournament end we would be in the top ten with a 7.54 pound weight, this was only good enough for fifteenth place and 7.0 pounds would not even get into the top 20 teams. We slow-trolled in 4-12 feet of water, using jiffy jigs and occasionally threw Road runners to the banks on the west end of the lake.

Mississinewa tournament results

1st	Gale Risner & John Quinn	9.09 lbs
2nd	Don Licht & John Williams	8.89 lbs
3rd	Tom Hankins & Glenn Gill	8.85 lbs
4th	Damon Phillips & Brandon Owens	8.58 lbs
5th	Randy & Shari Hooser	8.56 lbs
6th	Mike Bledsoe	8.36 lbs
7th	Bob Land & Steve Jeffers	8.06 lbs
8th	Bill Fording & Harold Ferran	7.94 lbs
9th	Dan & James Paul	7.90 lbs
10th	Bret Cunningham & Josh Kleber	7.85 lbs

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Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker

Smith travels to fish tournaments, but doesn't fish

Chad Smith has been traveling the country to fishing tournaments for nearly 20 years. He travels 35,000 miles or more a year to be with the nation's top anglers, but Smith isn't there to fish. He's there to make sure their outboard boat motors are working well.

More than a decade ago, I met Chad, who was at Lake Wawasee before heading out on the bass tournament trail with a new mobile workshop, and then our paths crossed again a few weeks ago at Indiana's Lake Monroe.

Smith is a mechanic for Yamaha Tournament Service. He criss-crosses the county pulling a 36-foot trailer stocked with tools and parts, and is ready for any Yamaha motor breakdown during the highly competitive fishing tournaments.

Originally, he primarily traveled the pro bass circuit, but now he and two other mechanics also follow walleye and other fishing trails as well as supported college fishing events.

"They joke about me," says Chad. "They call me the Maytag man because there are so few problems with the Yamaha motors...seventy-five percent of the problems are self-inflicted impact damage." He explained that most problems are caused by competitors hitting stumps, rocks or some other structure.

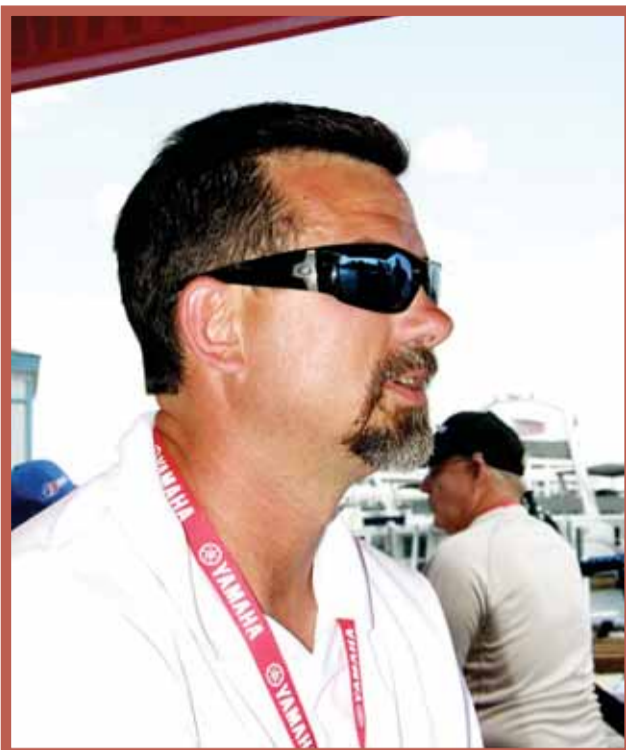
"When you are a tournament fisherman, you have to fish in all kinds of weather. That's when most of the damage occurs. They may fish in three-foot waves, in the rain, and in conditions where there is poor visibility," he added.

His number one priority is keeping the anglers using Yamaha engines in action, but from time-to-time will help other anglers, if time permits.

He carries spare parts for Yamaha's larger outboard engines, and nearly all the engines he services still are within warranty period, so most repair costs are absorbed by the company.

The back end of the trailer opens into a complete workshop. It has a hoist to pull a motor and move it inside for repair work, if necessary. He carries everything needed to completely rebuild a motor.

He arrives at the tournament site early, and stays until everyone is off the water the final day, and then it is on to the next tournament. Most repairs he makes are minor and take only about five minutes. "If I have to change a gear case and a prop, it takes



Chad Smith travels more than 35,000 miles a year servicing boat motors at fishing tournaments across the country. (Photo by Author)

about 15 minutes," he said.

When ask which group of anglers maintains their engines best, he is quick to acknowledge the saltwater tournament fishermen. "You have to maintain them well if you fish saltwater, if you go 50 miles off shore. It's not like the freshwater guys who can go to the bank, and call someone to bring their trailer."

He said the two most important factors about engines and saltwater is to maintain them well, and flush them regularly. However, he says simple maintenance is important for all boaters whether tournament anglers to or just folks who like to fish and boat.

"When a family arrives at a boat ramp and the engine won't start, the kids are broken hearted," said Chad. It is something that usually can be avoided, even by boaters with minimal mechanical skills.

A few things can make a big difference in keeping a boat operational, according to Chad.: They include: keeping battery terminals clean, the battery charged, oil changed, parts lubricated, and clean fuel filters.

The biggest change in engine problems--or lack thereof, he has seen is the improvement brought about by four-stroke engine technology. There is much less maintenance, and today most diagnostic work is done on engines with a laptop computer.

Chad is originally from Missouri, but several years ago moved to Georgia to be near Yamaha's headquarters operation near Kennesaw.

While he doesn't often have a chance to fish while on the tournament trail, he love fishing and has an even stronger interest in hunting.

When not on the road, he enjoys spending time with his family, and in the fall and winter he'll be out looking for a deer.

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24th ANNUAL CENTERVILLE ARCHWAY DAYS

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Article and Photos by Ray Dickerson

The 24th Annual Centerville Archway Days will be held on August 24-26, 2012. The Festival will have activities going on downtown, in Maplewood Park, at the Mansion House, at Methodist Church, and in Performance Shelter.

See Town Map on page 16-17 for Parade Route, location of Archways, Historic Buildings & Sites, Public Services and the Businesses who have sponsored this special 4 page pull-out Souvenir Section. To locate the sponsoring businesses cross-reference the number code in the left hand corner of their ad to their number on the map.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Children's Train Rides each day starting in Maplewood Park (\$1.00 donation accepted)

Friday, August 24, 2012

- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Quilt Show in Mansion House (\$3.00)
- 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm Food and Craft Booths on Morton Avenue
- 4:30 pm Chalk Art Contest FREE (Register at Main & Morton)
- 5:00 pm Opening Ceremony (Performance Shelter in Maplewood Park)
- 5:30 am - 7:30 pm Gospel Singers Cindy Moistner, Janelle Marcum, Chastity Hinshaw and Charity Hawkins. (Performance Shelter)
- 7:30 pm Money Pit FREE (Maplewood Park)
- 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm The Impossibles, Swing Musicians from Kettering, OH (Performance Shelter)

Saturday, August 25, 2012

- 6:30 am - 10:30 am Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast \$6.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under (Methodist Church South Entrance)
- 9:00 am - 10:00 pm Food and Craft Booths
- 9:30 am Tractor Pull Pre-registration (Maplewood Park)
- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Quilt Show (Mansion House)
- Sidewalk Sales (Downtown)
- Library Book Sale
- 10:00 am Pedal Tractor Pull (Maplewood Park)
- 11:30 am Money Pit FREE (Maplewood Park)
- 1:00 pm Parade FREE (See Route on Map Page 16-17)
- 2:00 pm Corn Hole Tournament (Maplewood Park)
- (Ambassador Health care / Alzheimer Fundraiser)
- (Register for \$30.00 per team at Maplewood Park)
- 2:00 pm Martial Arts Demonstration FREE (Maplewood Park)
- 6:30 pm Money Pit FREE (Maplewood Park)
- 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Gate Worship Team (Maplewood Park Performance Shelter)

Sunday, August 26, 2012

- Noon - 5:00 pm Food and Craft Booths on Morton Avenue
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Brian Benedict, The Singing Fireman FREE (Maplewood Park Performance Shelter)
- 2:00 pm No-Hands Eating Pie and Watermelon Contest FREE (Performance Shelter)
- 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Brian Benedict, The Singing Fireman FREE (Maplewood Park Performance Shelter)
- 3:30 pm Watermelon Seed-Spitting Contest FREE (Maplewood Park)
- 4:00 pm Money Pit FREE (Maplewood Park)
- 6:30 pm Vesper Service by Community Churches (Performance Shelter)

(Donations for local food pantries accepted)
(Schedule subject to change)



Dill Archway (4) located at 109 South Morton Avenue, c. 1830 (File Photo)



Malone Archway (3) located at 11 West Main St., c. 1836



Backenstoos Archway (5) located at 139 East Main St., c. 1835



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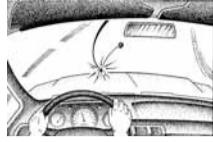
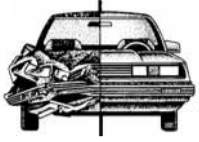
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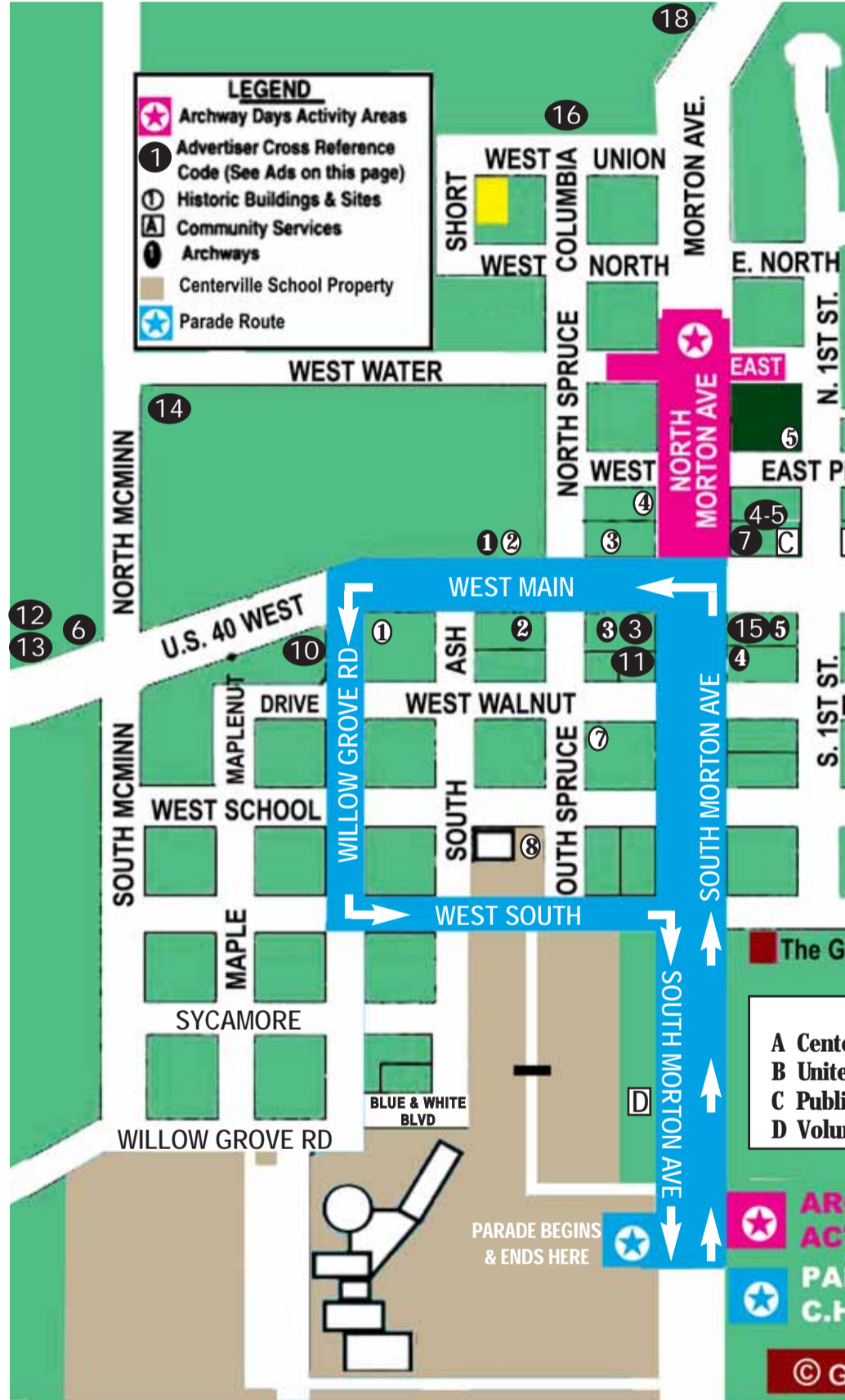
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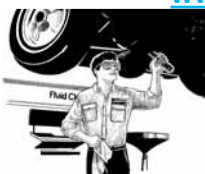
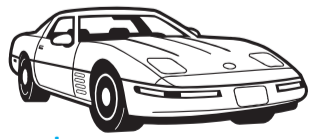
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Archway Days Parade, 1:00 p.m. Saturday August 25. (2009 File Photo)



Quilt Show held in the Mansion House. (2009 File Photo)

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Centerville, Indiana is nearly on the geographical center of Wayne County. Platted in 1814, Centerville became the Wayne County Seat in 1818 and remained such until 1873. On June 3, 1872 the county seat was ordered to be removed from Centerville to Richmond. The people of Centerville fought the removal to the end. The county records were ordered to be removed on August 4, 1873, but not without much bitterness and strife, but no one was injured in the move. The removal of the jail and iron fence brought threats of violence and assumed warlike appearances. The National Guard was called to Centerville and patrolled the courthouse square for several days before removal was accomplished. On November 14, 1873 "Black Betty" the town cannon was placed in the Backensotes Archway and aimed at the jail and fired. The blast knocked the door to the jail off its hinges and left holes in the building that could be seen until recent times. Nothing was gained by the action as the Richmond militia returned the next day and removed all the records to the new county seat in Richmond.

CENTERVILLE ARCHWAYS

When Centerville was the county seat it prospered becoming the hub of county activities boasting a cooper shop, a hatter, tanners, painters, bricklayers, a tailor, a blacksmith, a wagon shop and an attorney. The citizens of Centerville thought their town was destined to become the leading business center of Eastern Indiana. The main streets were 100 feet wide, judging that the real estate would soon become scarce, the streets were narrowed to 60 feet and some to 40 feet. Along the principal streets the residences were built flush to the line of the sidewalk. The demand for front space was so great that the alleys were arched over to make more room. Five of these arches remain today. Four of them can be seen on the first page of this 4-page pullout and the 5th is shown to the right of this column.

24TH ARCHWAY DAYS FESTIVAL, INC.

The Archway Days Festival began in 1988 as Hoosier Celebration '88. The tradition continues today through the hard work of a few working for the many. The event officially became Archway Days Festival in 1989 when Centerville celebrated 175 years.

Centerville is a historic town of epic proportions. It's architecture focuses on Greek Revival and Italianate style; yet, the area does have a few Victorian homes. The buildings in the historic area range from 1820 through 1898 with the majority being built from 1830 to 1860. The five existing archways are unusual in the interior of the United States. The Centerville arches date from 1820 thru 1836. On the

photos in this Archway Days 4-page Souvenir pullout, the archways have the date they were built under the photo.

I would hope that all the readers of The Gad-a-bout will visit Centerville in the coming months, years. In September I am hosting the 67th Reunion of the 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees) in Richmond, Indiana. The Seabees will be spending a day in Centerville visiting our historic sites, antique shops and will enjoy a meal and vintage World War II music in Maplewood Park in the evening. For information on Centerville visit my website: www.thegadabout.com and read The Gad-a-bout for free, you can e-mail me at ray@thegadabout.com.




Lantz Archway (1) located at 212 West Main St., c. 1823

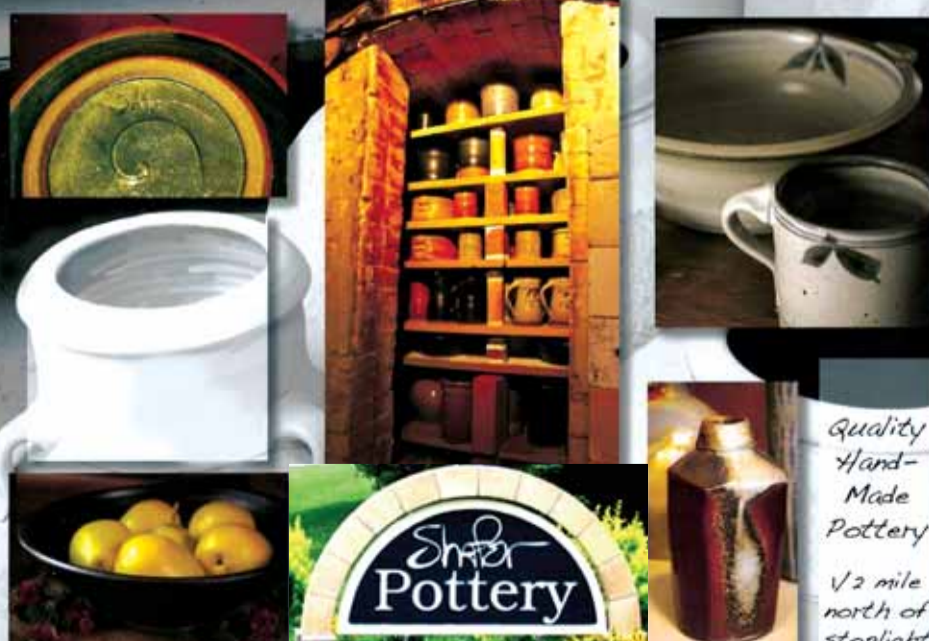
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Left: Noble Boy owners and manager, from left to right, Ethel Noble, Luther Noble and Norma Johnson. Center: Beautiful clocks that play music or chimes on the hour. Right: Award given to Noble Boys Furniture by the Connersville News Examiner "2012 Reader's Choice Winner for the #1 Favorite Furniture Store." (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Noble Boys Featuring Solid Oak Furniture

by Ray Dickerson

When I was delivering the July Gad-a-bout to Noble Boy's Furniture, just south of Brookville, Indiana last week, Luther Noble showed me the award they received from the Connersville News Examiner. (The award certificate is pictured above.) They received the 2012 Reader's Choice Winner Award - the #1 Favorite Furniture Store. They were over joyed for winning the award. I told them I would write something in The Gad-a-bout about their receiving the award. This past Wednesday I traveled to their store to interview them and take some photos.

Luther and Ethel Noble, who own Noble Boy's Furniture, have been in business in the Brookville, IN area for the past 18 years. They opened their first Noble Boy's Furniture store at 740 Main Street in 1994. They said it was just a hole in the wall. In 1995 they moved to their present location at 6032 Holland Rd (White's Farm) just off U.S. 52 south of Brookville.

Their manager, Norma Johnson, has been in their employ since 1995 when they were still on Main Street in Brookville. She is a big part of Luther and

Ethel's business, actually she is part of their family, she calls them Mom and Dad. In fact when I heard her call them mom and dad in the years I have been visiting with them, I thought that she was really their daughter until I interviewed them last week.

Every Wednesday Noble Boy's Furniture Store is surrounded by acres of vendors when White's Farm holds its' weekly Flea Market. Luther told me that on Wednesday's a lot of people visit them in their store. Mostly though the vendors and visitors alike will look at all their fine furniture on Wednesday's, then return later and purchase the item when it's quieter and easier to settle the deal. On the other days of the week and Saturday a steady stream of people visit the store.

What you will find at Noble Boy's Furniture is quality products, following is a partial list of furniture you can purchase there: Solid Oak and Solid Wood Bedrooms, Dining Rooms, Living Rooms, Computer Desks, Office Furniture, Bedding, Other Household items, England furniture (owned by La-Z-Boy), Lane Recliners, Vaughn, Bassett, Jackson, Catnapper chairs, Eagle Industries products, American Expressions living room suites, Dutchcraft mattresses, Bowles Mattresses, Solid Oak Curio Cabinets, Lamps, etc.....

Here's a little bit of background into Luther and Ethel Noble's interesting life.

Luther Noble was born on June 25, 1931 in

Eastern Kentucky in the town of Booneville. Luther was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952 and served two years in Korea, in the infantry. Then he enlisted for 3 more years in the Army, serving in Alaska, Germany and was honorably discharged at Fort Carson, Colorado in November 1957. In 1960 he moved to Franklin County Indiana renting 183 acres to farm on, just east of where his furniture store is located now. Luther and his first wife, had 5 children, they divorced. He worked the farm up until taking a job with Campbell Hausfeld in Harrison, OH. He was elected Business Agent for a Local

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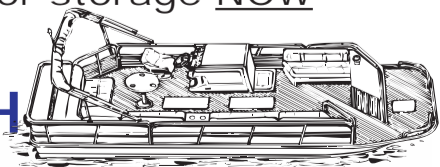
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

The Monsters Among Us

For centuries mankind has battled monsters, either in reality or in his mind. Popular lore had fire breathing dragons, one-eyed cyclops, huge octopus capable of swallowing whole ships, and mothers-in-law who visited frequently to make sure her daughter was being treated fairly. One critter that has proven popular for monster sightings is snakes. I've personally experienced and talked to others who have seen snakes of gigantic proportions, normally an oversized member of a species uncommon to the area.

It goes like this. Aunt Gertrude, who lives on the farm, suddenly misses her little ankle biting dog. She claims to have spotted a giant snake hanging around the barn just before little Fauntleroy mysteriously disappeared. A flurry of excitement spreads around the countryside as an armed posse of farmers begin the hunt for what can only be an anaconda, no doubt an escapee from the traveling circus that passed through a few weeks ago. After a few days of futile bush beating, someone finds a five foot black snake sunning itself behind the barn and uses the hoe on it. Not exactly an anaconda, but probably wrongfully convicted and hung for dog napping, although it's tough to believe a five foot snake could consume a five pound Pekingese. No one thought to question Aunt Gertrude about the stiffness of the stuff she churns out in the little still in the barn and how much she had "tasted" before she saw the snake.

Personally, I've seen what an active imagination can do in certain situations. We had constructed a very fancy outhouse to compliment the cabin in the woods. Carefully built, it was designed to admit only humans and bar anything bigger than a mosquito or an occasional spider. One morning Judy, my wife, paid her usual visit. Suddenly a scream like an air raid siren ripped the air. I rushed out to see her heading my way at just under the speed of sound. "SNAKE, SNAKE, BIG SNAKE, BIG, BIG" she shouted. I ambled out to the biff and found a five foot black snake that I later affectionately named Leroy, doing his morning stretching exercises. With a stout limb I picked Leroy up and carried him twenty yards behind the outhouse and dropped him. "What's the matter with you", shouted Judy. "You could at least take it into the next county." When I explained the

need for her to hang onto the snake while I drove that far, she stalked off muttering something about her mother warning her about marrying me. Leroy became a regular fixture, hanging around under the front porch and the utility building. But when Judy came onto the porch one day carrying my Mossberg .20 gage pump shotgun and asking me how to work the thing, Leroy quietly disappeared. Who says giant snakes don't know when it's time to get out of Tombstone?

Everyone has heard reports of sightings of big cats or bears from supposedly reputable sources, in areas where nothing larger than big, hairy dogs and overfed house cats have been seen in decades. Almost all these reports can be traced to witnesses who have been sampling quantities of John Barleycorn or city slickers who lost their way on lonely country roads. However, I recently saw one for myself and without the aid of hallucinogenic compounds of any kind.

Rollin and I were fishing the lake, catching our usual number of small crappie and an occasional 'gill or bass. Back in a cove, Rollins line suddenly went taut and no amount of tugging or snapping the rod tip would free it. "Hooked on a stump" he said. Rollin is very protective of his gear and he buys only the best in rods, reels, line and lures. His rod and line were strong enough to move the boat slowly toward the hang-up without using the trolling motor. Then the stump slowly moved a foot or so. "I've never seen a stump move" I said. "Do you think you'll need the landing net to bring it aboard?" Again it moved and pulled the boat with it. I let him know that if he had plans to continue with this farce he would be alone with it when he landed it. I had no plans to share space with anything that could pull a boat around.

He persisted and with the rod bent almost double the thing began to slowly rise to the surface. The tip of a scale covered tail appeared followed by the south end of the biggest turtle I have ever seen. The thing looked to be about the size of an average trash can lid. Following the tail were two huge rear legs armed with long claws that thrashed about like sharp garden rakes. Somehow, the jig had snagged the thing at the base of the tail, right between those two hind legs.

"Grab its tail and pull the jig out. I don't want to lose that bait" said Rollin.

"Whoa, Kemosabe", I snarled. "That jig is worth 29 cents and my hand is worth over a dollar. Hand me an ax and I'll leave the tail attached to it." True to Forrest Gumps saying of, "Stupid is as stupid does", I grabbed the tail and reached for the jig. Clawed hind legs flailed out at my hand and I dropped the thing. Again, Rollin brought it to the surface and again I grabbed the tail. Now an ugly head appeared and turned toward me, the jaws working and with a nasty gleam in its eyes. I quickly reached down, snagged the jig, jerked it out and let go of the beast. I then announced that any future encounters with a prehistoric beast would have to be handled by someone else. I therefore turned in my resignation as a worker in Jurassic Park. Monsters do exist.

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Looking Downstream



by Paul McCloud

Mid-Summer Fishing

Wow, here it is August already, it's been a scorcher since late May, plus it's been so very dry. Most farmers around Indiana, Ohio and ah heck the whole Midwest, are shaking their heads and praying for rain. Our drought conditions have had an effect on the fishing as well. Lower than usual water levels and higher than usual water temps have been a boon to fishing for those who are either early risers or night fishermen. Warmer water means the cold-blooded fishes metabolism is increased. They're more active, they're growing and they're eating more. The thing is though they're doing it during the low light periods of the day.

I've been hitting Indiana's Whitewater Lake and Ohio's Acton Lake by 6:00 am and wishing I could get out even earlier. I'm normally a crappie fisherman but I enjoy fishing for other panfish as well as bigmouths and channel cats. Using light tackle for all species takes more work and dedication but whether you're fighting a six-pound catfish, or a slab-sided Crappie it's just a ton of fun.

I start out right from the boat ramps casting a 1/4 ounce shallow running crank bait like a Rebel Wee R and a medium weight surface lure like a 3/8 ounce Jitter Bug hoping for a lunker bass. I switch back and forth and work over the area with both lures. If one lure gets extra attention from the fish I'll stay with it. Warm water bass swim closer to the surface in the low light conditions and will blast shallow or surface running lures. When there's more light larger fish especially bass, will seek the shade of a stump, a dock or submerged trees or weeds. They pounce from the darkness on baits presented close to these structures. Artificial worms rigged weedless falling close by can trigger a quick response. I have special spots on either lake that I like to anchor at. They are very similar in depth, shoreline cover and bottom type. On Acton Lake the old creek channel runs parallel and close to the East shoreline. I have a couple spots where I can anchor on the lakeside of the channel and work my baits, both live and artificial from the shoreline to the channel drop off. With bass I make long casts parallel with the channel to close to the shore. I feel this allows me to keep my bait in the fish's comfort zone longer and should give me optimum results. When working drop offs I like to use a medium depth diving lure (something that floats at rest but can dive to 12 to 15 feet when retrieved fast) and work the outside edge (closest to the shoreline) of the channel. I don't retrieve too fast, just fast enough to feel the lures distinctive vibrations. I've caught bass and a few bigger crappies this way.

I always put out a baited line once anchored and do my casting to either side. On my baited rig I'll usually go back and forth with waxworms and minnows



Author with 2 pound bass taken on 1/4 oz. crankbait from Whitewater. (Author Photo)

till I see if it's crappies or bluegills. Whitewater with its heavy infestation of deep growing aquatic weeds is mostly a bass and bluegill lake with plenty of big fish of both species. On Acton Lake the last couple of years I've been getting a lot of attention from channel cats when using minnows at these spots. I've been happily landing some nice keeper panfish when all of a sudden I've got on a fish that rips the line off the reel while diving for deep water. Using 5 1/2 foot light action rods and six pound line all I do is try to keep the bigger fish out of the submerged weeds and trees and let them fight the rod. I've had a couple really big cats (pretty sure they were cats) snap my line on their first hard run, I've also had them straighten my light wire hooks. I have boated several six-pound channel cats after quite a struggle, and as I said before, it's a lot of fun.

On Whitewater, it's a much different story because of the severe infestation of an exotic aquatic weed called Eurasian Milfoil you're limited to exactly where you can fish without getting tangled in this invasive weed. This weed infestation is so bad it has rendered the beach useless to swimmers. By midsummer you have to find the spots that don't get much direct sunlight, (the weed does not grow in predominantly shaded areas). Then you have a shot at the bigger fish. You can also work the outside edge of the weeds when adjacent to deeper water, especially if it's a shaded or low light situation. A waxworm tossed into these areas gets a lot of attention from the big bluegills and the occasional big redear. Whitewater is also a really good bass lake too. Top water lures and shallow running crankbaits worked along the edge of the weeds can be very productive. The key is low light, you can't be too early but don't forget the bug repellent. Good fishin! Your comments as always welcome: pasports@ydial.net

Update: Ohio's Grand Lake St. Marys is once again under a health advisory due to a continuing blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) infestation. Warning signs are posted at all four beaches advising anyone with health issues as well as children six and younger and seniors to avoid contact with the water. Other activities are being allowed including boating and fishing. The state applied 5 million dollars worth of alum solution over the plus 13,000 acre lake earlier this spring but the low rainfall and extreme early high temps have helped allow the algae to continue it's grip on the lake. Actions being taken by the DNR and other state, public and private concerns are helping eliminate the source of the problem and everyone is optimistic 2012 will be the turnaround year for the grand old lake. We'll continue with updates. ■

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by Don Bickel, Forester

Squirrel Hunting

It was my turn to provide the place to squirrel hunt. Hal Bench and I do the trading of hunting locations and we were going to hunt a squirrel woods I knew of. This trading of opportunities is a good partnership and it is my turn to locate a hunting site for another friend or two.

This squirrel woods may not be as productive as Hal's last choice. It is not as large in its acreage of mature trees bearing the foods preferred by squirrels and definitely does not have the number of shagbark hickories.

While the last woods we hunted was in the Sugar Creek bottoms and had both gray and fox squirrels, my squirrel woods will provide only fox squirrels. While the fox squirrel s are found throughout the county, there is a point south of Crawfordsville along Sugar Creek where gray squirrels will also be seen. Hal lives in the south western part of the county, a walk down the lane toward his house on Sugar Creek may provide a shot at either a fox or gray squirrel.

We'll hunt this time in the tract of timber I call the squirrel woods, but this is only a temporary name to cover this particular time of the year. In November, it will be the deer woods and in February and March, the sugar woods will be the name given. Sugar refers to the time of maple tapping and and syrup making. Then in April and May, it transforms again into the mushroom woods and then it rests until squirrel hunting time rolls around again.

Our hunt began in the early morning with daylight just making visibility good in the tops of the trees. Since this woods will have only fox squirrels, a later time of beginning would work, since fox squirrels are not the early risers as are the grays. But if the morning is warm, the squirrels may move early and the branch moving in the distance is probably the signal that a fox squirrel is heading for a selected food tree. If we are hunting a woods with gray squirrels, they might be found feeding in the early morning hours when visibility is not yet complete.

"Donald, they's a squirrel in the sugar maple over there on your right. He's movin' around a lot, cause it don't take long to bite into the good part of a maple seed. You stay there on the road and I'm gonna slip over to the other side of the tree. That way one of us should get a shot."

The syrup making has created a network of woods roads and by following them, walking is quieter and there's no brush to contend with. Although there may not be a crop of maple seeds every year, when the supply is abundant, the squirrels may be feeding on them while waiting for the hickories to get ripe. A squirrel in a maple tree seldom sets still, so the chance for a clean shot will come and go quickly.

While Hal slipped around to the far side of the tree, the squirrel either sighted or heard him, and moved to a larger branch of hunkered down. This tactic on the squirrels part put him in full view of my position and having picked out a small sapling for a gun rest, the Colteer 22 spoke and the squirrel was mine. A quick glance at Hal and his hand movement told me not to move for he had spotted a second squirrel in the same tree.

This squirrel also had taken evasive action and by hand signals, I figured it was somewhere on my side of the tree but out of my sight. I signaled to Hal to stand still and watch while I vigorously shook the small sapling I was using for a gun rest. Sure enough, the squirrel forgot about Hal and skittered around to his side of the tree. The single shot Winchester made short work of a squirrel with a short memory.

"Wal, Donald, we shore out-foxed them two bushy tails. Where do we head for next, seeing how we made so much racket around here?"

"There's a big shagbark just over by the fence and if we follow this wood's road through those sugar maples, we'll come out pretty close to it. I haven't checked, Hal, but the squirrel's may be cutting in that hickory by now."

The haul roads we keep mowed for moving maple water to the evaporator or cooker are about 10 feet wide and ideal for quiet walking and putting the sneak on a squirrel. As we approached the tree, I pointed it out and Hal motioned that we should stop. He placed both hands behind his ears and faced in the direction of the tree.

"Yep, they's a squirrel cuttin' over there. I can hear the pieces hittin'. How do you want to get over there?"

"Let's stay together and walk down this path. That hickory is one of the tallest in this part of the woods, so the squirrels will probably be a long ways up."

As we approached on area where the top of the hickory was in sight, the cuttings could be seen showering down from one or two big branches. When the squirrel finished with the nut, a quick run to end of a branch would be made, a nut selected and back to the dense cover of leaves it would go.

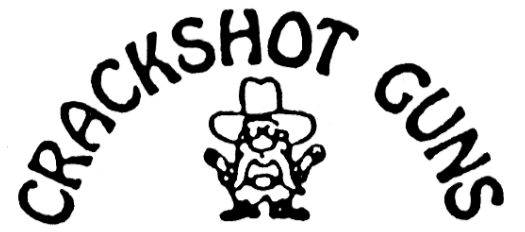
"Hal, for the life of me I can't see that squirrel. I know about where he is, but I can't find him and if I bend my neck back anymore, I'll never get it straightened up."

"Wal, Donald, how many times I got to tell you, don't look for a whole squirrel. Jist try to find a piece of him. Look for a tail, a piece of fur, maybe his eye or ear."

Memory get short at times, but putting these words of wisdom in action, and locating the general area where the pieces of nut were coming from, I could see a little patch of brown fur. By shifting slightly to the right, I was looking at the squirrel's head. Again, rest-

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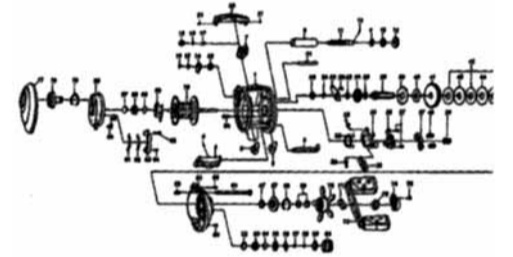
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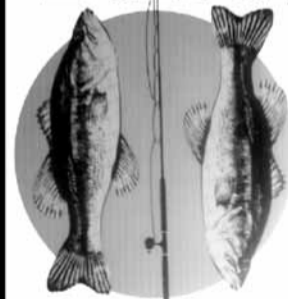
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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory
**From Zagreb, Croatia to
 Zurich, Switzerland**

At the University of Zagreb we were directed to the sports complex where people were camping on the soccer (football) field. The attendant asked us if we were married, pointing to our wedding rings. We said "yes", and he gave us shower bath towels and locked us in the locker room shower. That evening we were directed to a nearby restaurant with outdoor as well as indoor seating. We chose to sit outdoors since the weather was beautiful and were taken back in to the kitchen area. The Slavic server realized we couldn't read the menu so he lifted the lid on each of the menu offerings and we chose our full meal by sight and by smell. The total meal of about four items each, plus drinks, came to about fifty cents each. During the meal we were serenaded by American Rock and Roll music coming from across the cement vine covered wall next to the restaurant. It must have been a teen center and somewhat connected to the university.

When we got to the Austrian/Yugoslavian border (now named Slovenia) we had so many dinars left from the very reasonable old Yugoslavia that we stopped at a store and bought enough food and supplies to last us clear through Austria and Switzerland. Not too far into Austria we were driving slowly through a construction zone and through the side view mirror I could see the man and woman in a Porsche behind us were arguing and flailing their hands. I told El just to relax, that we were going to get hit, and with that, wham-o. The accident wrapped everything around the engine in the back of the VW. We had purchased insurance for the three months of the trip but, since it wasn't our fault the other person's policy paid all of our costs. We're glad we had paid the \$92 because driving in unfamiliar places and with

people with different driving habits, one wants to be properly insured. This is true, especially with motor coaches and travel trailers or fifth wheels. Before taking long trips with any type of new unit it's best to drive around on familiar roads or on parking lots to become more familiar with the camping unit.

We limped into Vienna, found a VW repair shop, took our clothes and stayed in a Bed and Breakfast for five nights until everything was repaired. We took buses around the large city of Vienna to the Schonbrunn Palace, to homes of artists and composers, and to see the Lipizzaner stallions' indoor training facility, among other sites. We had wanted to drive around the city and surroundings to see if we could find any of El's father's family, the Baumgartners, but the accident changed our plans. From Vienna and all through the Alps we could visualize the Von Trapp family and the songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Sound of Music". Even the edelweiss was in bloom. About noon on a Sunday we arrived at a small town of Vocklabruck where one of my students' pen pals lived. I'd arranged for her to write this girl.. We stopped at a downtown restaurant and asked an old gentleman and his grandchildren directions to the pen pal's street. He and the kids jumped into the VW and directed us right to the house. We told the man we'd take them back but he insisted that it was a good day for a walk and they all hiked back to their cold meal. This is the kind of friendliness we encountered through Europe that summer.

In Innsbruck, Austria we camped near the site of the ski slope at the 1964 Winter Olympics. Standing at the top of the slope near the starting gates and looking down to the landing pad we noticed that just a few meters away, on the other side of the landing pad was a cemetery, not a very inviting site for the skiers. The Salzburg Music Festival was in full swing when we reached that city and we were quite fortunate to get a site just large enough for our VW campervan for a couple of nights so we could enjoy the free events as all the big shows had been sold out for months. We walked around town and listened to music coming out of the doors of virtually every building. At night we'd go to the central plaza and watch the dancing and listen to singing and yodeling at center stage.

From Austria through beautiful Liechtenstein and then in to Switzerland was one of the most beautiful and most memorable experiences we've had in all forty eight countries in which we've traveled. Driving up and over mountains and through tunnels was like going into another sun-lit world. Camping in the Swiss Alps was not only beautiful and cool but refreshing after having been on hot, dusty gravel roads a few days earlier. Don't take this the wrong way, as the stark beauty of the Dinaric Alps was enhanced by the friendliness of the Slavic people.

The large flowered clock in the central square of Geneva, Switzerland, and the now defunct League of Nations, and the home of the Geneva Convention, were some of the man made sites in Geneva. The surrounding countryside was what for us, made Geneva a beautiful city to visit. In Zurich we had our first ever meal of fondue. It didn't then and it doesn't now seem very sanitary for every-one to dip into the same fondue bowl. Well, maybe we've advanced a little and have our own bowl in which to dip. We purchased and brought back a fondue kit and a Swiss watch from Zurich. Our son in northern California just called this last weekend and said that same name brand of watch was selling to collectors for five to ten times the price we paid.

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Mr. Austen still works at the shop even though he is on oxygen and walks with a walker.

Robert "Bob" Austen Amish Cheese Shop

Photos and Article by Ray Dickerson

Bob Austen, owner, Amish Cheese Shop in Metamora opened in 1977 and is still going strong in 2012.

Bob was born on November 27, 1918 and told me he was a "Notch Baby." Here is the definition of a Notch Baby - "A person who was born in the U.S. between 1917 and 1921 and as a retiree received lower cost-of-living increases in Social Security than others after Congress readjusted Social Security benefits in 1977." According to Bob there are about 5 million notch babies in the United States.

I've known Bob Austen after meeting him some years back when he advertised his Amish Cheese Shop in The Gad-a-bout. I hadn't seen him for some time, when I got a call from him that he wanted to advertise in The Gad-a-bout this summer. He gave me directions to his home just off US 52 near the town of New Salem in Rush County. We had a nice visit, he introduced me to Karen Tibbs, who manages the Amish Cheese Shop. Bob is 94 years old, but in quite good health, thanks mainly to Karen's insistence that he be visited by health care individuals who assist him in breathing, exercising different parts of his body that has done wonders for his mental outlook and giving him the will to look forward to

the future with gusto.

Before summer began I had arranged to meet with Bob and Karen at the Amish Cheese Shop in Metamora, Indiana on June 29th, between 11-11:30 a.m. for an interview and tour of his shop for an article to be put in my August Gad-a-bout.

Last Friday, on a very hot day, I arrived at their shop. Bob was on his way to the shop, in the meantime I photographed the shop inside and out. When Bob arrived we sat down to talk about what he had been doing for the last 94 years.

I asked him, "Bob what did you do before opening the Amish Cheese Shop in Metamora?"

He replied, "I retired out of the field of Artificial Insemination (AI) of which I had worked for 42 years in it."

I asked, "Are you a doctor?"

He replied, "No, I graduated from a two-week Purdue course in Artificial Insemination in 1947. I made 100,000 inseminations during my career. I started with the Artificial Breeding Service (ABS) on April 25, 1947.

I asked, "What was the Artificial Insemination on, farm animals or what?"

He answered, "It was on cattle, primarily interested in the dairy cattle. I worked for John D. Rockefeller's grandson, Mr. Prentis.

I asked, "Was that in Indiana?"

He replied, "That was in Indiana, Purdue provided the class and Mr. Prentis put up the money. Then they hired us out of a class of 23 AI students. Of the 23 original AI students there are only two left alive,

one in Wells County, Cecil Fitch and me.

I asked, "What town were you in?"

He replied, "Mr. Prentis had 200 acres out at Zionsville, Indiana. He put the lab on the farm and he had to get the bulls. We worked on the theory of proven sires or proven by their genetic value. Of course, today the reason why we have the genetic value and better management to control is the reason why we're still getting our milk cheaper."

He continued, "And like I said I worked for 22 years with ABS, then I was hired by the Carter Industries who was owned by a man and wife that also owned Curtiss Candy Company who made Baby Ruth and Butter Finger candy bars. They had a big Guernsey herd up in Skokie, IL, that they had to sell and they sold it to G.D. Searle and Company, Donald Rumsfeld was the head of Searle Drug Company."

He continued, "I had two bulls, two of the greatest. These two bulls started the Holstein, which produce milk. One bull was named Packlmar Astronaut. Curtiss Breeding Industries sold a million dollars worth of germplasm from that bull in one year." His owner brought him home in the trunk of his car, he had given \$3500 for the bull. His wife said, "Well what in the world is the matter with you, paying \$3500 for that little calf!"

"Well he was one of the two famous bulls."

The Curtiss family had two geneticists. Now today I'm sure they do it by computer, but back then one was Frederick Faust "Ted" Krueger (1922-1985), chief bull buyer for the Curtiss Breeding Service.



Karen Tibbs and Bob Austen sitting in his Amish Cheese Shop. Karen manages the business for Bob. They are sitting in front of jams, jellies, fudge, candy and more.



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Outdoors



With Rich Creason

My First Musky in Years

Since 1972, (we were married in '71) my wife and I have gone fishing in Canada probably 30-35 times. Over this period, we have caught hundreds of walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, and probably less than 10 muskies. Several years ago, we traveled through Manitoba to the far northwest angle of Ontario for the express purpose of catching a musky in Lake of the Woods. After three days of hard fishing, we were skunked. My last musky was caught sometime in the 1990's. That is, until May 2 of this year.

In mid March, we attended the Outdoor Sports, Lake & Cabin Show in Ft. Wayne. I was checking out all the exhibits when we saw a bunch of pictures of huge muskies at Gary's Indiana Muskie Experience booth. I immediately stopped and introduced myself to guide Gary Enos. Since I already knew a lot about catching these hard fighting fish, I had the right questions to ask, and started throwing them at Gary. We discussed his operation, equipment, prices, experience, area fished, and much more. When we were finished, I was well satisfied and signed Susie and I up for a spring trip to northern Indiana.

Gary is a full time guide with 30 years musky fishing experience. He is fully licensed, insured and DNR inspected. His boat is equipped with Tooth Tamer rods and reels with enough backbone to handle a 50" monster. All necessary equipment is supplied including baits and live suckers when available. You bring your own polarized sun glasses, rain gear, sunscreen, drinks & snacks, and of course, a camera for your catch and release trophy.

We met Gary at Ye Olde Tackle Box Bait & Tackle in North Webster around 7 AM. We could have picked from numerous lakes to try for our quarry, but we told Gary to pick whichever location seemed to be working best at that time. He fishes on Webster, Backwaters Lake, the Barbee Chain, Lake Tippecanoe, James Lake, Oswego Lake, Loon Lake and others, but he said we would be fishing Upper Long Lake about 15 minutes east of our location.

We arrived at the lake and Gary launched his boat in just a few minutes, we jumped in, and quickly he had our poles rigged and ready for action. We would be casting assorted, huge lures toward the docks, weeds, and trees along the shoreline. We also were trailing a large, live sucker behind the boat. Our guide ran through the how, where, what, and why of musky fishing for our information.

We were using level wind bait casting reels and after just a cast or two, we remembered the proper "figure 8" finish to our retrieve. Muskies often follow the lure right to the boat. If you just lift your lure from the water, the fish will swim away. But, if you put your rod tip down into the water and run your bait in a fast figure 8 pattern, it will often entice a



Top: My first musky in many years. She is extremely thin having just finished spawning. Bottom: Gary Enos standing next to his boat. Very roomy, comfortable and stable. (Author Photos)

musky to attack. Gary will teach you this technique. We saw several keeper musky follow our offering to the boat, stare at us for a few seconds, then just drop into the depths. We also saw them following the sucker we were trolling.

It's hard to relax when you're throwing a bait which seems to get heavier with every cast, especially after several hours, while waiting for a toothy monster which might go over four foot long to grab it. But, I can sleep anywhere, even while standing up in a boat. Being on the water with the movement of the waves is always relaxing. I watched the neat rows of cottages along the shoreline. Several "For Sale" signs dotted the yards and I seriously considered coming back to look at a couple fine looking cabins. What could be better than owning a retreat on an 80 acre lake, lots of fish, no big motors or jet skis? It would be a great getaway for anyone for weekends now or retirement later. If we were a little closer to the signs, I would have been writing down

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Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

Fur Takers of America National Rendezvous

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to attend the Fur Takers of America (FTA) National Rendezvous at Evansville, IN. This Rendezvous was hosted by Chapter 7-C of the FTA and they really went out of their way to put on a good rendezvous. Friday night was a grand banquet and business meeting for the FTA. Saturday had Dutch oven cooking by the Mahoneys and then a trap setting and skillet throwing contests. Saturday afternoon saw a fur fashion show that had Miss Indiana, MerrieBeth Cox, as one of the several professional models showing off what the fur industries does with the furs that trappers catch. See the site, www.furtakersofamerica.org for pictures.

Throughout the day there were demonstrations on trapping sets, fur handling, and discussions on animal damage control while not catching the family's dog. Selectively catching your target animal is what good trapping ethics is all about. It takes a lot of work and effort to do it right. But we want to have fun also, so there were activities for everyone. Kids had games and events planned most of the days. Spouses had an area to congregate and discuss the best way to keep the odor of skunk out of the house. Vendors and tailgaters set up throughout the Fairgrounds and plied their wares to all who walked by. It was a very busy weekend.

The Indiana State Trappers Association (ISTA) held its summer Board meeting on Saturday morning in an open air pole barn. It was a beautiful day with a mild breeze. Most of the discussion revolved

around the changing of the Treasurer's position and getting the membership straightened out. The Board is still gathering information from the various financial institutions that the ISTA has had dealings with. A full report of our findings and actions taken should be available by the Fall membership meeting in Tipton, IN, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, beginning at 10am EST. We are currently taking reservations for the ISTA 51st Convention and Rendezvous being held at the Tipton County Fairgrounds September 21 & 22, 2012. Go to our website www.indianatrappers.org for further information or call Tom Morelock at 765.860.3991.

Also discussed at the Board meeting were the coming Trappers Education weekends and the Indiana Outdoor Experience Day set for September 19, 2012. These dates and places are all available on the website: www.indianatrappers.org under the calendar heading. Speaking of the website, I continue to make improvements and now have pictures up from the January 14, 2012 fur sale. Recognize anyone? Of note is that the deadline for the next ISTA newsletter is August 1st, 2012. Nominations for Vice-President, Treasurer, FTA Director, and one (1) Director are now open and their deadline is also Aug. 1st, 2012. Get them sent into the Secretary or the President before then, addresses are available at www.indianatrappers.org. My email is fpp@juno.com. Sincerely Submitted; Fred Philips, DVM Pres. ISTA

Outdoors with Rich Creason

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numbers of the real estate agents. I'm sure many of the other lakes in the area have similar offerings.

As I dreamed of owning my cabin on the lake, Gary hollered "Fish on!" and I grabbed for the rod attached to the live bait. I leaned back hard to set the hook and felt the power on the other end immediately hit back. I've caught many species of both fresh and saltwater fish, but nothing excites me more than tangling with a big musky. Sometimes they begin their fight as soon as they feel the hook. Other times they will actually come easily to the boat, and then explode when they're just a few feet away, drenching the angler with water and peeling line off the reel. This one fought as soon as she grabbed the bait.

I finally brought the fish to the net. As usual, when the musky saw the net, the fight started again. After several times trying to get her close enough, Gary was able to slip the net underneath and lift the fish aboard. Since we were going to release anything caught, we quickly took several pictures, measured the fish, 36" which is a big fish, but not a big musky. She was thin and just weighed around 15 pounds. Gary said she had just finished spawning. We gently released her and watched as she swam away.

If my fish had been 50 inches or larger, Gary said he has a local taxidermist, Cecil Baird, who has won many national awards for his work, who would mount a replica of the trophy for free. To contact Gary Enos to set up your trip to try for a huge musky, call 574-275-1885 or e-mail him at garymuskienut@aol.com. Also check out the website at www.yeoldtacklebox.com.

If you've never caught a musky, you definitely need to try it. If you've already caught one, I don't need to explain it to you.

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Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche
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Metamora, Indiana Activities for August

Metamora celebrates transportation in August with a mix of new and regular events. The **Friday Cruise In** continues every Friday from 5-8pm in downtown Metamora. On Friday, August 31 the Cruise In moves to the area by the Lover's Lane stage. Saturday, **August 4 is the 2nd Annual Hot August Blaze car show** at the fire station. Registration is 8 am to noon. Judging at 1 pm with Awards presented at 4 pm.

The canal boat, **Ben Franklin III** has Kids **Discount Day on August 11**. For every adult admission, receive two children's admissions for half price.

The Whitewater Railway has three evening trains to dinner this month. The usual **Twilight Limited Train to Dinner** is running on **Aug 3 and 17**. This train makes the trip to the Laurel Hotel for dinner. Looking for a dinner train with a little more excitement? The **Wild West Train to Dinner** on **August 31** might just be what you are looking for. Entertainment is provided by the Circle D Rangers and includes marshals, robber barons, fancy women and not so fancy women. This is the final time this train will run this year. All three trains depart the Connersville Station at 6pm. **Reservations Required.** For reservations and schedule call: **(765) 825-2054**.

There are several themed train rides in August. All make the regular run from Connersville leaving at 12:01 with a 2 hour layover in Metamora before returning to Connersville. On **Aug 11-12 Ride the Statesman with the 16th President Abraham Lincoln**. You can talk to the former president, have your photo taken with him, and listen as he delivers a speech before returning to Connersville. **August 18 is the Overland Limited Wild West train** complete with bandits, marshals, etc. The Circle D Rangers are once again protecting the train. This train always brings a shoot-out to the Duck Creek section of Metamora. **August 25** is the final running of the **American Limited Civil War Train** for this year. So don't miss a chance to see Union soldiers protecting the government payroll while Confederate soldiers lie in wait along the line to stop the train and steal the money.

Finally for the music lover there are several opportunities. **Aug 5** is the **Acoustic Slow Jam at the Grist Mill** from 1-5pm. **Aug 8** The Cat and the

Fiddle at Thorpe House is hosting an **open jam session** from 6-8pm. Everyone is welcome to come and play with the Baggy Bottom Boys. Finally, **August 31 is Open Mic Music Night** at Lover's Lane stage from 7-10pm.

So if you're looking for a fun day trip stop by and see us in Metamora. ■

Talking Leaves

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their cheekbones yellow and sang special society songs. They had to meet at night and in secret to avoid trouble with the agent. They all left their mother's lodges and stayed together in lean-tos.

Lone Eagle's family was invited to a special ceremony one of his father's friends was having for his daughter. It was called the "To Sing Over Ceremony" and it would make her a woman. Lone Eagle's sister, Little Deer, did not approve of the old ways. She had gone to the mission school. She told her father that he must become a Christian and a farmer. Then they could leave the reservation and become "white" men and live in their town. That fall she returned to school and never came home again.

The girl for whom the sing was to be held was named Willow. She was a quiet girl and like her family, followed the old ways as much as they could. Her face was painted in the way legend says the White Buffalo Calf Woman was painted. Her father sang a very special song he had made just for her. She received many gifts. The best one was a red shawl with long fringe. All the women carried shawls when they danced.

Lone Eagle found her to be very attractive. After the ceremony he went to his uncle, the flute maker. He asked if he could borrow one of his flutes. His uncle laughed. "I have been waiting for you to come and see me." He said. He took a flute down from the shelf. "I made this for you the day you became a man. I knew you would need it to go a courtin'" It was a beautiful instrument. His uncle taught him a song.

He said it was a Love Song. So without realizing it he had crossed from the Hill Of Youth, to the Hill of Adulthood.

That night, Lone Eagle went to the lodge of Willow's mother. It was a canvas tipi. It was painted in wonderful dream designs. Her father had strong medicine from his dreams and was well respected by the people.

The young man hid in the bushes and began to play his flute. Nearby another flute song was being played. On the other side, a third suitor began to play his flute. **See Part 2 in the September Gad-a-bout.** ■

Noble Boys Furniture

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Lodge in Lawrenceburg, IN and serviced the Union members of 8 different companies.

In 1972 Luther met Ethel. They married in 1974 and have been married now for 38 years.

(Here is an interesting note, the name Ethel translates to the name Noble, which of course is Luther's last name. Speaking about Luther's last name - Noble. Luther is related to Noah Noble who was the fifth Governor of the U.S. state of Indiana, 1831 to 1837. Noah Noble was born in Berryville, VA on Jan 15, 1794 moving to the frontier (Brookville/Franklin Co) around the year 1800.)

Ethel retired at the Campbell Hausfeld factory after working there for 38 years. Up until recently she managed a second Noble Boy's Furniture store

for 11 years in Harrison, OH. They sold that store.

Norma Johnson was born in Knoxville, TN, she moved to Elizabethtown, OH with her family in 1959. Then in 1962 they moved to Cedar Grove, IN. For the past 35 years she and her husband Tom have lived near Brookville. The two have one daughter, Tonya.

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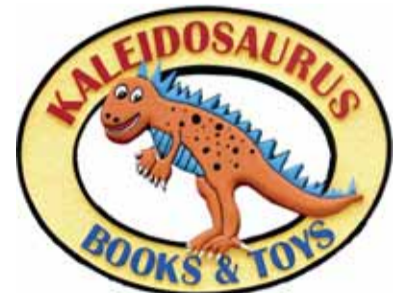


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ing the rifle on a small sapling, another clean head shot and three squirrels for the morning.

"What say, Donald, we take these three squirrels and figure on a mess of fried squirrel for supper. I think they are all young ones and they'll make a fine gravy along with mashed taters, sliced tomatoes and some shelly beans out of the garden. I believe they's even an apple pie at home that the Missus baked yesterday."

Well, you don't have to ring the dinner bell twice for me. So that evening after a short drive down to the south western part of the county and down the lane to that house that sets back by Sugar Creek, the four of us set down to a meal that only the woods and garden could provide. ■

Camping Here and Beyond

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In September we'll go from Zurich to Denmark, October from Denmark back to Indiana, and in November we'll get back to camping topics about Indiana and throughout the U.S.A. We've had requests about types of games or activities you have for the kids of various ages while in the car, tow vehicle or motorhome. Also what different activities or games do you have for them while at camp, especially if bad weather occurs? If you have anything about camping you'd like us to discuss, contact us at: jmacnut@yahoo.com or 260-637-3524. There are just a few more weeks until school gets in to full swing. Make those weekends and days off count with the family. The kids grow up and get away from home quickly. John and El McCory ■

Bob Austen Amish Cheese Shop

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ing Bob at the shop on weekends for the past 4 years, she lives in Connersville.. The customer, Rosalie Baker from Connersville, was making her first visit to the Amish Cheese Shop. She said she was enjoying her visit to the shop and Metamora.

I thanked Bob, Karen and Paula for taking time out of their busy day to talk to me and said, goodbye. I thought as I pulled out of their parking lot, Bob Austen is truly a genuine Indiana businessman. He did it his way, working all his life and continues today in these times with a hopeful outlook for tomorrow. We could use a lot more business men like Bob in America today. ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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This **Thunder in the Hills Bull Riding** event will be held on **Saturday, August 25th** at 7:30 p.m. at the Union County Speedway just west of Liberty, Indiana on SR 44. (In case of inclement weather rain date will be August 26th at 2 p.m.)

Admission is 12 years and older - \$12.00;

7 to 11 years old - \$6.00 and 6 and under - Free.

Besides Bull Riding there will be Barrel Racing and Sheep Riding. Sheep riding limited to 75 pounds and under.

For more information contact **Steve King (765) 977-1777.**

More about the King Bros. IXL Ranch, which was located in Henrietta, TX, following the annual round-up two young King brothers conceived the idea of touring. So Jack W. and Jesse Frank (Tom) King gathered the cowboys, cowgirls, horses, steers, calves, mules and took to the road. The playful



antics of the cowboys on the range were a small way to commercially advertise.

The King Bros. IXL ranch rodeo is now the oldest organization of its kind in the world, owned and operated thru 3 generations of Kings. The founders, Jack and Tom King have both passed on. Roy T. King operated the business for over 40 years, he to has passed on. Steve, who now headquarters in Centerville, IN is the present head of the outfit and is now readying the King Bros. Rodeo for the August 25th event at the Liberty Speedway west of Liberty, IN. **For those coming from yonder'**. From **Indianapolis area** take I-70 east to SR 1, turn south (right) on SR 1 thru Connersville to SR 44, turn east (left) on SR 44. When you cross the East Fork of Whitewater River, immediately look to the right for Liberty Speedway sign (just a few hundred feet from river). From **Fort Wayne area** take US 27 south to Liberty, at stoplight turn right onto SR 44 go west, watch for Liberty Speedway sign on left once you pass Whitewater Trap club. From **Cincinnati, OH area** take I-74 west to US 52 north (right) thru Brookville to SR 101 north (right) thru Liberty to US 27 go one block north, turn left onto SR 44 and west to Liberty Speedway, watch for sign on your left.

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The D&J Corner Mart located at the Junction of SR 9 and SR 124, formerly owned by Dave and Jeanie Vanover was sold to a new owner, Julieanne Pohler, in June, 2012.

The new owner told me on the phone the other day that she has changed the name to Junction 9 Express.

Dave and Jeanie Vanover told me that they will stay in the area and finally have some time to relax and enjoy their beautiful surroundings, "The Great Lakes of the Wabash River."

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The Gaston Memorial Tournament is an annual fishing tournament held at Brookville Lake located in southeastern Indiana. It is a non-profit event to help raise money for the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Scholarship Fund.

To learn about the late Indiana State Trooper Richard T. Gaston, click on "About Richard" who was killed in the line of duty on March 4, 1999. All proceeds from the tournament benefit the Gaston Memorial Fund which awards scholarships to graduating seniors of Franklin County High School.

This year's tournament details.

Take-off Times are Walleye 8:00 a.m., Bass 8:30 a.m. and Catfish 8:30 a.m.

Return/Weigh-in 4:00 p.m. at the Mounds Beach on Brookville Lake.

For more information contact Jeff and Dianne Koester at Parkside Marine and More located at 7191 Fox Run Road, just across SR 101 from the Mounds State Recreation Area entrance at Brookville Lake or give them a call at 765-647-4619 or e-mail them to: pmarine@wvremc.net, you can also see website at:

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On The Cutting Edge

RAY'S UNABASHED OPINION
CAUTION - ONLY READ THIS IF YOU TOO ARE FED UP WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING IN AMERICA TODAY!!

The key-word here is this is my opinion!
Food for thought for the Presidential candidate in 2012!
What we need is a Presidential candidate who is foremost an American patriot, a God-fearing American patriot who will stand up for us and not bow to any other nation. We need him backed up with a congress full of American patriots. A congress who believes the United States is still as powerful a nation as it always has been and will remain so as long as Mother Earth allows us to be here.

Back in the 1770's we had a king across the ocean who wanted to rule us, tax us and make us obey his thinking. Well we had a revolutionary war and out of it came an American Republic that was free and was a beacon for millions of people around the world.

Now the beacon is dimming. We may still be God-fearing, at least a part of us, but it's like a guy told me the other day, you give most Americans a drink, a football game to watch and they are happy!

Well that's not me because I don't watch any kind of team sports. I'm one of the millions of Americans in the United States who is an outdoor person, who loves to go outside to fish and hunt. We have millions of men and women in this country who can kill a deer, bear, antelope, coyote or other game species from up close, to 300 yards away, easily!

It is my thinking that this very fact has been what has kept many people, who would do us harm, from coming to America in person. It is known around the world and here, the fact, that the United State citizens are well armed and know how to use their guns.

True they (the enemy) did come here on 9/11 in airplanes and did more harm than they planned - they left a fear that has and is taking all our rights away from us, disguised as being in our best interest, by the powers to be. We are the closest this country has ever been to socialism, in my lifetime. The non-working class who are ever-present and the illegals already here and those coming to this country in droves, love it. Both groups will line up eagerly for the free benefits the Liberals are handing out, without ever lifting a finger to earn them. They don't have to fear losing this free lunch, the Liberals will see to that!

Gad's Corner

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Doug Clay battled this 13 lb channel catfish on the Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Wyatt's walleye 3.5 lbs 23 inches long caught in the Brookville Lake.(Jays Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)

Our current administration has about bankrupted us and saddled future generations with an overwhelming debt, our economy is crippled and wanting. This latest Supreme Court ruling is adding yet another tax (that the Obama administration said wasn't a tax). It seems that the Federal Government has left the American citizen powerless in their insatiable thirst to increase their size and power. I guess they are waiting for us to say "Thank You!"

Well, I'm one American who will make them wait forever.

I can't tell you how unhappy I am with our current congress and president. At least in civil words here!

Term limits would change their tune. All 4-year elected officials should not be in office for more than 8 years and 2-year terms not more than 4 years. It's a given, Congress, won't vote term limits in, but a referendum, would.

I've been hearing a disturbing phrase that Benjamin Franklin is reported as saying after he was asked about what type of government the founders had created, he is quoted as saying, "A Republic, if you can keep it."

I have recently been told that for a very long time our politicians have been replacing the word "Republic" with the word "Democracy" for their reasons.

I googled a question, "what is the difference between a Republic and a Democracy. The answer

came back in multiple phrases, one was *Rule by Law* (Republic) vs. *Rule by Majority* (Democracy). Another explanation from wiki.answers.com was

In a Democracy, the Majority has unlimited power over the Minority. This system of government does not provide a legal safeguard of the rights of the Individual and the Minority. It has been referred to as "Majority over Man".

In a Republic, the Majority is Limited and constrained by a written Constitution which protects the rights of the Individual and the Minority. The purpose of a Republic form of government is to control the Majority and to protect the God-given, inalienable rights and liberty of the Individual.

The United States of America is founded as a Republic under the Constitution.

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Famous American People quotes from the past:
1775 Patrick Henry "Give me liberty or give me death!"
1779 John Paul Jones "I have not yet begun to fight!"
2010 Nancy Pelosi "But we have to pass the bill so you can find out what is in it." ■

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Matt B. from Hamilton OH. caught these nice Crappie pre spawn in early May using Minnows. (Jays Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Jim Walters caught these two Flatheads on the Salamonie Reservoir. The biggest one weighed 33 lbs. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Janie caught a Tiger Muskie at the Brookville lake early June trolling in 16 foot of water. (Jays Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Ray Hicks hooked this 13 1/2 inch crappie on the Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)

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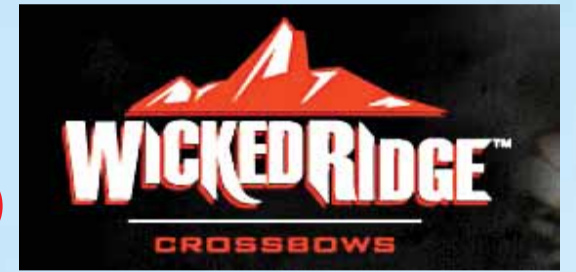


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