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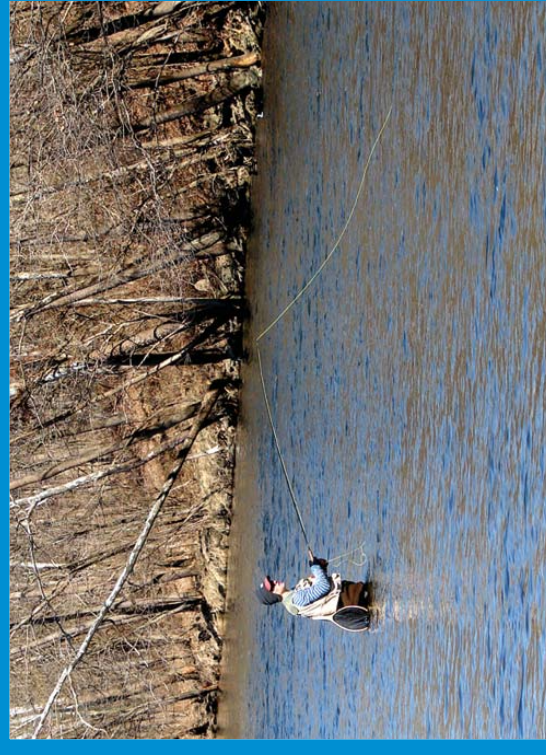


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Top Right: A fly fisherman fishing in the Brookville Tailwater in March 2010. The tailwater is a popular place for fly fishermen to gather and will be one of the fishing spots visiting fishermen will be at for the 1st Annual Whitewater River Rendezvous taking place in Brookville, Indiana April 6, 2013. See more on page 8 (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Left: Here Don Bickel holds four really nice Mushroom, shroom, roon, sponges or morel. Say any one of these in the Midwest in April or May and you will quite likely receive the same response. "Find any yet?" See more on page 16-17 (Photo by Don Bickel)

Bottom Right: Reprinted from the Outdoor Gad-a-bout October/November 1975. I'm 38 years older since then, but my resolve is undiminished in keeping my right to keep and bear arms. We had the same problem back then as we do today in 2013, with the liberal media. The British home guard defended their homeland in 1940 with pitch forks and clubs. They had no guns in their homes. One last request of Piers Morgan, go home to Britain, please. (Scanned Copy of the cover of the Oct/Nov 1975 Outdoor Gad-a-bout that I published)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson

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THE LOCATION MAPS ARE ON HOLD WHILE NEW MAP SOURCE INVESTIGATED

The map location process has been halted to investigate a better map source. Up to this date I have been drawing the maps which is taking more time than I have to get the job done correctly. Eric Stallsmith who maintains my website has offered to help me with this problem. I will continue to update the current maps on the website with the advertisers who are located on them. To view the location maps go to www.thegadabout.com, click the Advertiser Location Maps icon in the center.

DALLAS AREA LADIES GROUP GREET INCOMING SOLDIERS WEEKLY AT DALLAS FORT WORTH AIRPORT THANKING THEM

Subject: Touch of Class. There's a group of ladies in the Dallas area who make and stuff neck pillows for soldiers coming through Dallas Fort Worth airport. They go to the airport and meet the incoming planes every week and greet the soldiers coming back for a few weeks R&R, give them a pillow, tell them they pray for them, and thank them for their service. The lady who took the pictures said everyone was so surprised to see George and Laura Bush recently just standing quietly in the waiting area with others who come to meet the troop planes. She said it was amazing to watch the faces of the soldiers light up in recognition when they spotted them and that many came over to speak and shake hands.

Editor's note: I got this e-mail from John McCory yesterday. I don't know where he got it from, but it sure gives you a good feeling knowing that former President George W. and First Lady Barbara Bush take time out of their busy schedules to greet our men and women returning home, there in Texas. There are 18 photographs attached to the e-mail, all are awe-inspiring, they brought a tear to my eye and if any of you readers would like to see these photos, send me an e-mail and I will forward it to you. Send your e-mail to ray@thegadabout.com. **FIRST ADVERTISING RATE INCREASE SINCE 2005 - A DIRE NEED NOW!!**

I've said for a long time that I wouldn't raise my advertising rate in these hard economic times, I would discontinue The Gad-a-bout first. But I was wrong. I want to continue publishing The Gad-a-bout even though in actual age I will be 72 next month, but in reality I feel like I am still a young man in my early 60's, at least, that's what I keep telling myself. And too, recent response to The Gad-a-bout's existence has been very positive. They seemed to fly away from my booth at the Indianapolis Sport Show in February. This was probably one of the best years for me there.

Any way beginning with the June issue of The Gad-a-bout the rate increase will take effect. It's not astronomical nor any way near what I actually need, but it will suffice for now. Since I don't have a staff to pay, other than 3 independent contractors, who sell ads and deliver The Gad-a-bout. I can do with less than most publishers.

I have 4 basic rate structures, they are the **One Time rate** which will go from \$7.00 per column inch to \$7.50 per column inch.

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I'm gambling that I won't lose too many advertisers with this increase, making the effort null and void.

But for the for-see-able future you will continue to be able to pick The Gad-a-bout for free at our

advertiser and supporting locations, and you can also read it for free on my website: www.thegadabout.com. I have no idea how many of you read it on the website nor if it is really worth the effort. But for the time being I will keep the website & facebook: www.facebook.com/thegadabout which the latter, I use rarely due to a lack of time.

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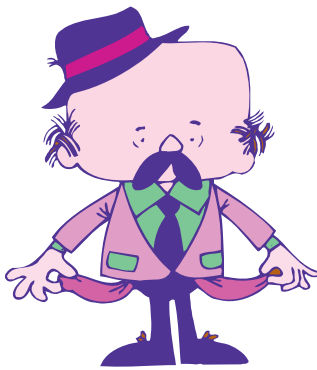
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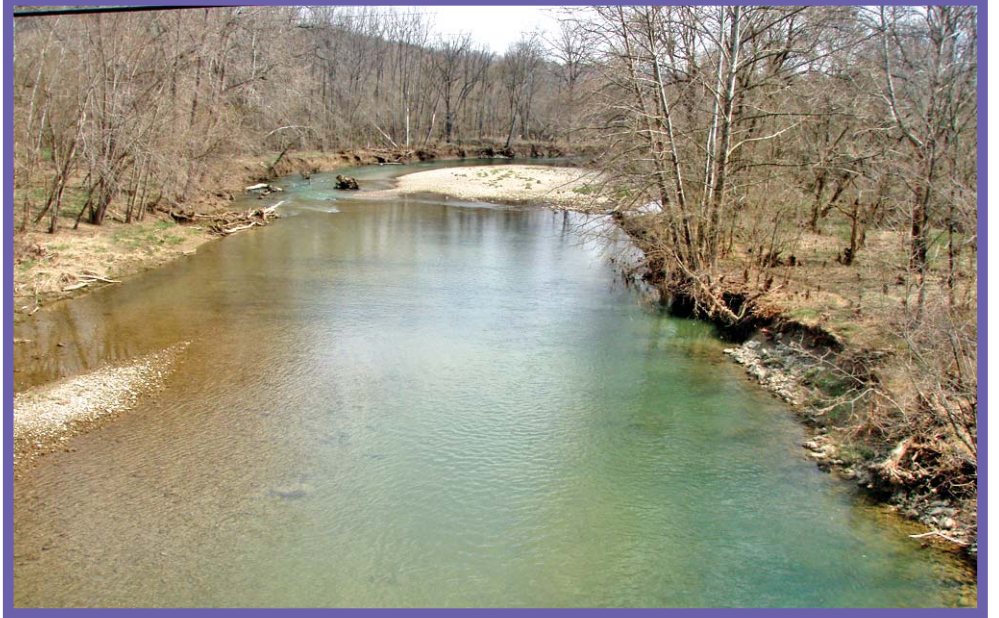


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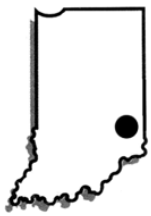


The Brookville Dam Stilling Basin. (Author Photo)



The river above the lake at treaty line boat ramp. (Author Photo)

So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe

Professional Fishing Guide

Bank Fishing at its Finest

No boat needed at this time of the year. April is one of those times of year where you can catch all the fish you want just by fishing from shore. All you need is a little insight on where to go.

One of the best shore fishing spot on the lake is not on the lake at all, its the stilling basin. The stilling basin is located just below the dam. The purpose of the stilling basin is to slow the flow of water coming out from under the lake and enter-

ing into the river. The stilling basin is connected to a huge concrete tower just on the other side of the dam within the lake. The two are connected by a concrete pipe that runs underneath of the dam.

The tower in the lake has three gates on the side of it. One at the bottom one in the middle and one at the top. The amount of flow in the stilling basin is controlled by the opening and closing of these gates. The temperature in the stilling basin is also controlled by the gates located on the side of the tower.

For example in the summer time when the water on the surface of the lake is 80 degrees. At 100 feet deep the water temperature is 45 degrees and at the middle gate its 60 degrees. The stilling basin water temperature can be adjusted from 45 degrees to 80 degrees just by where and how much water flows through these gates. These gates are also how all the different fish species that are in the lake end up in the stilling basin. If an unsuspecting walleye or striped bass is swimming to close to one of these gates on the side of the tower when water is being pulled off the lake it will be sucked in to the tower to be deposited in the stilling basin.

With in the concrete walls of the stilling basin it is 35 feet deep. This is like a big deep cold well oxygenated pond. Another good reason to be fishing in the stilling basin in April is spawning walleye. The walleye that are living in the east and

west fork of the whitewater river will have the urge to swim up stream. As they do this they will come to the stilling basin. When they get there they will meander do to being blocked by the dam from going any further. The month of April is prime time fishing time at the stilling basin don't miss it.

Another good shore fishing spot that you don't want to over look is the river that feeds the lake. In April the walleye and white bass make a run up this river. The ea I'm talking about is between liberty and Connersville Indiana on state road 44. The DNR has a big parking lot next to the river in an area called Treaty line. This is a perfect spot to park the car and spend the day fishing. The river is easily accessible for everybody. The white bass is a schooling fish so where there is one there is a hundred. The walleye will be mixed right in with them, but look for them close to the bottom. To catch white bass its just a simple cast and retrieve with a small white curly tail or a small in-line spinner. If your looking for walleye your best bet is to use a crank bait or swim a jig and curly tail just above the bottom.

Remember these places are rivers and are subject to flooding in the spring.

April showers bring May flowers.


Send me the pictures

Good luck, Tag Nobbe

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News from the Indiana State Police



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

Why a Career with the Indiana State Police? One Word: Specialties

When I speak to folks about a career with us, no matter if the crowd is high school age, college age or older adults, I frequently get asked "Why should I apply at the Indiana State Police, what makes you different?" Now there are a lot of obvious ways I could answer that. One is the ease of applying. Just go to www.in.gov/isp, click on career opportunities, State Trooper, and fill out an application on line - it's just that simple.

I could start by telling of our rich history in state law enforcement starting with our development in 1933, and how through the years we have continued to be leaders in the law enforcement field. I could speak on our integrity and professionalism, starting with the first part of our mission statement which is; "The Indiana State Police shall provide the most professional, effective and courteous police service possible, at all times, with every endeavor."

I can and do talk about the excitement of being a trooper, because it gives you a front row seat to the greatest show on earth-life. It's a job that is gratifying, because at the end of the day you can go home and know you've made a difference in someone's life. It is also gratifying to know you are serving the people of our great state, providing services of all types.

But the one thing that separates us from a lot of other agencies is our specialties, or different fields you can go into. Of course there are Troopers and Detectives, but we also have: fixed wing and helicopter pilots, Crime Scene Technicians, Explosive Ordinance Disposal (bomb squad), Hostage Negotiators, TIP Platoon (civil disturbance team), Emergency Response Team (ERT or Swat Team), USRT or Scuba (Underwater Search and Rescue Team,) and Polygraph Examiners ("Lie Detector".)

We also have White Collar Crime Investigators, Crimes against Children Investigators, Auto Theft

Investigators, Cyber Crime Investigators, Undercover Drug Investigators, DNA Scientists, Fingerprint Specialists, Forensic Scientists, Firearms Experts, Meth Lab Teams, Meth and Marijuana Undercover Investigators, K-9 Officers, Criminal Intelligence Section, as well as people assigned as liaisons to Federal agencies like Homeland Security etc.

We have the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, which has been number one in the nation five years in a row enforcing Federal Trucking Violations. This division is also responsible for the inspection of every school bus used in Indiana. These are just a few of the enforcement specialties I could think of; I'm sure there are more.

We also have a lot of civilian positions that help "make us run." Positions like auto mechanics, grounds keepers, janitors, maintenance, heating and cooling, typists, secretaries, radio technicians, lab assistants, data entry, just to name a few. Like any large business we need a lot of support staff to keep us going.

But the true backbone of our department remains the position of Trooper. It is where everyone begins, it is the position you see most. It can be exciting and fun, but can also be stressful and dangerous. It takes a special person to be a trooper. It is not a job, nor is it just a career; it is a way of life. People will see your car in your driveway, and they will stop at all hours to ask for directions or for help.

Folks will see you eating in a restaurant and will interrupt your meal to ask a question; they will see you getting gas and ask a question or want "legal advice." You will answer calls while off duty on a regular basis because that's part of driving the state police commission and being a trooper.

I can't begin to tell you how many drunk drivers, felons and reckless drivers I've acted on off duty through the years. Or for that matter how many flat tires I've changed, or out of gas or broke down motorists I've assisted, or times I've dropped my family off somewhere to continue on to a call for assistance. Despite all of this I love every minute of my job and I wouldn't change a thing. It is simply the life of a trooper and without a doubt what I was intended to do.

It is an honor for me to know you would see my car and stop to ask for help, directions or advice. I do not mind my meal being interrupted, because I work for you. I am ready to go, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, no questions asked. It is a lot of responsibility, but an honor, to serve each and every one of you in this way. If you need our help, we will be there. Yes, this is so much more than just a career. Being a trooper becomes your way of

life.

Getting hired as an Indiana State Trooper isn't easy, but as I said many years ago on a radio commercial, "If you think you have what it takes" then go to our web site and apply from the comfort of your home - we will be in touch. You just have to be a U.S. Citizen, have a high school diploma, a valid driver's license, be at least 21 years of age and not more than 40 by graduation from the academy. Our pay scale, which is quite competitive, is listed on the web site. Go ahead and apply because we need good men and women just like you. That web site again is www.in.gov/isp.

Fatal Crashes up Nationally 5%

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association traffic fatalities were up rose five percent last year in the U.S. While the final numbers aren't in yet here in Indiana, it appears we are going to be close to the national average. Why the rise in fatalities after experiencing a decline over the last five years?

The government tells us in part that people simply drove more last year as the economy improved. They say that traffic also increased more on two lane rural roads, which tend to be more dangerous. Here in Indiana last year urban fatal crashes were down, but rural deaths were up which would follow the national trend.

They say in the previous five years that people drove slower in the economic downturn to conserve more fuel, and drove less on rural two lane roads. But there was also an increase in pedestrian and bicyclist deaths, which tells us more people were walking and bicycling to conserve fuel. They say that people simply drive differently in better economic

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



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

Are You a Turkey Hunter

If your calendar has "off work-take sick day" written on April 24th, you might be a turkey hunter.
If you wear a camouflage tie with your dress suit, you might be a turkey hunter.
If your mechanic says you need another mounting bracket for your fan and you immediately wonder when he has ever seen your family room wall, you might be a turkey hunter.
If you've ever had wood tick races or given one a proper name, you might be a turkey hunter.
If you've ever used a turkey call to awaken your spouse, you might be a turkey hunter.
If you've ever stopped and talked to a roofing contractor about getting some free scrap pieces of slate shingles, you might be a turkey hunter.
If the soles of your boots are camouflage, you might be a turkey hunter.
If your family performs a synchronized eye-roll the moment you pull your camouflaged hunting vest out of the closet, you might be a turkey hunter.
If each spring your spouse tries to hide your game



I took this 23 pound Tom turkey last year in Franklin County. It had 2 beards (my first with two), one beard was 11" and the other 5.5". (Author Photo)

calls, you might be a turkey hunter.
If you are in your mid 40s with 16 years of turkey hunting experience, you might be a hunting accident waiting to happen. **Wait. What?**
Hunting accidents are often thought of as being committed by the inexperienced. Not so! Statistics reveal that most turkey hunting shooting incidents where a hunter fires on another hunter (failing to identify their target) are NOT committed by those with little experience. Most of these types of occurrences, about two-thirds, are on private lands and it is often a hunting partner who is mistakenly shot. The distances mostly range from 11-50 yards. Here's what is a bit of a surprise: the shooters in these incidents, on average, are in their mid 40s with 16 years of turkey hunting experience. The average victims in these incidents are in their early 40s and have 13 years of turkey hunting experience.

The 2013 Indiana spring turkey season is from April 24th through May 12th. The spring season bag limit is one bearded or male turkey. Making this year's turkey season a safe one depends on ALL participants.

Here are safety rules for turkey hunting taken nearly straight from www.in.gov/dnr.

- Select a calling position where you can see for at least 50 yards in all directions and where you are protected from the backside. (Think big tree!)
- Whistle or shout to alert approaching hunters of your position. Never wave or stand up.
- Never sneak in on a turkey or use a gobbler call near other hunters. Never crowd another hunter working a bird.
- Never shoot at sound or movement.
- Use a flashlight when walking in the dark.
- Be aware of turkey "fever" and its prevention. Resist being pressured by peers to bag a bird.
- Be extremely careful using turkey decoys.
- Do not wear red, white, or blue outer wear or exposed inner clothing.
- Make sure your camouflage head netting doesn't obscure your vision.

- Don't assume you are the only hunter in the area. Be certain of a companion's location.
 - Know and identify your target and what is beyond.
 - Discuss safety techniques with companions.
 - Never assume that other hunters are responsible.
 - Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
 - Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
 - Always keep your gun unloaded until ready to use.
 - Never use alcohol or drugs before or while hunting.
 - Respect property rights and secure permission before hunting.
 - Hunters should unload their guns when crossing fences, climbing into stands, jumping ditches or traversing steep ravines.
- Kids, review these safety rules with your parents! They may benefit from the reminders! Be safe. Take a few extra seconds to positively identify your target.

Have Reservations?

Youth turkey hunting opportunities will be offered at many DNR properties this spring. Reservations are required on these properties during the April 20 and 21 youth turkey season. A limited number of youth hunters will be allowed each day on respective participating DNR properties. Each property will be holding early registrations and drawings for the half-day hunts. Depending on the number of applicants, young hunters may be drawn for one or both hunt days. Youth turkey hunters, or an adult on their behalf, may register by phone or in person at the property they wish to hunt Monday through Friday from March 18-22 and March 25-28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. local time. Applicants may only sign up for the hunt at one DNR property. Youth hunters applying must possess a valid 2013 Youth Consolidated Hunting and Trapping License, a 2013 Non-Resident Youth Spring Turkey License with a game bird habitat stamp privilege, or a Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting License. Apprentice hunting licenses of these license types may also be used. The hunting license type and number will be required, along with the expected information, when registering. The drawing will be held on April 1st. (No fooling) All applicants will be notified of drawing results by mail.

During the youth wild turkey season the young hunters, less than 18 years of age the day of the hunt, can take a bearded or male turkey. The youth must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old during the youth season. The adult does not need to possess a turkey hunting license unless the youth is using an apprentice license, or unless the adult is actively participating in the hunt. Utilizing turkey calls or locating calls is participating in the hunt. The firearms and archery equipment normally legal for turkey hunting in Indiana are allowable during the youth season. A turkey taken during the youth season is included in the regular season bag limit of 1. Tagging and check in requirements apply, as always.

To determine if a specific DNR property is having youth turkey hunt opportunities and for contact information, turkey hunting safety tips, license purchases, or to view hunting regulations, visit: www.dnr.IN.gov.

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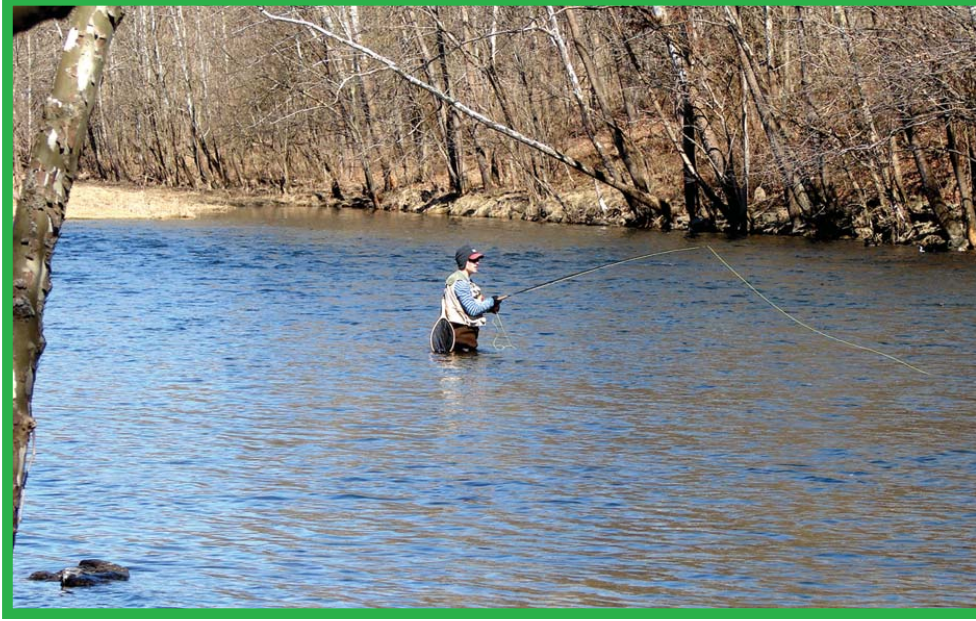
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A fly fisherman fishing in the Brookville Tailwater where it runs through the Brookville Town Park in March 2010. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Whitewater River Rendezvous April 6, 2013

by Ray Dickerson & Derrick Filkins

The Whitewater River Rendezvous, to be held April 6, 2013 will be a move in the right direction for the Whitewater Valley enticing scores of fly fisherman to our area from Indiana and many neighboring states.

The Whitewater Valley encompasses Franklin, Union, Fayette, and Wayne County. The two forks of the Whitewater River have provided fishing opportunities long before the Whitewater Lake and Brookville Reservoir came into existence. However with the completion of the Whitewater Lake (1949) and the Brookville Lake (1974), these two bodies of water added the word, destination, to the region.

The First Annual Whitewater River Rendezvous will be held April 6, 2013, Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone will meet in the auditorium located at 734 Main Street in Brookville, Indiana. The auditorium is located on third floor above the Fitness Center.

According to Derrick Filkins, FlyMasters of Indianapolis, the auditorium has room for 32, 5 foot diameter tables for anglers to use as fly tying exhibits, to promote their fishing related events, clubs, services and selling equipment, flies, and gear.

Here are some of the experiences for the fly fishermen to participate in on April 6th.

- See and buy flies tied by Midwest tiers for species that include smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, crappie, trout, pike, muskie, whitebass, stripers, and hybrid bass.

- Tour the house one block from the event which is being remodeled as a B&B (bed and you fix your own breakfast) house for anglers or others enjoying the outdoors in Franklin County.

- The Brookville Tailwater will be open for catch and release fishing. Take some time to fish and perhaps introduce the area to a new angler.

- If you are a club or shop, use part of the day as an opportunity to do a clinic on the tailwater or introduce club members to the tailwater and other fishing opportunities in Franklin County.

- Stop by Rosenbergers

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- There will be other businesses from Brookville and Franklin County represented at the Rendezvous.

The cost for a table is \$5.00. We are limiting people to one table, we are hoping for a wide variety of participation. The \$5 will be refunded to you for purchase of food or beverages at the rendezvous.

It is gratifying to have a community and county that wants to welcome anglers to enjoy the various fishing opportunities. We will enjoy meeting these people who are rebuilding their community.

There is no cost for coming to visit the rendezvous! Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the show! See you Saturday, April 6, from 9-5 in Brookville!

Please send ideas etc. to Derrick Filkins at info@flymasters.com. He will be contacting clubs and fly shops who use the tailwater to get the word out. Newspapers, newsletters, etc. and contact for them would be very helpful.

I attended a meeting on Thursday, February 21st at 5:30 p.m. in Brookville, convened by the Franklin County promoters of the Whitewater River Rendezvous. I met Allen Beneker there and he told me I was invited. I was pleasantly surprised when he told me he enjoyed reading The Gad-about. Allen introduced me to T. McMillan. At about that time more people arrived and friendly conversation filled the air. Soon Tag and Brian Nobbe entered the room, we shook hands and they invited me to sit with them.

T. McMillan got up and welcomed everyone to



Here Dr. Glen Lehman from Indianapolis fly fishing in the Brookville Tailwater. (Photo by Derrick Filkins, reprinted here with his permission)

the meeting. He told us that the meeting was to acquaint the invited guests with the Whitewater River Rendezvous and explained it all to us.

He then introduced Chris Smith from the DNR to tell us about the Tailwater area and why it was designated a navigatable river and access to it.

He then introduced Todd from Central Indiana Trout Unlimited who told us about their activities related to the Tailwater area. I got a chance to talk to him after the meeting.

I have been in contact with Nick Schroeder who is a member of Central Indiana Trout Unlimited. I have permission from him to reprint their official position on the Brookville Tailwater recently posted on their website and appears below.

You can see it for yourself on their website: <http://centralindianatu.org/ruleshabitatpost.html>

Central Indiana Trout Unlimited (CITU)

The Brookville Tailwater (BTW) is a unique resource in the State of Indiana. There are no coldwater resources of significance within 100 miles. The tailwater supports a substantial trout population that attracts fishing enthusiasts from surrounding states. If properly maintained the Brookville Tailwater could become a premier trout stream that will attract anglers from far and wide. The Brookville community has a unique resource that if properly monitored and maintained would attract anglers that will provide tourism income to the Town of Brookville and the Franklin County community.

CITU position regarding rule and regulation change:

A river the size of the BTW cannot sustain catch

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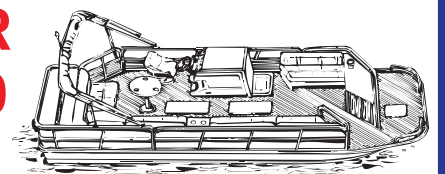


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The Brookville Theatre, 16 West 5th Street, faces closure. It opened in 1938 as the Morin Theatre, the first film was with the Marx Brothers, but today digital has replaced reel to reel film. Owner, Rick Bender, hopes to continue. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Just around the corner from the Brookville Theatre (red brick building at the north end of this side walk) is the new overlook of the West Fork of the Whitewater River and Whitewater Canal toe path on Phelan Avenue in Brookville. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

BROOKVILLE THEATRE FACES CLOSURE

PRESS RELEASE: Allen Beneker
President of Brookville Main Street, Inc.

The Brookville Theatre has provided Brookville, Franklin County and the surrounding countryside with wholesome, first-run family entertainment since opening in 1938 as the Morin Theatre. Since the grand opening film with the Marx Brothers, A Day at the Races, showings of Gone with the Wind, Ben Hur, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Sound of Music, Rocky, the original Star Wars Trilogy and Steven Spielberg's Lincoln have enriched our culture and allowed our children's imaginations to soar.

The Brookville Theatre's nostalgic marquee provides a tie to our past—a past of family trips to town on Saturday nights for ice cream at Maggie Wright's and a family movie, or a family dinner at Pizza Pete, the Dairy Cottage, or the Pioneer, and, yes, a family movie. Reel-to-reel movies at the Brookville Theatre have allowed parents the comfort of dropping the kids

off at the theater for the 7:00 show in a safe community where after the show they can walk to Pizza Pete or McDonald's and be picked up by Mom or Dad, and still home by 11:00 after spending free time with their friends.

As large cinema complexes have become popular, and the availability of transportation has mushroomed, small local theaters like ours have felt the pinch. While the Brookville Theatre, owned and operated by Rick Bender since 1988 continues to offer first-run movies on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, its continued operation faces a very real threat.

In the next few months the motion picture industry will go digital. The reel-to-reel projection equipment used by the Brookville Theatre and by most small theaters throughout the country will be obsolete. No new films will be available to theater owners who do not convert to digital equipment. The cost to convert is staggering and many theaters in small towns are closing or plan to close when reel-to-reel films are no more.

Rick Bender hopes to be able to continue to own and operate the Brookville Theatre in the digital age. "I believe this theater is an important part of our town, of our community. It is an asset that provides us with

an identity and allows us to together share enriching and stimulating ideas and entertainment. I hope to be able to continue to provide our families, our children, and visitors to our community with a first-run movie experience."

"Partnering with Destination Brookville in working to use grant funds provided by the City of Lawrenceburg, would go a long way in meeting the high cost required to convert the theatre to a state-of-the-art digital theater. If this opportunity had not presented itself, I would have had no alternative other than to close the theater as we've known it. The grant funds would be put to work to keep the theater viable and running first-run movies to serve the community. If this option does not come about, the theatre will be closed in the near term."

Movies at the Brookville Theatre since 1988 have been shown for admission fees of \$4 for all moviegoers. That's been quite a bargain when the same movies at the megaplexes show at \$10 or more per ticket. Rick Bender is one of many Main Street business people with their hearts in our community. It is that heart that makes this area a home we can all cherish. Supporting each other's businesses and efforts will keep our community strong. ■

and keep fishing for a very long time without diminishing the quality of the fishing. At a minimum, considerable effort should be given to education regarding catch and release fishing and fish identification. The current rule in effect allows that one 18 inch brown trout may be kept per day. Most anglers will catch many brown trout less than 18 inches each trip and ideally they should be released unharmed. Also note that from January 1st until the last Saturday in April the tailwater is restricted to catch and release fishing for trout and during this time it is illegal to have any trout, rainbow or brown, in your possession. Angler compliance with existing regulations and use of catch and release practice's would go a very long way to improving the fishing. CITU would be willing to assist in such a program if it would be supported locally.

Having said that CITU has no plans to introduce proposals for regulation changes. Any changes would

have to be introduced and supported by the Brookville Area Community.

CITU position regarding habitat improvement:

CITU is of the opinion that in-stream habitat improvement would greatly improve the fishery at the Brookville Tailwater. Increased structure in the river would provide increased cover for fish and provide substrate for insects and other organisms that provide fish forage. Large boulders provide good habitat for producing aquatic insects and provide refuge for fish during high water flows. CITU thinks that habitat improvements, if carefully planned and executed, could be added without impacting other users such as the Canoe-Fest in a negative way. Our opinion is also supported by the Indiana Department of Resources in a report issued in 2012. The BROOKVILLE TAILWATER, Franklin County 2009, 2010, and 2011 Fish

Management Report states the following:

Recommendations

"Consideration should be given to trying to provide additional habitat in the stream that can withstand strong currents and provide refuge for some of the trout during periods of high discharge."

An alternative to consider would be stream side enhancements such as additional planting of trees and other vegetation. The benefits of such a program would be reduced summer stream temperatures and protection against stream bank erosion. The additional vegetation also helps filters out sediment and pollutants before they reach the stream.

Having said that CITU has no plans to introduce habitat improvement projects at the Brookville Tailwater. A decision to implement such a plan would have to be proposed by the Brookville Area Community and will require local support, planning, approval and financial commitment. ■



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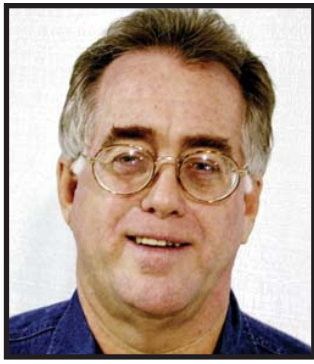
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Outdoors



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Sponsors Halt Pennsylvania Outdoor Show

The Eastern Sports & Outdoors Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania came to an abrupt halt just days before it was due to open on February 2. This annual nine day show is the biggest and one of the oldest Outdoor Shows in the state, dating back to 1951. What brought on this real "show stopper"?

In the words of Reed Exhibitions, the Event's Organizer, they decided to "limit the sale or display of" modern sporting rifles at this prestigious function. According to many of the affected sponsors and vendors at the show, it was actually a decision by Reed, a British company, to enact a "total ban of MSR's and ammunition" at the event.

Many of the outdoor sponsors and individuals met with the organizers and attempted to persuade the company to lift the ban and reinstate the affected vendors. They were unsuccessful in their efforts. What happened next was something which seldom happens with the outdoor community. They actually stood up for what they believed in. In my opinion, it's long overdue.

The National Wild Turkey Federation and many others began issuing statements denouncing the actions by Reed Exhibitions. The NWTf then withdrew from the Outdoors Show believing "the actions (of Reed) are detrimental to the Second Amendment and our right as Americans to bear arms."

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Cabela's, Smith & Wesson, Ruger, Leopold Optics, Savage, and others followed suit. The National Rifle Association issued their statement and left the building. The National Shooting Sports Foundation joined them. Not only gun groups called it quits, but archery manufacturers, TV stations, conservation groups, optics companies, taxidermists, trappers, and many more packed their displays and went home.

Of the little over 1,000 sponsors and vendors who paid their money for space to exhibit at the show, as of January 23, slightly a week before the opening, over 170 left the property not knowing if



File photo of a typical Outdoor Sport Show. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

they would get any of their money back. The principle meant more than the cash.

With the loss of almost 20% of their exhibitors 10 days before the show ever opened, and more dropping out daily, Reed made the decision to postpone the event to some future date. This left the 250,000 anticipated attendees without a show to attend. Fortunately, the announcement was made in time to allow cancellations of plane flights, hotel reservations, and other plans. Fortunate for the potential attendees.

Unfortunately, Pennsylvania Tourism Bureaus figure a loss of over 44 million dollars in direct spending by vendors. Another \$80 million in lost revenue for the local economy during the slow winter season would also be incurred. These figures do not include incidental local spending such as parking, food and beverages, service and rental fees, plus the 5% hotel tax.

Another possible side effect to Reed Exhibitions decision to ban these weapons from their show may haunt them later. The National Shooting Sports Foundation heads the policy and direction of the Shooting, Hunting, and Outdoor Trade Show (SHOT Show) the biggest event of its kind in the world. Currently the show is managed by Reed. NSSF is currently considering options for the management of future events. Was this the time for gun hunters (and a bunch of their outdoor friends) to take a stand? I don't know, but it was going to happen sometime and now is as good as any.

But this sport show was not the only recent attack against the gun industry. Williams Gun Sight & Outfitters of Davison, Michigan took an advertisement to Comcast to promote their business as they had several times in the past. This time, Williams ad was refused. They were informed as of February 8, 2013, Comcast had pulled all gun ads from their broadcasting. Apparently, this new policy is due to a recent merger between Comcast and NBC Universal adding to Comcast's position as the largest cable TV company in the United States.

They now cover 40 states and over 22 million subscribers.

This new policy not only affects many small shop owners who want to get their name out to a large audience, but also thousands of larger outlets and even huge outdoor businesses like Cabelas. Numerous affected owners and advertising firms are considering asking Congress to look at the monopolistic rights of the largest cable company in the

country.

Many out there, even some gun owners, ask why hunters need a weapon which can shoot 30 times at a deer without reloading. No hunter does. But the Second Amendment doesn't mention hunters. But, why the fuss about taking away assault style guns and limiting ammo clips to ten or even seven rounds? Maybe the answer can be found in the Declaration of Independence.

"When in the Course of Human Events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another..."

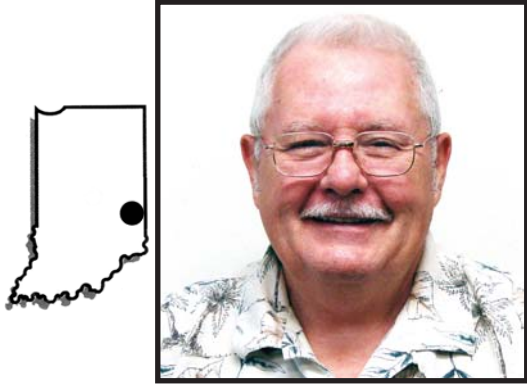
I hope it never comes to the point where this happens again in this country. But it happened in Germany when Hitler came to power. He took away all the guns from the people and no one could oppose him. Many other countries also have removed weapons from their citizens. (Switzerland, on the other end of the scale requires all households to have guns!) If all we're left with is BB guns and .22's which only shoot 10 rounds, it could happen here.

If we let it.

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Notes from:

Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith

Trigger pull weight, What is Safe?

The International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) for competition shooting limits its minimum trigger pull for double action revolvers and pistols to a minimum of 5 pounds. Single action pull weight is not set and only requires the trigger to operate safely. NRA trigger pull for single and double action police type pistols is 3.5 pounds. In the full bore rifle competition the pull weight is 3 lbs. There other weights allowed but the question I'm getting to is just how light should the trigger pull be for a home defense handgun, rifle, or shotgun. The answer is subjective and has to consider the training and abilities of the individual handling the gun. The answer also must look at how the gun is to be used, daily carry gun, home defense gun, for target shooting, or for hunting. Each of these uses can call for a heavier or lighter trigger pull weight.

A light trigger pull is the primary cause of accidental discharges by the trained, untrained, and inexperienced shooters. By accidental discharge I mean those that may occur when holstering the gun and snagging the trigger on the holster thumb release, or catching it in the clothing or jacket causing the lightened trigger to discharge the gun. I don't

include discharging the firearm by pulling the trigger with your finger even though it may have been unintentional. That is just plain unsafe firearm handling, lack of training, and no excuse can be accepted for that. With today's modern firing pin safeties, accidental discharges when dropped or bumped are uncommon.

I have been asked to lighten trigger pulls of handgun and rifles to as little as 2 lbs. I say "asked" because I have a general rule not to reduce the trigger pull on any gun to less than what would be required in a competition match for that type of gun. However, I always try and determine the purpose for which the gun is to be used. If the owner is planning on carrying it for defense, or for defense of the home I strongly suggest that the trigger pull be no less than 4 to 6 pounds. A lighter trigger pull runs the danger of being unintentionally discharged.

Exceptions to my rule would be for Bench rest shooters. They often have trigger pulls of less than 2 pounds as in that type of shooting once the gun is aimed and locked down, the safety is release and the trigger is often pressed by mechanical means. Competition Target shooters are controlled by the rules for the competition shoot. Hunters on the other hand really must be careful when adjusting the trigger pull to a lighter weight. They must ask themselves "Will I be carrying the gun loaded and ready to fire?" "Is the Safety in proper working order and will I be carrying with the safety on or off?" "If I drop the gun from the tree stand, will it discharge?" All valid questions and must be considered. It is my opinion that Hunting rifles and shotguns should be about 5 to 7 pounds. Most trigger systems come from the maker with acceptable trigger pull weights for the average gun owner with some experience and training. Many of the major manufacturers of hunting rifles and shotguns now provide the gun owner an option which allows the gun owner to adjust the trigger pull weight on the rifle and on some shotguns. The lowest adjustment weight I am aware of is 2.5 pounds. Home defense use guns should be left at factory set trigger pull. You run a strong risk of a civil suit or criminal action should it become necessary to use the gun in defense of your home and you have modified it from original. I would think the plaintiff's attorney or defense attorney would have a field day accusing the homeowner of intentionally planning on shooting an intruder since the gun had been customized for that purpose.

Before adjusting the trigger weight or having it done professionally, check the trigger creep. Trigger creep is the movement of the trigger before releasing the hammer. On some it is as small as .015" while on others it may be as much as half an inch. Don't mistake On rifles and handguns reducing the creep makes the trigger feel more crisp and the trigger pull weight much less noticeable. A 4-5 pound trigger pull weight that is crisp may feel to some to be a "hair trigger". The let off is quick and smooth, crisp.

Home Defense

Recently, Vice President Joe Biden made a statement, "Buy a Shotgun" referring to self and

home defense. I have to agree that for most homeowners, a good pump shotgun is a better home defense weapon than a rifle or a handgun in untrained hands. It has the scare power and the ballistic power to back it up. The sound of racking the slide is enough to scare many an intruder away. Vice President Biden was talking about a double barrel shotgun which is an excellent choice for hunting but does limit the ammunition capacity available to the homeowner trying to protect their family and property. Should more than two shots be required, then the homeowner may endanger themselves and other family members by having to take 5 to 10 seconds to reload two more rounds. Don't misunderstand me when I agree with Vice President Biden about the shotgun. I certainly can't agree with him on his irresponsible statement where he told his wife to just go outside on the balcony and fire off a couple of rounds. The numerous and unintended circumstances that action like that can cause shows Biden's inexperience and total lack of training with guns.

2nd Amendment

The other day I saw a bumper sticker which I've probably seen a hundred times but wasn't struck by the powerful statement it made. On the bumper sticker was printed "The 2nd Amendment Makes All The Other Amendments Possible". I was struck by how true that is. The framers of the constitution started with the first amendment to protect our right to freedom of religion, speech, press, to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for redress of grievances. The framers of our constitution made it clear that **Congress Shall Make No Law** restricting that amendment. They followed that first amendment with the only amendment that gave the people the right and the tools to protect the first amendment and all that follows with the freedom and the necessity of the state to form a militia for its security and the right of the people to keep and bear arms to protect those rights and freedoms. The Fathers of our Constitution saw fit to impose even stronger language to protect the 2nd amendment by firmly stating "Shall Not Be Infringed". Take action, call your representatives, call your senators, and let them know that by imposing restrictions on guns, magazines, styles of guns, all constitute a violation of the U. S. Constitution and all that it represents. Remember this, "Gun Control" is in reality, **People Control**.

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 PrarieWolfGuns@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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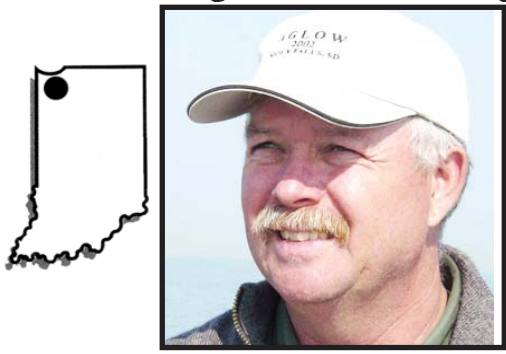
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

KEYSTONE DECISION AFFECTS GREAT LAKES

It's both good and bad that much of the oil reserves the world taps to fuel it's economic engine are located in remote areas. The good part is most people don't want a bunch of oil wells across the street from their house. The bad part is the oil produced in remote areas has to be transported to refineries hundreds or thousands of miles away. In the case of Middle Eastern crude, make that 10s of thousands of miles.

Transportation is expensive, driving up the price of the gas I put in my boat. The two least expensive methods of moving crude are pumping it through pipelines and hauling it in tanker ships.

There are no totally safe ways of transporting oil. Pipelines are not failsafe, but for every gallon of oil spilled during transport by pipelines, there have been boatloads spilled from tanker accidents.

The United States in general and the world in particular is not ready and will not soon be weaned off of oil. We can wish it, the government can squander billions on alternative energy sources; the reality is, the demand for oil is going to continue growing and unless additional reserves are tapped, the price is going to continue to rise.

Like it or not, the oil sands in Canada and the Bakken oil coming in the Dakotas are going to continue to be developed. The only question is who is going to buy it and where will it go to be refined into useful products?

That's why the Keystone Pipeline was planned. The oil from Canada and the Dakotas would flow to the existing refineries near Houston, Texas.

Unfortunately, the Keystone Pipeline became a political issue that factored significantly into the last presidential election. To appease his environmentalist supporters, Obama allowed and encouraged the Keystone project to be shut down. Now that he's been reelected, he shows no inclination to restore it.



Increasing numbers of oil tankers will soon be plying the Great Lakes thanks to Obama killing the Keystone Pipeline. (Author Photo)

So if you are a company that has bajillions of dollars worth of product to sell, but the government shuts down the road between you and your customer, what do you do? Probably many things, but one solid alternative is to look for a new route.

Since we've already identified shipping by oil tanker to be one of the most economical transportation methods, it's only natural for Canadian and Dakotan oil producers to look to the closest port that a big oil-boat could dock. Think about it. You can get it. Right! Superior, Wisconsin at the far western tip of Lake Superior.

Calumet Specialty Products Partners owns and operates an oil refinery in Superior, Wisconsin. The crude it turns into useful products comes from both the Canadian oil sands and the Dakota's Bakken development and is delivered to the refinery through an existing pipeline. Their refinery is operating at capacity, but the pipeline can deliver more oil. So CSPP recently announced its intention to build a docking and loading facility at their refinery that would allow oil tankers to fill up with the black gold from the prairies.

Though there are oil tankers on the Great Lakes, this new outlet promises to greatly increase the number of tankers and the amount of oil being shipped. If things go according to plan, the first tanker will fill up in 2015.

The locks between Lake Superior and Lake Huron will determine the size of the lake tankers that will be able to access the CSPP facility. But if the numbers work out, there's the chance that older boats that once hauled iron ore or other cargo through the Saulte Ste. Marie locks will be rebuilt as oil tankers.

Decisions often have consequences both intended and unintended. When the Keystone Pipeline project was killed, no one thought it would endanger the Great Lakes by increasing the amount of oil being shipped on them.

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Bass Fishing Techniques



by Bill Embry

Bass Fishing Over The Years

As I sit here in my office writing this article and watching out the window what I hope will be the final big snowfall of the season, I wonder what joy I will have this season chasing the illusive creature known as the largemouth bass. For over 30 years I have chased this wonderful fish all over the country trying to catch the biggest & the most as I possibly can. My biggest was in Florida around February 1989 12.84 lbs. I caught her on a wild river shiner in a lake called Lake Griffy in Leesburg, Fla. I turned her lose cause my buddy caught a 14.78 that same day & they both wouldn't fit in his live wells, in his Ricky Green fishing machine. I never saw so many alligators in one place in all my life, it was full of them. To be honest with you I was just plane happy to get off of that lake. Jeff mounted that bass that day.

A year or two later I was fishing a state team tournament on Lake Monroe. Lake Monroe was one of the best bass fisheries in this part of the country at that time. That event was a two day event that was held on a Saturday & Sunday by a Bass club here in Bloomington.

I remember going down to practice on a Tuesday before the tournament. The fishing was outstanding. As I remember we caught about 40 lbs. of fish. We thought, man we were on-em! No need in sore mothing them. We would go back & check them on Friday. So we did. And yes, every spot we hit they bit! I had never been so confident about winning an event in my life as I was about that one. So that night we went to the check in, checked in & left. We didn't even stay for the hog roast that was always provided by Killbucks marine located up in Anderson, IN. "Oh" did I mention that this event was full, 178 boats & had been since January!

The next morning we were at the ramp early, we drew boat #5 1st flight. How lucky can you get when your on fish & draw a number like that. My head was as big as a watermelon. They called our number & off we went main lake bite. We pulled up to our first spot, 1st cast 6.0 cast, later my partner hooks a 5.0. There we were, boats still going



Fishing slow and easy. (Author photo)

by us and we had 11 lbs. in the boat.

Ye-Ha!!! We stayed there for about 5 more minutes, my partner caught another 5 pounder. That gave us 16 lbs. in 3 fish. We stayed there for about another hour, nothing! So we moved. Third cast, I caught a 4 pounder. I no more than got it in the boat & my partner was yelling for the net, he caught a 7 pounder. Now, back then, there was a 10 fish limit. We had 5 fish that weighed 27 lbs. It was about 2 hrs into the tournament. We were blown away! We just couldn't believe this was happening to us. We fished the rest of the day and then went to weigh in and you got to know what we were thinking. We got up to the weigh in site & everyone in the tournament had fish. It took us 2 hours to weigh in. We ended up with 9 bass that weighed 38.8 pounds. I think we were in 26th place after the first day. To make a long sad story short a couple old friends of mine Mel Belt /Gary Hardwick won the 2 day event with a shocking weight of around 98 lbs. Some of you younger anglers don't remember those days, but there are a lot of us that still do. Monroe is still a very good bass fishery. The problem is, things have changed in this old fishery & we haven't.

I have personally been out with the DNR Biologists taking creel samples on Lake Monroe. There are a lot of largemouth bass in the fishery. These young guy's wear me out each time I go out with them netting fish. These are just a couple of stories that I have to tell. Over the years there have been many. Bass fishing has brought a tremendous amount of joy into my life. It can be in yours too. See ya' on the water!

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Learning To Fly Fish The Hard Way

(Teaching a young bird dog to hunt requires a whistle, hand signals, decoys, and sometimes a little discipline. Try using those methods on your mate to serve you breakfast in bed and see how far it gets you.)

More years ago than I care to remember, I bought my first fly rod and started teaching myself how to use it. I lived in an area where the standard fishin' pole was six feet long and stout enough to use as the boom on a junkyard crane. Four pounds of sinkers and treble hooks loaded with night crawlers was tied to a braided nylon line wound around the spool of a reel that used thumb pressure as drag to avoid birds nests when casting. A thumb covered with blisters was common after a day of fishing.

Anyone who used a fly rod was considered a laced collar pantywaist and was looked at with disdain if he confessed to using one. If you were caught in the act, the best thing to do was say you'd found the thing and decided to try it to see what kind of a kick those Fifth Avenue stockbrokers got out of working so hard to catch nothing but pan fish and, heaven forbid, pansy fish like trout. I soon learned that there was a whole lot of difference between bombing fish with a huge gob of sinkers and worms and trying to control a dinky little fly attached to a long, whippy willow stick. For a while I spent 90 percent of my time trying to pull the fly out of my shirt where it had stuck between my shoulder blades or watching my hat float downstream, attached to the fly. The other 10 percent went toward untangling a wad of line wrapped around my head or yanking on a fly snagged in a limb ten feet above my head.

In spite of taunts and jeers and accusations that I drank cappuccino and flavored tea instead of black coffee, I persisted and finally managed to spend 50 percent of my time with the fly in the water. Occasionally, a retarded three inch bluegill would get hung on the fly. Then, just like those liars who used the fish bombs, I'd stretch the catch to an eighteen inch largemouth and describe the challenge of trying to land the monster with such flimsy gear. Actually, in the excitement of getting a strike, I would revert to the old method of yanking on the rod like trying to pull start an old lawn mower, which resulted in the fish whistling past my ear and snapping off behind me, leaving half of its lip still attached to the hook. Or, having been raised on sitting and waiting for a tug on the line as the signal that it was time to yank, I now had to re-train my reflexes to respond immediately to action on the surface. A splash at the fly and my brain would register

that something had happened and send a slow message to my arm to do something. By this time the fish, realizing it had been slipped a mickey, had spit out the fly and gone home. Ten seconds later I would jerk, wrap the line around my head, and stick the fly between my shoulder blades. No wonder they never let me bat on the baseball team.

In spite of such tales, my wife surprised me recently by asking to be taught to use a fly rod. I explained to her the theory about the blind leading the blind, but she said she couldn't think of anyone else who could teach her how to wrap a line around her neck any better than me.

Clad in waders, her armed with a nine-foot Gander Mountain rod and me with my seven-foot Diamondback, we stood looking at the waist deep stream as I explained the tricky parts of wading in relatively fast water over a rock and boulder strewn stream bed. "Don't pick your feet up to move", I said. "Shuffle along, take your time and feel where you're stepping. Don't allow one foot to get over the other in fast water, or you'll lose your balance and go down. If you feel yourself falling, don't try to catch yourself with the hand holding the rod. That's an expensive piece of equipment and I don't want it broken." What if it means the difference between a broken wrist and your rod?", she asked. "We can splint your wrist, but I can't splint the rod" I replied. Take my word for it. Don't ever say anything like that to your wife, especially if she's armed with a nine-foot whip.

Slowly, we waded to the center of the stream and she began making the usual beginners mistakes. Not enough line out to work with. Working the rod too rapidly and failing to wait until the line had straightened behind her before beginning the forward cast. Waiting until the line had bunched in front of her before beginning the retrieve. Failing to tend the line properly. As the water was being beaten into a froth, I noticed a rise a few yards upstream under some overhanging tree branches. Excusing myself, I waded to within shooting distance and began laying a Royal Coachman upstream and floating it over the spot. On the third cast, the little retard took it and first blood was drawn.

As I released the fish, I heard a gentle splash behind me. Turning, I saw only Judy's head and shoulders above the cold water as she struggled to regain her footing while protecting the precious rod. She had hooked her toe under a rock and been introduced to one of the hazards of going after the fish in their own element. Back on shore, her clothes soaking wet under the waders, I got my second set of welts from the rod when I said, "you got the reel wet". Later, as she watched from the bank, the score was evened as I hooked both toes under a large boulder, took a forward swan dive and dunked my rod and reel as well as

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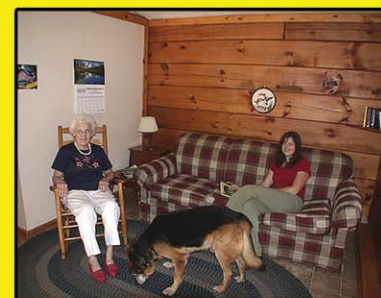
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A mesh bag ensures the release of spores and the continuation of mushroom hunting for years to come. (Author Photo)



The author, a number of years back, and a find of exceptional morels. (Author Photo)

and that's the news from
West Central Indiana



by **Don Bickel, Forester**

THE ELUSIVE MOREL

Mushroom, shroom, roon, sponges, morel. Say any one of these in the Midwest in April or May and you will quite likely receive the same response. "Find any yet?"

Depending where you live, in the Midwest, beginning about the end of March, mushroom or morel season is about to start or is just around the corner or will be here in a couple or few weeks. Up to this time it has been pure guess-work. Have we had enough moisture in the form of snow or rain? Will it be warm or hot enough to make them come up or grow? Will I find them in the same spot as last year?

I don't remember, as a boy on the farm in Harrison County, actually walking through the woods looking for mushrooms. I do remember along the fence that separated the garden from the hog lot/orchard, a few big yellow morels would show up about every spring. Maybe Dad and Mom didn't care to eat them, so why hunt them?

And this memory brings on several more regarding this elusive fungus. As most know, now-a-days morels command a pretty good price. But go back a bit more than 50 years. My wife has many relatives who live in west central Iowa and that would be our 2 night layover on a trip to Oregon. This journey

would be to a work assignment - following Purdue graduation from the forestry school - with the Bureau of Land Management. Anyhow, this visit with relatives - farmers - caused me to ask, "Do you find morel mushrooms here?" The time was late May and I knew they were being found in Indiana.

"Yes, they grow at this time of the year along the drainages and in some of the timber."

"Do you pick and eat them?"

"No, you mean you can eat them? I thought mushrooms were poison."

"Not if they are morels, the ones that look like sponges. Back home, you can sell about all you can find."

"You mean people buy them!"

Over the period of time between back them - about 1956 and now - things have changed. Iowa like the Lake States are prime hunting grounds for morels when the season is right.

The hunt for morels, may involve more trespass than many would imagine. Park the pick-up where legal and perhaps with permission and head off through the woods. For some this is a cross-country jaunt. Fences tend to be more of a hindrance than something that says, "This is a property line."

I had sole permission to hunt mushrooms on a property in a neighboring county. On this day, as I was walking through the south end of the property, I could hear voices on the west side. The closeness of the sound led me to believe the speakers were on the wrong side of the fence.

We share many things, but seldom is it mushroom hunting. And sure enough here came two fellow from the west side, apparently unbeknown to them that they had crossed the fence.

As I approached the pair, my question, "Do you have permission on this property?"

"Well, yes."

"Who gave you permission?"

The name given, of course, didn't even apply to the property on the other side of the fence.

"You need to go back the way you came and the name you mentioned doesn't own that property either."

With that the pair said OK and continued walking

straight ahead. "Hold it, turn around and go back the way you came."

Had they walked past me, about another 100 feet, they would have come upon several dozen 6 to 8 inch yellow morels. However, I was the one to fill an orange sack and carry several more out in my hat.

Finding morels does involve a lot of walking. But to stumble onto a "hot spot" makes the walk worth while. Sometimes that prime location can be sighted from a vehicle - if all the stars are aligned.

Friends of mine related this story. They were in the upper part of Minnesota and at the prime of mushroom season. The hunt had been productive and now they were prospecting for another location where permission would be given to walk and hunt.

As they drove this rural road, looking for the dead elms with some remaining bark, a large elm was spotted just a bit down the road. A lady was mowing the lawn on which the elm stood.

After stopping, one of the party approached the lawn tractor driver. "Could we pick the rest of the mushrooms before you mow them off?"

Today, the value of this bounty of Nature is known to most landowners. But permission may be granted after knocking on several doors. Keep in mind, in the morel-rich areas of the Lake States, there are established brokers buying morels from local mushroom hunters. These morels, then in turn, may be the ones you find on grocery store produce shelves.

A friend of mine has been making the trip to upper Minnesota or Wisconsin at mushroom season for a number of years. The purpose of the trip is to bring back mushrooms to sell in this area. Several years back he had 7 or 8 properties to hunt on - with permission. This number has gone down to 1 or 2. The value of the morel has family and friends hunting to cash in on this windfall of Nature.

In a good year, the find of morels could amount to several 10's of pounds for a couple of hunters for 1 day's hunt. The property owner and family, while not getting the price seen on store shelves, are finding the walk through the woods worth the effort. This means, for the visiting hunter, buying from the broker is necessary to bring any amount of this elusive fungus back home.





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Larry Lonik "The Mushroom Man." I met Larry at the Ft. Wayne Sport Show and attended one of his seminars. Afterwards he sat down for an interview with me. (Author Photo)



Here is one of Larry's Spore Boy mesh bags he gave me. I put it to good use in May of 2003 finding these morels in Franklin County. Just enough for a meal. (Author Photo)

The Elusive Mushroom

by Ray Dickerson

(Reprinted from the April 2003 Gad-a-bout)

Probably no one knows more about mushroom hunting than Larry Lonik, "The Mushroom Man" who has hunted mushrooms in 19 states and a few other countries. I attended one of his seminars at the Fort Wayne Sport Show this past weekend and came away knowing more about mushroom hunting than ever before. I've been rather successful through the years, but had noticed a terrible decline in their numbers in recent years. I figured it was the change in the Spring weather, but I don't think that is the case. I think Larry has the answer and it may be too late to do anything about it.

For years now, at least since returning from the service, I have predominantly used paper or plastic bags to gather mushrooms.

Larry Lonik preaches the use of an open mesh bag when you hunt mushrooms. He says that each mushroom has 500,000 spores in it when it appears. As the mushroom dries the spores are emitted whenever the wind moves it or it is picked by a human being or

disturbed by any natural force. He says that if you pick the mushroom and place it in a plastic bag (bread sack) most of the spores are removed from the woods and end up either in the garbage dump or down the drain. However, if you place the mushrooms in a mesh bag, the spores are spread in the woods as you walk. Larry says that the mushroom grows in a five year cycle. The spores you spread as you walk will not appear in that woods until five years later. The mushrooms that you find this year (if any) their spores were scattered to the winds in 1998.

I don't know about you, but I am going to use a mesh bag this year. I have one of Larry's bags, it costs \$8.00, but it comes with a handy storage bag and is made of good material and will last a long time. Larry has been carrying one of his bags for seventeen years. He says never to wash it, he has never washed his. He says there are dried spores in the bag almost as old as the bag. (Still got mine)

He says pick them gently, watching what you do, don't get any foreign matter on them because you want them just as they are, do not wash them. However, you can cut them in two if you want to shake out any foreign matter. Then place them on a open mesh screen of some kind in a dry place and let

them dry. He says they will last for years in the dried state. If you freeze them the shelf life is about six months. When you are ready to eat a dried mushroom, simply soak them for a couple of hours and they are ready to eat and just as delicious as they were the day you picked them.

I talked with Larry at the Cincinnati and Indianapolis Sport Shows too. I could talk to him for hours, he is such a interesting person and so friendly.

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Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

“Spring” The time for renewal

It is time for renewal again, for the birth of young creatures all over the earth. Grandfather must truly love this time of the year, for He makes everything beautiful. The winds sweep away the dead of winter to make room for the coming of new life. I remember when I took my first wife, Little Deer, to California Woods. To the place I loved more than any other. She loved it as I did and laid down with me on the side of the hill among the Spring Beauty's, listening to the birds sing all around us. It was just one of the times that we enjoyed the beauty of nature together.

Later, when we lived at LaBoiteaux Woods, Debbie age 3, and Mike age 4, would walk the trails together. Mike always scouted ahead and when we reached a fork in the trail, he would stop and look back, waiting for a signal as to which way to turn. Just as we started back, Debbie would hold up her arms and say..“Ride, Daddy.” She rode on my shoulders back up the hill. The only trouble with being a grandfather is that I didn't get a chance to share things with my grandchildren that I did with my children. The dells in Wisconsin and the wonderful show they put on. Grand Canyon where Mike walked on a rock wall right on the edge of the canyon, while I nervously convinced him to come down. Two young men, I remember, as an invited guest, seeing Tommy and Charles, who were leaders in the Teton Lakota Dancers, receive their Eagle Scout Badges. The Boy Scout Big Shows in '66 and '68 with a 'cast of hundreds' in the Indian Act. First year we performed the story of the 'Son of the Chief', and two years later, we did a ceremonial version of the Sun Dance, and Mike was one of the pole dancers. I had hoped to perform the Sun Dance at the National Conference of the Order of the Arrow. I was sure we would have won 'best authentic dance'. Ah yes, one of the advantages or disadvantages of old age, remembering the things from the past. Mostly the good things.

Ruth, Ted, Frazier and Gene, ind myself made up the staff at LaBoiteaux. Brent joined them as the Indian Specialist when I went downtown as the Supervisor of Arts for the Recreation Commission. The only problem with that job, I couldn't find time

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to do my dancing. Of course there was the North American Indian Council of Greater Cincinnati. I prepared the Oyate Wachipi (the Dancing Peopled) for their annual appearance in the International Festival at the Convention Center. In 1990 we had so few men that I had to break a rule of mine and let women dance the men's part. Over the years at the festival, we appeared on TV doing the Cheyenne Scalp Dance, received a standing ovation for our performance of the Belt Dance, and Steve Temple (White Buffalo) got such good response, when he performed the clown dance about the 'Boy Who Was Afraid of Animals.' And the year we took first prize for the best exhibit, when John Temple, (Wise Counselor), designed and built a full sized long house, that people could walk through. John, his wife Irene (Blessed Peace), and I shared the Chair of the council for many years. John and I had many arguments on the direction the council should go. He was the peace maker, I was the challenger. We never ceased being the best of friends.

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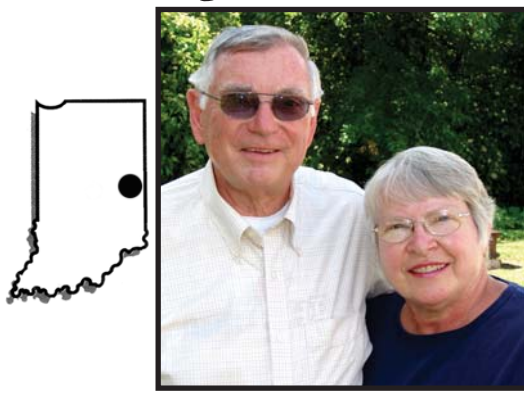
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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

INFORMATION YOU SHOULD HAVE WITH YOU

As former (32 year) owners of an Indiana campground and having traveled in 48 countries, all 50 states, 3 dozen islands and on 32 cruises we have a thing about where we are, what if something serious should happen, and who would know what to do in case of an accident. Early on in our campground ownership we developed a form with pertinent information on it in case any of our campers were involved in a medical or any other type of emergency. We gave out these forms to our campers, one for each member of the camping family that the information they divulged on the form was none of our business, but we told them we would put the forms in their file and, if needed, we would hand them to the medical people.

In a previous article we told of three or four cases where emergency units were called to the camp, one for yellow jacket stings inside the throat, unconsciousness because of diabetic seizures (very low glucose count), seizures and other cases where emergency teams needed to be called. As the medical unit left the campground we would hand the medical files we had for that person to the technicians and they would start treatment on the victim on the way to the hospital. When released from the hospital the camper would bring the papers back for us to file.

Over the years several people chose not to reveal any information on the file other than who to contact (family and close friends' phone numbers, their doctor, insurance company, pharmacist, etc. Others filled out the forms with much more information than we actually suggested (which was fine). Several made copies and left them in the medicine cabinet at home, in a drawer at their workplace, and of course, in their camper. Again, we emphasized that they were under no obligation to reveal anything they did not want to keep in their file at our camp.

The hospital called us later in 3 or 4 cases and said that having the information en route might well have saved the lives of our campers.

We've suggested using this simple technique to campground associations and campground owners throughout the United States and beyond. Some already had similar but not as much (as we believe) information for which we had asked. We also suggested people carry this information whenever and wherever they travel, camping or otherwise. You never know!!!

Since we travel a lot we've even become annual members of a medical air transport company which transports the injured or expired victim and spouse from wherever in the world they might be, for just a few hun-

dred dollars per year. As someone who has just been transported to a hospital by helicopter or ambulance for just a few blocks or miles and you'll hear quotes of thousands of dollars in cost. The air transport takes you to whatever city and/or hospital you have disclosed to them-free-just for your paid up membership, from literally anywhere in the world. We hope we never need to use the service but we think we are prepared.

Here are some things you may like to type up and have in your workplace, home in the medicine cabinet, in your camper as you travel, or on file at the campground office if you are a seasonal camper. This is not a panic activity but frankly just a smart idea. If you are a seasonal camper, have them place this information in a file in their office. Someone may be designated to make a spreadsheet on the internet that can be upgraded whenever needed. Another very important piece of information at a campground is where in your camping unit is your medication.

Here is information you can use to start a form for each of your family members:

Your name, address, city, state, zip, home phone, cell phone, doctor's name and phone, preferred hospital, preferred pharmacy and phone, names and phone numbers of family members and/or close friends or neighbors, blood type, physical information such as prosthetic body parts (list), or conditions such as high or low blood pressure, juvenile or insulin dependent diabetes, pacemaker or any heart conditions, allergy to any substance such as in shots such as penicillin, or internal meds such as various aspirins, and even latex (gloves). What shots have you had?

As we've mentioned before---if there is something that you don't care for anyone to know, don't list it but remember, the more a medical team knows about you the more quickly they can start treatment.

Circle any problem listed below on the form you develop if you think it will make any difference for quick decisions. Asthma, eating disorders, epilepsy, an infectious disease, kidney disease, any cancer, multiple sclerosis or similar, panic attack, social anxiety, arthritis, or a rare disease not able to be detected in an emergency room. Look for a list of Common Medical Conditions on your internet search engines such as Yahoo, Google, etc., and list anything else that you think important for members of your family. And above all, list your medications, the dosage and where the meds can be found in your camping unit or at home.

Start the coming camping season with fewer worries about whether medical personnel will do the right thing quickly enough by developing a page of the above personal conditions. Right now is a good time to get the information together for your family, or even if you're not campers, it could be important for information on each of your family members. It may save a life!!!

If you're camping in Indiana or throughout the United States, you might suggest this possible life-saving idea to campground owners. We know several Indiana campgrounds and many in other states that are using this type of information.

Check out on the internet for the Indiana State Festival Guide, Visit Indiana.com or Visit Indiana/Things To Do, for events all over the State, especially a Recreational Guide

If you have anything you would like us to write about concerning camping, please contact us at 260-637-3524 or jmacnut@yahoo.com. Most campgrounds are opening now or will open soon and it's time to get reservations for local events and family get-togethers. Keep on camping.

John and El McCory

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Now is the time for hunting.....sheds

If this time of year has you yearning for spring so you can get outdoors as the first fish of open water angling season begin to bite, there is no reason to sit around and wait for the water temperatures to rise if you find yourself itching to get outdoors amidst a severe case of cabin fever. If you are a deer hunter, there can sometimes be no better feeling than knowing the big buck that eluded you last fall is still alive and kicking for you to go after this coming season. Or, even to find that he has perished so that you can refocus and try to find another one to set your sights on.

Beginning mainly in mid to late February, bucks begin dropping their antlers. Some bucks lose theirs in January while others may still be packing them until sometime in March, but the best time to find sheds is generally from late February through late March, and sometimes into April. As of penning this month's column, I was still seeing some bucks packing both sides of their racks.

Shed antler hunting has boomed in popularity over the last decade, and the reasons are several. In addition to being a great way to get outside and enjoy nature, it also provides a bit of exercise. Another reason for shed hunting is that it is also a great way to begin your scouting for this fall. Trails and bedding areas are easy to locate, as are scrapes and rub lines. These types of signs always show up better when there is not a lot of dense foliage to make them harder to spot. But perhaps the best reason to hunt shed antlers is that if you are lucky enough to find some sheds, they let you know that the particular bucks that dropped them have made it through the hunting seasons and winter months.

The window for finding shed antlers is relatively short. Once the antlers hit the ground, it isn't long before squirrels, mice and other rodents began eating them for the calcium they contain. I have seen rare instances where an antler may go untouched by rodents for several weeks, or in the case of severe winters, the whole thing may be eaten within a few days. But typically you have anywhere from a few days to a few weeks before they are eaten.

Shed hunting isn't necessarily a piece of cake, however. Antlers, for the most part, can be rather



Nicholas with his first-ever shed find - on his first-ever shed hunt! Sheds are typically difficult to come across, so don't ever expect to find any, but when you do, it gives you a rush of excitement. (Author Photo)

difficult to spot. Granted those from huge bucks are easier to see than the average antler, you'd be surprised how well bone off a deer's head can blend into the forest floor - or stick in the mud!

On our only shed hunting trip of the year last year in mid-March, my then ten-year-old son and I rediscovered how enjoyable it can be just walking through the woods. We had a blast as we snaked our way around thickets and through the timber and field edges looking for sheds. I also had the opportunity to teach him more about the game we pursue pointing out deer trails, scrapes and rubs. We even had the added bonus of laying our eyes on a woodcock - something you usually don't see around here. Add in the wild turkey and Red-tailed hawk sightings and I'd say we had pretty good day. In fact, Nicholas mentioned that it just might have been one of the best days of his life. Could that be though, at least in part, due to the fact that he found the only antler of the day? Probably. Hey, I did find some bone though - if you count those from a dead deer! In the end, Nicholas carried out his prized possession, I carried out a deer skull for him, and we each carried out some trash we had found, but I'd say we each carried out plenty of memories of our time spent together. And that is more important than even the biggest shed antler!

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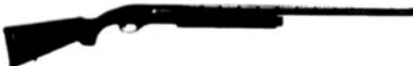
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by **Dr. Fred Philips, DVM**

Time to re-up your ISTA Membership

Trapping season is done. Hopefully, after all the miles logged, all the gas and oil bought, the new / used traps, lures, and accessories paid for, you have a profit to show for your efforts. If you do, you are probably in the top 5% of the trappers out there. Most people are amazed at the fur prices this year, and they will go a long way to putting trappers in the black, but most trappers rely on other income to live throughout the year. Catching fur alone, just won't do it. But if there is a time of the year that you may have a few extra dollars available, this is it. So how was your season?

One good idea is to re-up all of your licenses and memberships at this time. Your Indiana Hunting-Trapping-Fishing license expired March 31st, 2013. You can visit your favorite sporting goods store or go on-line to www.in.gov/dnr/ and purchase your license(s) there. Next are your Association memberships. Belonging to the various associations helps to guarantee that you can enjoy your hobbies in the future. For trapping, there is the National Trappers Association www.nationaltrappers.com/, the Fur Takers of America www.furtakersofamerica.com/, and many others that you will need to find on your own.

If you live in Indiana and trap, you really need to be a member of the Indiana State Trappers Association (ISTA). You may download an application at www.indianatrappers.org/, fill it out and send it in with a check. There are several options that you may choose. One (1) year with

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There were 3584 trapping licenses sold in Indiana for the 2011-2012 season. The ISTA currently has just over 350 members. So roughly 10% of the trappers out there belong to the ISTA. That means that 90% of the trappers rely on the other 10% to maintain their privilege to trap in Indiana. I have always heard it was a 20 / 80 rule. That 20% of the members of an organization did 80% of the work. When it comes to trapping, it appears that 10% of the group does the 80% of the work. Why only 80%? I am sure that some of these ISTA non-members belong to other trapping organizations and still contribute in some way to helping to maintain our privilege to trap. But if you really want to stand up and be counted in Indiana, please join us. We are trying to be the voice of the Trapper in Indiana. Please help us succeed.

There are several events happening through out the summer and into the fall. In June, there is the Fur Takers of America's Convention and Rendezvous in Marshfield, WI. In August, there is the National Trappers Association's Convention and Rendezvous in Lima, OH. In September, there is something happening every weekend. The Ohio State Trappers Association Convention and Rendezvous is on the first full weekend. The Second weekend, September 13 & 14, 2013, the ISTA Convention and Rendezvous will at the Tipton County 4-H Fairgrounds located in Tipton, IN. The third weekend has the Hoosier Outdoor Experience in Indianapolis. And the fourth weekend is FTA Chapter 7B's Rendezvous in Greenwood. For more information on all of these events, and more, please visit the ISTA web site at www.indianatrappers.org and view the Calendar page. Trapping is not just for winter time any more.

So, as you go, watch your top knot. Keep your eyes along the skyline.

Fred "DR" Philips

News From The Indiana State Police

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times.

Here in Indiana, running off the road to the right and disregarding stop signs and automatic signals continue to be top causes for deadly collisions. I know that in the past year I saw more people disregarding stop signs and lights than I can ever remember in my 22 year career as a trooper. Whether we are in too big a hurry, or simply not driving as well as we used to, people are dying at an alarming rate at intersections because they aren't stopping completely and not looking before pulling out.

Remember some simple rules to keep you and your family safe. Yellow means prepare to stop, not

speed up to beat the red light. The stop sign means you stop completely, tires not turning, before pulling out. A good rule of thumb is to stop completely for at least a three count, looking in all directions at least twice before pulling out. Never assume the approaching car will stop; wait to pull out and make sure they stop. Just these simple little tips could help save you and your family's life.

This ends another month's installment. Thank you for allowing all of us to serve all of you, and if you know of a young woman or man that wants a new way of life, the life of an Indiana State Trooper, then please send them to our web site, www.in.gov/isp to apply. Take care of yourselves and your families, and we shall talk again next month.

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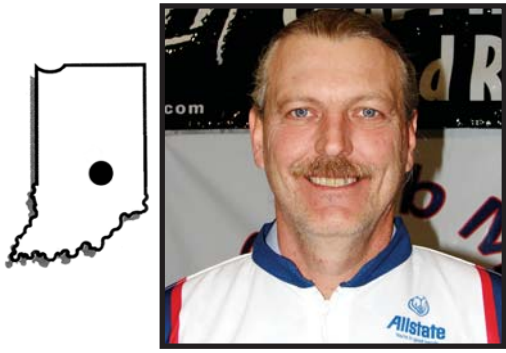
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Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

2013 Season

I wish I could say winter is over, unfortunately I don't think that is the case. Last Saturday we fished Monroe in the blowing wind and snow and we weren't the only boat on the water, almost but there was at least one more. We didn't get to do a lot of fishing but we did get some of the bugs worked out of the boat after it sat all winter. For those like myself, who have never used side imaging, it is almost overwhelming at first. Had I marked all the stuff we saw on the bottom I would have used all the space allowed for way points in the first trip. The clarity you can see structure is truly amazing.

By the time most of you read this the 2013 season will be under way and I will be packing for the Cumberland lake tournament. I have never fished Cumberland and am really looking forward to it as I hear it is a very challenging lake to crappie fish, add to that the fact that the Army corp of engineers has got the Dam fixed and are expected to raise the water level as much as twenty-five feet before summer and it could be very difficult to get a limit of fish.

I have spent a lot of time on the road in the last couple of months due to business but hopefully I will get to spend more time writing about the club once season starts. With no tournaments to write about I have done my best to keep things going and with this being the last article I have to write before season it is a good thing as I am out of pictures and ideas for columns. So I thought I would update you on changes within the club. Bob Raymer due to personal reasons has stepped down from the tournament director's position. I would personally like to thank Bob for all the time and effort he put into the club last year. The club asked Bob to step up and take the position and he did a fine job as the clubs first tournament director. As the next tournament director I hope I can do as good a job as Bob has done for the past year. The following is a list of club officers and positions along with a list of advisory board members.

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- Secretary.....Glen Gill
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- Monroe.....March 16th
- Cataract (Cagles Mill).....April 6th
- Brookville.....April 20th
- Patoka.....May 11th
- Mississinewa.....June 8th
- Salamonie.....June 22nd
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- Raccoon (Cecil Hardin).....Sept 21st

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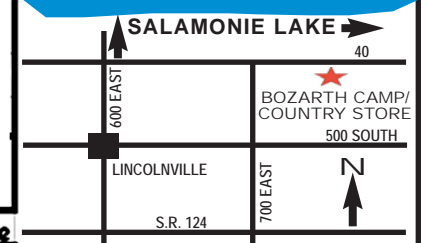
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Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by **Janice Hunsche**
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Metamora, Indiana March & April Activities

MARCH 2013

This is the quiet time in Metamora. The calendar is pretty empty except for Final Friday.

March 29 from 6:30 pm -10 pm, is at the Cat and the Fiddle on Claybourne Street.

The Whitewater Railroad is running the Easter

Bunny Express on Saturday, **March 30** from Connersville. Your ticket includes a 2 mile train trip, a chance to meet the Easter Bunny, and a Golden Egg/Easter egg hunt for kids 8 and under. Reservations are recommended. Prices are \$9.00/person 2 and up. Train departs at 10 am, 12 pm, 2:30 pm & 4:15 pm. Call **765-825-2054** or go online at <http://tickets.whitewatervalleyrr.org/>

APRIL 2013

Metamora is starting to come alive again after its winter break. On **April 3rd** the Grist Mill opens for the season. It is open from 9 am-5 pm Wednesday-Sunday.

Now that the Grist Mill is open again, Jammin' on the Front Porch is back in session. This is a free live music show the first **Sunday 1-4 pm, from April – September**. Stop by and listen.

Friday, April 19th brings a treat for 5th graders. From 9:30-2 pm The Fifth Ohio Light Artillery Civil War Re-enactors will be teaching about the Civil War as well new ways of problem solving. Cost is \$10.

April 26th is Acoustical Final Friday. It's the usual setup just indoors at the Cat and the Fiddle Bed and Breakfast. Sign up 6:30 pm, music from 7-10 pm.

Some of the stores will be opening up in April but not all. So check with your favorite store before you make the trip, or just come on down and be surprised. Hope to see you soon. ■

The Elusive Mushroom

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Thus, you are cooling them, with some air circulation, and minimizing the evaporation with the slightly damp paper towel. The mushrooms will begin to dry, which is OK, because an hour or two in cool water will bring them back equilibration (the natural moisture balance achieved over time). You can continue to dehydrate the mushrooms on a screen in the air and/or sun, or with a dehydrator, to preserve them for future use. Store in a paper bag, on a closet shelf (away from moisture, heat and light).

Editor's Note: Sadly just a month after I attended Larry's seminar on mushrooms he passed away on April 15, 2003 in Missouri after a day of mushroom hunting. He had been doing what he loved to do. I learned about his passing just a couple months after the Fort Wayne Sport Show.

If you would like to know more about Larry Lonik you can find his books and video's on the internet, just search for Larry Lonik morels or similar wording. ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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OTHER COMING EVENTS WHITEWATER RIVER RENDEZVOUS BROOKVILLE FLY FISHING EVENT

The First Annual Whitewater River Rendezvous will be held April 6, 2013, Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone will meet in the auditorium located at 734 Main Street in Brookville, Indiana. The auditorium is located on third floor above the Fitness Center.

Some things that will be going on that day.

- See and buy flies tied by Midwest tiers for species that include smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, crappie, trout, pike, muskie, whitebass, stripers, and hybrid bass.

- The Brookville Tailwater will be open for catch and release fishing. Take some time to fish and perhaps introduce the area to a new angler.

- If you are a club or shop, use part of the day as an opportunity to do a clinic on the tailwater or introduce club members to the tailwater and other fishing opportunities in Franklin County.

- There will be other businesses from Brookville and Franklin County represented at the Rendezvous.

The cost for a table is \$5.00. We are limiting people to one table, we are hoping for a wide variety of participation. The \$5 will be refunded to you for purchase of food or beverages at the rendezvous.

See more about this event on page 8-9 in this issue, also CITU's official position on the Brookville Tailwater.

For more information contact Derrick Filkins at info@flymasters.com or the Franklin County Convention Recreation & Visitor Bureau located at 813 Main St in Brookville or call **765-647-6522**.

INDIANA SMOKIN' ON THE WATER MAY 4-5, 2013 TREATY LINE MUSEUM

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Vendor space is available, \$60 for a 15' x 20' space.

Food vendors will pay and additional \$50 and must obtain a temporary Food Permit from the Union County Health Dept. Contact Ron Parker by calling **765-458-6043** or e-mail [him rparker@uchd.com](mailto:rparker@uchd.com).

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the bigger part of my body. Water doesn't harm the equipment, but it wreaks havoc on the pride of a chest thumping, supposedly experienced fly fisherman, especially when his student is watching.

She's still game to continue with the lessons, but for the time being, classes will be conducted on the banks of Ray's pond where the only risk will be accidentally hooking one of the guinea hens that roam around the property. Stop to think about it, I wonder what kind of bait they would take and how a seven foot rod would handle a five pound guinea? Maybe I'd better take along a landing net, just in case that happens.

Editor's Note: Dan has had some surgery and rather than let his column lapse we have elected to reprint a couple articles from the archives. This by article by Dan Graves appeared in the September 2003 issue. ■

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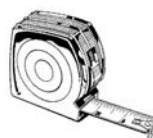
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Dredge at the ramps at Acton Lake getting ready for a busy year.. (Author Photo)



Whitewater Lake Marina and boat ramp and docks. (Author Photo)

Looking Downstream



by Paul McCloud

Spring 2013 Area Lake Report

The drought of 2012 had a strong impact on all the Midwest. Locally in Southeast Indiana and Southwest Ohio, the drought was felt as much as anywhere. Our local farmers saw stunted water starved plants produce little or no grain. Our lawns turned brown, and town folks with gardens struggled with the question of whether they could afford to use expensive city water to save their veggies.

For us fishermen, low water levels accompanying higher sustained water temperatures forced this writer off the water much earlier than I had planned. In 2011, a very wet year, remember the record setting floods that spring, I fished well into October. The winter of 2011-12 was unseasonably mild and dry leading into a warm and dry spring. Locally, with the Corps of Engineers annual draw down of Brookville Lake, boaters and fishermen waited well into late spring to see the lake finally reach summer pool.

Whitewater Lake, just outside the Southern city limits of Liberty, Indiana only, minutes from my home is quite handy. A milfoil infestation (exotic aquatic weed) has encircled the entire lake extending over thirty feet out from the shore in some places, even further in other spots. This weed has infested many lakes all over the state, and the attempts to control it has cost the state of Indiana over 1.2 million dollars a year for several years now and has much to state officials dismay, become a losing battle. The only way to completely kill off milfoil is to expose it's roots to a hard freeze which calls for lowering the water level low enough to expose the roots. If you do this you risk the lake may not refill during an extra dry late winter, early spring. I had proposed this method to Whitewater/Brookville State Recreation officials in the

fall of 2011, but my proposal was considered too risky and as it turned out would have been a bad idea exactly for the above mentioned reason, an extra dry spring. Since we entered the 2012 season having had such a mild winter the weeds in Whitewater Lake had not been killed back very far and had a head start on it's growth. Then with the warm temps and falling water level and rapidly expanding weeds many of us fishermen were forced out of our favorite spots much earlier than before. The propeller on my trolling motor is supposed to be "weedless"; it more than met its match in Whitewater last year. Personally, being a panfish guy, I had given up on Whitewater by mid June although I understand Bass fishermen working the edges of the weeds enjoyed a good season.

The outlook on Whitewater for this year looks to be good. The lake has a good balance of small baitfish to larger predators. Results from recent bass tournaments held on Whitewater indicate a healthy population of bass from fry to six pound and bigger lunkers. I can vouch for the panfish population, Bluegills, Redears and Crappies ten inches and over are abundant in good numbers. Channel cats are quite numerous. The past winter has been much more normal as far as temperatures and precipitation. The weed tieback went deep, and if spring temps are average the weeds should not interfere too bad till around mid July.

Being a native of Ohio's Preble County, I grew up on Acton Lake of Hueston Woods State Park. I'm not sure if the mild winter and early warm water had anything to do with it, but I had my best season yet in 2012. The only problem I had with Acton Lake in 2012 was once the water level had dropped about 20 inches you couldn't get your boat away from the ramps. The DNR was forced to pull all its rental motorboats out of the water to prevent ruining the lower units on the bottom at the docks. The ramps and marina are at the North end of the lake where the two feeder streams enter. The tons and tons of sediment deposited in this area every spring causes it to shallow up pretty quickly. In the past the ODNr would bring in a dredge to clean up the area every three or four years. Due to the poor economy and the toxic blue-green algae mess on Ohio's largest lake (Grand Lake St. Marys) funds weren't available to continue a dredging schedule



Whitewater Lake looking north from Marina fishing pier. (Author Photo)

on Acton. In fact the state bought a new high volume dredge and added it to the pair they already had working on Grand Lake. I'm glad to report that they have a dredge at the ramps at Acton and it will be hard at work by the time this issue hits the street. Fishing was good on Acton in 2012 with one of the biggest and longest Crappie runs in decades. Ohio enacted a 9 inch size limit on both White and Black Crappie in 2012. Enforcing the size limit will insure good size fish this year and for years to come. The annual fish survey on Acton showed good numbers in all species and was proven by reports of many filled live wells.

2012 was another tough year for Ohio's Grand Lake St. Marys, where they've been fighting a severe toxic blue/green algae infestation for the past several years. Ohio has spent 8.5 million dollars over the last two years on alum treatments (alum bonds with phosphorous depriving the algae of it's food source). Ohio DNR Director James Zehringer admitted to a group in Celina recently that due to the lake being so shallow the alum treatments have had only short term affect and would most likely be discontinued. With a fleet of three dredges working full time and programs to halt further agricultural pollution the outlook there looks good. Ice fishing this winter had been very good with many Walleye and Saugeye in the 3 to 4 pound range being caught. The outlook for Crappies (Grand Lake is famous for it's vast numbers of big Crappies) is good. A complete report on the status of all fish species in Grand Lake St. Marys is due out later this year.

All things considered the outlook for the three lakes mentioned in this article is very good. I know I'm anxious to get back out there and see what's biting, I'll bet you are too. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated. passports@ydial.net

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Originally written by Ray Dickerson in 1975

Reprinted from the Outdoor Gad-a-bout October/November 1975. I'm 38 years older since then, but my resolve is undiminished in keeping my right to keep and bear arms. Remember this was written in 1975! We had the same problem back then as we do today in 2013, with the liberal media.

I have taken the liberty of editing some of the information in this article to correct some mistakes.

The British home guard defended their homeland in 1940 with pitch forks and clubs. They had no guns in their homes.

Today, we Americans stand by as our right to keep and bear arms is being disintegrated by the mis-use of the freedom of the press, the liberal media, in my opinion. I as a free American, relish the idea of using my freedoms, and do not wish to deny anyone else his or her freedoms. To do so would be Un-American and dastardly in my book.

Through the changing of times since our beginning, our freedoms have been gnawed away at by many factions. In this issue I want to point out a fact, a fact that is currently undermining our freedom to keep and bear arms, which is protected by the Second Amendment of our Constitution.

Recently it has come repeatedly to my attention, by reading the newspapers and magazines, watching the television and listening to the radio, of a great effort. Utilizing every aspect of the Freedom of the Press to their advantage, the Liberal Media is making an effort to end my right, and the rights of my fellow Americans to own firearms.

The pretense of limiting the handgun only hides the fact, present in my mind, of "those" who want to control my freedom to keep and bear arms.

"By 1979 or before we Americans may be defending our homes with pitch forks, clubs and words!"

I do not believe that the liberal media have the right to



Here I am in 1975 holding my Marlin 39A trusty .22 rifle, I've still got it here in 2013, I aim to keep it. (Author Photo)

use their power to annihilate my freedom to keep and bear arms. Like wielding swords, they swipe at us on a daily basis.

We must hold the line now. We must act on our convictions, not talk about it, action speaks louder than mere words. They say the pen is mightier than the sword. "Have you ever been hit by a sword?"

Many Americans do not have the means to influence other Americans concerning their thoughts, as the liberal media does.

We must have Freedom of the Press! Right, I will defend that right with my life. And, I will also defend with my life, my right to keep and bear arms! Just as I will defend all others' their rights as administered by the Constitution of the United States of America. I and millions of other Americans swore to do defend our Constitution when we served in our armed forces.

However, I do not agree with the way the liberal media mis-use their privileges of the press. Therefore, I will use MY freedom of the press to defend my right to keep and bear arms. And I will offer to stand at the head of a unified effort to defend our rights.

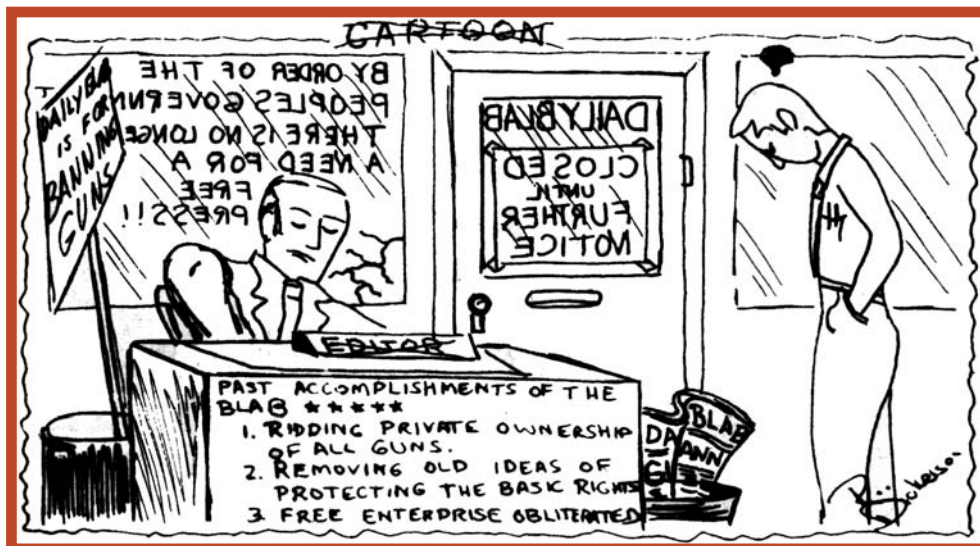
I encourage, no I DEMAND that free thinking Americans join in and be heard in this matter. To stand idle, to sit by and let your FREEDOM be taken from you is cowardly.

IF WE LOSE OUR RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, the liberal media who have used their power to eliminate our freedom, may very well lose their own freedom of the press. Then how will they defend their position? With words? Was it words that won us our freedom? Fat lot of good words will do then when there is no means left to protect their/our rights.

I could expound on this for years about the misuse of firearms as reported by the news media. I could also expound on my opinion of how the national media is misused for sensationalism and sales as a medium. Not a thing would be achieved.

Instead we must work together as a people with one common goal, defending each others rights. The loss of one right could mean the beginning of the so called "domino theory." (i.e.) End of all rights.

"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." (This is our best protection now and forever!)



Original drawing by Ray Dickerson in 1975 Outdoor Gad-a-bout Oct/Nov issue.

Second Part, Today in 2013

I was young and energetic in 1975 with a head full of ideas on how to cure the world's problems from Centerville, Indiana.

Today, I'm an older energetic man in 2013, but still think I can help cure the world's problems from Centerville, Indiana. Today though, we live in a different world, one that at the touch of this keyboard I can be seen and heard around the world, effecting to some degree change for the better or worse.

We have witnessed both better and worse in America today. I could write volumes here, but won't.

Nothing has changed when it comes to us Americans to keep our Second Amendment, and our Right to Keep and Bear Arms since 1776.

The one and most dangerous threat to our Second Amendment is instant communication, at the touch of a button, the liberal media and a seemingly unaware President who can't seem to make the government work the way his 43 predecessors did. I really thought when he was elected for his first term that America would be better, it was time for this change. But alas, I'm still waiting for the right changes.

And here we are again, back to the same ole' problem of the liberal media with the help of the President trying to disarm Americans. The very thing that in my mind keeps us FREE and keeps most of our enemies outside of our borders. Japan leaders have said, since WWII that the one thing that kept them from invading mainland America was the fact that a majority of the homes were defended by guns and other weapons.

That fact remains today, we Americans are heavily armed, even more so since the clamor has been to take away our guns again. We need all our guns and weapons for that very fact, the enemy is at our door and the liberal media is trying to break down the door for them.

So-called media personalities like Piers Morgan, a British subject living in our country who expounds on how we Americans should lose our guns.

I heard a rumor the other day that one of the ladies on "The View" was retiring from there and might replace Piers Morgan. That would be the best news to date.

Several weeks ago on the Dave Letterman show, yes I'm watching Dave again! Since his televised talk with Oprah Winfrey he seems to have found his original humor and candor. Anyway Dave had Kevin Spacey on who was was doing an impersonation of Johnny Carson. One of his subjects was about Piers Morgan being threatened with a petition to deport him back to England. Kevin scored a big laugh from Dave and his audience on that remark.

I've read up on Piers Morgan on the internet, it seems he has embarrassed a lot of the media he has performed and written for over the years. Like many other media personalities he has used sensationalism reporting to further his career, at the expense of whoever or whatever his intent was to report on.

Probably the one thing that irritates me about Piers Morgan is his "smirk look" after he has said something he thought would interest the viewer. Wrong, again Piers.

My happiest day will be the day he boards a transportation service that takes him from our shores to someone else's. The sooner the better.

His one vendetta presently seems to be is to disarm America. Why CNN, lets him use their network to wield his unwanted criticism of our right to keep and bear arms is beyond me. I have watched CNN and FOX when I've been in the mood to watch the news channels. I watch FOX more, since CNN seems to condone Piers Morgan's rants.

One last request of Piers, go home to Britain, please. ■

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FRIENDS I MET AT THE INDIANAPOLIS SPORT SHOW



At left, Brian Weber owner of Absolute Aquatic and at right, Mark Litwiler owner of Ponds RX LLC. These gentlemen were in the booth next to my booth at the Indianapolis Sport Show from February 15-24, 2013. Both wiled away the hours talking to potential customers and in the slow times, carving basswood into intricate objects.

Brian and Mark holding their carvings. These two start carving the first day of the show and continue throughout the show with the goal of finishing by the last day. Below is an enlarged view of their carving, which they did finish by the end of the show. The amazing thing to me is neither cut their fingers while doing the carving.



Brian Weber's carving of the cartoon image in the return address of Renfro's envelope that the carving is leaning up against. In the bottom left corner there is a better likeness of the image. I would say that Brian nailed it with his carving. Especially with him working on it in such a chaotic environment.



Mark's carving is the likeness of the logo on his business card, which is pictured in the bottom left corner. I would say that Mark nailed the image in his carving too. He switched to this carving after starting another one to begin with, so he had to work harder to make the deadline on time.

Sport Show Pastimes

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

I spent ten days at the Indianapolis Sport, Boat & Travel Show watching people pick up The Gad-a-bout and the rest of the time walking around the show during the slow periods.

My neighbors to the right, Brian Weber, owner of Absolute Aquatic and The Lake Experts and Mark Litwiler, owner of Ponds RX LLC answered questions and sold their pond services during the busy times. When things slowed down they carved basswood. They said at the beginning of the show they start with a solid block of basswood and throughout the show work on their project finishing at the end of the show. They have been doing this for a number of years.

Before I got to know them, about half way through the show, I couldn't figure why two guys in the same competitive business would set up together at a sport show. As time went along I found out. They are real

good friends and they don't compete with one another.

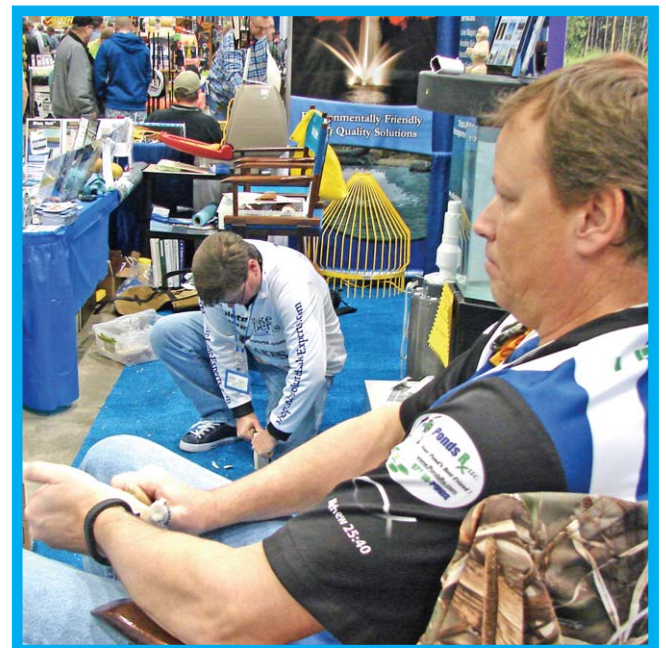
Brian Weber, Owner/Operator of Absolute Aquatic is located at 34 East 39th Street in Indianapolis, IN 46205, his telephone number is **317-695-8893**, his e-mail is brian.h2o@sbcglobal.net and his website is www.absolutaquatic.com and shop.absolutelakeexperts.com.

Brian has been married for 22 years to SheLa, they have two dogs, Patoka and Maxinkuckee. He is a Aquatic Specialist, has a Associate Degree in Forestry and Wildlife Conservation.

Mark Litwiler, Aquatic Specialist is located in the Indianapolis area and can be contacted by calling **317-219-6339** or **877-557-6637**. Your ponds best friend. He has 24 years experience with ponds.

E-mailing PondsRx@comcast.net or visiting his website at www.PondsRx.com

Mark has been married for 24 years to Stacy, they have a son, Zach and a daughter, Rachael, both are in high school. He has a BA, graduated with honors from St. Leo University, St. Leo, FL.



Mark and Brian during a slow period whittling in their shared booth.

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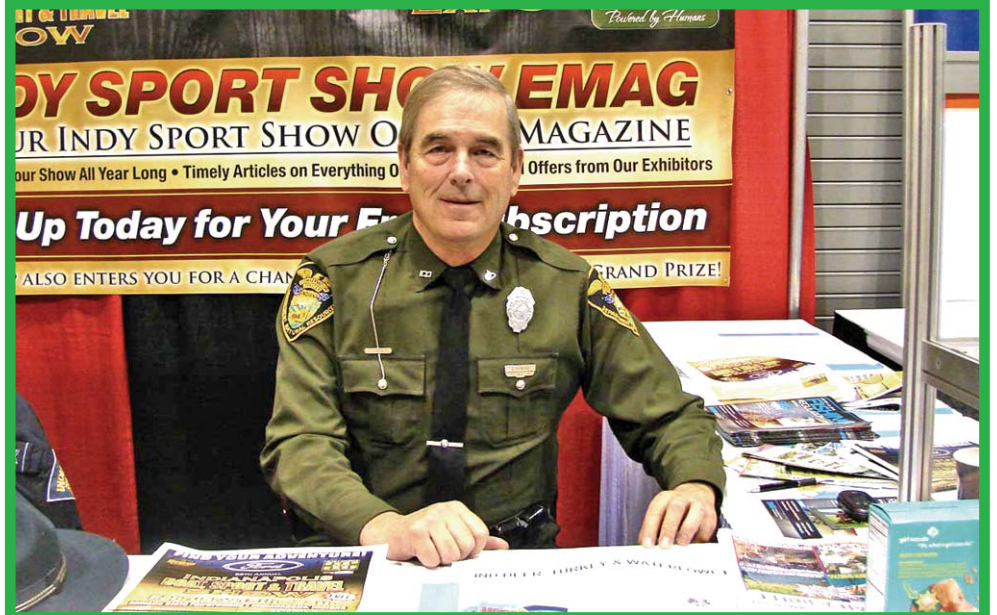
Brooklyn Enright stops at the Indiana State Police and Indiana Conservation Officer booth at the Indianapolis Sport, Boat & Travel Show. At left, Indiana State Trooper Sgt. Tony Slocum gives Brooklyn some safety stickers. At right, Indiana Conservation Master Officer Jeff Atwood assists in Brooklyn's visit. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Across the aisle from the Officers booth was the Girl Scout cookie booth manned by the Enright family. In front is seven year old Brylea Enright, standing in back at left is Mrs. Bridgett Enright and at her right is eleven year old Brooklyn Enright. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Slocum has been a Indiana State Trooper for 14 years. He works out of the Indiana State Police Post in Peru, Indiana. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Indiana Conservation Master Officer Jeff Atwood takes care of Brown County. He has been a Indiana Conservation Officer for 38 years. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Derrick Filkins, FlyMasters of Indianapolis talks about fly fishing from the stage at the famous "Hawg Trough" in Tackle Town. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Corps of Engineers Safety Booth manned at left by Dave Johnston, Park Manager and at right by Stephanie Ison, Park Ranger both work at Brookville Lake. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail Returns to Henderson, Kentucky

Submitted by Larry Crecelius

The Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail will hit the waters of the Ohio River at Henderson, Kentucky April 13, 2013. This is the opportunity for local cat-

fish anglers to compete for cash, prizes and a chance to advance to the Cabela's King Kat Classic. This year's Cabela's King Kat Classic will be held September 26-28, 2013 on Kentucky Lake at Camden, Tennessee Be sure to check out our new website at: www.kingkatusa.com. It's a new site

with new and exciting information on our events along with special information for catfish anglers everywhere.

Henderson has always been a hotspot for the Cabela's King Kat anglers and this could be one of the best events of the year.

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STAYIN' ALIVE FAMILY FUN DAY & EAST FORK FISHING EXPO MAY 27, 2013

The 13th Annual Family Fun Day in Brookville, IN will be on Memorial Day, May 27, 2013.

On each Memorial Day at 9 a.m. a Parade goes to the 3 cemeteries for Memorial Day services and ends up at the Brookville Town Park for Family Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Brookville Swimming Pool opens at 12 noon, giving visitors and town folk a place to go and cool off. It is located across the street from the park.

The East Fork Fishing Expo is open to young people from anywhere who wants to participate. The sponsor of this event, 52 Pickup Convenience Store. 52 Pickup helped originate this event, they especially like to see youngsters attend who have never fished before.

For additional information contact Stayin' Alive at (765) 647-7272 or visit them on the web at www.StayinAlive24.org.

BROOKVILLE CANOEFEST 2013 JUNE 28-29

Indiana's Largest Canoe Race turns 50 this year. This two-day event features a Championship canoe race, a Biathlon canoe race and Recreational canoe races, a Chicken Frying contest, the Brookville Idol contest, Entertainment both nights and Fireworks on Saturday night. There is not enough room to explain all that is going on at CanoeFest 2013, it is best for you to log onto their website: www.brookvillecanoeFest.com.

THERE'S A RIGHT WAY TO DEAL WITH INJURED, ORPHANED WILDLIFE

(I received this e-mail from Phil Bloom after the March issue was published, this is the way you do it)

Wildlife biologists from the Department of Natural Resources are asking the public to help keep Indiana's wildlife wild.

"Rescuing an injured or apparently abandoned baby wild animal may do the opposite of what you seek to accomplish and eventually cause the animal more harm than good," said Mark Reiter, director of the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

A video that explains what to do when finding an injured or orphaned wild animal is posted on the DNR YouTube channel at <http://youtu.be/je5O9Wjwuzo>.

State law defines wildlife as a public resource that belongs to all Indiana citizens, and the DNR is assigned the responsibility of managing wildlife populations on their behalf. The DNR's professional resource management approach is based on the welfare of wild animal populations, the relationship of a wild animal to other animals, and the welfare of the people. State law prohibits possessing or taking a wild animal without a DNR-issued license or permit.

Each year, thousands of animals are born into the wild. As suburban areas spread into their natural habitats, young animals are increasingly born near humans. Most baby wild animals that you may encounter are not orphaned. What may seem like an abandoned animal is normal behavior for most wildlife, so picking it up is usually unnecessary.

"The apparent lack of an adult does not mean a young animal is orphaned," said Linnea Petercheff, operations staff specialist for the Division of Fish & Wildlife. "Adults often leave their young alone, safe in nests or dens, while they forage for food, but rarely do they abandon their young."

Taking a wild animal out of its natural environ-

ment, even if it's injured, also can reduce its best chance at survival as it becomes accustomed to relying on humans for food or shelter.

Such animals also pose safety and health risks for humans. They may look helpless, cute and cuddly, but they can bite or scratch people who attempt to handle them. Wildlife also can carry infectious diseases and parasites that can be transmitted to humans or domestic animals.

But there is a proper - and legal - way to care for a wild animal that is truly in need.

The DNR issues wild animal rehabilitation permits to qualified individuals. Licensed wildlife rehabilitators are trained in the proper care and handling of wild animals to prevent the animal from being imprinted on humans and to make sure the animal has the best chance of survival when released back into the wild where it belongs.

Requirements for obtaining a wild animal rehabilitation permit can be found on the DNR website at www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5492.htm.

If you find a wild animal that is truly abandoned, sick or injured, don't make it your pet. Instead, do one of the following:

" Leave it where it is. Fawns, baby rabbits, and other young wild animals are left alone at times while the mother is obtaining food. Rabbits, for example, only visit their nest twice a day to help deter predators.

" If you find a baby bird, squirrel, or other animal that has fallen out of a nest, carefully put it back in the nest. Human scent will not deter the mother.

" Call a licensed wild animal rehabilitator; a current list can be found under the wildlife rehabilitator link at in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5492.htm.

" Call the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife in Indianapolis, (317) 232-4080.

" Call the DNR Law Enforcement central dispatch at (812) 837-9536.

" Call a licensed veterinarian for immediate assistance with a sick or severely injured wild animal.

DNR NEWS RELEASE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH NUISANCE CANADA GEESE

If Canada geese have become a problem on your property, information is available through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources website.

Most goose problems occur from March through June, during the nesting season, when geese are especially aggressive, sometimes attacking and nipping at people.

Geese also can cause a great deal of localized damage if many young are hatched in one area. After hatching, goslings are incapable of flight for about 70 days, so the young birds and their parents will graze near the hatching area for that time. Damage to landscaping can be significant and expensive to repair or replace, while large amounts of excrement can render areas unfit for human use.

Information on actions property owners can take to manage Canada geese is available at dnr.IN.gov/dnr/fishwild/2996.htm.

Solutions range from habitat modification, to daily goose harassment through noisemaking devices, to supporting goose hunting or obtaining a DNR trapping permit. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service also allows landowners who are properly registered to destroy resident Canada goose eggs and nests on their property.

More information on registering for federal permission to destroy eggs and nests is at <https://epermits.fws.gov/ercgr/gesi.aspx>. It's against federal law for anyone to destroy a Canada

goose nest that contains one or more eggs without first securing permission through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

It's best to use preventive measures such as habitat modification before geese become a nuisance.

COMMUNITY: MULTIPLE CHARGES RESULT FROM DRIVER RUNNING LIGHT IN FRONT OF A TROOPER

Thu 2/21/2013 11:31 AM

Anderson - Last night shortly after 11:30 p.m. Pendleton Trooper Brad Quakenbush was driving his fully marked police car south on Brown-Delaware St. in Anderson. As he approached the intersection at 8th St. he got the green light. But, knowing that running automatic signals is a leading cause for crashes in Indiana, he slowed before entering the intersection and looked both ways.

From his right he saw a quickly approaching east bound yellow Pontiac that was obviously approaching too fast to stop. The Pontiac ran the light in front of Quakenbush, who activated his lights and went after the vehicle. The Pontiac pulled into a gas station and stopped at the pumps. As the driver exited the vehicle two plastic baggies with plant material fell out onto the ground.

Investigation revealed the driver, Diante Eshawn Johnson, age 33 of Anderson, was driving while his license was suspended, and was wanted on Misdemeanor warrants from Elwood City Court and Marion County. In addition to the warrants and Driving While Suspended Johnson was charged with Possession of Marijuana, "A" Misdemeanor, and Operating While Intoxicated, Endangerment, Class "A" Misdemeanor.

Running traffic signals and stop signs remains one of the top three causes of crashes in Indiana. This case is a reminder to motorists that even when you have the green light or the right of way, you should still check in all directions before pulling out.

The Indiana State Police remains committed to reducing crashes and monitoring the top causes for crashes. Motorists are encouraged to report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911. Give a vehicle description, location, and direction of travel. Never follow an impaired driver.

(See also Sgt. John Bowling's column on page 6 for information on your becoming a Indiana State Trooper and Fatal crashes up nationally 5%.)

INDOT SEEKS INTURN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

INDOT Seeks Intern, Scholarship Applicants Internships Pay \$11.30 Per Hour, Scholarships Are \$3,125 Per Semester

INDIANAPOLIS - Attention college students! The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is accepting applications for Governor's Public Service Interns through March 10 and for its Engineering Scholarship program through April 30.

INDOT is seeking 74 interns across its six regional districts and its headquarters in downtown Indianapolis. The Governor's Public Service Summer Internship program offers invaluable work experience and pays \$11.30 per hour. Interns will spend at least half their time this summer on a specific project that enhances college-level skills and abilities. Governor's Public Service Interns will also participate in a Speaker Series that features elected officials and state agency executives.

To be considered, candidates must be enrolled with an accredited post-secondary institution and have completed at least one year of undergraduate education. A student's college or university may offer

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academic credit for the internship, as well. Prospective interns are encouraged to apply to multiple positions online at www.in.gov/spd/2335.htm.

"Young people represent the future of America's workforce, and INDOT's interns and scholarship recipients help create a pipeline for future hires," said recruitment consultant Brandi Jittjumnongk. "Their energy, initiative and enthusiasm will help INDOT to complete projects as the students receive valuable education and experience needed to maximize future career successes."

Full-time students accepted or enrolled in a qualifying civil engineering program are eligible to apply for competitive engineering scholarships valued at \$3,125 per semester. Applications for the 2013-2014 school year are available at www.INDOTScholarship.in.gov and must be post-marked by April 30, 2013.

INDOT's scholarship program leverages federal transportation funding to offer civil engineering scholarships to college students enrolled at one of Indiana's Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) certified engineering schools. Eligible university programs include Purdue University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Trine University, University of Evansville, University of Notre Dame, University of Southern Indiana and Valparaiso University.

Scholarship recipients will receive as much as \$3,125 per semester for up to five years of post-secondary education, including a maximum of two years of graduate school. Scholarship funds may be applied to educational expenses such as tuition, fees and books. In return, recipients will work at INDOT in full-time, paid positions during their summer breaks. Upon graduation, scholarship recipients must work six months at INDOT for each academic semester they received a scholarship.

More information on the INDOT Engineer Scholarship program and an application form are available on the Web at www.INDOTScholarship.in.gov. Applications for the 2013-2014 school year must be postmarked by April 30, 2013.

Students or parents with questions about the INDOT's Governor's Public Service Internship positions or the INDOT Engineering Scholarship program may contact recruitment consultant Brandi Jittjumnongk at jobs@indot.in.gov or 812-895-7305.

DNR - TESTS OFFERED FOR CERTIFIED LIFEGUARDS TO WORK AT STATE PARKS

Lifeguarding tests for already-certified lifeguards who want to work at DNR State Parks & Reservoirs properties will be held at no cost to the participants at four locations statewide in April and one in May.

Applicants must already be certified in Lifeguarding and CPR for the Professional Rescuer to be eligible to attend the test at any site; the tests are not a recertification of any type. Testing will include blood borne pathogens, a written test and a water test. If you have already worked as a DNR lifeguard, you do not need to take the test for 2013.

The Indiana State Parks & Reservoirs lifeguarding tests will be on:

- **April 7**, at the Harrison County YMCA in Corydon, 9 a.m. EDT
- **April 13**, at Norwell Middle School in Ossian, 9 a.m. EDT
- **April 14**, at Owen County YMCA in Spencer, 9 a.m. EDT
- **April 28**, at Harrison High School in Lafayette, 10 a.m. EDT

• May 11, at Portage High School's West Pool in Porter, 9 a.m. CDT, 10 a.m. EDT

Registration at all sites starts 30 minutes before the test. Allow five hours for the test.

The week after the tests, each applicant's scores will be sent to the property he or she requests.

SPRING MILL STATE PARK SEEKS SEASONAL WORKERS

Spring Mill State Park is accepting applications for 2013 for craftspeople in the Pioneer Village and for a variety of other seasonal jobs on the property.

The park is looking for people with experience in blacksmithing, woodworking, broom making, weaving or any other heritage crafts. Housing may be available for those not from the area.

Other areas for which seasonal openings are available include maintenance, housekeeping, gate attendants, store clerks, concession stand operators, cave guides, natural history interpreters and lifeguards (with certification).

Most positions begin in late April, but some are available as early as April 8. A few others start in mid-May.

The lifeguard season ends on Labor Day. All other positions work until mid-October. Some positions have reduced work hours from Labor Day until mid-October. Most positions are scheduled for five days per week, with a mixture of day and evening shifts. Weekend work is required for all positions.

For most positions, the pay is \$7.38 per hour. Lifeguards earn \$8.75 per hour due to certification requirements, and interpreters and craftspeople are paid \$9.89 per hour. Health insurance and other benefits are not available.

Interested applicants must apply online at www.IN.gov/jobs. Applicants must first create an applicant profile with education and work history, then search the online job bank for available positions and apply for each position of interest. For more information, contact the park office at (812) 849-3534.

Spring Mill State Park is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

NO CWD IN INDIANA'S WILD DEER

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife reports that lab tests failed to detect chronic wasting disease in any of the 1,031 tissue samples collected in 2012 from hunter-harvested white-tailed deer in Indiana.

DFW biologists collected the samples at check stations across the state during last fall's deer hunting season. The samples were submitted to the Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab at Purdue University for analysis.

Since the Indiana DNR began active CWD monitoring in 2002, more than 15,800 samples have been collected with no sample testing positive.

CWD is a contagious neurological disease affecting deer, elk and moose. It causes a characteristic spongy degeneration of the brains of infected animals, resulting in emaciation, abnormal behavior, loss of bodily functions and death.

CWD belongs to a group of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, or TSEs, and is a variant of TSEs that affect domestic animals, such as scrapie in sheep and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in cattle, also known as "mad cow disease."

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease is a TSE variant that affects humans.

The agents of CWD are called prions, which are abnormal, protease-resistant forms of cellular proteins normally synthesized in the central nervous system and lymphoid tissues.

Illinois, Wisconsin and most recently Pennsylvania are among several states that have confirmed cases of CWD in captive and free-roaming deer.

For more information about CWD, visit the Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance website at www.cwd-info.org.

PHOTO CONTEST CELEBRATES HISTORIC RESOURCES

The DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology is sponsoring its ninth annual photo contest to recognize Historic Preservation Month in May.

The subject of the photo must be in Indiana and more than 50 years old. Images could include anything from a cemetery, to a main street, to a grain silo. The contest does not place limitations on the condition of the historic resource. Past entries have involved subject matter with conditions ranging from pristine to undergoing demolition.

Photos can be color or black and white, must be 8 x 10 inches, and matted with white or ivory mat board so final dimensions are 11 x 14 inches. Participants should not frame their photos.

The contest deadline is April 5, 2013.

The contest is free, and photographers can submit up to three entries per person.

Photos will be judged by a panel of DNR representatives, preservationists and photographers.

The deadline to submit is April 6.

For a list of contest guidelines, the mailing address, and the required entry form, go to dnr.IN.gov/historic/3994.htm.

To celebrate Historic Preservation Month in May, selected photos from the contest will be on exhibit at the following locations:

- Putnam County Museum**, 1105 N. Jackson St. Greencastle, IN 46135 (765) 653-8419
 - Carmel Clay Public Library**, 55 Fourth Ave. SE, Carmel, IN 46032 (317) 814-3900
 - Martin County Historical Society**, 220 Capital Ave. Shoals, IN 47581 (812) 247-1133
 - Greensburg Public Library**, 1110 E. Main St. Greensburg, IN 47240 (812) 663-2826
 - Prairie Arts Council**, 301 N. Van Rensselaer St. Rensselaer, IN 47978 (219) 866-5278
 - Wabash County Historical Museum**, 36 E. Market St. Wabash, IN 46992 (260) 563-9070
- FREE FISHING DAYS APRIL 20, MAY 18 AND JUNE 1-2, 2013**

In years past, we as Indiana residents enjoyed one weekend of free fishing and family-friendly fishing events. This year, we have four days of free fishing!

Normally, youth (age 17 and younger) and a few other special anglers are exempt from purchasing a fishing license; however, during 2013 Free Fishing Days (April 20, May 18, and June 1-2), all Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish Indiana's public waters.

Don't know where to fish? You may not have to travel far. The new Go FishIN in the City program is providing quality fishing opportunities and education events at several city park ponds across the state. You could also check out the amazing Where to Fish interactive map.

Or view property information for other DNR properties.

Load up the car with friends, family and fishing poles and enjoy FREE days of fishing. Check out a new lake or river, or introduce friends and family to a favorite fishing spot. Fishing can be enjoyed alone on a bank or shared among a boat load of people on

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Steve Goodson took these coyotes on 2-2-2013 and 2-3-13. Two doubles back to back. Two with a shotgun and two with a rifle. (Photo submitted by Steve Goodson)



Chase Straub from Harrison Co. took this his first buck hunting with his Grandpa Mike. (Poor Boy's Country Store Photo, Eckerty, IN)

the lake. It can be quiet and relaxing or fun and exciting. Fishing can also provide tasty meals, but don't forget: fishing is not always "catching" fish, but it's "trying to catch" fish. Click here for tips for keeping fishing simple.

To help kids and adults celebrate Free Fishing Days, recreational areas located across Indiana are planning fun fishing derbies, knot tying & casting clinics, and fish cleaning & cooking classes. In 2012, nearly 2,100 people participated in public Free Fishing Weekend events. At several other events across the state, hundreds more got a free taste of fishing. Some events require pre-registration, so please call your favorite property for details.

Individuals who need reasonable modifications for effective participation in Free Fishing Days events at DNR properties should contact the property at least 72 hours before the event. Or call the DNR ADA Coordinator at 317-232-4145.

Properties hosting activities for free fishing weekend in our area are as follows:

- Brookville Reservoir, Brookville, 765-458-5565
- Buffalo Trace Park, Palmyra, 812-364-6112
- Charlestown State Park, Charlestown, 812-256-5600
- Deam Lake, Borden, 812-246-5421
- Eagle Creek Park, Indianapolis, 317-327-7110
- Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, 317-591-0904
- Hardy Lake, Austin/Scottsburg, 812-794-3800
- Hoosier National Forest, Bedford, 812-275-5987
- J. Edward Roush Lake, Huntington 260-468-2127
- Mill Race Park, Columbus, 812-376-2680
- Mississinewa Lake, Peru, 260-468-2127
- Monroe Lake, Bloomington, 812-837-9546
- Morse Reservoir, Cicero, 317-984-3475
- Mounds State Park, Anderson, 765-649-8128
- Patoka Lake, Birdseye, 812-685-2447
- Prairie Creek Reservoir, Selma, 765-747-4776
- Salamonie Lake, Andrews, 260-468-2127
- Starve Hollow State Recreation Area, Vallonia, 812-358-3464
- Summit Lake State Park, New Castle, 765-766-5873
- Versailles State Park, Versailles, 812-689-6424
- Whitewater Memorial State Park, Liberty, 765-458-5565

For the complete list of properties hosting activities for free fishing weekend go to DNR website: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3598.htm>

How does a Fishing License help make fishing

better? Who owns the fish in Indiana's public lakes and streams? As Indiana citizens, we all do. Fish are held in what is referred to as the "public trust."

But who takes care of the fish? Well, we all do, of course; however, by legislative mandate, the DNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) has the power and responsibility to manage the fisheries resources of the State. Public access and fish management in Indiana is possible through license sales and the Sport Fish Restoration Program, which is administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Indiana receives federal reimbursement through this program for each licensed angler and this money is used for fisheries management and public access. DFW fisheries biologists survey fish populations in our public waters, so they can determine the health of the fisheries.

Biologists will then make recommendations for fish stocking or harvest regulations, which makes better fishing for you.

If you enjoyed the activities during Free Fishing Days, please consider purchasing a fishing license to help support our programs and to enable you to enjoy fishing throughout the year with your friends and family.

Some properties hosting fishing activities throughout the year are as follows: Brookville Lake, Brookville, 765-458-5565 Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, 317-562-1338 Garvin Park Lake, Evansville, 812-838-2927 (Hovey Lake) Hoosier National Forest, Bedford, 812-275-5987 River Preserve County Park, Goshen, 574-535-6458 If you would like your fishing event posted or learn how host a fishing event, please visit

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Byron Fagg took this 9 point, 175 lb. Buck on 11-19-12. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



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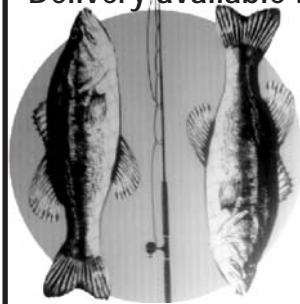
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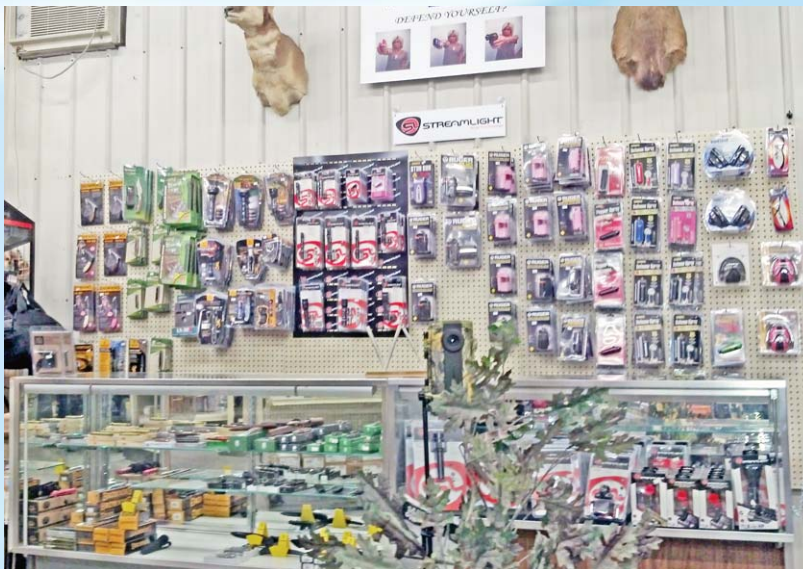
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