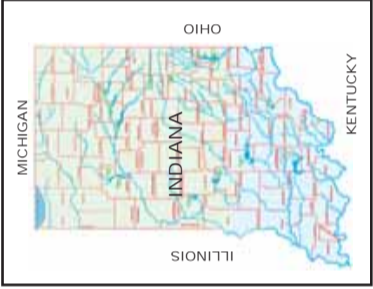


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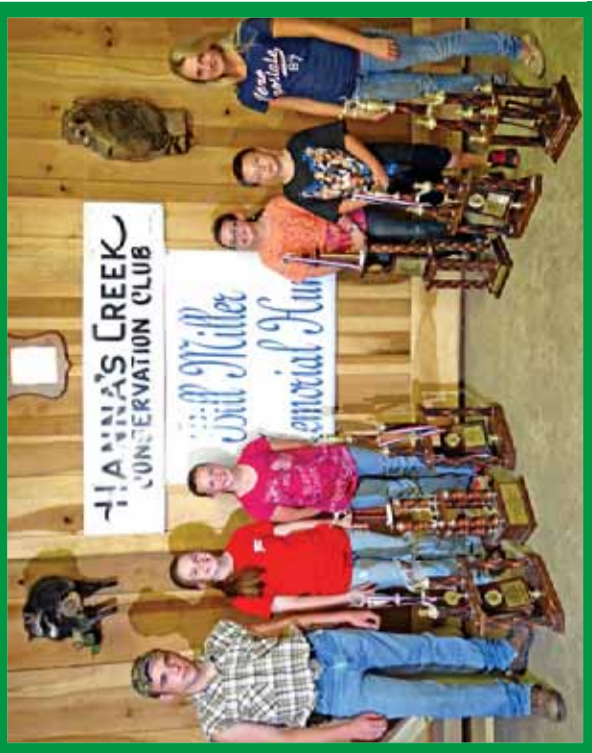
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Tina Sorrels, owner of the Campbellsburg Hardware called me back in May inquiring if I could come to Campbellsburg and put The Gad-a-bout in her store. She told me that Norm's Bait Shop had closed, Norm had passed away and his wife Betty, wasn't going to resume the business. Tina told me that people were asking about The Gad-a-bout. I explained to her as I do to everyone that inquires, that she would have to advertise for me to come that way. I delivered papers to Norm's for many years and Norm had been running an ad, but I had to drop that route due to not having enough advertising to warrant the trip.

However, I now have some advertisers down on Patoka and could change my route over her way if she wanted to advertise her business. I told her I would stop by and talk to her about it after I got back from Massachusetts later in May.

On May 25th I stopped to see Tina (see her photo at right). I was very surprised at the size and quantity of hardware she has there in Campbellsburg. Having stopped at Norm's for all those years I never really checked the rest of the town out.

Tina's Hardware is located at 206 Jefferson St, see map located on her advertisement at the bottom of this page. She has been in business in Campbellsburg for 14 years. Prior to that she managed the True Value in Salem for about 3 years and the in between time managed the Campbellsburg Hardware part time for 2 years for the previous owners who sold the business to her 14 years ago.

Helping her is her 21 year old son, Noah Clint, when he can and her mom, Geneva too. When Tina has to be away her mom fills in for her.

Tina says, the town has been good to her, she keeps busy enough to make it worth while.

She will be adding more Bait and Tackle as time goes along. To contact her call 812-755-4730 her hours are Mon thru Sat. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PAINTER CREEK RV PARK & CAMPGROUND ON PATOKA LAKE

After leaving Tina's I drove to Patoka Lake, I had another inquiry from Ken Ferguson about stopping by their campground when I was down that way.

The Campground is owned by the Gleaves and



Top Photo: Campbellsburg Hardware Store. Middle Left Photo: Tina Sorrels behind the counter in her store. Middle Right Photo: As you can see by the size of Tina's Hardware Store, she has just about everything you need for your business or home needs. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Above Photo: Painter Creek RV Park & Campground just a short distance from Patoka Lake. Right Photo: Office and handicap accessible shower house.



Fergusons, who purchased the RV Park April of 2013. Their campground, Painter Creek RV Park and Campground is located at 7380 W. CR 700 S, south of French Lick, just north of Patoka Lake Boat & Marine (formerly's Tony's Marine). It is only about a mile north of Painter Creek landing, one of the most picturesque areas of Patoka Lake.

The campground is quite spacious, they offer clean, handicap accessible shower houses, pull-thru sites, RV and boat storage with nightly, weekly and monthly rates. They are located just a short distance from all area attractions

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

White Bass Fishing in July

July is the time of the year that the shad show up in the main lake. Shad is a bait fish that feeds the masses with in the lake. When they first show up in the lake they are just little transparent swimming back bones. They are the part of the food chain that is close to the bottom. The shad feed on plankton in the lake and all the other fish feed on them through out different stages of their life cycle.

The white bass are one of the first fish to start feeding on the young of the year shad. The white bass is a schooling fish that lives in the main lake. These schools of white bass can be as big as a 10 acre field and can range from 12 inches to 17 inches long.

When the shad develops from an egg to a fish

they school up for protection. These schools can be as big as the clouds in the sky. These schools of shad will move to the main lake feeding on plankton floating in the water. This is where being close to the bottom of the food chain is not a good thing.

I have been sitting in my boat with the water being as slick as glass. Then out of no where a feeding frenzy erupts on the surface of the water that is 10 acres in diameter. This is where the shad school cross the path of the white bass school. What the white bass school will do is surround the shad school and get below them and force them to the surface. This is like running the school into a wall. The white bass will hold them there as long as they can feeding on them till the shad school can get away. Of course at this point the white bass will just corral them back up and do it all over again.

This will happen for about 2 weeks. Then the shad will get big enough and smart enough to out maneuver the white bass and it will be over.

What this means to you as a fisherman, is some of the best fish catching fun of the summer. All you have to do to catch white bass when this is going on is have a line in the water. Fifty fish an hour is not uncommon. What you look for is boiling water and cast through it. When you see it, just start the out board motor and go right to the boiling water. Stop short of it, and idle with in casting distance. As long as the water is boiling the white bass are feeding. The best baits to use is 1/8 ounce lead head jig with a 2 or 3 inch white curly tail or a 1/8 ounce white rooster tail.

Once the shad get a little bigger the schools start to split up into individual smaller schools. Some will move back in the coves, some will move to the north end of the lake, and some will

stay suspended in the main lake. At this point of the shads life cycle every body else will start to feed heavily on them also.

For fishing the main lake look for them on or near flats drop off edges or main lake points. If you like to troll fish the flats using shad imitating crank baits. If your a spoon fisherman look for concentrations of shad on humps or under water points. Under hand pitch to them and frog hop the bait back to the boat. This type of fishing is called a reaction bite. There is so much bait in the lake that the fish you are fishing for are full. The only way you can get them to hit is out of a reaction not because they are hungry.

The only other way to be successful is timing, be there when the fish are feeding and your going to catch fish. Get there 2 minutes after their finished feeding and your going to be scrounging to catch a fish.

Good luck, Tag

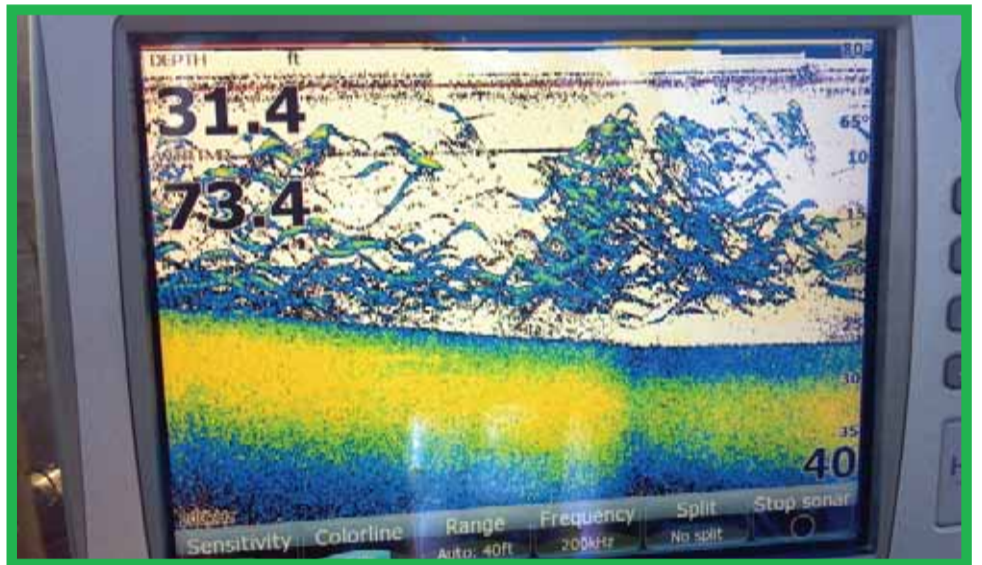
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This is what a school of white bass looks like on a depth finder. (Author Photo)

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by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

School Walk Through Initiative

With the highest level of support from Indiana Governor Mike Pence and Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter, the Indiana State Police Department has launched a School Walk Through Initiative.

In the mid 1990's the Indiana State Police started a Community Policing Program with each trooper encouraged to adopt a local school in the district. The intent was to drop in and visit, to be seen and to conduct educational programs. As the years wore on other demands took us away from these programs.

I can recall back in the late 90's conducting reading programs with 5th and 6th graders in Richmond reading a book provided by Garfield creator Jim Davis. The book had true stories about students around Indiana who were faced with tough decisions, and how they ultimately chose the right path to take in those situations.

This new School Walk Through Program takes the old community policing idea and expands on it, giving troopers the initiative and discretion to get involved in their communities and schools in whatever capacity that works best for that community.

In this current day and age of school violence, seeing those white ISP Chargers randomly in front of schools is a good thing. Plus, it gets us involved back into our communities serving you and your kids, where we belong.

The School Walk Through Initiative is a statewide program that provides an added level of security to schools while also giving Hoosier children the opportunity to interact with police officers in a positive learning environment. In addition to providing safety presentations, troopers will simply walk through the halls during school hours.

Because of the program this summer I'll once again be taking an hour to read books once a month to kids during the Muncie Library's Summer Reading Program. So keep this in mind as you may begin to see state police cars in school and library parking lots and your children may tell you about state troopers walking the hallways of their school. The program has already begun in some areas and is scheduled to expand throughout the state. To find out if your school is participating in this initiative contact your school administrator. You can also learn more by visiting our web site at www.in.gov/isp/2966.htm

Cyber Bullying

I remember an episode of Andy Griffith where Opie was being met every morning on his way to school by a bully that would take his money. Back in those days the bully was the kid bigger than the rest of us. He used his size to intimidate, scare and exploit all the smaller kids. The old style bully was easy to identify and to find. But nowadays, technology has created a whole new class of bullying.

While technology has brought a better quality of life to all of us, it's also brought a whole new set of responsibilities, problems and crimes. Cyber Bullying, or on line bullying, occurs when people use the modern technology of computers and cell phones to harass, intimidate and stalk someone.

When you think of a bully, most folks think of

the type that was harassing Opie. However nowadays it can be any kid, or adult for that matter, using social network sites, instant messaging and texts to smear and terrorize someone. I've had adults report being harassed and terrorized through text messages, Facebook and emails. We all have seen reports on the news of kids who have committed suicide after being bullied and terrorized electronically.

Statistics show us that over half of those that cyber bully think it's funny or harmless. They also feel safe doing it because they feel anonymous. But make no mistake, it's not anonymous. Just ask any of our Cyber-Crime technicians, and they will tell you you're never anonymous. They have numerous ways to track down IP addresses and to recover messages you think have been deleted or destroyed.

Those that cyber bully can be arrested for harassment, which means repeated and impermissible contact that would cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress; Stalking, which means knowing or intentional conduct that involves repeated harassment of a person that causes them to feel terrorized, intimidated or threatened. Both of these crimes can be charged as felonies.

So make no mistake, this is a serious and chargeable crime, regardless what your age is. What can you do to prevent it? You can refuse to answer or pass on bully messages. Block communications with the bully then contact an adult you trust or authorities. Make sure to save all messages from the bully, as these become evidence for court.

Raise awareness in your community or school about cyber bullying and its legal consequences. Remember the internet is accessible to millions of persons all over the world. Never post or share personal information online as it could be used to access and harm you. Never meet with someone you only know online, and never allow anyone to use your passwords or computer as it could make you an accessory to their crime.

People can hack into anything, including your computer and phone, to access "private" pictures or texts. So if you wouldn't want grandma to see it, don't send it or post it. That's a simple rule we tell our applicants, and it works.

Cyber bullying causes real problems that can lead to felony arrest for the one(s) responsible. If you wouldn't say it in person, then don't say it online. Don't forward it, don't write it and don't participate in it. If you do you could find yourself charged with a felony or even facing a civil law suit for smearing a reputation, or worse, someone com-

mitting suicide as a result of your actions.

Indiana Fireworks Law

The Indiana State Police would like for all Hoosiers to have a safe Fourth of July holiday. Due to many Hoosiers celebrating our nation's independence with the use of fireworks, the Indiana State Police would like to inform citizens of the Indiana fireworks law which is in place for the safety of everyone.

- Only individuals over the age of 18 can purchase fireworks.
- A person 18 years of age or older has to be present when anyone younger than 18 is using or possessing fireworks.
- Fireworks can only be used on the user's property, the property of someone who granted permission for fireworks to be discharged, or a place designated by the Indiana State Fire Marshal for the discharge of consumer fireworks.
- Fireworks can only be discharged between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. any day except on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and New Years Eve when the times are 9:00 a.m. to midnight. It is important to check with local officials, as local ordinances may restrict the use of fireworks.

A person who violates this law can be charged with a class C infraction.

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

And let boating season begin ...safely

With the 2013 Memorial Day Holiday weekend in our rearview mirrors many Hoosiers and our guests are glad participants in this year's boating season. Well, glad in the sense that they've not found themselves among 'the list' of the top 5 boating violations. Yes, there is a list. Conservation Officers compile the numbers from the data provided by the boating public...sort of.

The contacts made with 2012 boaters resulting in a citation or warning ticket show life jacket violations to be top on the list. This very rudimentary equipment requirement which can and does save lives is still little more than an afterthought to many. An equipment check prior to setting out is an easy fix. Make it routine. A wearable type US Coast Guard approved life jacket is required for



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everybody on board. Make sure each person has a properly fitted life jacket, know how to put it on, and they are kept accessible. Boats 16' and longer in length are required to also have at least one type IV (throwable design) USCG approved device.

While not all resulted from boating or swimming incidents, prior to Memorial Day weekend Indiana had already tallied 18 drowning deaths. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention there are about 10 deaths by drowning in the United States every day. Statistically, of these 10, two are children age 14 or younger. Drowning deaths rank 5th in the United States among the leading causes of unintentional injury deaths. Nearly 80% of these lives lost are male. Among the influencing factors listed is lack of swimming ability, lack of close supervision and failure to wear life jackets. Potentially, one-half of boating deaths could be prevented by wearing life jackets.

Boating registration violations is also high on the list. This includes not only those operating a motorboat without having it properly registered but also reflects failures to display the required numbering and carrying the proper documentation.

Also high on the list is the violation of boating while intoxicated. 315 violations were documented last year. There is such an easy solution to not being arrested with a pending court appearance...don't drink and boat. Designating a willing, non-imbibing, experienced boat operator is a

must if alcoholic beverages are included in the outing.

Information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that among adolescents and adults, alcohol use is involved in up to 70% of deaths associated with water recreation.

Boating idle zone and speed offenses rank high also. Knowing how to read navigational buoys and heeding their meanings is pretty much basic boating 101, but often is heard the phrase "we didn't know". In addition to areas with buoys marking speed restrictions, embayment and shoreline areas are also speed restricted areas. Boater education courses help a lot regarding safety, operational and situational awareness issues. Like the adage says, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Fifth among the top 5 list is towing a person without an observer on board. In Indiana, to tow a water skier or anyone on any inflatable or other device there must be another person on board in addition to the operator of the boat who is focusing on the person(s) being towed. This enables the operator to designate all of their attention on boat operation matters without being distracted by having to turn their vision away from the direction of travel.

Well, that's our list of top 5 boating violation from 2012. It's for sure one of those lists people would rather not be a participant of. With an annual review of the Indiana boating laws, pre-float equipment checks and keeping alcohol in its proper place I'm sure you won't be providing data for 2013.

Preview some poignant boating videos by visiting the DNR law enforcement division's webpage beginning at www.in.gov/dnr.

Wear it Indiana

The WEAR IT INDIANA campaign marches on. The public outreach campaign is designed to enlighten and encourage the use of personal flotation devices (life jackets) while boaters and swimmers are enjoying Indiana waterways.

Indiana DNR's Law Enforcement Division is partnering with the National Safe Boating Council, United States Coast Guard and private industry to reach a mass audience. As a part of the

campaign, Indiana Conservation Officers will visit popular boat ramps and engage boaters as they launch and recover watercraft.

By educating the public, WEAR IT INDIANA's goal is to reduce or eliminate the loss of life from drowning in the Hoosier state.

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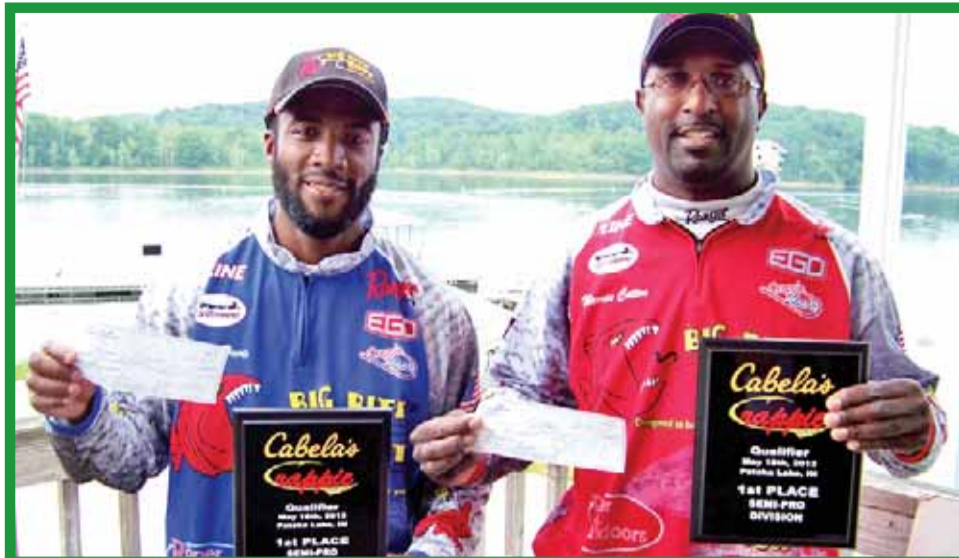
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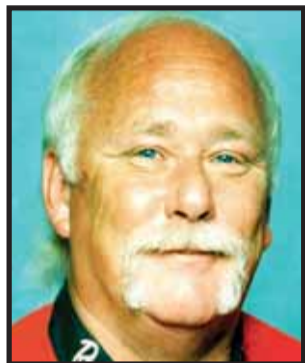


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The Weekend Outdoorsman



by Larry Crecelius
Crappie USA Media Specialist

Crappie USA Tournament Results for Indiana's Patoka Lake Event May 18, 2013

Article & Photos by Larry Crecelius

This past Saturday May 18th, Crappie USA held a qualifying event on Patoka Lake near Jasper, Indiana. Over 80 anglers from 10 different states were competing for not only cash and prizes, but a chance to advance to the prestigious Cabela's Crappie USA Classic. This year's classic will be held October 23-26, 2013 on Kentucky Lake at Paris, Tennessee.

Semi-Pro Division Results

Taking first place was the team of Jeremy Davis of Dayton, Ohio and Warren Cotton of Memphis, Tennessee with a weight of 6.07 pounds and earning \$1,000.00. Jeremy and Warren also received an additional \$500.00 for taking first place in the Ranger Cup award. The team established a pattern while practicing, but it did not pay off so they used their Humminbird 898SI to locate

fish holding tight to cover. The team located their fish on the main lake and vertical jigged for the fish they had marked and used chartreuse and orange Big Bite Bio Baits to catch 8 good fish out of over 60 fish they had caught in 15-25 feet of water on a main river channel break. Each team is allowed to weigh in their top 7 fish at the end of the day and they must be alive.

Second place went to Ryan Rohl of Birdseye, Indiana and Steve Rohl of Paoli, Indiana with a weight of 5.23 pounds and earning \$600.00. Ryan and Steve were fishing up river spider rigging in 6 feet of water using live bait to catch over 25 fish for the day.

In third place was Taswell, Indiana team of Kirk Wyman and Chuck Anderson with a total weight of 4.66 pounds and earning \$400.00. Kirk and Chuck were longline trolling up river using blue/silver jigs over weed beds in 6 feet of water catching several small fish for the day.

Amateur Division Results

First place in the amateur division was William Egan of Bloomington, Indiana and Ron Ritter of Bedford, Indiana with a total weight of 7.4 pounds and earning \$850.00. The team also had luck go their way by catching big fish of the event with a 2.59 pounder which give them an additional \$340.00. Also receiving an additional \$250.00 for the Ranger Cup Award in the Amateur division. William and Ron were spider rigging the main lake in 11 feet of water using light blue jigs targeting pre-spawn females over cover.

Second place went to Tom Housh of Mt Orab, Ohio and Jay Housh of Elizabethtown, Kentucky with a weight of 5.48 pounds and earning \$550.00. Tom and Jay were fishing up river in 12-13 feet of water using orange jigs to catch several fish for the day.

Taking third place was Tony Williams of Bloomington, Indiana and Kevin Rogers of North Vernon, Indiana weighing in 5.32 pounds and earning \$400.00. Tony and Kevin were longline trolling open water on the main lake using light



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blue jigs to target suspended fish in open water. The team caught over 60 fish using this technique.

In fourth was the team of Richard Huber of Fairbury, Illinois and Jason Huber of Bloomington, Illinois weighing in 4.46 pounds and earned \$250.00. Richard and Jason were fishing the end of Goose Island on the main lake in 12-13 feet of water using black/blue Charlie Brewer sliders which helped them catch more fish

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The Amateur Division Team of Egan and Ritter also won the Big Fish with a 2.59 lb. fish.

than they could even count for the day.

Fifth place went to the Murray, Kentucky team of Mason Milby and Ashley Adams weighing in 4.31 pounds and earning 200.00. Mason and Ashley also took second biggest fish of the event with a 1.67 pound crappie which earned the team an additional

\$150.00. Mason and Ashley were fishing in 7-22 feet of water over stumps in the Hoosier Hills Marina area spider rigging black/chartruse Southern Pro jigs tipped with Stubby Steve's to catch over 100 fish for the day.

Congratulations to all the teams fishing this event.

For a complete list of tournament standings and download able photos for this event visit

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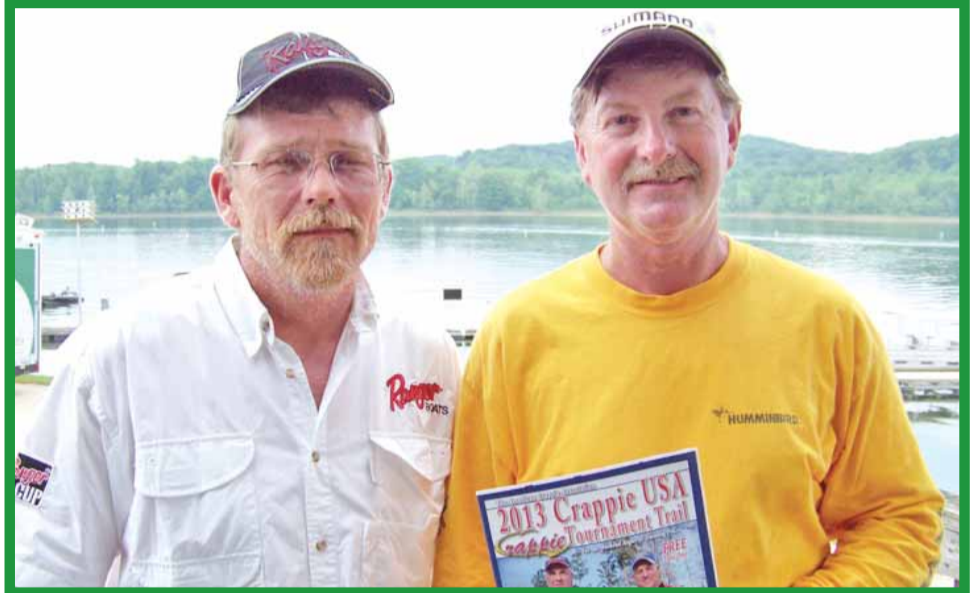
In conjunction with the tournament Crappie USA held their Kids Rodeo on Saturday morning with several local children attending the event. All the participants signed up for a chance to win one of 6-\$1,000.00 scholarships to be drawn for at the Cabela's Crappie USA Classic.

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CROOKED STICK..

When I was a young man, there was an elder in our village called, Crooked Stick. He always carried a heavy staff of wood that was cut from a crooked tree branch.

In his youth he had been a great hunter. Even now he was still admired by the men. They elected him a Shirt Wearer. One of four men selected to settle disputes in the camp and go to the grand council each year to exchange ideas and discuss matters, which related to all the seven council fires. In council he always spoke of ways that the village could be made better. He often served as the mediator, solving arguments among married couples as well as among both men and women. Some referred to him as a "Peacemaker." He did not care for the title as he saw himself as a friend to all and available to help any of the people when they asked for his advice.

When he returned from hunting, he always left meat at the lodges of widows and unmarried older women. He was a great flirt and always took time to stop at each lodge and joke with the women working outside. He liked to tease the young women about their boy friends and always said: "If I were a few years younger I'd join them some night playing the flute near your mother's lodge." The girls would giggle and hid their faces in their robes. He liked to sit down with the younger men and discuss his knowledge of hunting with them.

His sister, Prairie Woman, married her brother's best friend. When her husband was killed defending the camp from the Crows she invited her brother to stay with her. Prairie Woman was known for her ability to tan hides, making them soft for making clothing. She kept her brother well dressed.

I often hunted with Crooked Stick. He was still young enough to be active and I was adult enough to think of him as a compatriot. When we hunted, he often made unobtrusive suggestions of how I could improve my skills. "Stay down wind of the game." He would say. "Watch where you step, especially when the weather has been dry. Stepping on dry twigs and leaves made a noise that the keen ears of the animals could hear." "Try not to stir up the birds in the trees." He pointed out. "Their startled flight will warn the large animals that the "two leggeds" were near."

At night while we were away from the village, we would camp out. He was a great cook.

Later, before we went to sleep, he always had a story to tell. His stories were often about animals. He knew them so well. Most of his stories had a lesson

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to them. One of my favorites was the story about 'The Boy Who Was Afraid Of Animals', and how he overcame his fear.

He tried to keep his aches to himself, but I could tell that his arms and legs were stiffening, especially in the cold weather. He sat closer to the hot coals of the fire and wrapped his skin robe more closely around his body. He never complained and when the camp moved in the fall and spring he was always there to help the others to pack up.

He had several names, as most of our men do. I am told that, as a young man, he was called "Handsome One." This is probably why he was so popular with the women. However, at this time of his life, he has always been called, "Sheh'teen chahn" ("Crooked Stick") to everyone, who really knew him.

When he left us to walk south on the spirit trail, all mourned his passing. I will always remember him by passing his knowledge on to my sons. His sister cut her hair to honor him and the children of our village all miss his stories. Hardly a day of hunting passes without his being spoken of in a friendly manner. When ever a see a sapling that has grown crooked, I am tempted to cut it down and burn it to honor lodge of Wakon Tonka and exchange stories with my good friend Crooked Stick.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld
GO WITH THE GLOW

The first Great Lakes king salmon I ever saw had a Green Ladderback J-Plug slapped up against its face. The top of the lure was a bright, fluorescent lime green with black stripes (aka ladderback). The bottom was a glow-in-the dark, sort of yellowish-beige color. So what was attractive enough to the fish to convince it to chomp down on this odd looking chunk of plastic?

Was it the bright green top? Was it the ladder, said by some to simulate the skeletal structure of a baitfish? Or was it the mundane looking (to me, anyway), glow-in-the-dark belly of the plug?

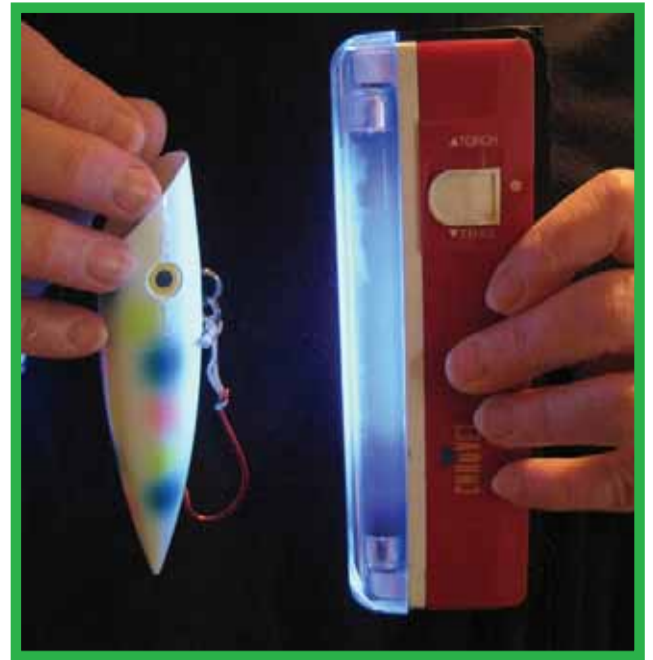
No one will ever know for sure why a particular fish bites. But since that day, decades ago, it's a sure thing there's always a lure or two trailing behind my boat which is, at least in part, painted, taped or highlighted by some sort of glow-in-the-dark finish.

Pigments which glow-in-the-dark are called luminescent by scientists and for us to fully understand the glow-lures we use on the Great Lakes, we need to understand a little bit of the science behind the glow.

Most of the light we see is "hot" light. The sun



Will Lawson from Salem, Indiana saw my ad in The Gadabout and caught this spectacular king salmon in Lake Michigan fishing with me on May 25, 2013. (Author Photo)



The new, extended glow paints are best activated with UV or "black" light. (Author Photo)

is hot. The filament inside a light bulb is hot-hot enough that when enough energy is applied to the tungsten wire, it glows and produces light.

Luminescence is "cold" light, light from other sources of energy and produced at much lower temperatures. Without getting too complicated, imagine an atom as a planet with several moons orbiting around it. The nucleus of the atom is the planet and the moons are actually electrons. Electrons are lazy and like to just orbit around their nucleus as slow and low as possible. Electrons in certain atoms can be excited when exposed to an outside source of energy such as a bright light. When a light-sensitive electron gets zapped by a camera strobe or other bright light, the light energy kicks the electron out of its normal low-energy state into an excited or higher-energy state. To get back to its lazy state, the electron has to rid itself of the energy which excited it in the first place--and luminescent atoms do that by having the electron give back the energy in the form of light.

Another analogy is this. If you lift a rock, your muscles are supplying energy to raise the rock to a higher-energy position. If you then drop the rock, the energy you supplied is released and sound is produced when the rock hits the ground just as light is produced when an electron returns to its original state.

To make my J-Plug glow, all that was necessary to do was expose it to bright light. The light excited the electrons in the atoms of the paint and then, as the electrons started dropping back to their original state, they produced the glow. At first, jillions of them were jumping around and the glow was very bright. As more and more went back to rest, the glow diminished.

That's why glow-in-the-dark lures need to be charged up every so often.

For decades, the luminescence was provided by paints and tapes made from a zinc sulfide based chemistry. These pigments would glow brightly when zapped with a camera strobe or other high intensity light but they'd lose their glow quite rapidly. After an hour they'd be barely glowing.

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Back in the Saddle Again

(They say that if you fall off your hoss, it's best to get up and climb back on right away. It might be a better idea to first find out if it was your fault or the hoss' that you fell off in the first place. Then you can decide to either improve your riding technique or shoot the hoss.)

After a few months of trying to teach my left arm to take over the responsibility of those chores normally performed by the right arm, the right arm decided it was a hopeless task and stepped back up to the plate. In spite of a lot of progress in recovery of use of the right arm, there are still a number of things it will not do for some time to come.

At the start of therapy, my therapist asked what I would eventually like to be able to do with the arm. I thought a moment and said, "Well, bowling, golf, archery, sky diving, boxing, fly an OV-10 counter insurgency aircraft in the next world hot spot, ride my motorcycle, shift gears on my little sporty car, draw my hog leg and get off six shots in two seconds and fish". After a moment of silence and a look like she had tasted a bad pickle, she leaned toward me and said, "Limber up your fishin' pole, Tex, because that's the only thing I'm gonna promise you."

Broken hearted and depressed by her reply, especially the one regarding my not being able to drop bombs on some little jerk water back country dictator, I took her advice and drug out my poles and tackle box. Close examination of my equipment revealed a motley lot of rods and reels suffering from last year's abuse. Eight rods and six reels and only one combination that showed any promise of being capable of casting a lure more than six feet before either the reel jamming or the last six inches of the rod tip (that I had glued on last year) falling off. I considered a trip to Sprawl Mart for a new rod, but why put a \$5 reel on a \$10 rod. No, until I learned whether my right arm would be able to stand up to the rigors of casting and struggling to land the lunkers, I would stick to the old equipment.

Using the right arm to cast was out of the question. Fortunately, the designers of modern fishing equipment must have foreseen clumsy people who injure their dominant limb. The reels, by moving the crank handle from one side of the reel to the other, could be used for either right or left handed cranking. I figured that winding using my right wrist wouldn't be a problem. An examination of my tackle box didn't raise my spirits any higher. Somehow, I suppose due to an earthquake, all the lures were jumbled together in a tangled mess. It took an hour to separate the pink and yellow tube jigs from the orange, purple and chartreuse tubes. Working a Rubiks Cube would have been simple compared to unwinding the crank



baits from all the other equipment in the box. Finally, with the equipment in some semblance of order, I stood on a dock at the lake and using the left hand, whipped the rod and scrambled backward to avoid the lure descending from directly overhead. The next cast smacked the water two feet in front of the dock. A few minutes were spent talking to the left arm explaining the technique necessary to put a lure into an area at least as small as a basketball court. It took a half hour of cast and cuss before I was able to hit the water at least two times out of three attempts. Then, it was time for the real thing.

Rollin called and we set out on the lake for the first try at spring fishing. Cold temperatures and equally cold water didn't provide much action, but I found that three hundred acres of water was enough area to keep the lure wet most of the time. Except when we tried fishing around docks and boats in the coves. That first day I hooked a twenty three foot pontoon, a fifteen foot dock and a thirty foot tall tree. I found out that a right handed person trying to cast left handed does two things. Your vocabulary expands by leaps and bounds and your fishing partner watches you like a snake charmer keeping his eye on a cobra. I was a little mollified when a small crappy took the jig and the right hand managed to bring it aboard. Finally satisfied, I knew I could catch, do it as long as I hit the water on the casts and the fish weren't more than six inches long.

The next obstacle to overcome will be the fly rod. With a left arm about as uncoordinated as a lumberjack taking ballet lessons, I expect to have to learn how to remove a fly from the seat of my pants. With my left hand. After that will be trying to use the air rifle to convince a chipmunk to stay out of the bird feeder in our back yard. Somehow, I get the feeling that the little felon doesn't have a thing to worry about.

Editor's Note: At last, I don't have to rummage through the archives looking for a former article for Dan's column. Back in March I let you all know that due to some surgery he was unable to send in his column for awhile.

Well as he says so well, he's back in the saddle again. This new article, the first since the March issue, will entertain you for sure. ■

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Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith

More on Restorations

Stock repairs can be frustrating when trying to repair a break in the stock or a stress crack in the grip or receiver support of the stock. Generally speaking these breaks and cracks occur from the wood weakening from exposure to the gun oils used to preserve the metal finish or clean and lubricating the gun. In attempting to repair these breaks or cracks in the stock all traces of oil, wax and finish have to be removed. Most wood glues will not



Right and left view of a broken stock. (Author Photo)

be sufficiently strong to make a good repair. There are good epoxy glues which will work well. I've found that when it is possible to hide the repair a quality fiberglass or gun bedding gel in conjunction with wood or metal support works best. Sadly, some stocks are so damaged and splintered that it may not be possible to repair. See pictures of a splintered broken stock. An attempt was made by someone to glue this broken stock with wood glue. So much oil had soaked into the wood around the break the glue failed to hold. I removed the wood glue in the stock by heating and picking with a pick. There is more to be removed. Once the old wood glue is removed the pieces will have to be soaked and as much oil removed from the stock as possible. Then I may be able to rejoin the several pieces of the inletted portion of the stock to the broken grip. I'll let you know how this turns out. This is a very old external hammer 3 barrel shotgun/rifle and is worth saving the original stock. It will never be fired again and will spend its time hanging on the wall in someone's den.

between nations. I see it as grand global attempt to control gun ownership. It's feeble attempt to sell the treaty as keeping guns away from dictators, pirates, gangs and other thugs around the world is just a cover for ultimate gun registration and then CONFISCATION. I think it important to note that it would be great to limit or even stop terrorists, gangs, pirates and dictators from obtaining the tools of war and committing genocide on innocents, but, the treaty won't be effective doing this. The treaty provides no enforcement power and depends on solely on voluntary compliance and the initiation of additional gun controls in member nations. The proponents claim it will not effect the individual nation's current laws on gun ownership within the individual nations. However, a section of the treaty proposes to punish those nations who don't establish gun controls. It also requires nations to give notification to the originating country of a covered weapon, the name of the end user, the individual, who purchases the weapon. That does include your Benelli rifle or shotgun made in Italy, or that new Glock, Sig Sauer, or other foreign made gun you plan to purchase. While the Obama administration and Secretary John Kerry claim it will not effect our 2nd amendment rights it is still a gun ownership registration scheme. Appears to me that, like the Indian said in a movie I remember, "White man speak with forked tongue!"

BOW HUNTERS

Bow Hunters, here is a tip from one of my customers who loves his bow. He works powdered graphite (such as lock graphite) into his string and cam of his bow. It's not oily and doesn't wear away very quickly. This tip was passed down to him from his father. He hasn't clocked the arrow speed but says the sound is reduced and the arrow seems much faster. There are several commercial products available to lube the string and the cams and they all utilize oil or wax to reduce the friction on the string. Tom says to work the graphite into the string by rolling it between your fingers and you too will notice a less noisy but faster arrow s.

As of this writing the U.S. has not signed the treaty, only voted in favor of the treaty. Secretary Kerry says the U.S. is waiting until all of the official translations have been completed before he will sign the treaty. He will sign the treaty. However, his signing of the treaty does not bind the United States to the Treaty. Only the U.S. Senate can commit the country to honor the treaty and it takes two thirds majority of U.S. Senators to ratify the treaty and commit the United States to the treaty. Call, write, email your Senator and let them know how you feel. Currently a majority of Senators, from both parties, oppose the ratification of the treaty.

GUN CONTROL UPDATE

The Obama administration signs its support of The UN Arms Trade Treaty

April 2, 2013. From UN.org web site: "An overwhelming majority in the General Assembly voted in favor of the landmark Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), regulating the international trade in conventional arms, from small arms to battle tanks, combat aircraft and warships. The treaty will foster peace and security by putting a stop to destabilizing arms flows to conflict regions. It will prevent human rights abusers and violators of the law of war from being supplied with arms. And it will help keep warlords, pirates, and gangs from acquiring these deadly tools."

That's all for this month. If you have a question or a comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or, would like to just make a comment email me with your comments at PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com. I'll try and answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the UN Arms Trade Treaty it is world wide attempt to control and monitor the sales of arms

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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

What Do You See Wrong In Campgrounds? Part II

In our experience as owners/managers of a campground we checked such things as leaky water spigots almost daily. Sometimes kids would get dirty, turn on the water (and also in the restrooms) wash their hands, legs and feet and forget to completely turn off the water in their haste to go back to play. We really appreciated campers reporting leaks and/or water left running. We also don't know and couldn't even guess how many open spigots had been turned off by observant campers over the years and they hadn't even told us. We also realize that turn off valves and spigots will leak after years of being out in the weather. They are turned on and off by hundreds of campers, sometimes too tightly and sometimes left loose and dripping. We always kept an ample supply of replacement parts on hand to repair or replace the old or broken ones, especially on rare occasions when on busy weekends suppliers are closed or a break happens at night.

You've probably been told or have seen a chart on how much water is lost by a dripping or slightly running faucet in your house. With your electric water pump turning on and off over and over there is much cost involved. Now multiply this times over a hundred water outlets and you can imagine why we advocated that campers keep their eyes open for these and other sometimes "insignificant little problems." Sometimes a prankster would turn on water at night and large puddles would form. I had to hold my Irish temper with which I was blessed at birth. (Turn off, fix, and forget).

As we've mentioned several times, we and other campground owners/managers and work-campers can't be everywhere and see everything, in our case, 85 acres. We depended on and encouraged everyone to be aware of their surroundings. Across the country we've seen where campgrounds have chalkboards or suggestion boxes where campers can suggest things that need to be repaired. When we asked about this system the manager or owner says it usually works quite well. We don't think owners/managers should get

grettery (a word I invented in the '70s or 80's meaning "really bent out of shape") about suggestions which could prevent injury or worse or result in a lawsuit. Usually suggestion boxes have a sign telling you not to worry about signing your name but signing might open dialogue with the owner/manager, and you might have valid solutions to the problem.

Reports of broken playground toys, broken windows, or mold anywhere (especially on the restroom shower liners or on the walls) are just examples of things that should be repaired post haste. The last area above is usually the first area any inspector, be it the county board of health or people hired by publishers of such camping guides as Trailer Life, Escapees, Woodall's, or the American Automobile Association, look at to rate the facility. Points are taken off very quickly by these inspectors and the rating goes down for a whole year or until the next people come in to inspect for that annually published guide. They also look to see if shrouds are placed on fluorescent bulbs, dangerous and uneven playground areas (such as holes), improper play-ground bedding, roots or stumps over which one might trip, dangerous dead limbs in trees (check the law on who is responsible for dead limbs or dead trees that fall in a facility where you have paid to camp), broken fences or signs, electric outlets exposed to children, slick floors, loose or broken toilet seats, and many other significant needed repairs.

When rating points rapidly disappear for a year or more after serious deficiencies are found in the campground, and after the owner makes proper changes, the grading points may slowly appear upward in the guides but it may take years to get really good reports. Campers who look for campgrounds in these guides DO look at the ratings for activities and cleanliness and DO pass the word along to other travelers. We are firm believers in reporting even simple problems to the management or in a suggestion box. Many times the suggestion is not about repairs or problems but about possible activities that would enhance the campground and maybe bring ratings up. We are not above calling or e-mailing campground clubs, including 50% clubs about major problems we see, and, if the problem is not corrected by the next time we visit, or if it is too serious we report it immediately. We're sorry to report that we're aware of a handful of campgrounds that we've reported have been dropped from these camping guides and/or off their websites. There is NO reason to let major problems exist!!!!

We can truthfully report that we had very good write-ups since we tried to repair or replace things soon after they happened or were reported to us. Our food prep area and grocery and restroom areas were always given top score. We installed 1.6 gallon per flush toilets and top brands and had virtually no problems with them. We believe it proved worthwhile to install good facilities. We hate to report that we've seen in our travels throughout the country, many campgrounds with cheap equipment and a lot of "out of order" signs out. As a former teacher of environmental education and conservation I have always been concerned with over

use of natural resources. At our camp we had well water and a softener for all the restroom usage. This helped keep the iron oxide (rust) from marring the toilets, sinks and showers. We had showers where you turned on the water, but when you released the handle the water would run a few seconds and shut off. Some of our inventive campers liked the feel of softened water and rigged bungee cords to hold the valve open for 10 or 15 minutes. I could see the \$\$\$ going down the drain so when they forgot the cords I started making a collection. We're still using a lot of them. Evidently they tired of buying cords so they stopped the practice.

Now that many of the fine arts and athletic events at the universities are closed for the summer it shouldn't be difficult to get reservations in county, state, federal and private camping grounds in the vicinity of those universities, except on major weekends. But, you've still got the local festivities for which to reserve sites. At West Lafayette, home of the main Purdue campus is Wolfe's Leisure Time Campground on old St. Rd. 25. July weekend events are: July 3rd through the 6th: Annual Decorated Bicycle and Golf Cart Parade, Bingo, Corn hole, home-made ice cream, and

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Top Photo: The 40th Annual Liberty Festival Parade began its trek from Union County High School to Main Street in Liberty, Indiana July of 2012.
 Bottom Photo: The 34th Freedom Runners off for their 4.7 mile run (7.5 K) to Brownsville, Indiana and over the finish line. For my first time I drove to Brownsville to view the finish.
 Bottom Photo: (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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 10:00 a.m. to ? Pie Sale at the Log Cabin – Historical Society
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Article by Melissa Browning UCDC

Hello all! I am Melissa Browning the executive director of the Union County Development Corporation. I am inviting you to come spend a traditional weekend with our community. Our 41-year-old 4th of July tradition will have some new flare and the rejuvenation of some old time fun. The plan for the weekend is family fun for all ages!

Start the Holiday weekend with the West College Corner Community in Celebrating on the 4th of July with the traditional fireworks at the grove park. Fireworks start at dusk and will be a wonderful display of sparkle and flare!

The UCDC is proud to sponsor the festival on the courthouse square in Liberty this year July 5th, 6th and 7th. Our celebration will have some wonderful entertainment and amenities- a beer and wine garden provided by J&J Winery out of Richmond Indiana. The band "Edge Of Addiction" will be playing Saturday evening. DJ "Loud" will be our entertainer



Melissa Browning
 Executive Director UCDC

for Friday evening and Saturday. Kicks 96 will have a two-hour live broadcast to raise fund for our local county reserve officers. The Union County Transit will be offering transportation from Whitewater Memorial State Park to the festival.

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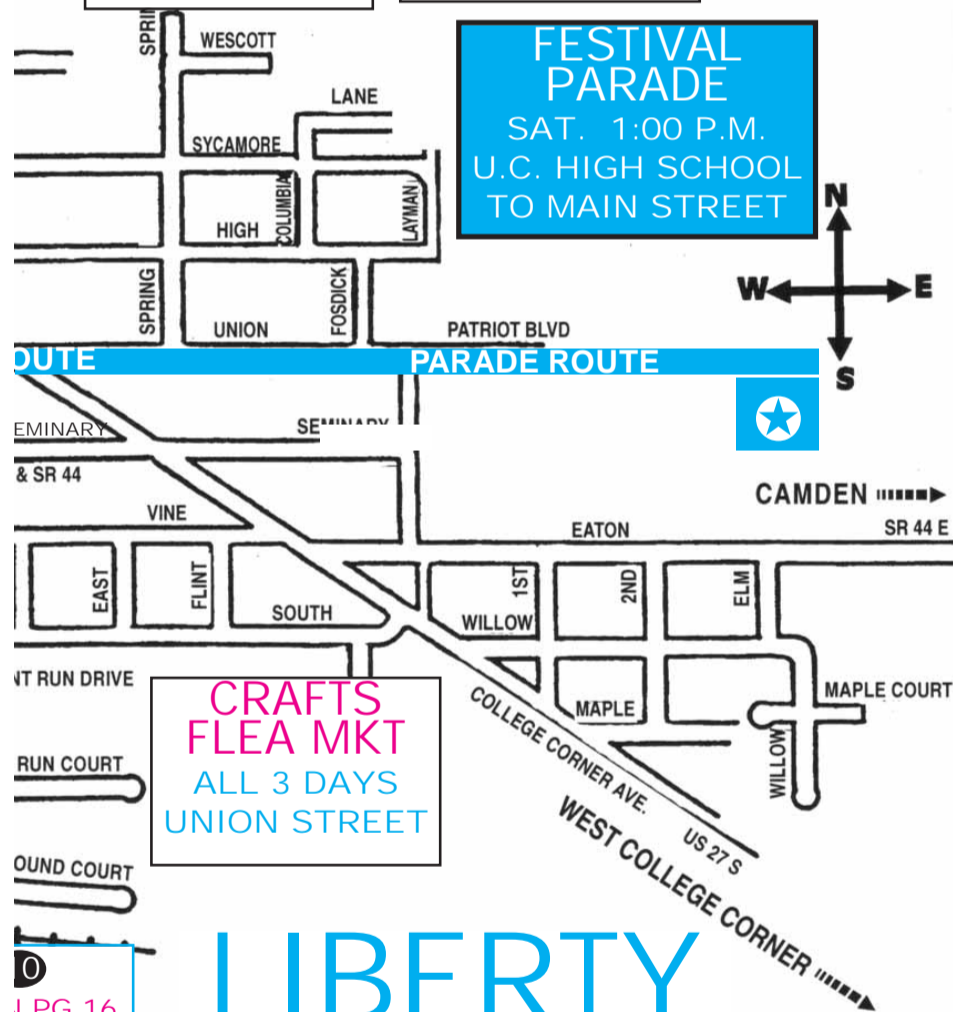
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28th to the UCDC office or Liberty Herald. The photos will be displayed thru the festival and the community will do judging. All photo's will have a jug were quarters will be placed as a vote and the proceeds will be used to help with the Beatification of our county.

Bringing back the past will be so much fun; We are encouraging involvement in the festival something for all ages a pie-baking contest with two categories Fruit and anything else. The hula-hoop contest all ages can enter and the number and ages of participants will determine splitting of ages. Masons will have a corn hole contest on Saturday. There will be crafts and games for our young patriots and much more...

If you are interested in entering the parade you will find that information in this article! If you are interested in becoming a vendor please contact the UCDC.

Not able to make it for our celebration we invite you anytime! Stop and check out our community we have wonderful things to offer. Whitewater Memorial Sate Park that has many fun things to do-hiking, fishing, horseback riding, boat rentals, camping or a day at the beach. Wonder in to town for lunch or dinner at one of the local restaurants. Take a walk thru Liberty and enjoy the hospitality of our community.

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The Great Getaway, one of Captain Tony's Fishing Adventure boats, ready for us to board for our fishing trip. (Author Photo)



This is the average size bucket of assorted species caught by us and other anglers on our Captain Tony's half day fishing charter. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



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Outdoors in Lee County Florida

With 50 states and all of Canada to choose from, when we return to a particular spot more than once, it must be special. Lee County Florida with Fort Myers, the islands of Sanibel, Captiva, and the many outer islands fits the bill. We drove four days to spend just two days in this area again.

Just like any place we visit, before we decide anything, we contact the local Convention and Visitor's Bureau. (Just Google the city or county CVB you need). We then give them details of exactly what we are interested in doing or just a general idea of types of activities in which we are interested. In this case, we wanted some fishing, shelling, and wildlife watching and we only had two days to do it all. Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau recommended how to accomplish this. Find them at FortMyers-Sanibel.com.

We arrived at Fort Myers Beach and checked into the Best Western Plus Beach Resort. Coco, the beautiful Amazon parrot greeted us from his cage in the lobby with "Hello Coco". Our room on the fifth floor was excellent. It had a full kitchen and a balcony with an outstanding view overlooking the white sand beach which looked like fine sugar. We have pictures of the top of coconuts growing in the palm tree outside our balcony. This is one of the nicest places we have stayed in our many trips. (Go to www.bwbeachresort.com for more information.)

Knowing our agenda was full the next two days, we threw our gear into the room, grabbed our metal detectors and headed for the beach. We were

able to get an hour or so of searching before we were chased inside by a sudden rain shower. In a short time, we had collected about 40 coins and one small charm from a bracelet or necklace. We also picked up several nice shells while walking the sand.

Next morning found us arriving at Captain Tony's Fishing Adventures. We had booked a half day (six hours) fishing charter on The Great Getaway. We had a choice of sitting inside in air conditioning or outside along the rail enjoying the sea breeze on the 18-20 mile ride to the fishing grounds. We chose outside and with the sun and sea air, I think I napped most of the way.

Captain Tony's supplies all the tackle, bait, fish cleaning, etc. Cullem and Jake, the two mates, had the two hooks on each line baited with squid so as soon as the boat stopped, the reel was released and the four ounce sinker took the offering down 40 feet to the reef below. As soon as the line went slack, we both felt fish grab our bait and we started the retrieve. Most of the other anglers on board with us also began reeling. This action continued for about an hour before the fish lost interest and the captain moved the boat to another spot where the fun began again.

I could identify some of the fish we were catching while others weren't familiar. Cullem and Jake told us we were catching spot tail and white grunts, yellowtail and lane snapper, red grouper (size limit was 20"), gag grouper (out of season), Joneshead, white bone, and grass porgies and others. (Some of these names might be wrong since I can't read the writing I did while riding the waves.) One of the other guests caught a seven foot nurse shark and someone caught a lemon shark. Neither shark made it into the boat. A puffer fish was also part of the catch.

When the fishing time was over and we started back to the dock, the two mates began cleaning the fish. Each angler or couple had their own bucket with their catch. I had never seen anyone clean fish as fast as Jake and Cullem. I guess after you fillet thousands of fish you get good at it. The fillets were bagged, and then put into a larger bag with a big scoop of ice to keep them cold until we returned to our room.

Captain Tony's offers half and full day fishing trips, night charters, and private charters. Go to www.capttonys.com for complete information.

As soon as we left the dock at Getaway Marina, we headed for Sanibel Island and the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. Since we were going on

a shelling charter the next day, we wanted to visit the Museum and see what kind of shells we might find on the beach. This attraction is the most comprehensive museum in the Western Hemisphere devoted solely to shells. It is rated a "Gem" attraction by AAA and is listed in 1,000 Places to See Before You Die.

The museum has displays of the common local species of shells, arts and crafts from the early 19th century made from assorted shells, a children's learning lab, record size shells both large and small, and also a gift shop. There are also many exhibits, videos, and history of the museum. Groups, guided and private tours are offered. Much more can be found on their website at www.shellmuseum.org.

While we were on the island, our local Tourism contact recommended dining at Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grille. His advice was great. The menu offered a wide variety of southern cooking, the atmosphere was rustic island, and they offered a collection of books by Randy Wayne White, including his latest book autographed. Mr. White was a long time fishing guide at the Tarpon Bay Marina on Sanibel Island. His series of books about the area and characters based on his over 3,000 charters in the waters of this area are carried in many of the local stores. I purchased four of them to start with. Find out more about this dining choice by going to www.docfords.com.

The only thing I can suggest if you visit this area is to allow much more time than the two days we spent there. We scheduled every minute of our trip and allowed none to just relax and explore.

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This is the view from our balcony in the Best Western Plus Beach Resort. Outstanding sunsets, white sand beach, waves and palm trees. (Author Photo)



We watched these three dolphins play in the boat wake for over five minutes from the rail of the Great Getaway fishing boat. (Author Photo)

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How to deal with a skunk

After last month's article, several people asked me how I deal with a skunk. Very carefully, and with full awareness of your surroundings, is always my first answer. When I was about 16, and just learning to trap, I caught a skunk in a fox trap about 800 yards west from my Aunt Dollie's house on Bartz Road in Valparaiso. The wind was blowing east at a fair clip. I walked across the field, into the wind, and saw the skunk at about 20 yards. That was close enough for me, so I shot it with my .22 and started back toward the house to check the traps on the other side of the road. I was planning on picking the skunk up, the next day, after the smell wore off. I don't know what made me look back, but when I did, there was a greenish-yellow cloud closing on me, fast. I tried to move perpendicular to the wind, but I was not fast enough, and it soon engulfed me.

Oh, the agony of defeat. The skunk had gotten in the final blow. My eyes wanted to leave my body. All sorts of materials were leaving my body and I did not know where they came from. I retched and retched and retched till I could retch no more. I had smelled skunk before, but never had I ever experienced anything like that. After awhile, the pain subsided, and I got on with checking my trap line.

There was a raccoon in a trap on the other side of the road. I dispatched it and headed for the car parked in my Aunt's drive. Now my usual routine was to go inside and visit with my Aunt for a bit over home brewed, fresh ground coffee, yeast rolls or cinnamon rolls, or some other assorted goodies. That day, she met me at the door with an old blanket and

told me that I was going to need that to drive my mother's car home. Heh, my nose was burned out by now. I had forgotten all about the skunk. Somehow my Aunt knew all about it. Smart farm lady she was.

I took my army jacket off and put it in the trunk. I covered the seat, and got in carefully trying to be sure I left nothing to chance. At home, I went in thru the basement, and planned to wash my clothes in the down stairs washer before anyone knew what happened. Dad was the first to yell about 10 seconds after I got into the basement, "Get out of my house!" Mom followed with, "You better not put any of your clothes in my washer!" Jeez, a guy couldn't catch a break. It wasn't like I got hit full force in the chest, it was a diluted cloud. My sister even complained about the smell in the car along with my mother. I remembered the jacket in the trunk. It was even odds as to whether I got the car in the morning to run my line again.

Thankfully it all passed. I washed my clothes by hand and then dried them in the garage over the next week. Air freshener took care of the car. I had to buy a box of heavy duty garbage bags and EVERYTHING was to go into them before it went into the car. I got \$40 for the coon and \$70 for the foxes I caught. Life was good. I still couldn't smell anything, but life was good.

Now that I have aged a little, gotten wiser and smarter, I handle skunks with even more care. If I can, I still shoot them, but it is in the chest and not the head. Most head shots will spray. Most chest / heart shots will not spray. There is no 100 percent. If it is imperative that there be no odor, I try to use a box trap. Once they are caught, I walk up easy on them with a heavy cloth held up in front of me. If the skunk becomes agitated, I stop, talk softly, and wait for it to settle down. Once I get the cloth over the box trap, I pick the whole thing up and gently carry it to my truck where I place it on a piece of cardboard. Then there is brief ride out in to the country, where I shoot it in the chest.

Some people talk about doing injections on animals. Appropriate euthanasia fluids injected into the liver (right side just at the edge or between the last couple ribs of the rib cage, midway from top to bottom) is a documented and American Veterinary Medical Association approved method of euthanasia. Initial injections, into the chest and / or heart, further forward in the chest, are not approved. The use of alcohol, acetone, and other assorted concoctions is not approved and definitely frowned upon. Obtaining approved solutions is the problem for the average trapper. Animal Shelter personnel get special dispensation for the use of euthanasia fluids, controlled substances or not controlled, after appropriate and approved training. They do not have to be a licensed Doctor. I wonder why trappers and other such people cannot also get such a dispensation. Anyway, making the injection is the trick.

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Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Patoka Tournament

Photos by Ron Bilbrey

The Indiana Slab Masters held their fourth tournament of the 2013 season on Patoka Reservoir in Southern Indiana on May 11th 2013. For the past two years Patoka has been the lead off lake for the season schedule, as it is farther South and warms up earlier than the northern lakes.

In the past Patoka has given up some very hefty seven-fish stringers with last year's winning weight almost hitting the 10 lb mark. Larry Yates and Doug Allen won the season's first tournament with 9.98 lbs and it took over 8 lbs to make the top five. What a difference in condition's and the affect it had on the bite in this tournament. Conditions for this tournament were about the same as every previous tournament this year, there was a major cold front that moved thru prior to the tournament, which really turned the bite off as was shown at the scales.

I went down the weekend prior to fishing the tournament to pre-fish. I decided at the last tournament on Patoka that I would spend more time in the river as it seemed to be where the bigger stringers were coming from. To no avail, I put in six frustrating hours in the rain with nothing to show for it. Hoping that my partners spots from the previous year would pay off I called it a day and headed home.

Tournament weekend we arrived late Friday night in time to get a bite to eat and a decent night's sleep. We awoke at 4:30 am to get a few last minute details finished and headed to Painters Creek ramp for the live well check and registration. We launched at Kings Bridge and headed to the area we chose to fish. Only a few minutes after arriving we found we were not the only ones interested in fishing this area, as we could see about five other boats, one being less than 40 yards from us. We started out flipping bobbers with live bait and changed to vertical trolling after only about 30 minutes. We continued to troll and occasionally flip bobbers throughout the day. When it was all said and done we had three weigh-able fish to show for our work.

As the weigh in progressed I realized we were not the only ones with little to show for our work as there were only seven teams of the thirty-nine registered teams that brought in a seven fish limit to the scales. That alone shows what tough conditions can do to a lake that previously gave up 9 lb stringers.

No matter the conditions there is always one team that is tough to beat. On this lake the home town team of Ryan Rohl and Doug Laake knows the lake as well as anyone. They were Spider rigging up in the river using live bait in 6-12 feet of water to produce their seven fish weight of 7.15 lbs.

The Team of Gale Risner and John Quinn made a large jump in the BnM point's race with their second place finish weighing in seven fish at 6.08 lbs, moving them into second in the points race. Finishing in third place with their seven fish weighing 5.74 lbs, with their first top five, was the team of Dave Wright and Joe Long. The team of Don Licht and John Williams finished in 4th with 5.53 lbs. Don and John are one of the toughest teams fishing the series and are always a threat to win on any lake. Rounding out the top five was the



The home town team of Ryan Rohl and Doug Laake won 1st Place with seven fish weighing 7.15 lbs. (Author Photo)



The team of Gale Risner and John Quinn won 2nd place with seven fish weighing 6.08 lbs. (Author Photo)



The team of Dave Wright and Joe Long won 3rd place with seven fish weighing 5.74 lbs. (Author Photo)



The team of Don Licht and John Williams won 4th place with seven fish weighing 5.53 lbs. (Author Photo)



The team of Tim Dunigan and Tony Williams won 5th place with seven fish weighing 5.21 lbs. (Author Photo)



Ryan Rohl caught the big fish of the tournament (Author Photo)

Southern Indiana team of Tim Dunigan and Tony Williams, this is another one of those teams that can win on any lake in Indiana. Tony and Tim weighed in seven fish at 5.21 lbs good enough to collect another check for the team.

Congratulations and an honorable mention for the sixth place team of Jeff Yeakle and Jonathon Brumley finishing with a weight of 5.13 lbs. and getting the first out of the Money certificate from BnM rods. Jonathon is the youngest consistent competitor in the series as he and Jeff fish almost if not all of the Slab Master Tournaments each year, as well as some of the National tournaments.

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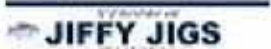
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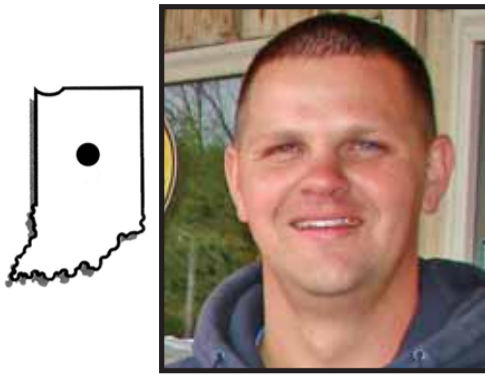


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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by **Ryan Pershing**
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Water Returns

With the spring season now in the rear view mirror and the start of summer season upon us, we here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash are all excited the lakes are full of water. We're looking forward to getting back to the usual water activities that were lacking last year due to the drought! Although we were hit with some heavy rain storms early in the spring, which resulted in the lake levels getting as high as 25 feet over summer pool, we were fortunate enough to receive some clear weather that allowed the lake level to return to the normal summer pool level. This made for a very fun and exciting Memorial weekend as everyone from fishermen to horse riders to boaters were able to take advantage of the great weather and conditions and have a very enjoyable time.

On June 1st the Salamonie Reservoir welcomed Metzger Outdoors to our property for a day of adventure. If you are the outdoors enthusiast and love the idea of an adventure this may be an event you want to consider. Since this was the first time invading the Salamonie property they were unsure of the amount of people that would show up to compete, but that wasn't an issue as sixty teams of two divulged here to tackle this course! With two separate races slated for the day, an 8 hour race beginning at 5 a.m. and another 4 hour race starting at 9 a.m., these adventurous racers were given a map just prior to start time which gave them certain tasks and checkpoints to achieve. This adventure which included: canoeing, biking, and hiking was made even tougher when we were hit with over an inch of rain

the night before they were set to venture throughout the Salamonie property. We here at Bozarth's Recreational Resort, were contacted prior to the event to see if we would be willing to participate and give the racers an obstacle or two on our property. We came up with the idea of having them first look in our store to find a toy for a dollar; and for this we chose a yo-yo, which will be donated to children in the Dominican Republic. Next, they had to attempt a try at our Slip-n-Slide located directly in front of our store! This turned out to be a very fun day for everyone involved and we would like to thank everyone at Metzger Outdoors for choosing this location for a day of adventure and fun and hope to see the event return again. For more information about these adventures be sure to visit www.metzgeroutdoors.com

One event which hasn't had a lot of luck is the Bozarth Crappie Tournaments. Our first tourney scheduled on April 27th had to be canceled due to high water levels along with floating debris at the ramps which made it almost impossible to get any boats on the water. Things were looking better for our second scheduled tourney on June 1st as the lake had returned to normal lake levels and fishing was good but with heavy rain and storms coming in the day before along with a high percentage chance of severe storms on event day we were forced to cancel it as well. We hope conditions are a lot better to allow us to have our fall tourneys which are scheduled for September 14th and 28th. For more information you can contact us at (765) 981-4522.

There will be three more crappie tournaments spanning over the month of June here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash. The Indiana Slab Masters will be fishing the Mississinewa Reservoir on June 8th and follow this up with a tournament June 22nd on the Salamonie Reservoir. In between these, June 15th, we will welcome the Crappie U.S.A. circuit to the Salamonie and Mississinewa Lakes. The Friday night seminar to this event will be held at Bozarth's Country Store in the banquet room. For more information you can visit www.crappieusa.com

We hope with conditions here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash looking much better than last year that if you get the chance you would consider visiting this area to experience the many exciting things to do within these three properties. If planning a visit, here are a few activities the D.N.R has planned over the next several weeks. There will be a Youth Target Shoot at the Mississinewa on June 22nd and then on July 20th they will host Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash. The weekend of July 27th the Salamonie property will host Christmas in July and this coincides with Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash on July 27th. Call (260) 468-2127 for more information on these events. Hope to see you soon!



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Left to Right: Hanna's Creek Conservation Club (HCCC) President Scott Ramey and the Bill Miller family, Katrina, Charlene and Zachary who sponsored the Bill Miller Memorial Youth Hunt held June 1, 2013.



Winners of the Youth Bench Show, Left to Right: Riley Lewis Best of Show Female, Laken Reynolds Grand Champion Female, Kyane Alcorn Champion Female, Maddie Blevins Grand Champion Male, Dylan Buttery Best of Show Male and Lauren Lester Champion Male.

Bill Miller Memorial Hunt A Huge Success at Hanna's Creek Conservation Club

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

I attended the Bill Miller Memorial Youth Hunt at the Hanna's Creek Conservation Club on June 1, 2013. Because of other commitments I arrived at around 5 p.m., too late for the afternoon activities, but in time to see the Bench Show.

Donnie Huber, who invited me to the event, filled me in on what I had missed and what was going to take place for the rest of the day. I told him I had to leave after the Bench Show, well that didn't happen mostly because I enjoyed watching and listening to what was going on up until the time the youth left for the Nite Hunt.

What I missed was archery instruction given for free to youth ages 17 and younger. Oscar Abner, a good friend and Scott Ramey, President of Hanna's Creek Conservation Club were the instructors. Oscar has been an experienced archer for many years and is currently instructing archery at Frame's Outdoor located just south of Liberty, Indiana. I met Scott Ramey for the first time when Donnie Huber introduced him to me when I entered the clubhouse.

The Hanna's Creek Conservation Club is no stranger to me, as I attended many Nite Hunt trials, there in the 1970's. The names that come to mind are "Fat" Huber, Bobby Walton and others, long since forgotten. I've still got their stories though in copies of The Outdoor Gad-a-bout I published from 1973 to 1978. I have a photo of a Walker climbing a fence post to prove they can climb fences.

Inside the club house people were sitting and talking, some were eating, while others milled around waiting for the next event to begin, which would be the Youth Bench Show. Outside the latent howl of an eager Coon dog echoed through the walls. I used to know many of the breeds including Walkers, Black and Tan, Blue Tick and maybe Redbone?

Just prior to the Bench Show Ragen Lanter, from Richmond, IN, gathered all the youth together in the north end of the club house and instructed them on how to show their dogs. He enlisted the help of Lauren Lester from Liberty, an experienced dog han-



All the trophies awarded the winners of the Bench Show was donated by Lauren Lester at right. She won the trophies in previous hunts. Scott Ramey and HCCC appreciates her gift.

bler, having her put her dog through the paces as Ragen explained them. Lauren donated the Trophies she had won over the years to Hanna's Creek Conservation Club so they could be given to the winners of this hunt. I must say that is an impressive gesture to say the least.

If I counted right there were 23 dogs entered in the Bench Show, at least that is how many photos I took of them on their bench with the handlers.

The winners were as follows:

- Champion Female**
Won by Kyane Alcorn from Liberty, IN
- Grand Champion Female**
Won by Laken Reynolds from Brownstown, IN
- Best of Show Female**
Won by Riley Lewis from Rochester, IN
- Champion Male**
Won by Lauren Lester from Liberty, IN
- Grand Champion Male**
Won by Maddie Blevins from Richmond, IN
- Best of Show Male**
Won by Dylan Buttery from Brownsville, IN

I didn't go on the Nite Hunt, so Donnie Huber e-mailed me the results of the Nite Hunt.

The winners were as follows:

- 1st Place** Jared Daulton from Salem, IN
- 2nd Place** Chase Blevins from Centerville, IN
- 3rd Place** Scott Jordan from Centerville, IN
- 4th Place** Lauren Lester from Liberty, IN



Archery instructors Oscar Abner and Scott Ramey instructed Laynee Hensley, Mason Hensley, Brayden Stewart and others the proper way to shoot a bow and arrow.

- 5th Place** Brayden Stewart from Liberty, IN
- 6th Place** Dustin Daulton from Liberty, IN
- 7th Place** Cody Barrows from Mooreshill, IN
- 8th Place** Tyler Dunn from Liberty, IN
- 9th Place** Amber Stubblefield from Winchester, IN
- 10th Place** Noah Williams from Connersville, IN

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Competing in the Bill Miller Memorial Youth Hunt was this group of young people ranging in age from 17 and under. In my book they are all winners for entering the competition.



Nite Hunt participants age 17 and under preparing for the field, shown here with the Bill Miller Family, Katrina, Charlene and Zachary sponsors of the Bill Miller Memorial Hunt.



Ragan Lanter instructing the Bench Show entrants on how to show their dogs. Ragan is assisted by Lauren Lester and her dog, CH PR Banks Get Treed Poke.



The first four dog handlers prepare their dogs for show. Ragan judging Dylan Buttery's dog on the third bench from camera.

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If you are interested in joining the Hanna's Creek Conservation Club give Donnie Huber a call at 765-825-6561 or e-mail him at tree_dogs2003@yahoo.com. Tell him you read about them in The Gad-a-bout. ■

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THE PASSING OF DEAR FRIENDS

When I got back from my trip to Massachusetts I found out that some dear friends had passed away in my absence, Harry "Jake" Campbell May 19, 2013 and

later Doris Johnson May 31, 2013.

These two friends meant an awful lot to me and deserve a better recognition than I have space for them in this issue and give them the proper respect they have coming. So in that regard I will wait until my August issue to write about them. Death is so sudden and the end sometimes it leaves us numb.

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Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche
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July Activities Metamora, a Historical Canal Town

We love our celebrations in Metamora. One of the best ones is the Fourth of July celebration on Saturday, July 6th. If you have never attended the Fourth of July celebration in Metamora consider it this year. The day gets off to a fun start with help from the Metamora Volunteer Fire Department. They will be keeping busy with a beer garden, pulled pork dinners and music at the Firehouse. In the evening there is a parade through downtown Metamora at 6pm and to finish off the fun, fireworks are at dusk.

July 7th is Jammin' on the Mill Porch at the Gristmill from 1-4pm. This is a free concert, so be sure to stop by and listen for a while.

July in Metamora is for the train lover. On July 4th there will be a special running of the Civil War train. The Union troops are protecting the US government payroll from Morgan's Raiders, who wait beside the tracks ready to hold up the train. This train leaves Connersville at 12pm and returns at 5pm.

July 5th and July 19th is the Twilight Train to Dinner. This train leaves the Connersville station at 6pm for Dinner at the Laurel Hotel. It returns back to Connersville around 9pm. Cost is \$29 for adults and \$15 for children. Reservations are required so be sure to call: (765) 825-2054.

July 20th is the Overland Limited Wild West Train. This is your chance to ride the train with bandits, marshals, robbers, fancy and not so fancy women. Before the train returns to Connersville, there is a shootout between the marshals and bandits in the Duck Creek Crossing area of Metamora.

July 26th is Acoustical Final Friday at Lover's Lane Stage. Sign up is at 6:30pm with music from 7-10pm. This is a free event. So be sure to stop by to listen and/or perform.

Finally the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site is offering a new ticket package for visitors. The Whitewater Canal Experience includes a tour of the Metamora Grist Mill, a pound of freshly ground corn meal and a ride on the canal boat. Cost is \$7 per person, \$12 per couple or \$16 for a family of four. The package will run Wednesday through Sunday at noon, 1pm and 2pm through Sept 29th. Tickets will be available inside the Gristmill and at the Canal Boat ticket office in Metamora.

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

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news release information and other notifications from those selected Indiana State Police Districts. In addition to selecting the individual districts in which you wish to receive news releases, you are also encouraged to include in your selection(s) the Indiana State Police Headquarters-Statewide option to receive news releases and information of statewide interest.

Thanks for reading and for allowing all of us to serve all of you. Be safe, and we'll talk again next month.

Fishing Lake Michigan

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Now, several lure companies have switched to paints using strontium illuminate chemistry. These work longer-expect 2 to 4 hours of glow time for a properly charged lure-and the lures can be pigmented to produce the glow in several colors instead of the traditional "ghost green." Additionally, the pigment won't be burned out by exposure to the sun; in fact, the sun makes a very good "charger" for lures with this finish. The best energizer to excite the atoms comes from ultra-violet part of the spectrum which is abundant in sunlight. In the dark, use a battery powered "black" light to make them glow.

Want to catch a salmon? Go with the glow!
The End

Camping Here and Beyond

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the big fireworks display. July 12-13: Trivia Weekend, weekend contests with prizes and on Saturday night Campsite (Family) Feud. July 19-20: 50's and 60's weekend, old fashioned hamburgers and malts, dance the night away Saturday at the "Rock-n-Roll Sock Hop and there is a prize for the craziest socks. 26th and 27th: Photo Scavenger Hunt. How many items can you locate? Snap a picture and get a raffle ticket for each item you find. Drawing will be Saturday evening. You'll have a howling good time at Wolfe's.

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like material. A 3/8" by four (4) foot or more fiberglass electric fence post should work fairly well. Cut an "X" in the end about 1" deep with a sharp hacksaw. Now take a six (6) cc syringe, and cut off the flat part of the plunger straight across, leaving the stem of the plunger exposed. The stem is "X" shaped. Push the plunger into the "X" on the end of the stick. Load the syringe by placing the barrel of the syringe over the plunger, add an 18ga x 1.5" needle and draw up your fluid. With the full syringe on the end of the poke stick you are ready to go. It is a good idea to practice on a melon or gourd of some sort. Just ease the needle in, do not jab. Once the

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Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye, Catfish, Bass Tournament September 14, 2013

The 15th Annual Richard T. Gaston Memorial Tournament will be held on September 14, 2013. **Please note**, date has been changed since my last report in this paper.

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

The details for this years event are still being prepared, but should be similar to the 2012 event.

For more information contact Parkside Marine and More, **765-647-4619.**

Watch for more details on the Tournament in the upcoming issues of The Gad-a-bout.

**BROOKVILLE, INDIANA MAY 27, 2013
STAYIN' ALIVE A HUGE SUCCESS**

All I can say is the Stayin' Alive Fun Day in

Brookville, Indiana this past Memorial Day was the best attended and fun filled day for area youth that I've seen since I first began attending when they held their first East Fork Fishing Expo a few years ago. The weather was just gorgeous.

Photos speak louder than words so here are a few I took at the Stayin' Alive Fun Day



Area youth dancing to "Footloose" music at Stayin' Alive event.



Great weather brought crowds of visitors to Stayin' Alive 2013.



Cincinnati's University Hospital Air Care attended Stayin' Alive.



CO's Corey Norrod and Travis Wooley teaching archery in park.



Fishing in the East Fork a lot of fun at Stayin' Alive fun day.

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COUNTRY MARKS' FUELING FREEDOM TO HELP NATIONAL GUARD FAMILIES

INDIANAPOLIS - On Friday, June 28, 2013 between 12 noon and 5 p.m., participating CountryMark fuel stations will host Fueling Freedom events in Indiana and Ohio. During these events, CountryMark and CountryMark Branded Dealers will donate to local National Guard Family Readiness Programs 50 cents for every gallon of fuel pumped and \$1 for every gallon of lubricants sold. Also at each Fueling Freedom site, on the day of the event, customers and guests will be able to register to win a \$150 Visa gift card.

CountryMark initiated the Fueling Freedom fundraiser four years ago as a way to support Indiana military families.

"Fueling Freedom is one of CountryMark's favorite events of the year," said CountryMark Vice President of Marketing Jon Lantz. "This is our opportunity to support our local National Guard troops. We are grateful for all they do to protect our country. It feels good to be able to help them and their families."

CountryMark Retail Manager Gary Barrett added that the event works well for the CountryMark brand because it's an American fuel company supporting American troops.

"CountryMark refines only American crude oil, and many of our customers buy CountryMark products because they prefer American-made fuels and what those domestic products do for the local economy," said Barrett. "All-American fuels supporting All-American troops just makes sense."

Traci Dinkens is the Family Readiness Support Assistant at the Shelbyville National Guard. She said the CountryMark fundraisers have been a huge help to her program and other National Guard Family Readiness programs in Indiana and Ohio.

"We use these dollars for a number of family activities, like summer picnics," said Dinkens. "Being married to, or the child of, a deployed soldier can be challenging. Summer picnics, and events like that, enable our troops to have a great day with their immediate families, as well as create ties to other military families who can support each other when soldiers are deployed."

A total of 29 CountryMark fuel stations have signed up to take part in Fueling Freedom 2013, a record number of stations for the fourth year of the event. Those CountryMark stations participating this year include: Bluffton, Rensselaer, Fowler, Oaktown, Vincennes, Greencastle, Lebanon, Rushville, Seymour, Brownstown, Crothersville, North Vernon, Osgood, Greensburg (Lincoln St), Shelbyville, Fairland, Evansville (St. Joe Ave), Huntingburg, Liberty, Fountaintown, Plainville, Loogootee (both locations), Mitchell and Bedford (both locations). Exact locations for all CountryMark retail stations can be found at www.countrymark.com.

THE GAD-A-BOU'S TRIP TO DAUGHTERS PINNING CEREMONY IN MA, EVENTFUL

Sherry and I left Centerville bound for Worcester, (pronounced Wooster if you are from Massachusetts or visit there often) Massachusetts on May 14th mainly to attend our daughter, Amy's, graduation from Worcester State College. Amy has been living in Wooster, MA. for the past six years, having moved up there in February 2007. She enrolled in Wooster State College's Nursing Class with the hopes of graduating there and becoming a Registered Nurse (RN). On Thursday evening, May 16th we would be attending her Nursing Class of 2013's Pinning Ceremony at the college.

Prior to our leaving I had to learn something that I hadn't done in years, tying a real tie and shining my shoes. The shoe shining was easy, but the tying the tie took a while.

We left early Wednesday morning and traveled the last leg of the trip to Wooster, MA. Since we left early it took us forever to get through Danbury and Hartford, Connecticut's rush hour traffic. We arrived in Wooster around 9:30 a.m.



Grandkids Breanna sitting and Dylan, Sherry standing in back.



Christmas gifts, Sherry got a crystal ball with a manger scene in it and I got a Ceramic desk holder for tools of my trade.

The first order of business was for Breanna and Dylan, our grandkids, presenting us with our 2012 Christmas gifts. That was a big surprise, see photos above.



Worcester State University banner in auditorium.

We rested up from our trip and got settled into our room for the night.

The next day we did a little shopping and then got ready for the Class of 2013 Pinning Ceremony at the college.

The Nursing Class of 2013 had 64 graduates, the program was lengthy, but very enjoyable, especially for us knowing that our daughter, Amy, would soon be one

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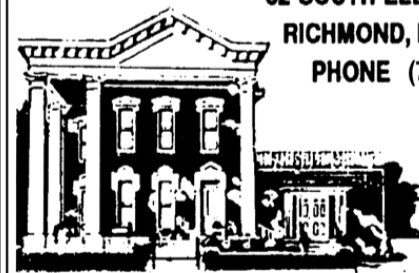
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Amy waiting for her turn to be called up to receive her nursing pin by Prof. Annmarie Samar and Judith Tuori.



Amy receiving her Nursing Pin from Annmarie Samar, Professor and Chair, Department of Nursing.



Sherry in hospital bed, being taken care of by Nurse Lauren Anderson, Amy at left, still wearing her graduation gown.



Dr. Nicole Ross, who also cared for Sherry at U Mass was professional and also made Sherry feel a lot better, as you can see.



Sherry after being released from U Mass en route home for a surgery date with Dr. Karl Baird in Richmond May 29th. U Mass Dr. Andy Goddard put a soft splint on her arm. Breanna and Amy signed the splint before we left Wooster.

step closer to her dream of being a nurse, a registered nurse. She had been a CNA working in nursing and rest homes since graduating from Centerville High School back in 1997.

I took lots of photos, using available light from about forty feet from the stage, just to the right of the podium.

After all of the awards were presented and the speeches said, it came time for the presentation of the pins. Amy was the 16th graduate to cross the stage and receive her pin.

The Pinning Ceremony was followed by the Lighting of the Candles (see photo on cover), then the International Pledge, the Passing of the Lamp followed by the Recession of the Nursing Class, followed by all of us out onto the parking area for photos and joyful tears.



Sherry, Ray and Amy, hmmm, why isn't that guy in the middle smiling? (Photo by Granddaughter Breanna Smock)

Sherry, myself and everyone were taking photos and meeting fellow classmates, etc.

The next thing I heard was, "Mr. Dickerson your wife has fallen!"

I immediately followed Suzanne Kiniry, who had called me over toward the auditorium, there on the pavement lay Sherry. I found out Suzanne Kiniry's name later, she stayed with Sherry and me, as well as Breanna, Dylan, Paul and Amy, until the Ambulance arrived. Sherry had went to the restroom and on the way back stepped off a curb and fell breaking her elbow when she hit the pavement. Almost immediately a University Patrolman was on the scene clearing the drive for the ambulance which arrived promptly also.

Amy rode with her mom to U Mass Memorial Medical Center, the University Campus Emergency Room in the ambulance. Breanna rode with me to U Mass and Dylan rode with Paul.

After arriving at U Mass I was allowed into the emergency room where I found Sherry in a bed in the aisle. Nurse Lauren Anderson was attending to Sherry. I don't have enough space here to go into details, but she had broken her elbow which required surgery. She was being given medicine to relieve the pain and was waiting to go for x-rays.

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Dan Carlin caught this 2.5 lb Smallmouth Bass in the East Fork of Whitewater River on minnows. (Carlin Photo)



Left Photo: Brianna Keener took this 9 point buck with a bow in Fayette County. (Teddy Criswell Photo)



Steve Goodson of Rushville, IN took this Hoosier long-beard with a crossbow on 5-5-2013. It weighed 24 lbs, it had a 11 1/4" beard and 25mm spurs. 100 grain 3 blade turkey rage used at 20 yds, dropped in his tracks. (Steve Goodson Photo)



Thomas Loser shot this turkey in Wabash County. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Waylon, Wyatt and Cody Case with their Indiana Longbeards taken with 20 gauge shot-guns, 2 Franklin Co. birds and 1 Decatur Co. bird. (Alex Case Photo)



Cody Gaylourd took his first Turkey during the 2013 Spring Turkey Season. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Chris Hill caught this 42" Tiger Muskie at Brookville Lake. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Joshua and Caleb Sorrels took these turkeys on opening day of the Youth Turkey Season, 4-20-13. They took the turkeys in Morgan County. Joshua and Caleb are the sons of Indiana State Police Officer, Captain Charles Sorrels. (Photo submitted by Sgt. John D. Bowling, ISP Public Information/Recruiting Officer)

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Dan Carlin caught this 3 lb Smallmouth Bass in the East Fork of Whitewater River on minnows. (Carlin Photo)



Barry Boggs took this 20 lb. Turkey in Union County. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle, LLC Photo, Liberty, IN)



Kaley Roush of Shoals took her first turkey, Sunday morning of Youth season around 10:00 am. She was hunting in a blind with her father Cody Roush, Jordan Hert and Jessica Weathers. Kaley was using her fathers 20 gauge 870 that her father purchased when he was 12 years old, with Trapping money. Kaley just got her first hand me down gun. The four year old bird weighed 23.9 pounds with a 10 3/4 inch beard and 31mm spurs. (White River Marine Photo, Shoals, IN)



I got this photo from Frazier Fryman who said, "I caught a 51 lb. Gateshead at Martin's pay lake in Robertson County Kentucky on May 13, 2013. Wilma told me to contact you to see if you would put it in your paper." I e-mailed Frazier to find out what a Gateshead was. Jennifer Fryman replied back, "It was a flathead." Frazier sent this photo in after my sister, Wilma Woodford, who lives in Kentucky, asked me if I would accept a photo from down there, a few weeks ago. Wilma's husband Woody Woodford is a United Methodist pastor and Jennifer in her e-mail to me said that Woody was her Pastor a couple years ago. (Frazier Fryman Photo)
Editor's Note: I take fish and game photos from readers no matter how far away they live by e-mail or snail mail. If sent by snail mail and you want photo back, send SASE.



Andrew Davisson (L) took his turkey on 4-24-13 it weighed 23 lbs. and had 32mm spurs. His brother Tyler Davisson took his turkey on 4-24-13 it weighed 24 lbs. and had 30mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)

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Steve Maudlin took this 27.5 lb. Turkey on 4-27-13, it had a 10" beard and 31mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)

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