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Top Right: Mr. Ed Grogan and his assistant stroll the streets and businesses playing the violin for the enjoyment of all. **(Photo by Pendleton Merchants)**

Bottom Left: Jay Bias, owner of Jay's Midlake Bait and Tackle caught this 22 inch, 4.5 pound walleye fishing in Brookville Lake. **(Jay's Midlake Bait &**

Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)

Bottom Right: Dorothy Combes wearing a Navy hat, singing special song (s) for the Seabees, she sang directly to us (see photo on page 33) her rendition of the Seabee Song. She was great, I know those Seabees in attendance appreciated her tribute to them. She also sang "I'm Sick of Guadalcanal" and "God Bless America." Dorothy Combes was married to Seabee Roy E. Combes, Jr who was in the 26th NCB at Guadalcanal and Tulagi. See more on pages 31-37. **(Photo by Ray Dickerson)**

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The Gad-a-bout wishes to congratulate Teri on this momentous occasion and good luck.

79th NCB & CBMU# 624 - 67th REUNION

I've been writing about this event since last September. Read all about it on pages 31 thru 37.

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On The Cutting Edge

By Ray Dickerson

IN MY WORLD

Beginning in the December Gad-a-bout I am starting a new column entitled, "In My World."

It will be mostly common sense subjects that I've been wondering about for a long time and waiting for it all to happen. But evidently I'm the only one who thinks about these things. So I'm going to put my two cents worth into the bucket and see what comes out. This is what I was trying to write about last month, but had writers bloc and couldn't think of a thing. After I sent October to the printer, then "In My World" mysteriously appeared in my mind. Oh well, maybe you are like me and suffer from CRS!

Hmmmm.....

WAS I MISTAKEN OR DID I SEE A RERUN LAST THURS EVENING OF LAUGH IN???

This is strictly my Opinion of these Debates.

The Vice Presidential Debate was a unfair and unbalanced laugh fest by a over-bearing 69 year old left to run amuck by a moderator who unfairly gave the Vice President a free hand to interrupt Congressman Paul Ryan when he was trying to answer serious questions.

I don't know why when everyone knows that the National Media are Liberals and that we are not given a better choice of moderators. For a fair and balanced debate why can't the moderators originate from a pool of highly intelligent Americans that don't work for the National media?

Why, because the National media wants to be unfair and unbalanced.

I recorded the Vice Presidential Debate because I was working on this paper and couldn't stay home to watch it. I don't have a TV where I work so I watched the debate after I went home in the wee hours of the morning. What a waste of time! Half-way through the debate I became so disgusted with the way Vice President Biden was laughing and interrupting Congressman Paul Ryan, that I turned the recording off. It wasn't a debate, it was a Laugh-in rerun. The moderator, Martha Raddatz, works for ABC, a member of the Liberal National news media. She let the Vice President run rough shod over Congressman Paul Ryan for the entire debate.

Who won the debate, I turned it back on and watched the rest, even though it was unfair and unbalanced. Vice President Joe Biden had his moment on National TV and used it without showing this American why I should vote for four more years of the Obama administration. With the help of the National media including newspapers, TV, radio, internet, twitter, facebook, and all forms of electronics we have today to communicate I will not be surprised if we get four more years of Obama as president. Governor Mitt Romney may be rich and powerful in the business sector, but he can't win in the National press with performances of the moderator (s) in his debate (s) and Ryans.

When this paper goes to the printer, October 16, 2012, the next debate will be in progress on TV's across the nation and broadcast on all forms of media. This debates topic will be: Town meeting format including foreign and domestic policy, Air

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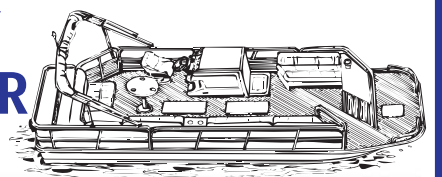
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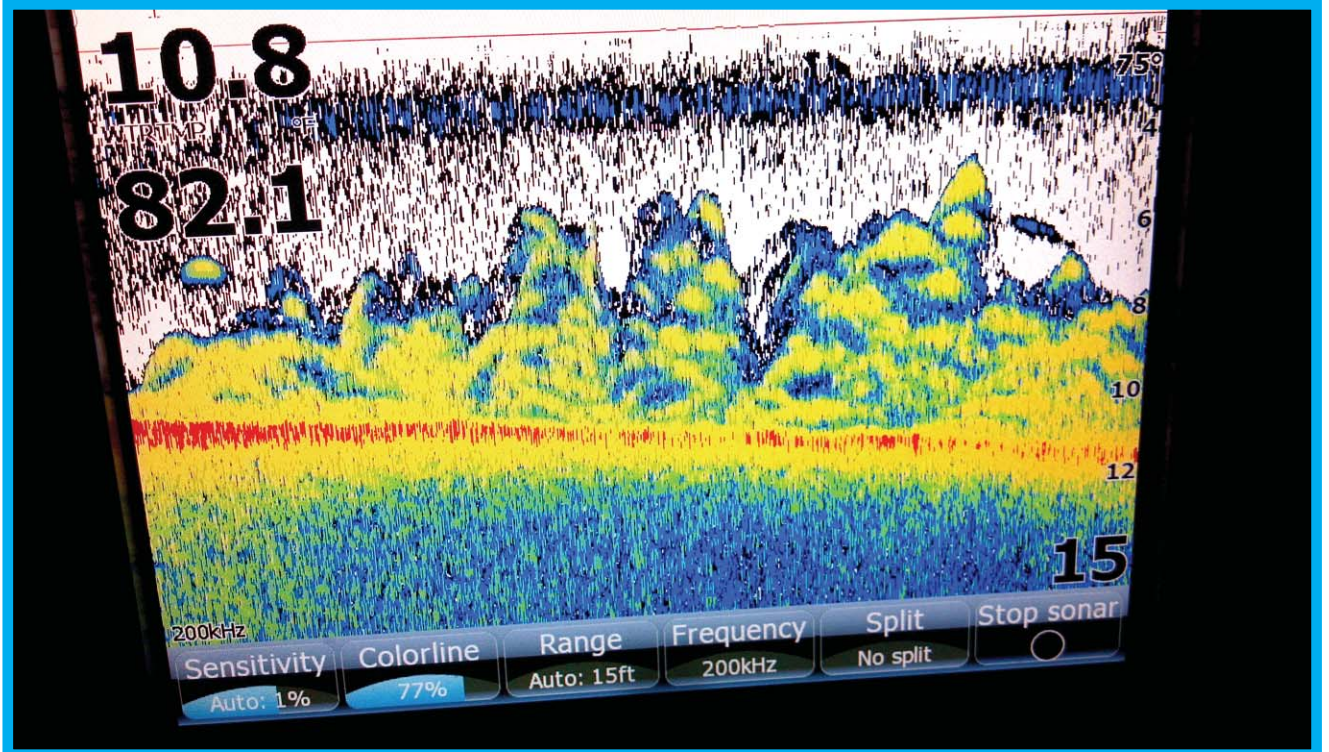
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by **Tag Nobbe**
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This is the way a school of white bass will show up on your fish finder when you see them on the flats or in deep water on the bottom. (Author Photo)

Spoon Fishing in November

Spoon fishing can be one of the best way to catch every species of fish in the lake, especially in the winter time. I have to tell you that most of the time when you catch a walleye on a spoon their usually a little bigger then average. But on the other hand I have caught plenty of crappie and blue gill on the same spoons. There are three different types of spoons casting, trolling, and jigging spoons the ones I am talking about are jigging spoons. The best way to fish it is to drop it straight over the side of the boat or under hand pitch it at a 45 degree angle and let it fall all the way to the bot-

tom. If your fishing in the summer the under hand pitch is usually best because the fish are shallower. But in the winter time straight over the side of the boat is best because the fish are deep.

In the late summer to early fall the lake is full of young of the year shad swimming in large schools all over the surface. This is a prime time to be fishing with a spoon. What you look for are these large schools of shad spread out over the flats not over deep water. If their spread out over deep water their prime food for white bass but thats a whole other story. If you don't see large schools of shad spread out over the flats stick with trolling or jig fishing. The key to spoon fishing in the summer to late fall is the shad being on the flats.

What you look for on the flats are high places sticky places inside or outside turns drop offs and ledges. These are places where walleye like to feed. On Brookville Lake the flats run between 8 to 12 feet deep. When choosing a spoon I like to fish a spoon that is a light as possible but still heavy enough that I can feel the spoon. For instance if I was fishing 30 feet deep in the winter I would fish a 1/2 to 3/4 ounce spoon but if I was fishing 8 to 12 feet deep in the summer I would fish a 1/8 to a 1/4 ounce spoon.

Fishing a spoon is all about the reaction. The way I like to fish a flat with a spoon is to stand on the front of the boat watch my bow mounted depth finder with my foot on my electric trolling motor looking for any irregularities on the flat. At the same time looking for fish on the bottom and clouds of shad moving around on the flat. Just give the spoon a simple under hand pitch at about a 45 degree angle out in front of you. As soon as you feel the spoon hit the bottom give it a short quick hop up and reel up your slack and repeat this as soon as you feel the spoon hit the bottom again. Do this till your spoon is back to the boat ,or a fish grabs it. Take a picture of the fish throw it back, or release it in the grease what ever soots your fancy. Then under hand pitch it somewhere else and catch another one. What your doing is trying to make the spoon look like a dying shad. Usually the fish will hit it on the flutter down so when you go to hop it

up again it will just be there so pay attention.

Winter fishing is a little different do to where the fish are. In the winter the surface temperature gets colder then the deep water which in turn makes it heavier and causes fall turn over. This action re oxygenates the deep water and allows the fish to go as deep as they want to escape the colder water on the surface.

When fishing a spoon in the winter you still stand on the front of the boat watching the bow mounted depth finder. With your foot on the electric trolling motor your trying to hold yourself in one spot so you can fish straight up and down. What your looking for is steep drop off ledges deep under water humps or sticky places on the bottom. At the same time looking for fish and clouds of shad close to the bottom. What you do is let the spoon free fall all the way to the bottom. Once there reel up about a crank off the bottom and give the spoon a simple hop up and flutter down. Trying to vary the movement till you key in on what triggers a bite. The only difference in the winter spoon bite is that some times they will hit the spoon on the hop up or if you just hold it motionless. I believe just the shaking of your hand is enough to trigger a strike. Remember this is winter time.

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News from the Indiana State Police



by **Sergeant John D. Bowling**
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Pendleton Troopers Honored At Oct 4th Awards Ceremony

At an awards ceremony held at the Government Center in Indianapolis on October 4th, an award was given by Indiana State Police Command Staff to Pendleton Senior Trooper Shawn H. Cosgrove, a 14 year member of the Indiana State Police. Senior Trooper Cosgrove was honored as Pendleton "Trooper of the District."



Pendleton Senior Trooper, Shawn H. Cosgrove, honored as "Trooper of the District." (Indiana State Police Photo)

Factors that district personnel used to determine the "Trooper of the District" included, but were not limited to, traffic and criminal enforcement, community involvement and specialty assignments such as SCUBA, ERT, Meth Lab Team, Instructor ratings, or other services performed for the department beyond normal expectations. Each district recipient was awarded a plaque by Indiana State Police Superintendent Dr. Paul Whitesell for their outstanding service that reads:

Presented in recognition for the high level of service, dedication and professionalism exemplified in service to the citizens of Indiana and the Indiana State Police. Presented October 4, 2012.

Trooper Cosgrove graduated from Mitchell High School in 1991 and graduated from Ball State in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He started his career with the State Police in 1998 at the Lowell District then transferred to the Indianapolis District, and later to the Redkey District until that district became part of the Pendleton District.

Some of Cosgrove's accomplishments during the past year included 49 criminal arrests, 24 operating while intoxicated arrests and 210 police services (assisting stranded motorists.) During his career Cosgrove has served as a K-9 Officer and has completed duty assignments in Investigations and in the Drug Enforcement Division. Cosgrove lives and works in Delaware County.

Also honored at the same awards ceremony was Pendleton Trooper Tom Harbison. He received the 2012 Life Award for leading the Pendleton Post in



Pendleton Trooper Tom Harbison receives the 2012 Life Award. (Indiana State Police Photo)
DUI enforcement. Harbison made 105 DUI arrests in 2011. For his efforts Trooper Harbison was awarded a plaque by Indiana State Police Superintendent Dr. Paul Whitesell that reads:

Presented in recognition for his outstanding effort toward removing impaired drivers off Indiana highways.

Trooper Harbison concentrated his enforcement efforts on removing impaired drivers from Pendleton District roadways before they caused needless pain, suffering, and death to innocent victims. The Indiana State Police stays committed to reducing the number of impaired driving crashes as well as all crashes.

Harbison, a Yorktown native, is a five year member of the Indiana State Police and is assigned to Madison and Delaware counties.

Excuses, Excuses, Excuses

As you know, in our daily dealing with people we hear a variety of excuses for illegal behavior. A driver that recently rolled through a stop sign out in front of me asked me where I'd been hiding. When I told them I was driving down the road in a fully marked car right at them, they actually didn't believe me! Or the guy who ran a stop light and said "well, it hadn't been red that long."

When we stop a car and the driver bails out as we get out, it usually means two things to an officer, and neither is good. It usually means the guy is about to take off running, or he's trying to beat me out of my car to take me to a gun fight. A guy I stopped recently just couldn't understand why I "disrespected him" in his words, by ordering him back into his vehicle, or why I wouldn't let him wander around outside and do a "farm chore" as I wrote his ticket. (He had pulled into a driveway.)

He had bailed out and reached in the bed of his truck. My first thought was for a long gun, not the feed he ended up getting out. I meant no "disrespect" it's just that we have to be direct sometimes for your safety and ours. Remember if stopped, stay in your vehicle, for your safety and ours.

I was recently talking to a detective about a case he had worked. This man had said by phone he wanted to speak to the detective, but when the detective arrived at the guy's home, the man said he was just leaving to "go buy some stamps."

These excuses continued, so the detective showed up unannounced one day to find the guy sitting out on his porch. When the man realized it was the detective, he jumped up and said "Hey, I'd love to talk to you, but I have to go in and do the dishes." Now, I don't know about you, but I don't know of ANY grown man that would rather do dishes than anything else, including a trip to the dentist. Gee, that excuse didn't raise any red flags!

I was on my way to talk to some kids at a school recently when a detective called me for a press release on a case he had worked. It seems a small child had been battered to the point of needing to be airlifted to Indy. As a parent, and a human being, I know there is not one of us that this type of crime doesn't anger. I had this case on my mind the whole time as I spoke to the kids.

As I finished and was leading the kids out to look at my car, a little white haired girl with bright blue eyes walked by, reached up and grabbed my hand, tugging at me making me walk with her. She explained that she liked me because she knew that policemen were her friend. I looked at her little smiling face, and I realized something.

Its little incidents like this that serves as a reminder to all of us why we serve all of you. It's to make sure justice is served for all, including those too small to protect themselves. Thanks to you all for allowing all of us to serve all of you. Take care of yourselves and your families, and we will talk again next month.

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by **I.C.O. Gary Catron**
LE Division Spokesperson

A Training Site to Behold

A major goal of training, especially among emergency responders, is that the training offers students the most realistic circumstances possible. At times the desired circumstances can be manufactured and of benefit. Better yet, utilizing any naturally occurring desired variables is invaluable to productive training. Allow me to introduce you to the Indiana River Rescue School that in the spirit of training in 'real-life' conditions is arguably, the best.

Initially, the Indiana River Rescue School (IRRS) provided an extension, of sorts, to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) renowned breakthrough program which began in 1979. The ODNR river rescue program derived from the recognition of the once-common failure to recognize the dangers of river current as a powerful force by emergency services as they responded to river related incidents. Dealing with river current and incidents in and around low head dams too often led to drowning deaths among emergency responders. The ODNR program instilled the need for safe, systematic, team-based approaches to fast water rescues.

Based in South Bend, Indiana, the Indiana River Rescue School has trained well over 2500 students from many corners of North and Central Americas. My own involvement in the IRRS began in 1985, the same year in which I became an Indiana

Conservation Officer. I was freshly out of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy when I attended as a student. The following year six fellow officers and I traveled to Ohio and attended an ODNR river rescue instructor course. During the initial years the South Bend Parks and Recreation Department administered the IRRS. The core group of instructors from Indiana consisted principally of Indiana Conservation Officers, South Bend Firefighters with several from Mishawaka fire and police departments. These (we) instructors would teach the river rescue curriculum with ODNR river rescue instructors. Through the years that followed, additional agencies added trained instructors to the IRRS roster. Indiana Conservation Officers began to include the IRRS as part of the required training during recruit classes.

Today, the IRRS is one of the leading swiftwater rescue schools in the nation. But how, you might ask, given the topography of our region and fairly 'flat' rivers, can Indiana have a top-notch swiftwater rescue course? It's like realtor's preach; location, location, location. The river areas in and near downtown South Bend have pretty much everything needed for the river rescue school. One distinct characteristic in the St. Joseph River is the South Bend dam. A typical low head dam, similar to a concrete wall, allows water to flow over the structure in a uniform manner. As the water flows over and into the lower pool, a hydraulic current and boil line may form. This recirculation of water will hold, and keep objects whether they are discarded trash items, trees, boats and unfortunately, people. The South Bend dam is unique due to its 'L' shape. To maneuver boats slightly downstream takes a great deal of practice and requires a would-be rescuer to read the currents present as they weave their way downstream.

Near the dam along the east shoreline of the St. Joseph River (next to the fish ladder) begins another integral portion of the IRRS training site. This is the East Race Waterway. Once upon a time, the East Mill raceway and dam diverted water from the river to generate power for manufacturing purposes. As time went where it usually does, things changed and the raceway was no longer needed. Years passed. In the late 1970s, construction was started on the raceway site to make it an artificial whitewater course. The East Race was born into the South Bend riverfront park system and was the first artificial whitewater course in North America, and opened to the public in 1984.

The East Race is approximately 2000' long and drops approximately 12' along its length. To describe it, think of a creek about 6' deep with steep banks and then trowel concrete along the banks and creek bed. Now, take a generous amount of fiberglass obstacles resembling port-o-lets and bolt them to the concrete upright, sideways and lengthways in a sort of random manner. When regulated water flow is added and reacts as water should over and around the man made obstacles (fake boulders), a competitive canoe and kayak course develops. Many times the East Race has played host to U.S. Olympic regional kayak trials. Close the dedicated dam providing water supply, allow to empty, move the obstacles around and you have an entirely different course with no need to move to a different river.

The many characteristics that make the East Race a gem for competition make it a pearl for river rescue training. One important aspect to the IRRS curriculum is that the student become proficient in self-rescue. That is, when a person suddenly finds their self in swiftwater current, there is proper body posturing and some very important 'Dos and Don'ts' to successfully maneuver downstream. The currents change dramatically as they flow over and around the various obstacles and an object, whether it is a boat or body, will also react differently within these currents. Accurately reading the current when it's at eye level is much more of a challenge than when viewing it from overhead. Students do perform self-rescue exercises down the length of the East Race and additional 'wet' type rescues many times during the 5 days of training...in their mandatory high-floatation life jacket, wetsuit and helmet, of course. It is not a small challenge to properly navigate one's self down the 2000' of the East Race while avoiding the artificial boulders and obstacles. If needed in event of an emergency the dam head gates can be closed and the water flow closed in minutes. A friend of mine would humorously boast that he had performed a perfect self-rescue down the entire East Race waterway and despite having the usual water being forcefully splashed, and even smacked into his face, he was able to keep his cigarette lit throughout. I was witness to this. I do not recommend anyone ever do this. Not even a little bit. Not at home, not anywhere. After all, cigarette smoking is hazardous to one's health.

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Vertical rescue practice. (Photo provided by ICO Darren Reed)



Victim entrapment extrication. (Photo provided by ICO Darren Reed)

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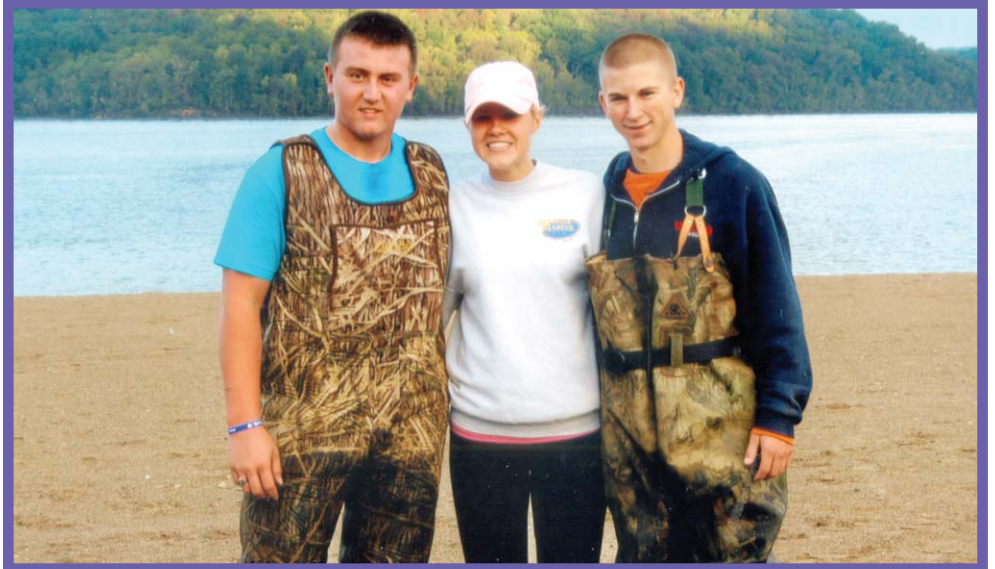
Winners of the Walleye Tournament (Photo by Dianna Koester)



Winners of the Bass Tournament (Photo by Dianna Koester)



Winners of the Catfish Contest (Photo by Dianna Koester)



Left to right: Dustin Fain, Caroline Koester and Kraig Schwab, the team who got things done at the Gaston Memorial Tournament. (Photo by Dianna Koester)

Richard T. Gaston Walleye/ Bass/Catfish Tourney Results

by Amy Gaston Stehr, Dianna Koester
and Ray Dickerson

The 2012 Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye/Bass/Catfish Tourney began on the cool side as Autumn made an early appearance in Indiana almost to the day that Fall arrived, September 22nd. The weather probably affected the catch as few fish were caught.

But weather doesn't hold back fishermen though when it's tournament fishing time.

I have attended the Gaston Tournament non-stop for a long time, but this year I only got to see the fishermen off and I was almost too late for that. I pulled into the parking lot just in time to see the last boats leaving the beach. The Seabee Reunion I've been preparing for since Sept. 2011 was Sunday, Sept. 23rd thru Thursday, Sept. 27th. I had to get things ready on the 22nd which just happened to be this tournament day. Fortunately for me, Dianna Koester (Parkside Marine & More) stepped up and took photos for me, in my absence. Also Amy Gaston Stehr provided us with lists of the winners.

I really appreciate Dianna and Amy's help. You can read about the Seabee Reunion in this issue. Next year though I intend to be at the 2013 Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye Tournament and Catfish Contest at Brookville Lake.

WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

1st Place was won by Brian and David Adair who caught 4 walleye weighing in at 4.60 pounds.

2nd Place was won by Tim McFarland and Geoff Church with 4 walleye weighing in at 4.30 pounds.

3rd Place was won by Rick Mofield and Bobby Singleton with 4 walleye weighing in at 3.85 pounds.

4th Place was won by J. Black and Mike Vaughn with 4 walleye weighing 3.75 pounds.

5th Place was won by Junior Newton and Tony Basham with 2 walleye weighing 2 pounds.



Left Photo: Richard Hollanbach & Indiana Conservation Officer Cory Norrod weighing fish. Right Photo: Eric Boger and Richard Hollanbach count & weigh fish as Amy Gaston Stehr (at right) observes the process. (Photos by Dianna Koester)

Big Fish for walleye was won by M. Bishop for a fish weighing 1.85 pounds.

BASS TOURNAMENT

1st Place was won by Kenny and Mike Bennett with 3 bass weighing 6.85 pounds.

2nd Place was won by Jeremy and Justin Smith with 3 bass weighing 6 pounds.

3rd Place was won by Max Axmacher and Jordan Smith with 2 bass weighing 3.70 pounds.

Big Fish for bass was by Kenny Bennett for a bass weighing 3.75 pounds.



CATFISH CONTEST

1st Place was Tim Harper with 12.45 pounds of catfish.

2nd Place was Curt Callicot with 8.60 pounds of catfish.

3rd Place was Mark Sebesky with 8.35 pounds of catfish.

4th Place was Brian Sebesky with 7.65 pounds of catfish.

5th Place was Mark Blauvelt with 7.50 pounds of catfish.

Big Fish for catfish was Tim Harper with a 3.15 pound catfish.

Winner of the Queen Mum Smallest Catfish Award was won by Tracey Jacobs with a .15 pound fish.

We hope to see you all here next year.

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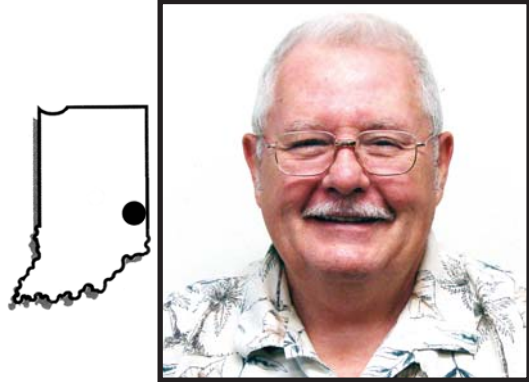
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Notes from:
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith

Let me introduce myself

For this second installment of "Notes" I want to introduce myself to you. I'm a lifelong resident of Wayne County in eastern Indiana. I joined the U.S. Navy at age 17, just out of high school in August of 1964 and served until December 1967. I was one of the lucky ones who didn't have to serve in Vietnam or in the waters off shore. I was stationed States side at the Naval Weapons Testing Station, China Lake, California. After leaving active service I joined the Richmond Indiana Police Department and served another 20 years in the service to my community. I am now working part-time for Wayne County Government as the County's Veterans Service Officer. On the civilian side I own Prairie Wolf Gun Repair, a BATF licensed Firearms Manufacturer. As a gunsmith I hold a manufacturer's license as on occasion I will modify (or redesign) a firearm from its original caliber or design to another caliber and design. I don't make or manufacture my own line of guns. I have over 20 years experience with guns and the design, form, function and repair of all types of handguns, rifles and shotguns.

I'm a strong advocate of our 2nd amendment right to "bear arms". I've been an NRA Life member for over 30 years. I am a strong advocate for firearm safety and believe that every person wanting to carry or own a firearm must be trained in its safe handling, maintenance, and use. It is important that owners of concealed or carry firearms be licensed and know when the weapon can and cannot be used. You might have thought that from my first article in "The Gad-A-Bout".

After 40 years in the service to Federal, State, County, and City government my belief in the U.S. Constitution and the rights it sets forth for the citizens of this great nation is stronger today than ever. When I joined the U. S. Navy and again when joining the police department I took an oath to protect our constitution and way of life from all enemies both foreign and domestic, and to faithfully serve my nation and community. I have spent a lifetime serving and protecting our rights under that constitution and will continue until the time comes that I can no longer voice my opinion or cast my vote. If you read this before the 2012 election, be sure to get out and cast your vote. If you don't vote and don't participate, then what additional rights are you going to give up without so much as a whimper?

Veteran's Day is Sunday November 11, 2012. While many realize that Veterans Day, which always falls on November 11, is a day to honor our Veterans, few realize the historical significance behind the day. And, few realize that it didn't always

fall on November 11. For a brief time it was legislated that Veterans Day be celebrated on a Monday to provide a long weekend for everyone. However, there was many who strongly urged their congressional legislators to return it to its original day.

Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day and marked the end of fighting in World War I. The fighting came to an end at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. However, it wasn't until June 28, 1919, that the "war to end all wars," also known as "The Great War" and World War I, came to its official end through a treaty signed in Versailles, France. The day the fighting ended was originally set aside to honor the Veterans of World War I with a day of parades, picnics and other celebrations. Usually with a ceremony commemorating veterans 11AM.

However, after World War II and the Korean War, Congress recognized a need to expand the meaning of the day to recognize all of our Veterans and not just those of World War I. In 1954, the word "Armistice" was replaced with "Veterans" as a way to formally include all Veterans of all American wars in the day of remembrance.

This year, 2012, we will honor veterans of all wars of the United States on the 11 hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. I hope all that can will go see the parades in their area and to the ceremonies. Check with your local Veterans organizations such as the American Legion, AMVETS, DAV, Marine Corps League, or VFW to get the times and activities going on.

Remember, Veterans Day is not only to remember those who died in service to our country, but also to recognize and honor all those who have served and those that continue to serve today. For those readers who are veterans and have yet to register with the VA medical services, please contact your local CVSO and apply for your benefits. Since January 17, 2003 the VA medical benefits are only offered to those veterans who meet the income threshold set out by Congress. I hear your grumblings, I too was told that because of my service to my country (U.S. Navy Air Traffic Controller), I would always have the benefit of VA medical care. Well, that changed. There are still many benefits available to veterans who qualify. If your unsure if you qualify or not contact your CVSO and discuss the benefits available to you. However, for those of you whose service included time in country in Vietnam (August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975), in the Korean Demilitarized zone from April 1, 1968 to August 31, 1971, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn, the income thresholds don't necessarily apply. Please contact your CVSO for more information. You can go online to <http://www.in.gov/dva/2370.htm> to locate your Indiana county's veterans service officer. More information can also be obtained from the VA's website at www.va.gov.

In future editions of "Notes from Prairie Wolf Gun Repair" I will write on gunsmithing issues, gun safety and responsibilities, and I will be including notes on Veteran issues and announcements. If you have a question or comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or, would like to just make a comment send me an email at PrairieWolfGuns@gmail.com. I'll try and answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column.

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Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

Fall is in the air

Fall is in the air. The wind is a bit sharper and rain soaks the ground.

The leaves, having finished their job are slowly changing color and breaking loose from the branches and slowly swirling to the ground. Then there are the colors. Those wonderful reds, yellows and browns that brighten our days and give us something to remember before the dull days of winter set in.

It used to be the time for me to take long walks in the woods. I'd watch the squirrels scurry about preparing for winter and see the birds massing for their annual flight south. If I was really lucky I'd see a flock of Canada Geese fly over making a perfect 'V' in the sky, calling out as they go hurrying by, to any stragglers, to come up and join them before it was too late.

Once upon a time, before the do gooder's took over the world, you could smell the

burning leaves in several yards around the neighborhood. Of course, if your lucky, there are still some homes with a real fireplaces which send out the smell of wood burning on the night air. And, if your real lucky, you might be invited to a wiener roast or to make 'smores' over a campfire.

Than, of course, this is the season one of my favorite holiday. 'Samheim' or as you know it 'Halloween' The ancient Celtic New Years Eve..The Night of Darkness..When the spirits of the dead return to avenge themselves on the living, who did them wrong. Each family gathered in their home, the men armed as though waiting for an enemy attack. Food was placed outside to appease the spirits. The fire was put out and the fireplace cleaned. A new fire was laid but not lit. At dawn a fire was lit in the village square. A woman of the family went out, escorted by an armed male. She obtained an ember from the central fire and took it home to light the fire in her hearth, Thus began the New Year.

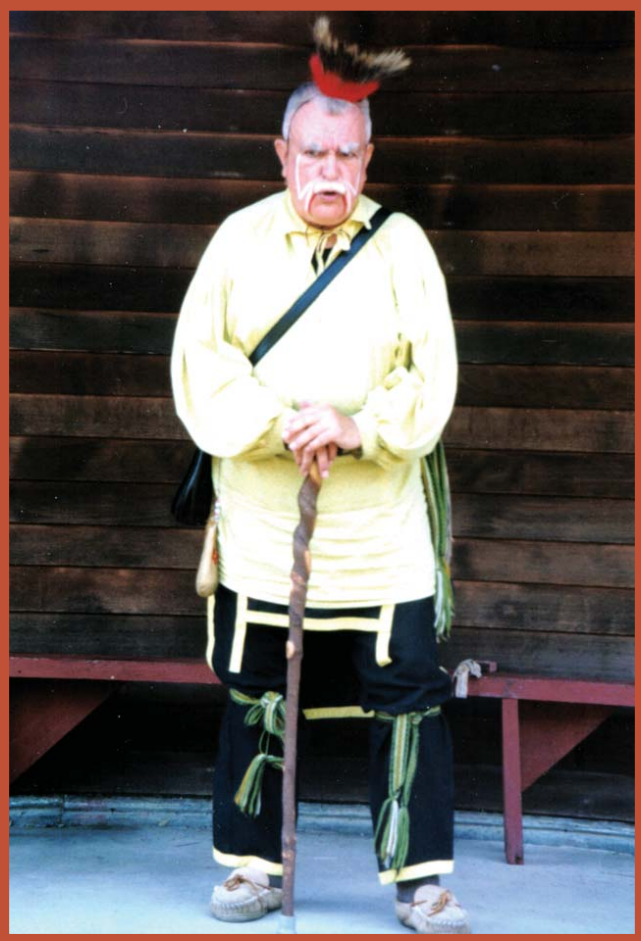
Amazing how out of this came the celebrating on 'All Hallows Eve'. The night before the Christian Holy Day of All Saints and all the customs we have today of dressing in costumes (evil spirits) and Trick or Treat (appeasing the spirits with food.) Other customs have been added..carving a pumpkin from Ireland (where it was a turnip); bobbing for apples from England and many others that have come and gone over the years.

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Corn Roasts; Bar-B-Qs; Apple Festivals; Pancake Breakfasts all are a part of the living breathing days of October.

There are still some places, maybe you know of them, when walking through a wooded section you can still fill the spirits of the Miami, Shawnee and Wyandot warriors watching from the trees. Look quickly and you will see them before they slip away into the shadows.

May Grandfather Great Spirit always guide you in your journey over the four hills.

Old Chief Says:
There are two kinds of people; those who work and those who take the credit.
Try to be in the first group; there is less competition.

Editor's Note: Golden Eagle requested me to put an article he had written in a past issue this month. He lives in a assisted living development in southwest Ohio and is moving from his apartment into the "Big House" as he calls it. He said he wouldn't be able to send his article this month due to his changing quarters. Rest assured he will be back in just as soon as he is able. Ray

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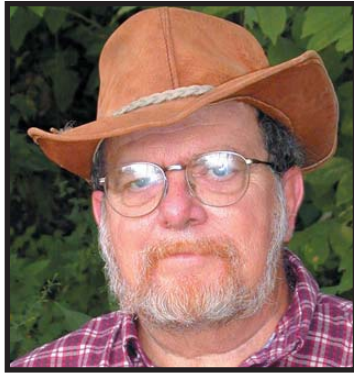
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Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker

Unplanned trips can be fun

Some of the best vacation plans are impromptu, maybe no plan at all. Certainly planning can be beneficial, but sometimes it is fun just to do it, "go with the flow" as flow used to say.

For our 25th wedding anniversary, my wife, Phyllis and I had a well planned trip to Ontario, Canada. We visited three different fishing camps. It was a great trip. However, 25 years later, things were different. We had less coins in our pockets, less mobility in our bodies, and less time between doctor appointments.

We had planned to take a trip in June, but that didn't work out. Then came July, followed by August, and finally September rolled around. There was a week on the calendar with nothing scheduled.

As to planning, we only knew we wanted to head north and we would like to spend at least part of the time in a cabin surrounded by the great outdoors.

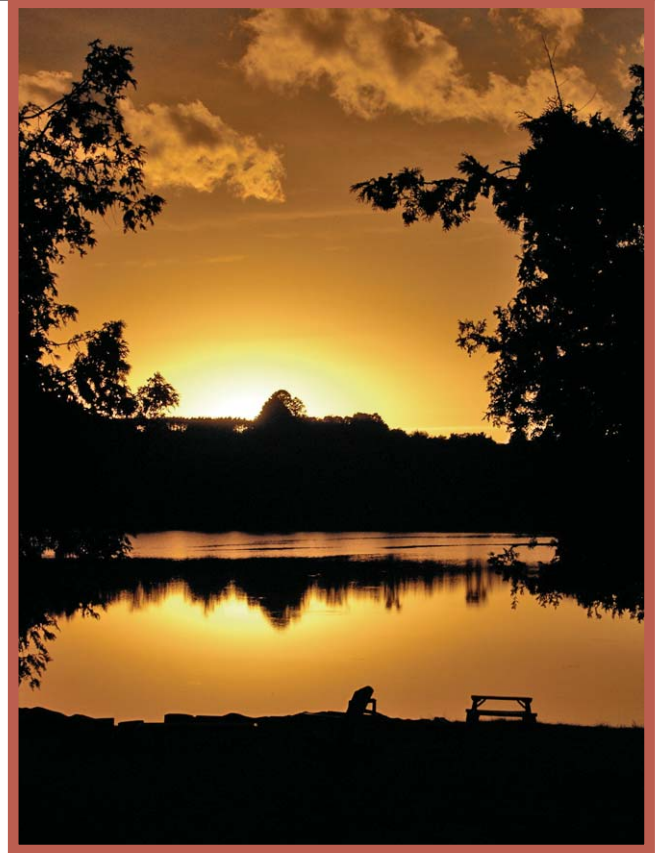
Using the internet, I found Michigan's Pure Michigan tourism site. It is a good site, packed with information on visiting the state whether you are looking for antiques, top-notch hotels or golf resorts, or looking for a northwoods getaway. Somewhat by accident, I found a link to Cedars Resort near the small community of Central Lake in the far northwest corner of the lower peninsula of the state.

It is not unusual to find a place that looks better on the internet than it does in reality. But, after talking with Jo Ellen at Cedars, I decided it was the place with a cabin in the woods on a lake for us. It didn't disappoint. The cabin, the resort, and the owners were far better than I anticipated.

And, I found heading north after Labor Day, rates at most motels and lodges are less than summer season rates, and most places you visit are less crowded. There may be a few exceptions during peak fall foliage time. We also discovered some businesses close early for the season, and ferries on the lakes run less often.

On the way north, we had a late pleasant lunch at the Streamline Family Restaurant in Rochester, IN, and then spent the night at a local motel at Montague, MI, a pretty little town near Lake Michigan.

The next day we headed on up the west coast and stopped in Ludington to view the lake. At a lake front park, we also found a dog park where our rat terrier



Sunset at Cedars Resort on Benway Lake in Antrim County, MI. (Author Photo)

Tyler could get in a run on the beach. Then it was on north to Central Lake and Cedars Resort.

Cedars has five rental cabins on one of several interconnected natural lakes, which eventually make their way to Lake Michigan. The lakes offer plentiful boating and fishing opportunities. Panfish probably are the primary target of most anglers, but there are walleye, northern pike and several area lakes contain muskie.

One of the other cabins was occupied by a pair of young men who specialize in muskie fishing. They primarily fish Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. In the Hoosier state, they concentrate on the Tippecanoe chain of lakes in the northeastern part of the state.

Cedars is centrally located between Traverse City and Petoskey in Antrim County. There also is skiing, snowmobiling, golfing, hunting, kayaking, canoeing, and lots of opportunities for exploring back roads and small towns as well as a large variety of shopping and restaurants.

The Cedars is operated by Chris and Jo Ellen Dick, who have been operating the resort for 14 years. Boats are included with the full-furnished cabins.

We enjoyed side trips to Traverse City, Torch Lake, Petoskey, Charlevoix, and a visit to a friend at Lake City.

As always, we found a wealth of good places to eat, including many locally owned family-type restaurants. One unique spot is the Front Porch in the village of Ellsworth (less than 400 people).

Several years ago the community's only restaurants went out of business. There was no place for locals to gather for breakfast or lunch, no place for coffee drinkers to gather and discuss the happenings of the day.

So folks got their heads together and opened the

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

BOIL THOSE PEANUTS

One of the many reasons I took the time to go to Branson for a conference being held by the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers was the chance to fish Lake Taneycomo, one of the best trout fishing places in the world. Meetings, parties, coffee breaks and other outings all came and went, Thursday was for fishing.

On the way to Lilly's Landing to purchase licenses and meet our guide, our route took us down Fall Creek Road where we passed a country store advertising "BOILED PEANUTS." That got me thinking.

I love peanuts. I'm convinced, were they not so common, inexpensive, available, easy to find and even easier to use, peanuts and peanut butter would rank above French truffles and Russian caviar as one of the world's most flavorful foods. Peanuts would be food for the rich and famous only. Luckily, they are something everyday people can afford and enjoy.

I love peanut butter. I love peanuts other ways, as well. Peanuts in the shell were a fall staple at the hunter check-in station where I used to work. A jar of dry roasted Planters is as good a snack as I can imagine. But boiled? I couldn't imagine. Neither could fishing partner, Bill, so we vowed we'd stop on the way back from fishing to investigate.

What we found was the an eclectic mix of tourist stop, local corner store, antique boutique and just a fun place to be. Whisker's Country Corner wasn't built. It evolved. It probably started as a roadside stand selling fresh produce (and perhaps boiled peanuts) and then it just grew and took over the sturdy but somewhat ramshackle buildings, nearby. You can even get a haircut there! But this is a story about peanuts.



Peggy goes through about 4 gallons of boiled peanuts daily. (Author Photo)

Store owner and chief peanut "boiler," Peggy Stevenson didn't share the exact recipe, but it involved raw peanuts in-the-shell, plenty of water a pinch or two of salt and, no doubt, a few secret herbs. Put it in a large roasting pan and let it stew for several hours - or all day, I suppose.

"Some people eat shell and all," said Peggy. "They cook, but are stringy like celery. Most people peel off the shell, just as you would with roasted peanuts."

So with those instructions, Bill and I were soon sampling this traditional southern snack.

How were they? I agree with most people. Peel off the shell. I didn't on the first one I sampled and it was indeed stringy. More than stringy, actually. Don't do it. The rest I peeled. I say "peeled" because the process is a bit harder than cracking open a roasted peanut - more like peeling a cooked shrimp.

Inside, the peanuts were done perfectly. But no peanut flavor! Their texture was more that of a navy or lima bean cooked "al dente." (Peanuts are a legume.) The flavor was more bean-like than anything. If you like navy beans, ham'n beans, black eyed peas and the like, you could easily become a boiled peanut fan. I do and I now am a fan. Until I get back to the Ozarks, I'll stick to peanut butter.

So how was the fishing? Maybe I'll tell that story next issue.

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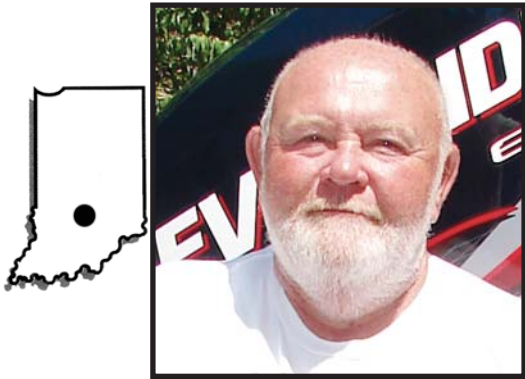




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by Bill Embry

West Boggs Creek Reservoir

In the last few months there have been only speculations on the cause of a man's death after swimming at West Boggs Creeks Reservoir earlier this year. This has never been proven from anyone. The local media & the Indianapolis area media have said that this man contracted a disease from West Boggs Reservoir. The gentlemen in

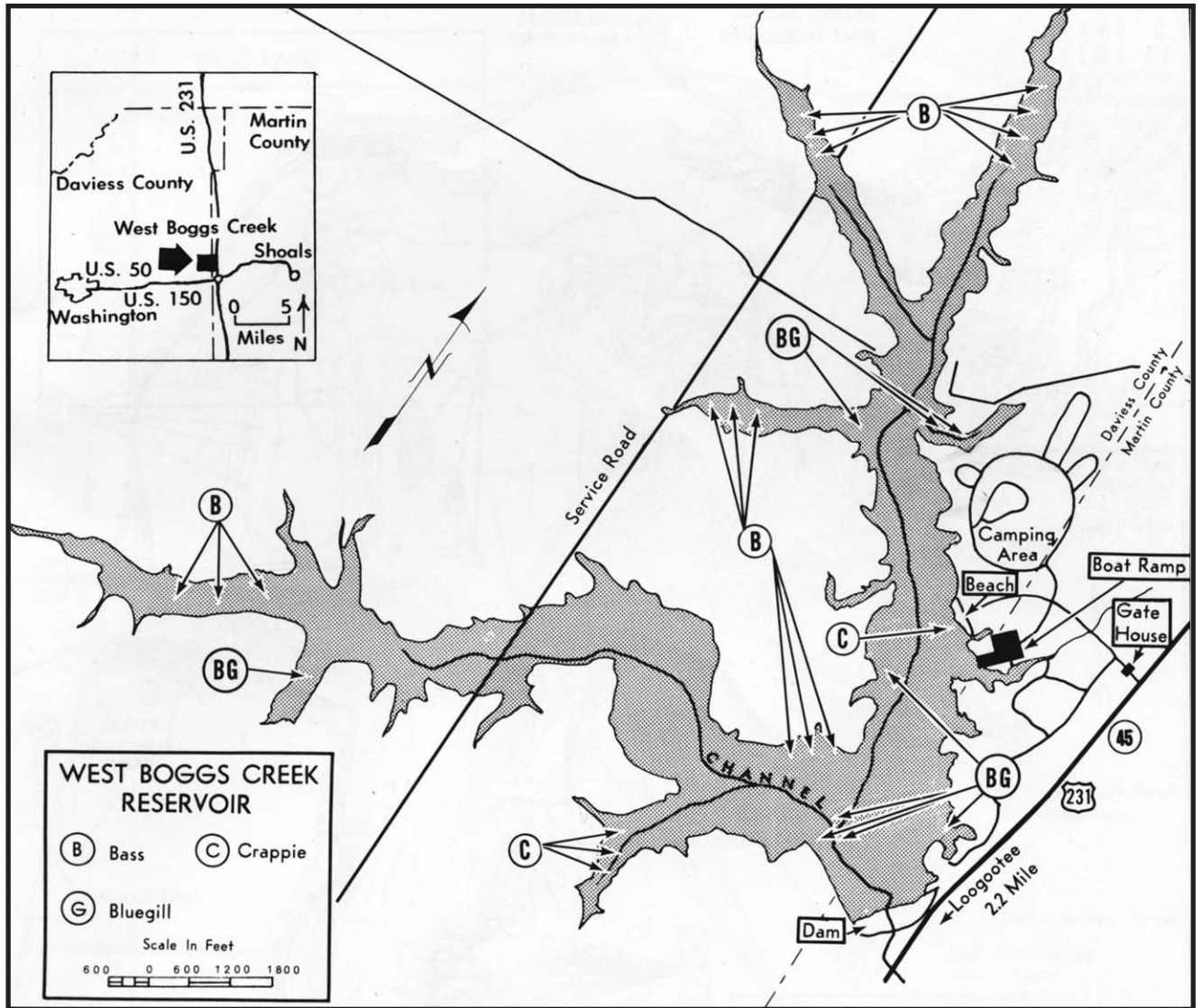
question also swam in the White River very often I have been told. The incubation period for this disease to infect one, to kill them was not long enough period from when the man swam in West Boggs Reservoir to the time of his death I have also been told. So I guess what this really boils down to is making the news, without to any regard to any consequences that it may have to the community or any business around the area. I have spoke Robert & Heather Douglas the Owners of the Pit Stop Bait & Tackle which is located just across the road from the entrance from West Boggs Reservoir, they have told me that business

has dropped off as much as 60% since these accusations have arisen. There is no doubt that false information like this has hurt many business's in the area. It's kind of like our presidential elections, it's only news? What is a shame is when the media makes statements about things they are not real sure of, just to make news & to cause panic.

"Good Fishin"

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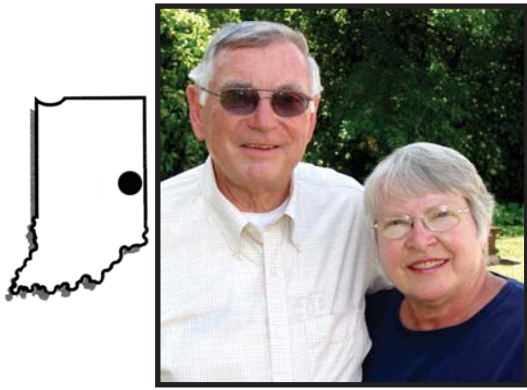
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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

A Quick Trip West & Back

Back in late August our son Bob and our seven year old grandson, Adrian flew in to Midway Airport in Chicago from north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Daughter-in-law Donna stayed home to dog sit. We picked the boys up and got back to Ft. Wayne early the next morning. Since we're moving from a house of over 3,000 square feet and a 1400 square foot basement to a 1581 square foot villa we needed Bob and daughter Mo, who lives near us, to get the things they wanted to keep as we're in the mood to give away, donate, sell or throw away. Since Mo is close by, she and husband Russ and our two local grandsons, T.J. and Connor, made several trips to get her stuff and help us carry large items to the new place. We told Bob we'd bring his stuff to him in California. We starting Labor Day and stayed in motels for four nights going west. Does any of this sound familiar? We could hardly get to the cooler for water or soda because of the tight packing I had done in our high top conversion van.

It was a good plan to motel as campers were getting in their last big fling as school was starting all over the country. We knew that on the way back we'd have little trouble camping the north route back to Indiana during the week while school was in session. We did call ahead and make reservations where we thought it was needed. After a quick three day visit before the family had to go back to work and school we took coastal Rt. 1 from San Francisco, 101 to Tillamook, Oregon (and of course bought some Tillamook cheese), then I-84, I-90 and I-94 back to the Indiana toll road and home. A couple of days we drove nearly 600 miles so we could spend some time seeing some of the not-so-popular sites we hadn't seen on several trips in years before this. Being retired we hate to get up before 7:00 A.M. so we didn't.

A couple of campgrounds, one in Reed Point, Montana and the other in the Dells, Wisconsin, had new owners and each owner had a lot of questions. We, of course, knew most of the plus and minus situations of their state was similar to campground/state problems across the country so we had time to discuss various aspects of campground ownership/management. In many of the campgrounds throughout the country new owners retain their old jobs for a while to help pay for the new job and any additions he/she might want to make in the camp. We did the same by overlapping our campground owner/management for our first 20 of the 32 years. We usually had good work campers to tend to the business and/or work involved around the park until we got to the park on Friday night

after having taught school all week and then driving 70 miles. Rarely were we called to make the drive during the week to clear up any problem. Our work campers usually called us as to how or where or when or why and that's all it took.

One new owner had purchased a campground out in the middle of nowhere and was trying to add to and change things in his park while his wife was still in Minneapolis teaching. He said he'd be happy when the next five years were up since his wife could get full retirement and come and help make decisions. He was looking forward to closing for the winter so he could go back up home and lead snowmobile trips. The other new owner had a good job as an architect and had developed an office right next to the campground office so he could take care of both jobs while his wife was working a criminal justice job in a local prison. They were just four months into their ownership and their plans were working out well. We suggested that the owners of each campground might join their state and also the national organizations so they could meet other owners from all over the country to get ideas and also get big discounts on the purchase of machinery and other things they might need in their daily operations.

As we might have expected, the season was near the end and the restrooms at six of the nine campgrounds where we stayed on the way home were not up to our personal standards and had not been cleaned for days and maybe weeks. We were caught between a rock and a hard place as we had pre-registered and had paid ahead for three of the six bad ones. There were no other campgrounds around and when you've driven over 500 miles you're ready to bite the proverbial bullet and take what actually appears. The cleanest we actually saw was in a primitive campground in the Lolo National Forest at exit 47 in Montana. We had no running water, no electrical hookups and no showers but we had the vault toilet. It was a very modern and handicapped access and quite clean. I might write back to the National Forest Service and get the specifications and suggest those of our parks in Indiana with some of the old pit toilets to check on this modern version.

I don't believe that in 32 years as owner/managers of a campground we had any major complaints about our restrooms. That is except some paper on the floor or shower liners over to edge that let the water out into the wrong area or usually, "John or El, you're out of toilet paper in number three." We're not above telling the management or calling the state campground organization to get the guilty campground management on the ball to clean up the restrooms and keep them clean and we have done so over the last 47 years of camping.

There are many local activities still going on around the state in October, November and December, including

festivals, re-enactments, Christmas crafts, and ethnic festivals and food tasting. Check out IndianaFestivals.org and VisitIndiana.com on your internet search engine for local activities and guides for 2013 usually published in December. Be sure to check with your local visitor bureau or rest area on the nearby interstate highway for brochures. When you make choices as to what events you want to visit in 2013, phone, e-mail or write a letter to the event and get early reservations. Spaces in campgrounds fill up quickly and we've seen quite a few unhappy people having to drive many miles to visit an event when they could have camped next door. Most campgrounds now have websites and you can get their address, phone number and/or e-mail to get other information not found on the website.

Until the December Gad-A-Bout---get ready for winter and if you have anything about camping you'd like us to research and write about, contact us at: **260-637-3524** or e-mail us at: jmacnut@yahoo.com.
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Left Photo: Navy Seabee Veteran Tim Mahoney on Veteran's Day November 11, 2010. Right Photo: Tim and Betty celebrating their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on September 5, 2011 in Houston, TX. They got married on September 5, 1949 and honeymooned in the Ozarks. From left to right sitting Tim, his wife Betty and their daughter Ann Mahoney. Standing from left to right daughter Timie Creedon, son Joe Mahoney, daughters Margy Mahoney, Mary Clare Droecha and Bettsy Dreicer. (Tim Mahoney Photos)

Concerning Tim Mahoney CBMU# 624 & Since Then Part III

by Seabee Tim Mahoney (WWII)

Dear Ray:

It has been difficult to put these things in print but I believe it is accurate although I wish I had some of the men to talk to. Murphy, Neitzke, Compy and I were going to meet in Chicago in August for the NFL /College All Star Game, but that did not happen. But I am trying to learn how to write on the computer and I am going to go ahead and flesh our life out this way

in the future for my children. So you are providing a great service in allowing me to do this. Your paper is excellent and you are marvelous in what you do for people.

I am going to describe some pictures for you and hope that I will be able to scan them into the computer and send them to you. Here goes. I was in Omaha attending Creighton University in pre-med when I met Betty in September, 1948. I changed my plans. We were married on September 5, 1949 and honeymooned in the Ozarks. She got a job at Prudential. I enrolled in pharmacy school working nights with the intention of becoming a registered pharmacist and having a sales career with a pharmaceutical company. We did all of this, had our first baby girl in July of 1951. I secured a job with the Wm. S. Merrell

Company of Cincinnati in March of 1952. We began in St. Joseph, MO and had successive assignments in sales and management in Kansas City, Dallas, Denver, Cincinnati and Houston where we have been for the last 45 years.

The photo of the group at Gulfport (not shown) shows Ensign Perkins in the center with the plaque, Buddy Howard second row center with face occluded. I am on his left next to the Seabee. Betty and I at the motel and me at home with my cap I brought back from the base exchange with my seventh grand daughter. Buddy and I (not shown) - tall isn't he? I did not meet him in CBMU# 624. He was in CBMU# 617 at Yonton and then came over to CBMU# 624. Betty and I are seated on our 62nd anniversary with our five daughters and one son. A picture of Betty and I on our silver anniversary.

Hope I can get these printed in the computer and on their way to you.

Best wishes,
Tim

Editor's Note: Several of the photos Tim mentions above got lost in transit via the internet. It wasn't his fault. My webmaster called to tell me that a virus had gotten into his server or something like that and he had sent several e-mails that had been held lumped together in a group and I should have received them. Unfortunately they were lost or deleted by mistake. The photos here on this page was given to me by Tim himself at our reunion here in Indiana. See the story about our 67th 79th NCB reunion beginning on page 32. This is the last part of Tim Mahoney's Seabee story, Part III. ■



Tim and Betty's 62nd Wedding Anniversary (Betty in blue dress) surrounded by their family with daughters and grand children, two grand children missing. Photo taken on September 5, 2011. (Photo by Tim Mahoney)

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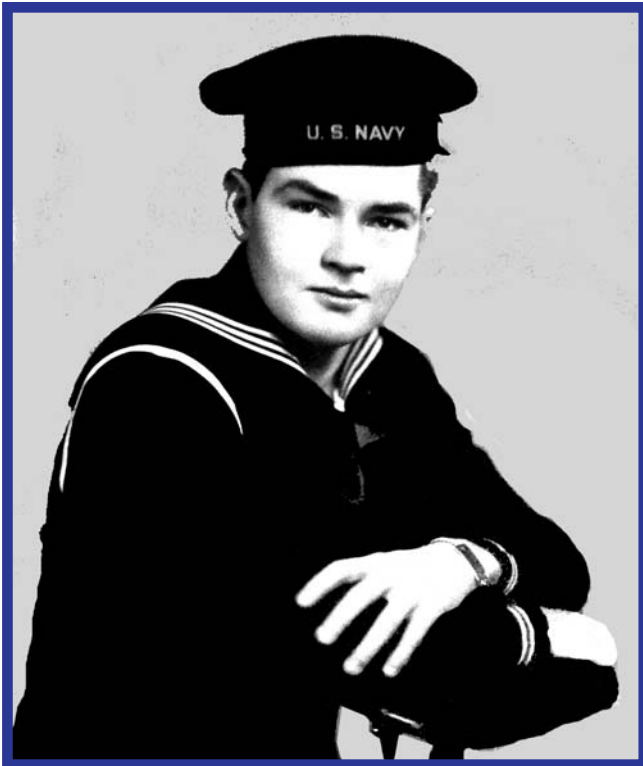
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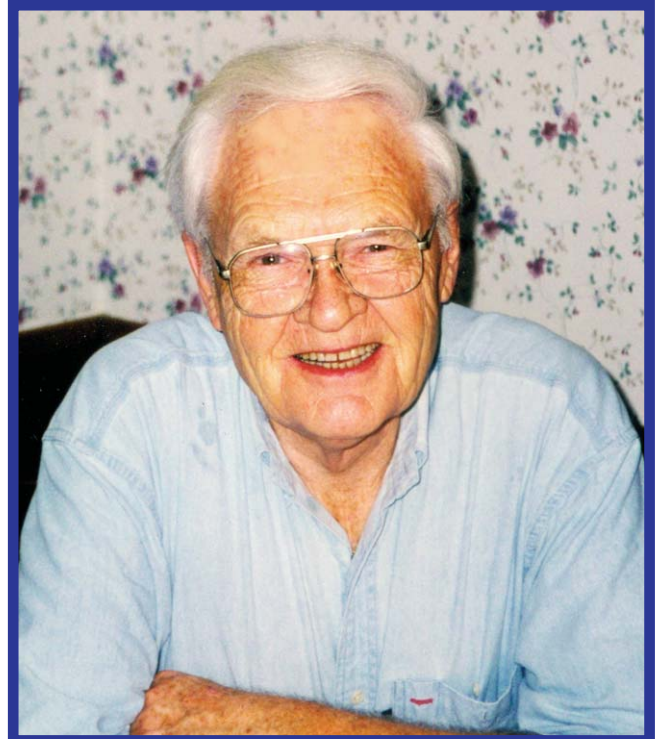
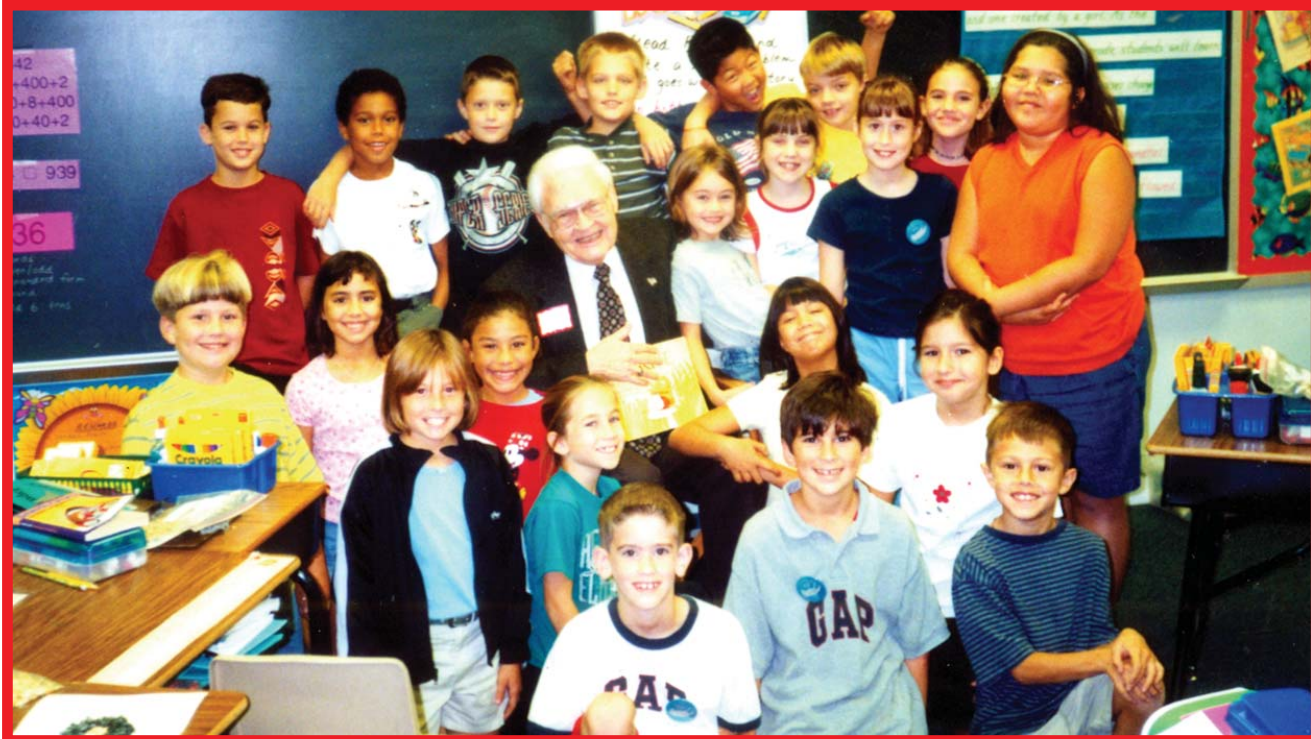
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Left Photo: Seabee Tim Mahoney in his dress blues. Right Photo: Tim and Betty Mahoney at left and Buddy and Belle Howard at the 50th Reunion of CBMU# 624 at Gulfport, Mississippi in October 1995. (Tim Mahoney Photos)



Left Photo: Tim among a 4th Grade Class in 2003. Tim was a reader to grade schoolers for eight years. He taught 15 and 16 year olds &(who is Jesus?) for fifteen years and he called on patients at Methodist Hospital under the direction of the Catholic Chaplain. Right Photo: Tim, just waiting for dinner. (Tim Mahoney Photos)

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by Joe Martino

Remember to mind your manners this hunting season

Excitement was high as I pulled into my hunting spot for my first hunt of the fall season. My excitement was short-lived, however, as shortly thereafter I noticed a truck pull into the property. A couple of individuals bailed out and began loading their guns – with no regard to me and my son who were a short distance away.

I knew that I was the only person with permission to hunt here, so I asked the men if they had permission to hunt this property. One of them quickly piped up, "It shouldn't hurt your hunting any." Well, whether it would or would not didn't matter. The fact was that they did not have permission to be there so it wasn't their decision to make.

I gently reminded them that they did not have permission, to which they turned a deaf ear and proceeded to go about their business anyway. Frustrated, and honestly, quite ticked off, I did my best to explain to my son that what these two were doing was not the conduct of ethical, law-abiding sportsmen. He just couldn't understand why these men were doing this. He said it wasn't fair, and he was right.

I had a few different courses of action I could have/can take with regards to this situation. One would be to call the local law enforcement personnel, another to have a discussion with the local landowner,



The sight of game or thought that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence can sometimes cause those without a moral compass to break laws and ethical boundaries. The end result of such actions is certainly negative for all involved.

and the third to do nothing. It's trickier than it sounds. Landowners may become agitated if problems between hunters persist, thereby eliminating all hunting altogether, however, a good first step is usually to speak with the landowner as he/she may not be aware that other people are trespassing on their property.

Trespassing is not the only form of misconduct that people sometimes perform. There are other, "unwritten laws," or ethical boundaries that are often crossed when it comes to hunting.

When I approach a landowner to seek permission to hunt on their property, a lot of times they inform me that they already have others whom they have given permission to hunt, so the answer is no. I thank them for their time and also thank them for allowing others to hunt their property. I also thank them for not allowing me to hunt as well, since they already have others that do. The last thing I intend to do is to disrespect the hard work, planning and excitement of other hunters by intruding on what is sacred to them. Even if the landowner has a hard time saying no and says something like, "well, there's plenty of room," or "There are too many deer here anyway," and grant me permission to hunt there anyway, I decline the invitation out of respect for others. If only everyone else did the same.

If you hunt on an adjoining property to where others hunt, always be mindful of where they are at and show common courtesy. Placing a treestand or ground blind right on the property line and/or near someone else's is never courteous. It's selfish and rude. And remember – it is still trespassing to shoot onto property or track a wounded deer onto property you do not have permission to hunt.

Littering and property damage are also big no-no's when it comes to hunting on other people's property. Be mindful of tossing out garbage or cutting fences or leaving ruts in the fields.

Remember to follow all game laws while in the field as well. Part of what builds character is how one acts when no one else is watching. The risk of getting caught should never be the driving force of whether or not someone breaks a game law. The importance of doing what is right should be.

I didn't pen this column to be negative or point fingers, but every year a lot of honest, law-abiding hunters' seasons are ruined by the selfish acts of others.

I have witnessed people do dumb things for a shot at a deer. It's never worth sacrificing your integrity and character.

I honestly believe that the majority of hunters do things right and overall, hunters have a good reputation within the non-hunting community, but the inconsiderate actions of a few can tarnish the reputation of the whole.

So remember, hunt hard and have fun, but don't do it at the expense of others or of the wildlife in which you pursue.

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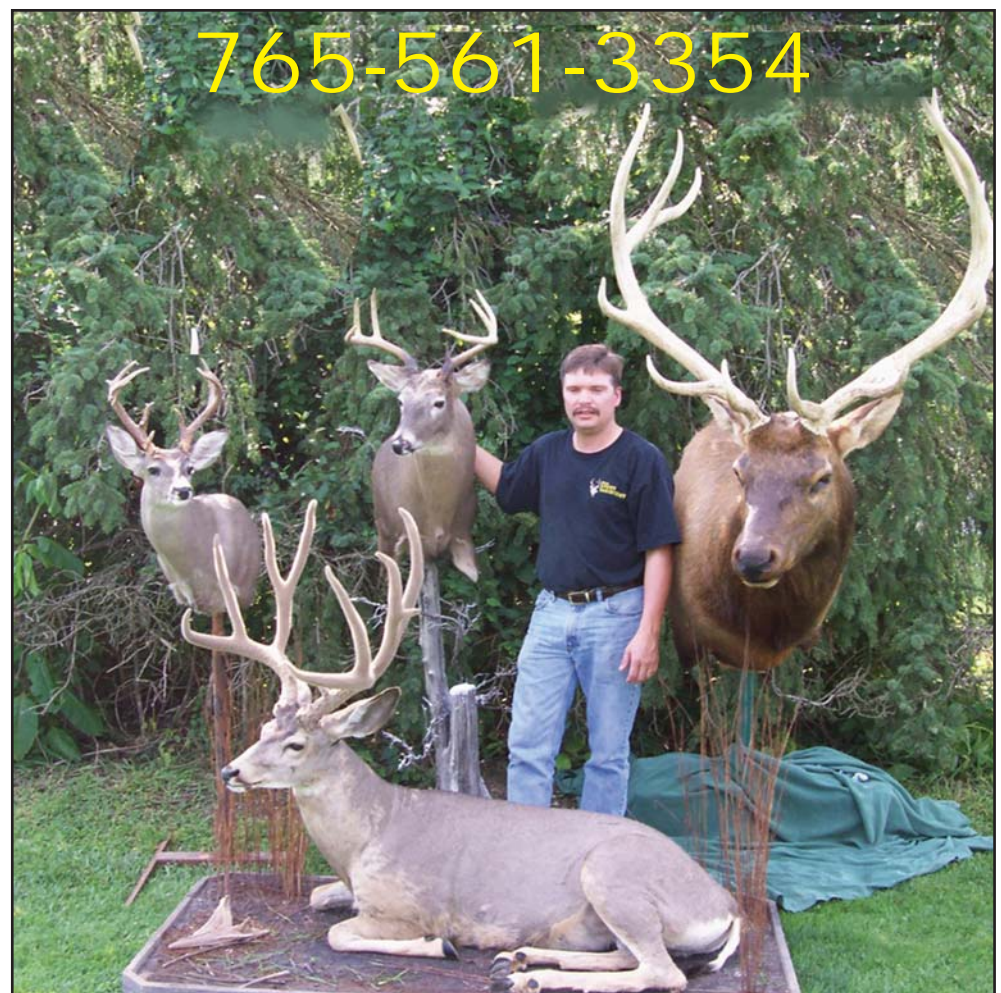


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Santa and Mrs. Claus are cheered by the crowd as their carriage rolls by during the Christmas in Pendleton Parade sponsored by Citizens State Bank.



Christmas in Pendleton snowball toss and parade banner at front of parade on SR 38 through downtown.

CHRISTMAS IN PENDLETON November 10, 2012

by Rich Creason
Photos by Pendleton Merchants
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Christmas in Pendleton has been sponsored by the Pendleton Business Association since 1998. The goal of this unique event was, and still is, to promote the town of Pendleton and the surrounding communities. It invites visitors to discover the area and the shopping, dining, local attractions, and colorful history available here while enjoying the special activities which make up Christmas in Pendleton.

This festival began in the late 20th century with a Christmas Open House for the entire downtown area including a parade. Toss in the "special snow", add Channel 13 weatherman Bob Gregory for the local snow forecast and to measure the "snow" for the 1st official snowfall of the season, and this annual event was started. Since the original event, over 12 local weatherpersons from local TV and radio stations have participated in the forecast and snow measuring. The celebrity weatherperson is also the Grand

Marshall for the parade.

Christmas in Pendleton has become such an attraction it has garnered coverage from Chicago to Tampa and from New York to California stressing the special snow and the small town "Dickens" feel. To insure a white event, Diane Ashley of The Flower Cart has been responsible for making the snow appear early in the morning on the day of Christmas in Pendleton. This special snow glistens, it sparkles, it swirls, it blows around, it's cold, and it's not real. But seeing all the children (and adults) enjoying a day in the snow is what it's all about. Throw in over 2500 "snowballs" for everyone to toss across the street for about a half hour and everyone turns into a kid again.

Start the day early by visiting the 1st United Methodist Church just a half block west of the post office on State Street for their famous pancake breakfast. This starts at 7 AM and continues until 10:30 AM. As you wander the town, listen to Mr. Ed Grogan as he strolls the sidewalks and businesses playing the violin for your enjoyment. Stop in the local post office to purchase the special postal cancellation stamp which has been designed by local artist Kelley Jent each year for your Christmas cards. Take time out for a carriage ride in Falls Park from 10 AM to 3 PM, sponsored by State Farm Agent,

Amy Turner.

There's a lot for the youngsters to do at Christmas in Pendleton. Take them to the Three Little Monkey's Consignment Shop at 129 S. Pendleton Ave. for story time at 10 AM and 2 PM. Visit Bobbi Jordan Allstate Insurance Office just east of the downtown stoplight on the north side of State Street. From 10 AM to 1 PM, Bobbi is offering free Christmas cookie decorating for the kids and coffee and hot cider and a free drawing for the Allstate Chopper for the adults.

Then, cross the street and let the young ones enjoy the Kid's Zone from 9 AM to 4 PM next to First Merchants Bank. There will be snow piles in a large 12' X 12' play box to make snow angels or build snowmen. This Snow from the Pole is sponsored by Wood Realty. This is also where the kids can pet the llamas and participate in other activities.

The Town Hall is the gathering place for several different activities. There is a silent auction with items donated by many of the local merchants. Stop in and make a bid, then come back later and see if your bid is holding up. The Snow Queen crowning will be in this building at 9 AM, sponsored by First Merchants Bank. The Grand Marshall/celebrity weatherperson will be at this location for a reception.

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These kids are really enjoying the downtown snowball fight.



Llamas decked out for Christmas are a big hit in the annual parade.

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