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Top Right: Dave Burgess and his son John Burgess from Fountain City, IN traveled to Alaska August 11-24, 2013, on a mission trip to Sutton, Alaska, which also included fishing. See Page 30 for the rest of the story. (Dave Burgess Photo)

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Bottom Right: A deer lying in the front seat of a car, an unfortunate, all too familiar sight to motorists in America today. See more on pages 4 & 29. I use a deer whistle to help prevent this. (File Photo)

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Joe Swanson (L) and Stacie Schlotterbeck (R), graphic artists at Sign GrafX standing next to the lettering and design work they did on my Gad-a-bout van. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Rollie E. and Peggy North own and have operated A-1 Lock and Safe Shop, Sign GrafX and Tri-County Awards at 1001 S "E" St. for a long time.

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IT'S FALL-TIME SO WATCH FOR DEER!

I'm going to reprint part of State Trooper Sgt. John Bowling's October message from last month, because it is so relevant at this time of year. I have saw so many deer this year, which may be partly due to the amount of food that is still standing in the farm fields and the increasing activity of hunters and farmers harvesting crops too.

From Sgt. John Bowling October Column:

October begins my favorite time of the year with crops being harvested and the beginning of deer season. But the annual crop harvest coupled with the beginning of hunting season and the "rut," (deer mating season) makes deer movement more prominent and the number of car/deer crashes increase. So it's a good time to remind motorists to use extra caution when driving in rural areas of Indiana. Deer are generally more active in the early morning (pre-dawn) hours or the hours just after dusk but could be on the move at anytime.

Motorists should take the following precautions when driving in rural areas to avoid having a crash involving a deer:

- When possible use high beam headlights at night and be aware that deer could be standing on or near the side of the roadway.
- Drivers should watch approaching vehicles and

observe what may break their headlights beams; it could be a passing deer. This technique allows extra time to slow your speed and be alert for the deer.

- Watch for reflections from the deer's eyes.
- Where there is one deer there are often several. Do not assume you missed the deer because more could follow. **BE ALERT!**
- If your vehicle strikes a deer do not touch it. A frightened or wounded deer can cause you serious bodily injury. Remain in your car, make sure you and your passengers are safe, and call the police to obtain a crash report for your insurance company.

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Professional Fishing Guide



Seven pound walleye caught on a spoon in Brookville lake in 30 feet of water. (Author Photo)

When fishing a spoon in the winter you still stand on the front of the boat watching the bow mounted depth finder. With your foot on the electric trolling motor your trying to hold yourself in one spot so you can fish straight up and down. What your looking for is steep drop off ledges deep under water humps or sticky places on the bottom. At the same time looking for fish and clouds of shad close to the bottom. What you do is let the spoon free fall all the way to the bottom. Once there reel up about a crank off the bottom and give the spoon a simple hop up and flutter down. Trying to vary the movement till you key in on what triggers a bite. The only difference in the winter spoon bite is that some times they will hit the spoon on the hop up or if you just hold it motionless. I believe just the shaking of your hand is enough to trigger a strike. For more information and the spoons I talk about in this article stop in at 52 Pik-up in Brookville we have a full line of spoons, blade baits, and jigging raps.

Good Luck Fishing Tag Nobbe

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Spoon Fishing in November

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

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

What you look for on the flats are high places sticky places inside or outside turns drop offs and ledges. These are places where walleye like to

feed. On Brookville Lake the flats run between 8 to 12 feet deep. When choosing a spoon I like to fish a spoon that is a light as possible but still heavy enough that I can feel the spoon. For instance if I was fishing 30 feet deep in the winter I would fish a 1/2 to 3/4 ounce spoon but if I was fishing 8 to 12 feet deep in the summer I would fish a 1/8 to a 1/4 ounce spoon.

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

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



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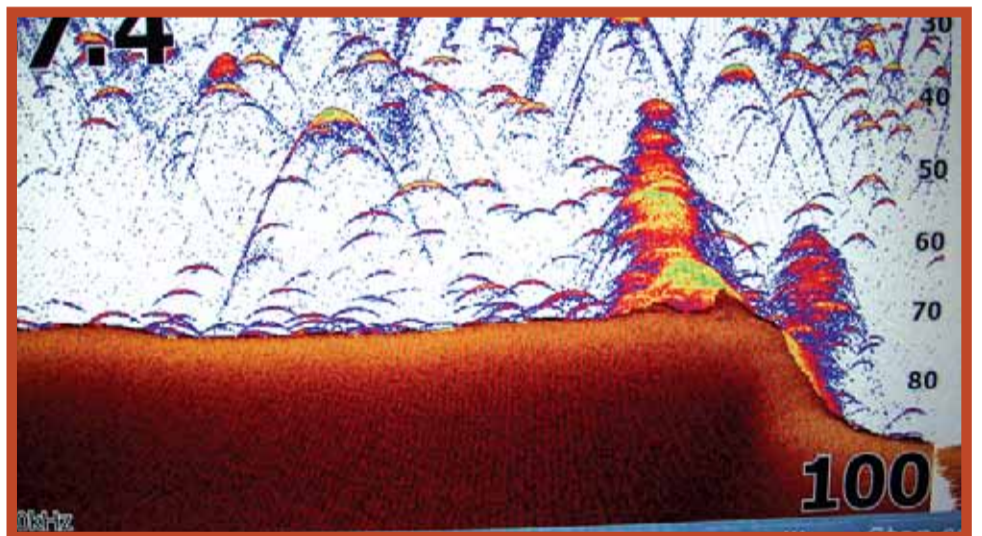
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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Harvest Season Safety Tips

As the fall season is upon us, the Indiana State Police would like to remind everyone of the road hazards that are common during this time of year; farm implements and increased deer movement. During this time of year the farmers are harvesting their crops and this means large farm equipment on the roadways. As the farmers move their equipment from field to field motorists are reminded to exercise caution on the roadways particularly on county roads. Remember, some farm implements are much wider than the normal vehicle using the roadways and motorists may need to slow down, move over, and perhaps even come to a stop to allow these large pieces of machinery to pass.

Tips for farmers:

- Have all lighting and placards on your equipment as required by law.
- When parking equipment along the road while in the field, make certain it is visible at night.
- Avoid traveling on state and U.S. highways during rush hour traffic.
- Wear reflective clothing when working at night so as to be seen by motorists and farm workers.
- Indiana Code 9-21-5-7 requires operators of vehicles being driven at a speed below the posted limit to move over to the right at their first opportunity if three or more vehicles are following to allow those vehicles to safely pass.

Tips for motorists:

- Be patient when traveling behind farm equipment; farmers have the same rights as automobile drivers to operate their equipment on the roads.
- When approaching farm equipment from the opposite direction, pull to the right of the traveled portion of the road and allow the equipment to pass.
- Always be cautious when approaching farm equipment parked on the side of the road. Someone may be getting into or out of the equipment or performing maintenance.

This is the busiest time of the year for farmers. Please remember to watch for slow moving and oversize farm equipment and deer in the roadways. As farmers harvest crops, the deer will often move out of the fields raising the risks for crashes involving deer. One of our main goals is to reduce crashes on Indiana roadways. So remember to be patient, alert, and buckle up everyone in your vehicle. We don't want you to be another statistic.

Indiana State Police Now Taking Applications

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

I could start by telling of our rich history in state law enforcement starting with our development in 1933, and how through the years we have continued to be leaders in the law enforcement field. I could

speak on our integrity and professionalism, starting with the first part of our mission statement which is; "The Indiana State Police shall provide the most professional, effective and courteous police service possible, at all times, with every endeavor."

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

But the one thing that separates us from a lot of other agencies is our specialties, or different fields you can go into. Below are just a few of the specialties we have to offer:

Aviation

The Aviation Section provides air support for law enforcement and other agencies across the state. With a fleet of helicopter and fixed wing aircraft, the section assists with traffic enforcement, fugitive and victim search and rescue, criminal surveillance and disaster assessments.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team is regularly called on by both local and federal law enforcement agencies to dispose of explosive devices and outdated chemicals. The team, which includes 11 certified bomb technicians and more than 35 members trained in Explosive Ordnance Recognition, averages between 25 and 30 render safes or disarmed devices per year.

Special Weapons Assault Team (SWAT)
SWAT responds to high-risk incidents, such as hostage situations, barricaded subjects, prison disturbances and rescue missions. To be part of the team, members must demonstrate proficiency in weapons and specialized equipment, unarmed defense techniques, building entry and clearance, rappelling and field search.

Interdiction Team
Reducing the volume of illegal drugs trafficked through Indiana is the primary responsibility of the Interdiction Team. Team members are trained to watch for common signs used to identify drug traffickers and often use specially trained canines to

assist with searches.

Hostage/Crisis Negotiators

Hostage/Crisis Negotiators use their extensive interview and interrogation experience to defuse hostage and other crisis situations. Team members train quarterly and work in conjunction with SWAT.

ISP Dive Team

The ISP Dive team provides the public with a highly professional, trained and equipped service capable of extending almost all aspects of forensic investigation and recovery underwater. They specialize in responding to calls including drownings and life threatening incidents.



K-9 Program

The Patrol K-9s participate in over thirty-five hundred details annually from vehicle searches, building searches, tracks, assisting other agencies and public appearances



We have the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, which has been number one in the nation enforcing Federal Trucking Violations. This division is also responsible for the inspection of every school bus used in Indiana. These are just a few of the enforcement specialties the Indiana State Police has to offer.

But the true backbone of our department remains the position of Trooper. It is where everyone begins, it is the position you see most. It can be exciting and fun, but can also be stressful and dangerous. It takes a special person to be a trooper. It is not a job, nor is it just a career; it is a way of life. You have to be ready to go 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Getting hired as an Indiana State Trooper isn't easy, but as I said many years ago on a radio commercial, "If you think you have what it takes" then go to our web site and apply from the comfort of your home - we will be in touch.

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



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

Arresting the fall

For many people, it is FINALLY here. Yes, I am referring to the 2013 deer hunting season. Some plying their archery hunting prowess have tagged a deer, perhaps more. Others are still counting the calendar days anticipating firearms seasons to begin.

While hunters have a variety of methods to use in attempts to hunt and take deer, there is a commonality regardless of one's favored hunting device...the treestand. Treestands are used by many, giving a bit better vantage point and larger field of view of game. They also comprise a high percentage of hunting related incidents reported annually. Of the 230 reported hunting related incidents Indiana Conservation Officers responded to from 2002-early 2010, 104 were treestand related including 8 fatalities.

For over ten years, an emphasis on treestand safety has been part of hunter education courses in Indiana. I feel that it would be a bit remiss of me to not take this opportunity to relate some information regarding treestand safety. Be it a useful

review or new information, I hope the following safety rules are helpful.

Always wear a fall-arrest system or full body harness. Proper usage is important not only when on the stand platform. According to studies conducted by the International Hunter Education Association, 70% of treestand related incidents occur when the person is either ascending or descending. The fall-arrest system should be checked for functionality prior to each use.

Read and understand the treestand manufacturer's instructions and know the limitations of your equipment. The weight limit given with the treestand includes the weight of equipment. Time should be taken near ground level to practice with your fall-arrest system and setting up your treestand to become familiar and comfortable with it prior to taking it afield.

Select a live, straight tree of appropriate size for your treestand use. One may have to alter their preferred stand location to provide for this important safety issue. Never use a dead tree. A dead tree could break or large limbs could fall while you are in your stand. Both could have deadly results.

The 'three points of contact' rule applies when climbing into or out of your stand. Always use a haul line to raise equipment to your treestand. It is an obvious 'must' that all firearms be completely unloaded when being raised and lowered.

Never modify a manufactured treestand. If repairs are needed, utilize proper replacement parts from the manufacturer. Inspect your treestand and all components for damage often including all small components and any stitched items. The natural weathering process will affect gear left at your deer hunting location for any prolonged length of time. Gnawing wildlife can also damage essential components.

As with any trip afield, always let someone know where you will be and when you plan to return. Hunt with a buddy if possible. Even utilizing a fall-arrest system, unexpected things can

occur which may leave one unable to use a cell phone or other communication device that may commonly be carried.

Speaking from some experience, even under favorable circumstances when help has been called in a timely fashion, it can often be very difficult and time consuming for emergency response personnel to reach, effectively treat, stabilize and evacuate victims of serious injuries resulting from treestand falls. If help is delayed a serious injury could prove fatal.

Many of the causes of treestand incidents involve improper setup of the stand including improper location or tree selection, improper installation of supporting components, utilization of damaged components or omission of their usage.

The Treestand Manufacturer's Association (TMA) provides valuable assistance relating the most updated industry standards. The TMA offers an interactive treestand safety course and quiz on their website (www.tmastands.com) that can serve as a good review or a primer to the young or new to treestand use.

Many of the reported treestand incident could be prevented by strictly following the manufacturer's directions and recommendations. If we really think about it, much of the time we are getting into or out of our treestand it is a dark or low-light condition which compromises our ability to see. Add in wet or freezing conditions and it becomes obvious that this is NOT a time to cut corners concerning our safety!

Gravity works. Don't be a thud.

Did You Know?

Did you know the DNR periodically presents real time educational sessions on the internet? Well, we do. The Talk to a DNR Expert series hosts DNR employees who are experts in their respective fields. During the educational session, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 23**



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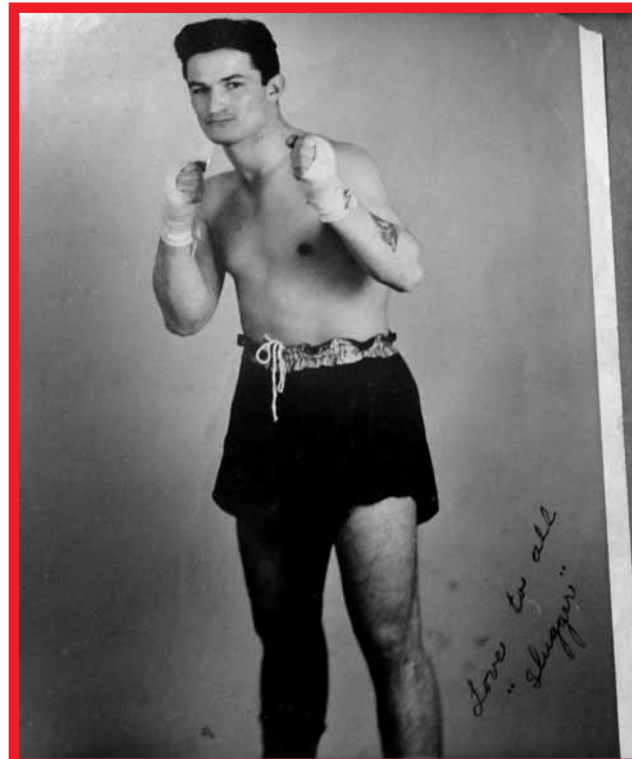
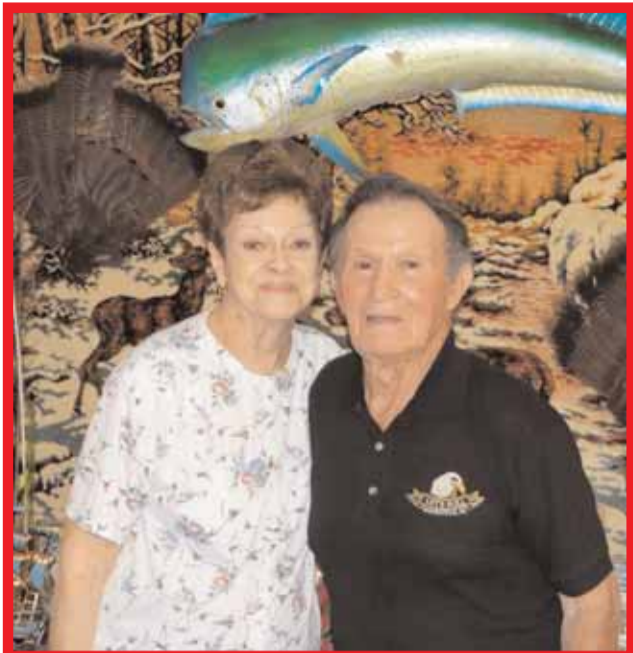
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Left Photo: Catherine and Joe Rudy at their home in Jeanette, PA. (Photo by Ray Dickerson) Middle Photo: Color photo of Joe Rudy in his Navy Blues when he came home from on leave from Alaska. I took this photo of the picture where it was hanging on their wall. (Joe Rudy Photo) Right Photo: Joe boxed as a Welter Weight - 143 pounds. On the bottom right of photo it reads, Love To All "Sluggers." (Joe Rudy Photo)

SEABEE JOE RUDY 79th USN Construction Battalion Company D, Platoon 5

by Ray Dickerson and Joe Rudy

This article has been a long time coming.

Joe is 91 years young, he and his wife Catherine have been married 54 years. They live in Jeanette, PA. I had a little bit of a problem finding them at first. I googled the trip starting from Ephrata, PA to their home, but got into a little trouble when I left the Turnpike by missing a left turn. They live in a very comfortable home outside of town, I arrived at 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2013 on my way back home from the 68th Seabee Reunion of the 79th NCB in Ephrata, PA, hosted by Fred and Lenore Hummel and Chuck and Erma Sarahan. I had called Joe on the telephone while in Ephrata to see if they would be home when I got closer to them. It worked out.

Our first contact had been in March 2012.

I received the following letter, written on February 28-29, 2012 from Joseph M. Rudy receiving it in March 2012 in response to an invitation letter I sent him and 125 other former Seabees for the 67th Reunion of the 79th U.S. Navy Construction Battalion (NCB) to be held in Richmond/Centerville, IN September 23-28, 2012. I had volunteered to host the reunion at the 66th Seabee Reunion held in Pekin, IL the year before. I got a list of about 100 - 79th NCB members from Linda Streuding and in Gulfport, MS and Joe was on that list. I had found about 25 other Seabees through the grapevine. In his letter Joe told me he remembered my Dad when the two of them were stationed in Alaska. They were both in Company D, Dad in Platoon 2 and Joe in Platoon 5.

Here is Joe's letter about his Seabee experience, it has been reduced in length, but not in facts:

February 28, 2012

"First thank you for taking time in sending the latest information about some of the Seabees that are still alive. I do remember your Dad - he was a little older than I was and a lot of the times he would make me feel that times would get better. Kodiak Island

was a beautiful island and the scenery was something to see. I always tell my wife I played ball at midnight. They called it the land of the midnight sun. Again thanks for writing and helping bring back a lot of good memories.

The draft was started and my name was called, I didn't want to go where they wanted me to go so I enlisted in December 1942. I was called when Bing Crosby was known for the song, "I'm Dreaming of A White Christmas." I went December 25, 1942.

I went to Norfolk, VA for my boot camp and then to Gulfport, MS for our advanced training. The Marines were well trained and a lot of older guys on trips had to be picked up by trucks. I run track, played football and baseball in high school keeping myself in good shape, playing in a semi-pro league.

Most of us made it when it came to the advanced training. Some of the older guys would throw hand grenades about 5 yards. Some of the city young men had a lot of trouble with a rifle. My Dad was a coal miner and taught me a lot about shotguns and rifles.

I am 89 and I still love to hunt. Being an athlete really helped me in Alaska. You could tell when the weather was going to change. Snow would work its way down the mountain (barometer mountain) and believe me some of the heavy winds would cut your face. I believe the Klutches (cross between an Eskimo and a Russian) were really tough people. We wore heavy suits and masks because of the Williwaws (winds).

In Kodiak, sailors could go into town, but there were places that were guarded by Military Police (MP's) or Shore Patrolmen (SP's).

In Alaska my job was checking boilers on base.

Every company had a team and I agree with your Dad, D Company was the best. They had 6-man touch football, basketball and softball

teams. They also had golden gloves tournaments - Navy, Army and Marines fought.

I boxed when I was in high school as a Welter Weight - 143 pounds. My Dad always said to me, "Joe don't be afraid of the bigger guys. Fight with them and bring them down to the ground and they will be the same size then, strength comes in the right."

Another thing my Dad always preached to me, "Talk is cheap and it costs money to buy whiskey. Another is a barking dog never bites."

I hope I'm not boring. To be truthful I'm glad I never got to be a Marine. I respect them, but some of the things they did on Saipan and Okinawa lost a lot of lives - especially from the big guns the Japs had on wheels inside their caves. I won't bring back those memories, I'll get back to Kodiak.

We had an inspection regularly and I was caught with something I hid under my pillow. I was put on K.P. (Kitchen Duty). Our D Company was playing the Cooks and since I was put on K.P. I played for the Cooks and came up against my own Co. D. I hit a home run and when we got paid later, our officer Dieter said, "D Company beat D Company! I just smiled because I got revenge. Another time we were playing down at the base hangar field and I was up in the stands and wasn't with the team that was losing.



From left to right: Joe Rudy, Joe's nephew Joe Kosoglow who was in the Vietnam War, His wife next to him Christine, she is from Japan and Joe's wife Catherine. They were visiting the Flight 93 Memorial Crash Site north of Shanksville, PA. (Joe Rudy Photo)

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Left Photo: 79th NCB Track Team Kodiak, Alaska, Joe is sitting in front row, second from right (Photo provided by Joe Rudy). Right Photo: Unloading of LST's at Okinawa April 1945. (79th NCB Photo) Bottom Right Photo: Jack Seerley and Joe Rudy, demolition team, on Okinawa in 1945 Their job was to use dynamite to blow up coral caves on Okinawa. (Photo provided by Joe Rudy)

The officer came and wanted me to pinch hit. I went and believe me the guy delivered a windmill under hand, the ball looked like bee-bees. I swung and missed twice. The next one I hit one between center and right field and with my speed, it won the game. I could run a hundred in 10.7 seconds.

I do believe the way D Company treated me when they wrote the history of D Company it always made my blood boil. Callahan, a good friend of mine had his photo in and that's the only sport he participated in. I run track for the 79th Battalion, was a star softball player - and also boxed. To this day it hurt and that was the biggest reason I wouldn't attend a reunion.

I was told after the war ended one of our officers, when my name would come up after six months - he would take my name off the list and I wouldn't get a higher rating. I worked with Demolition with Jack Seerley on Saipan and Okinawa. We ran unexploded dynamite in a series after drilling holes. Jack always said I should have been a 1st Class Gunners Mate instead of a 3rd Class. Sometime maybe on the phone I will tell you who the officer was.

Another thing the officer who had it against me was from D 5 Company. Here is what happened. We were having a dress parade down at the base in California. We were all in marching position and in step. The Commander in a jeep hollered, "Ensign (?) how the hell can your men be in step when you are out." My best friend, Whitey Schiff and I was caught laughing and that's the rest of the story.

Once I was boxing in the ring at 143, I was on the first bout. The first round I did good, got hit without calling for my mom to help me. Second round I was knocked down and made it. The Third round I got hit and was knocked out. They took me back to the dressing room on a stretcher. They put me under a shower with the aid of smelling salts. I came to and the first thing I said to my buddies, "When do I go on?" They said, "Joe you were on and gone."

This was one of the losses. When you get in the ring - they don't know who is an amateur or who is a professional. So I paid my dues. I went back to the barracks and the guys were playing cards. The one older guy made a smart remark and said, "What happened tough guy?" My temper got the best of me and I put a jab on him.

We also hunted snowshoe rabbits in Alaska. On Sundays the ones who got down to the gallery first got the shotguns and the ones that didn't used 30-30 car-

tridges. We shot a few, skinned them and the cooks would smoke and fry them up. They were really good to eat. I love hunting. Another thing, they fish in Alaska.

I forgot, maybe your Dad has told you this story. While in Alaska we were down at the base waiting for the President to come and address us. It rained all day and he finally came in after so many hours, I don't remember exactly how long. President Roosevelt came in a touring car and waved which took about ten minutes. I guess that's the life of a Seabee. We were soaked and we found out later he came up to fish.

Another thing when we went to the rifle range we had to cross the water (shallow where the salmon were going up stream to spawn). Seagulls would ride the salmon backs and pick their eyeballs out. That was terrible.

All I can say Alaska was beautiful and I have often wondered why I never went back to live. The williwaws (wind) was bad but we got used to it. The gnats were terrible in the summer - low ceiling most of the time.

We went up to Kodiak from Seattle. It was a nice trip from Port Hueneme, California.

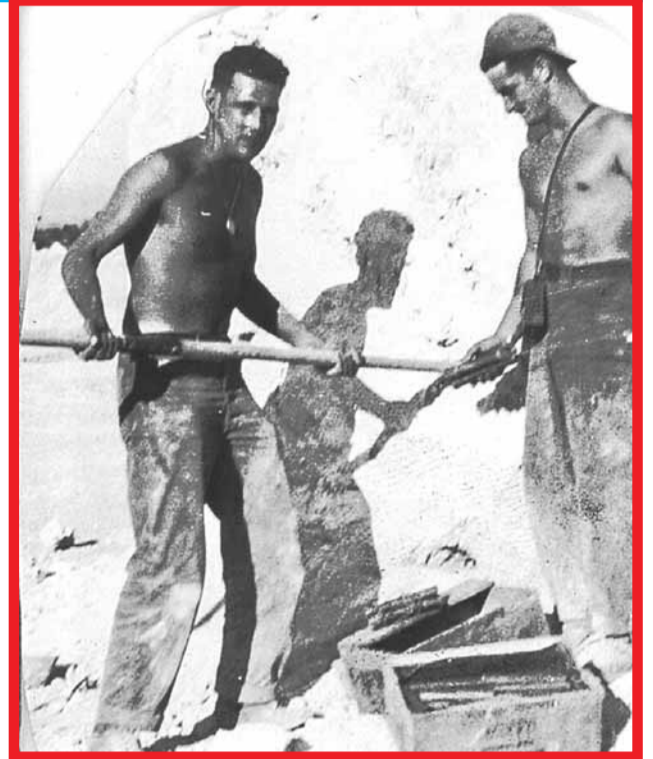
I guess it's supper time.

I have a small magazine from Kodiak, I'll send it plus a few other, one of Jack and I behind the lines in Saipan and later went on to Okinawa and then the war was over. I had photos of the real mascot we brought with us to Okinawa, it was a baby pet goat and my first wife had photos, but we divorced and I don't have it. I did bring home a flare gun and also two Japanese sniper rifles, I don't remember, 31 & 28. My first wife gave them away when we broke up.

I don't know if you have ever heard of The Battle of Bushy Run in the Indian War, but I was born 15 minutes from that park. A lot of the towns around Pittsburgh are named after that war.

Jeanette has changed so much in recent years. Almost all the big Glassware companies are gone, especially one noted for some of the best Glass makers, called The Westmoreland Glass Co. I worked at Jeanette Glass Co. when I enlisted in the Navy. Afterwards I went to the coal mines and then back to the glass company for 31 years, where I retired.

I better finish, supper is ready. Your Dad was a few years older, but he should be proud to have a son like you. In your paper I like the advertising and especially the guns, deer and turkey.



February 29, 2012

I started this letter yesterday and have a few things to write about. My wife wanted to know if I am going to write a book. She doesn't like to write. She said to thank you for all the information and she knows at my age I love to read especially sports. She also hunted with me when we went together. We have been married 54 years.

I was married ten years to my first wife. I wish I could have kept in touch with our daughter. She was born in 1947. She had photos of the white pet goat we had on Saipan. We were in tents on Saipan. At night the Japs had a speaker that would come on and they would always say, "We know who you are so give yourself up, we have you surrounded." They later identified her as Tokyo Rose.

Yeah, we were scared, but our speaker would end up with a song that went this way, "Good nite sweet heart until we meet tomorrow." And to this day I believe the one singing was "Wee Bonnie Baker" and when she would end up saying, "Goodnight." We would all swoon and go to bed. We didn't stay long on Saipan, but they were a long time mopping up and we were told if you bring a Jap in, you feed them.

Jack and I had one bad experience. We were called out to where the Japs were in caves in the coral rock. They used an interpreter to try and get them (Japs) out. When the Japs refused, they (Marines) used flame

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

WHO WAS FIRST?

At some time in past history someone had to be the first to try something different. These firsts were normally split into two categories; curiosity and necessity. For example, a person in pre-medieval times probably noticed how round stones rolled easier than square ones and subsequently replaced the wheels on the cart used to pull his mother-in-law around for a smoother ride (at his wife's insistence). Eventually, the necessity for food led to the invention of the spear, followed by the bow and arrow and finally gunpowder and the firearm. But, how has mankind determined what is (or was) edible? Paleontologists have decided that the dinosaurs had disappeared long before mankind appeared, so fried lizard wasn't on the menu. Apparently, it all evolved through the trial and error method which finally resulted in either porterhouse steak or a stomach ache, or worse, a funeral procession.

A major obstacle to overcome in selecting edible sources, at least as far as I'm concerned, is the physical appearance of potential food sources. Modern hunters know what they're shooting at, but how did Cro-Magnon man decide that a hairy, long-tailed, tree climbing rat like creature, the squirrel, would taste like anything other than a rat. And considering how difficult it is, especially for me, to hit one of the things with anything short of a 12 gage, using a spear or throwing rocks must have put the squirrel on the list of rare delicacies. Speaking from experience, a friend and I decided to try baked squirrel using the old, primitive methods. After finding a volunteer fox squirrel, we built a fire, constructed a crude rotisserie, cooked the poor thing for about five minutes until it turned a pleasant shade of black (on the outside) and gnawed off a piece of a leg. We decided that it was a wonder our distant relatives managed to avoid extinction by starvation. It compared to an old combat boot soaked in motor oil.

Other food firsts include the lobster and its smaller cousin, the crawdad. What could possibly have motivated that first lobster eater to tackle something that looked like a huge, ugly bug armed with a pair of vise grips? And again from experience, how did that person know to eat only the tail and the meat in the claws? There must have been an extreme shortage of other available foods to

lead to such desperation. However, I have to award the Bravery Medal to the first soul who decided to try dining on a critter that skitters around in ponds and creeks and builds little mud mounds in my yard every spring. The crawdad.

Here is a critter that hasn't changed its form in eons. In other words, dining on crawdad tails is eating a prehistoric creature. I tried them once, boiled and swimming in Creole sauce and swore that if necessity dictated I would chew the bark off a hickory tree rather than do it again. Another species that would have required the courage of Sgt. York to consume is the catfish. If ugly were a contest, this fish would take the crown. A flat head with a large, tough mouth with whiskers and a body as slick as grease on a flag pole. Admittedly, properly prepared fried catfish is pretty tasty, but I wonder how it would have tasted to the first experimenter, especially if he had failed to skin the thing.

There are a number of other odd food stuffs such as possum and rattle snake. I won't get into escargot because there are no words to describe eating snails. I could describe that experience from a first hand knowledge, but let it suffice to say that eating those things compares to chewing on a very small spare tire.

At and slightly before the turn of the 20th century commercial water fowl hunters developed what is known as the punt gun as a means of collecting as many birds as possible with one shot. These things were gigantic in size and came in 2 and 4 gage (and perhaps even bigger) to put large amounts of shot into flocks of birds. I can imagine the first victim to fire one of those things. Two hunters sat in the boat with what looked like a 105 howitzer with a shoulder stock.

"Go ahead. You take the first shot."

"Uh, naw, I wouldn't want to spoil your fun. You go first."

Resting the barrel on the bow, the first idiot to fire a shoulder mounted cannon tripped it off. A huge blast and a cloud of smoke would have enveloped the boat. Recoil would have scooted the shooter and the boat backward at least three feet, leaving the shooter with a broken shoulder and a need for a hearing aid. All that just so a well heeled patron could enjoy Peking Duck with his or her meal.

In past millenniums, mankind depended on makeshift shelters for survival in hostile environments. Crudely constructed, these shelters required hardy souls to depend on them for protection. Hundreds of years later, in spite of permanent structures, someone decided to try camping in the great outdoors, strictly for fun and recreation. Fabricating a crude tent from canvas or deer hides, this hardy soul experienced the joy of stinging insects, baloney sandwiches, cold rain through a leaky tent and trying to sleep on lumpy ground. Again, I speak from experience. However, camping has evolved to today's modern camper trailer, complete with all the comforts of home. But it took that first "hardy soul" (insert here whatever word you feel best describes that person) to try it first. As for me, I'll leave all those "firsts" to braver souls and if they survive I might try it. Maybe. ■

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

THE QUESTION OF KIDS

When I talk to people about Great Lakes fishing I get two kinds of questions. One kind is black and white - there's a definitive answer. "Do you sell fishing licenses?" "Do you clean the fish?" "Where will we meet?"

The other type of question has answers which are often more ambiguous. I can't predict a few days out what the wind and wave conditions are apt to be, much less 2 or 3 weeks in advance. "When is the best time to fish?" The best time for you and your group may be the worst time for the next group.

One of the most vexing FAQ is about bringing youngsters on the boat. "I have a 6-year-old. Will he be okay?"

Tough question. I've had 5-year-olds on my boat that could handle the rods, reels and fight the fish better than most 12-year-olds (and some 20-year-olds.) I've had kids their early teens that handled fishing gear about as well as I would handle a saxophone.

One of the fun things about parenthood is when your children get old enough to start enjoying and participating in some of the activities that you enjoy. I started taking my son and daughter with me on Lake

Michigan when they were 5 or 6 years old. By then, however, they'd had many trips to local ponds where they'd caught sunfish by the dozens. They'd learned to crank reels and concepts about how to tussle with fish and pull them out of the water.

When I took the kids to the local pond, we used scaled down gear. What was an ultra-light rod to me was perfectly sized for them. You can't scale down the tackle much on the Great Lakes and you shouldn't expect a captain to have access to shorter, lighter or more kid-friendly rods and reels. That being said, most boats will have a variety of set-ups employed and some are better suited to youths than others.

When I do have younger or less skilled anglers on my boat, I coach them (and their parents) about which rods are better and which ones are worse. Down rigged rods are usually okay. Rods on side planers, particularly if you use the ski-and-mast planers are terrific. Save the 9 foot diver rods or the beasts with a full leadcore or 3 or 4 hundred feet of copper for the adults.

IGFA rules disqualifies potential record setting fish if more than one person handles the rod during the fight. But you aren't out there to set world records. Help the kids out. The scenario I encourage when a youngster gets a big fish on the line is for them to get a bit of "rod time" at the beginning of the fight, then have them surrender the rod to dad or grandpa. Let the adult do the heavy lifting in the middle of the fight. Finally, when the fish comes near the boat and is almost ready to net, put Junior back on the rod to finish the game.

There are some "non-fishing" considerations to weigh when deciding if bringing a youngster along is a good idea. Chief among them is susceptibility to motion sickness.

I never say "always" when sea sickness rears its head, but there are some generalities. In general, kids are more susceptible than adults. In general, over-the-counter preventatives work quite well. (Be sure to consult your family physician before doping-up your youngsters.)

In general, over-the-counter preventatives cause drowsiness - but napping or being drowsy is a fair trade for not being sick.

Kids get colder, quicker. Most of the time it's cooler on the lake than on land. Bring extra jackets, gloves, hats or other garments so they are available if needed.

If you have a life vest or other PFD that fits your child perfectly, bring it along. Most boat owners carry "child-sized" floatation devises, but they won't likely fit as well and comfortable as the one you bring.

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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

What Will Campers Do this Winter? I

Now that most Midwest campgrounds have closed until spring and a lot of retired campers are in vacation mode, what will YOU do this winter? We know that more and more snowbirds are filling the parks in the southeast, south and southwest and along the west coast. This doesn't mean that those of you who are staying here in the Midwest have to go into hibernation or into some form of dormancy. Many of you have your plans made with relatives, friends, and/or neighbors at your winter confines or theirs, whether it means here at home in Indiana or nearby states or somewhere else a longer distance away. Try to make every day in the winter count whether it is work all week and rest, or vacation on weekends, or you are on permanent vacation.

Find time to try a new experience (for many of you) by seeing a place you've heard about but never have investigated close to home or if you're snowbirds and just relaxing around the pool or on the beach, we'd almost bet there are other things to see and do in that warmer climate.

Even though much of the above sounds like fun in the sun, those of us who haven't achieved that stage in life by retiring or by spending a lot of time relaxing, some cold winter days can be spent planning for next spring, summer and fall outings. If you just have weekends for which to plan or if you have several days in a row, careful planning can be a valuable learning tool for you and your family.

Plan to start out small by planning a one or two day trip in one direction and don't try to travel too far because that's what you'll do, drive. Probably you're familiar with most of the places and activities if you've resided in that locality for years, but try a short trip in any direction. Try using several resources, such as maps, festival guides, calls or e-mails to the town halls. Or, just type in the name of the town(s) and state in the direction you plan and you just may find out something you didn't know and would like to see and/or do. Ask your contact(s) to give you some things you might like to see in his/her area.

The Indiana Festival Guide will give you a good cross section of events in all directions from your starting point. At the bottom of most of the listed events in the 2013 guide will tell you when the activity will take place in 2014 and who to contact. When the new 2014 guide comes out you can finalize your plans. This should be in January and will be at Interstate rest stops and at local visitors' bureaus. Look up IMHA-RVIC and Indiana Campground Owners' Association and you'll find websites, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of campgrounds throughout the State of Indiana. Both guides will give you a good cross section of private camp-

grounds in the state. Also, look for the advertisement for Indiana Outfitters in the Gad-A-Bout and see how Eric Stallsmith gives you an excellent breakdown of State facilities for not only camping but other activities. As I suggested in the October Gad-A-Bout, type in the name of any county in any state, i.e., Jefferson County, Kentucky and if the county has campgrounds, they most probably will be listed. We've done this all across the United States, Canada, and New Zealand and on a three month camping trip to Europe using a guide called Camping and Caravanning in Europe and didn't miss a beat.

When you reach a campground on line or in a guide, most commonly the owners will tell you what is close to visit, or type in on the internet Points of Interest in Allen County, Indiana, for example. You'll find plenty to do as most towns don't sleep all winter. Not only museums, festivals, cultural events, but many things will be listed. These last few summers since we sold our campground we've spent many an evening and a lot of days going to concerts of jazz, barber-shop, philharmonic, community bands, and parades and have not spent a cent. Many communities have all types of inexpensive events just waiting for you to attend. We just got back from the Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg Parade in Auburn where millions of dollars' worth of cars were on display as they were driven through Auburn. Back in the mid-50's I'd hitch hike home from Ball State and drive down to Camby, Indiana to talk with Augie Duesenberg about buying one of his first automobiles. I never convinced him I needed it, and, of course, couldn't pay for it. He passed away in early 1955.

Once one gets the methodology of searching the back roads around your neighboring counties then branch out in to further reaches of the state and in to different states. El taught middle school history and we'd travel the Civil War battle locations to help enhance her teaching and to get the students more interested in the history of our country. I believe she took 17 or 18 groups of students to study early U.S. History over our schools' spring breaks while I took my Ecology Club students on nine day camping trips to Florida and as far away as New Orleans and west to Western Missouri. Of course we camped in tents. Why not volunteer to chaperone camping field trips for your local schools?

Several of you will or have traveled to warmer climates this year. Check over the things you "really" need to take with you and if you've not used some of the stuff the last few years traveling you probably won't need it this year. Extra weight costs extra fuel and the stuff takes up extra space you could use for more comfort in traveling.

How about looking in state guides, maps, and the internet and choose routes less traveled to leave behind the same old views you've traveled for years? We all miss a lot of the wonders of our country by staying on the major roads. You'll find the campgrounds and parks in which you stay will probably welcome you as most people travel the same Interstate routes each year. Even if you stay in the Midwest over the winter, more and more campgrounds are being able to facilitate the winter travelers in camping units. New and reworked water lines, restrooms, and having winter activities are becoming more popular to campers. People want to ice skate, downhill and cross country sky, and ice fish. Just call or e-mail state departments of recreation or the state camp ground associations to find out which parks in the state have winter camping. Be sure your camping unit can withstand the winter elements

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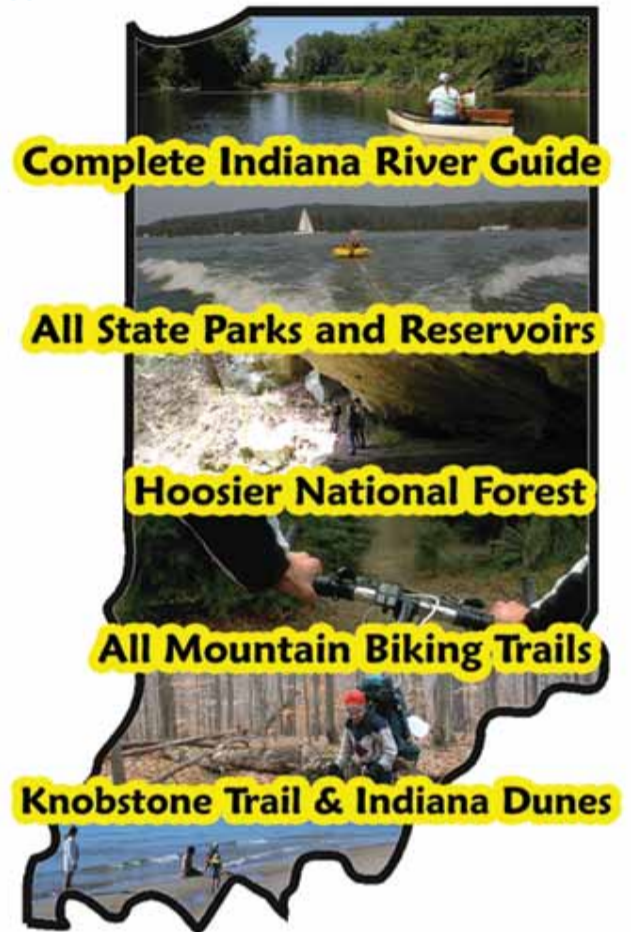
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Mike Eviston and Doug Clay winners of Sept 14 Tourney. (Photo by Author)



Gary Reed and grandson Blake Morris 2nd Place overall of Sept 14 Tourney. (Photo by Author)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Bozarth Crappie Tournament Results

The month of September brought us the last two Bozarth Crappie Tournaments of the year. Unlike the spring season where our first two tournaments had to be canceled due to high lake levels and bad weather, we were fortunate to have two nice Saturdays in a row to conclude the 2013 season. Leading up to the last two tournaments the fishing report from local fishermen was that large quantities of crappie being caught but a majority of them in the nine to ten inch cookie cutter mold. As you will see in the following results, the tournaments held true to that report outside of a few "kicker" fish that tipped the scales in favor of the tournament champion.

Our first fall season tournament kicked off on Saturday, September 14 at the Salamonie

Reservoir. We had a total of nine teams show up to compete on a nice sunny day with the lake level unaffected by weather. The team of Doug Clay and Mike Eviston came to the weigh in table with a weight of 3.36 pounds for seven fish to take first place honors. This was their first time fishing together as a team and also the first time either of them winning a tournament. Coming in a close second was the team of Gary Reed and grandson Blake Morris with a total weight of 3.17 pounds and rounding out the top three was Aaron Scott and David Pence with 3.12 pounds. Big Fish award went to the team of Shady Allen and Jack Jones who brought to the weigh in table a .75 crappie. Tourney winners Clay and Eviston had the second biggest fish with a weight of .63 pounds. This was a closely contested tournament as a total of 1.09 pounds separated first place from last.

Our final tournament of the year, Bozarth Classic, took place two weeks later on September 28th. In previous years we would normally have a two day event with one day on the Salamonie Reservoir and the second at Mississinewa Reservoir with a combined weight to determine the overall winner. With too many conflicting schedules and other events going on we decided to make it a one day tourney and open up both Reservoirs allowing our fishermen to decide

which lake they prefer to fish. As a token of appreciation for participating in our final two tournaments we also made available a prize for teams that fished both tournaments and had the highest combined two day weight.

Our 2013 Bozarth Classic had a total of eleven teams. We once again were lucky to have a beautiful day to fish as the weather held off and made for a great fishing day. The Salamonie Lake had begun its winter pool draw down and was down four to five feet while the Mississinewa was still at summer pool level. After taking third place in the previous tournament the team of Aaron Scott and David Pence came back again with another great showing as they netted a weight of 4.69 pounds to capture honors of Bozarth Classic champs! Along with being the overall champions

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Aaron Scott and David Pence winners of Bozarth Classic and Big Fish. (Photo by Author)



Myron Etchison and Gary Hoffman 2nd place finishers in Bozarth Classic. (Photo by Author)

they also claimed Big Fish honors with a 1.17 pound crappie. They caught all their fish at the Mississinewa Reservoir. Their two day total of 7.81 pounds also awarded them first place in our combined tournament challenge. Congratulations once again on a great fishing display!

The team of David Bowser and Marty McDermit tied with the team of Myron Etchison and Gary Hoffman to take second place honors with a total weight of 4.4 pounds. Following in fourth place was the team of Steve Pershing and Mike Bowser with 4.11 pounds. Second place Big Fish honors went to Gary Reed and Blake Morris with a .84 pound crappie.

We would like to thank everyone once again for their participation in these tournaments. We had several teams express how much fun they had while fishing these tournaments and are already looking forward to next year. If anyone is interested in fishing next year's tournaments you can contact us at (765) 981-4522 for more information.

Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

A Time for Dancing.....

Time to button up the lodge and get ready for winter. By now, in the old days, most of the preparation for winter is finished and we are getting ready for the big fall gathering. Time for a last visit with friends, before we settle down for the long winter's nap. There will be a big feast of corn on the cob, corn bread and a dish of succotash. Turkey and venison, maybe buffalo steaks. The annual hunt for the perfect ear of corn and the selection of the corn maiden. Already the singers have gathered round the drum and the dancing has begun. There will be round dances, courtship dances, at least one mask dance, and war dance. Of course the women will have their time in the dance circle and the people will dance in honor of one of the elders, who contributed to the people in some way.

Oh how I miss it all. My legs can no longer dance. Although I join in on the drum and singing familiar songs, I want so much to join the dance like in my younger days. I am honored today as a respected elder but it's not the same. Of course I am always invited to tell a story or two. It is my only contribution these days to the entertainment of the people, young and old alike.

I have many wonderful memories of my fifty some years as a traditional dancer. It was always my honor and joy to be the man leader, the war dance leader. The dances we performed were all the old

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Golden Eagle, at right in blue shirt, back to camera, teaches some dancing steps to visitors at Frontier Days.

time traditional dances. Each dancer wore the dress of their people. People in the audience ask why we didn't wear a lot of feathers, so I would explain to them that we did not do war dancing or as it is called today 'Oklahoma' or 'Fancy Dancing'.

I always enjoy Fall. It is still warm enough to sit on my porch and enjoy the activity as the four legged and the winged prepare for winter. I can almost hear the Drum and the singing off in the mist calling me to come to the Medicine Wheel and join in the dancing.

Fall is a time to remember and in those memories relive the past. In the fall I feel closer to the Great Spirit and the ancestors than at any other time of the year.

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Seabee Memorial Monument Dedication & Presentation

by Ray Dickerson

I was invited to attend the Dedication of a Seabee Memorial at the Marion, Indiana National Cemetery by Dan Wells, Commander of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-4 on October 5, 2013.

I arrived at the Marion National Cemetery a bit early at 9:50 a.m., it was raining cats and dogs and didn't look like it was going to quit anytime soon. The Dedication was slated to begin at 11 a.m.

Lo and behold just minutes before 11 a.m. blue sky emerged between the clouds and soon the sun shone over the beautifully landscaped cemetery.

Dan Wells, Seabee Island X-4 Commander welcomed us all to the Dedication and asked everyone to be seated (See photo on page 16).

He opened the ceremony by telling us that the Colors would be posted by Veterans of the Delaware County Honor Guard.

The Posting of the Colors was followed by the playing of our National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance (See photo on page 16).

Chaplain Hank Hansen did the Invocation.

Dan then introduced Army Captain Nate LaMar the Keynote speaker who gave a very interesting talk (See photo on page 16).

John Minnix from Centerville was standing next to me, I was so busy with my camera I didn't even recognize him. He introduced himself, I just laughed. John was one of the Vietnam Seabees I invited to the 67th NCB Reunion I did in Richmond September 2012. He is a member of NSVA Island X-4
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Row 1 - Top Left: Dan Wells, Commander of Navy SVA Island X-4 welcomes everyone to Memorial Service. Top Center: Veterans of Delaware Co Honor Guard posts the colors. Top Right: Monument unveiled by Monument Committee members Dick Conner and Jim Phillips. Row 2 - Left: Captain Nate Lamarr gives keynote speech. Right: Elfrieda Robinson Director of Marion National Cemetery accepts Monument. Row 3 - Left (Composite Photo): Honor Guard fires rifle volley and plays Taps. Right: Honor Guard retires the colors. Bottom Photo: Members of Navy SVA Island X-4. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

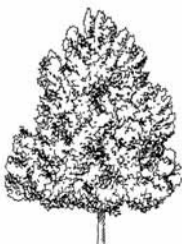
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POW/MIA Recognition Day

by Ray Dickerson

I was invited to attend the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony to be held 11:30 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2013 at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Richmond, IN by Wally Dudek, coordinator for the event.

When I arrived Wally Dudek was at the podium giving an overview of what is going on in locating and recovery of remains found at specific sites. The remains are then sent to the Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii (CILHI) for further testing. Included in the program is a update on all remains that were identified throughout the year, from WWII, Korea, Cold War, Vietnam, Iraq/Afghanistan.

Approximate numbers still missing and unaccounted for: WWII 73,661; Korea 7,906; Cold War 120; Vietnam 1644 and Iraq/Afghanistan and others 6.

Unfortunate total: 83,343. Those lost at sea or in mountainous regions will unlikely never be found.

The POW/MIA flag is an American flag designed as a symbol of citizen concern about US Military personnel taken as prisoners of war (POWs) or listed as missing in action (MIA). The POW/MIA flag, is the only flag (other than the U.S. Flag) ever displayed in the Capitol Rotunda.

POW/MIA Recognition Day is on the 3rd Friday of September each year.

Students attending the ceremony were juniors and seniors from the Whitewater Technical Career Center, which includes Union, Rush, Franklin and Fayette counties, also Centerville and Lincoln high schools. Elizabeth Shank-Fodrea brought them.

The new American Flag display along the walkway leading up to the Vietnam Memorial looks great. ■



Row 1 - Wally Dudek talking from the podium. Top Center: Honor Guard members Jim Hall and Lance Scholtes carry folded American Flag to podium. Top Right: Jim and Lance unfold American Flag. Row 2 - Jim and Lance refold the American Flag. Right: Honor Guard stands at attention while Taps are played. Row 3 - Jim and Lance carry folded American Flag away from podium. Right: The Flag ceremony has ended. Bottom Photo: Standing in front is Wally Dudek. Back Row, Left to Right: Wayne County Honor Guard members, Butch Marcum, Jim Hall, Duane Shank, Chaplain Tom Ashley, John Emerick, Lance Scholtes, Dennis Rigsby and Steve Coates. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



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1st place team of Larry Yates and Doug Allen. (Photo by Author)



2nd place Tom Allen and Troy Allen. (Photo by Author)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Tanners Creek Tournament

Summer break ended September 7th for the Slab Masters with a return to Tanners Creek on the Ohio River, Tanners Creek is only one of many tributaries that feed the Ohio River in southern Indiana it is located in Lawrenceburg, IN. and is a favorite with Southern Indiana and Ohio fishermen.

The day before the tournament I talked with several teams that felt this tournament could produce the biggest 7 fish stringer of the year. I ran into Larry Yates and Doug Allen the morning before the tournament, Larry told me that the creeks were on fire and that they had caught several good fish in recent days I got the feeling that this team would be hard to beat on their home waters.

Tournament morning was a cool foggy morning on the Ohio it was just the kind of morning needed to produce a record stringer of crappie. It was also one of the first mornings for me on the River as we only got to fish a couple times prior to the tournament and had only fished the shallower creeks west of Lawrenceburg, We simply ran out of time before we found good fish. The few fish we had found came out of 28" -30" of water in the thick-

est tree tops we could find. On tournament day they dropped the water level by over a foot which left us and a few other teams searching for fish.

The Team of Larry Yates and Doug Allen had no problem finding good fish and as some expected they came to the scales with a winning weight of 8.40 lbs not enough to have the best weight of the year but a nice tournament weight for Indiana waters. Larry and Doug caught their fish in 6-12 feet of water where they were swimming Southern Pro, Black and Chartreuse Jigs over stumps. This was Larry and Doug's first win of 2013 Congratulations Larry and Doug on a great win.

Finishing in second place was another tough Ohio team, Tom and Troy Allen with a total weight of 8.36 lbs. they were also swimming jigs in 6-12 feet of water and were covering a lot of water to catch their stringer.

The third place team of Jim Raymer and Doug Sikora were vertical jigging stumps in 6-12' of water using orange and Chartreuse Southern Pro tubes and Bobby Garland Slab Slayers tipped with minnows on their BnM rods to catch their 7.85 lb stringer.

Finishing in fourth place with big fish of the tournament (1.63 lb slab) and total weight of

6.68lbs. the always tough and very consistent team of John Quinn and Gale Risner they were spider rigging in 8-12' of water with Lake Fork and Southern Pro baits scented with Juiced Up Baits.

Rounding out the top 5, the 2012 and 2013 points champions, Tom Hankins and Glen Gill with a total weight of 6.12 lbs. Tom and Glen were also spider rigging in 6-12' of water with Lake fork baits to catch their fish.

Congratulations to all the top placing teams for a job well done. In closing I would like to talk a little about the point's race. If you think this is not a competitive club take a look at the BnM points race, the top five teams after this tournament were separated by only 16 points and it was a tie for 1st place.

With the Raccoon lake tournament now in the books and the points race decided congratulations to Tom Hankins and Glenn Gill the 2012 champions who beat out Charlie and Paul Hildreth the 2011 points champions by only 8 points. Jim Raymer and Doug Sikora Finished the season in third place, followed by Gale Risner and John Quinn. Ron Bilbrey and Damon Phillips rounded out the Top Five in points for 2013.

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3rd place Jim Raymer and Doug Sikora. (Photo by Author)



4th place Gale Risner and John Quinn. (Photo by Author)

The Top Five teams were separated at the end by only 22 points through their best 6 tournaments. If you think you might like competitive fishing come out and give it a try. The 2014 season looks like it could be even better.

The following is the Top Ten Teams with weights from Tanners Creek.

1st Larry Yates and Doug Allen	8.40lbs
2nd Tom and Troy Allen	8.36 lbs
3rd Jim Raymer and Doug Sikora	7.85 lbs
4th Gale Risner and John Quinn	6.68 lbs
5th Tom Hankins and Glenn Gill	6.12 lbs
6th Charlie and Paul Hildreth	5.57 lbs
7th Dan, Zach & Luke George	5.46 lbs
8th Brett Cunningham & Josh Kleber	5 lbs
9th Eric Milsaps & Rick Hancock	4.61 lbs
10th Myron Etcison and Jim Kiritsis	4.18 lbs

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Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

November Activities

Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

The season may be coming to a close in Metamora, but some of the most popular activities happen at this time of the year. With the start of the cold weather, there is nothing better than a warm bowl of chili. And keeping with this tradition, Metamora is having its 7th Annual Chili cook off on Nov. 2nd. As always we are looking for great chili makers as well as judges. If you want to judge, call 765-647-1212 and sign up. If you make a great chili without beans, be sure to enter. Entry forms are available at <http://www.metamora-indiana.com/chili-cookoff-entry.htm>. If you would rather eat, be sure to stop by the Metamora Firehouse. Contestants will be serving samples at noon for a small fee. There will be live entertainment from 11am-3pm. And of course there will be prizes, trophies and a chance to vote for your favorite chili. Hopefully it will win the People's Choice Award.

The one musical act coming to Metamora in Nov is Kriss Ziesemer, Megan King and Moriah Lawson on Nov 9. They will be performing at the Cat and the Fiddle, 19049 Clayborn St. The kitchen will open at 6:30pm with music from 7-9pm. Their music has been described as edgy, warm and thought provoking.

Please note: Final Friday disappears for November and December, but returns on the final Friday of the month in January at the Cat and the Fiddle.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad is once again run-

ning The Polar Express TM. The train leaves Connersville for a journey through the countryside before finally stopping at the "North Pole" to visit Santa Claus. These trains are very popular with some dates already sold out. So if you're interested be sure to get your reservations in. This year the Polar Express TM train will be running Nov 15-Dec 15 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information and reservations call 765-825-2054 or visit www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions/.

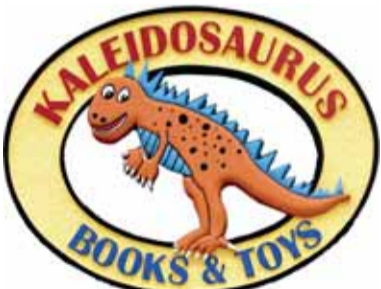
The holiday season starts in Metamora with the 30th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony held Nov 23 from 6:30-7:30pm. There will be fire barrels, hot chocolate and coffee to help keep everyone warm. Music will be provided by Catrina and the Baggy Bottom Boys, as well as a sing-along, reading of the Christmas story and the arrival of Santa Claus.

The 30th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony leads us to the 30th annual Christmas walk, Nov 29-Dec 22. The hours are Friday and Saturday 10am-10pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. This is a wonderful time to visit Metamora. The outside of the shops are decorated with lights, luminaries line the walkways, and carolers can be found around the village. Don't forget to visit Santa at the Santa house and get a memorable photo. It's a great place to find that one unique gift as well.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad will be running two special trains. The Santa Claus Limited Train Excursion will be Nov 29 at 10am, 12pm, and 2pm. The train leaves the station in Connersville and picks up Santa Claus along the way. Tickets are \$7 for ages 2 and up. For reservations call 765-825-2054. Note: This train is not affiliated with the Polar Express train.

Finally the Whitewater Valley Railroad will be running the Metamora Holiday Special. The train will run Nov 29, 30, Dec 7, and Dec 14 with a 4pm departure from Connersville and a 3 1/4 hour layover in Metamora. Reservations must be made in advance to ride this train. Be sure to call 765-825-2054 or go to www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions/. Fares for the Metamora Holiday Special are adults \$25 and children 2-12 \$15. Caboose rentals are available for \$425 and hold up to 20 people.

The season finishes on Sunday, Dec 22 at 5pm with the closing of the Grist Mill. Many of the shops will be closing then as well. During the months of January - March, many of the crafters work on making new items for their shops. So come back and visit us in April and see what's new.




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by **Marshall Smith**
Owner/Gunsmith

Gun Sights

This month I wanted to discuss installing new sights on rifles. A customer brought in a very nice looking Mauser K98. It was a bring back, the rifle serial number and the bolt were different. The serial number indicates it was made around 1939-1940 at the Mauser AG Oberndorf plant and finished at the Berlin-Lübecker Maschinenfabrik. {Picture: Nov Photo1}The rifle has been stripped of its bluing and polished to a low gloss. The original stock was modified to a sporting stock without a Monte Carlo style cheek rest. It still kept the original metal butt plate. I checked the condition of the bore and although rusted it appeared worn but in serviceable condition after a good scrubbing and cleaning.

The customer's complaint was they had purchased the rifle at an estate auction and when shooting it they couldn't hit anywhere on their target. The customer is a good shot with a rifle having achieved "Expert" rating in the U.S. Army. I checked the rifle sights to determine if the front and rear sights were at the right height in relation to each other and the center of the bore. I found that the rear sight was .988" above the centerline of the 7.92 mm bore. The front sight was .632" above the bore centerline. All Rifles must have the rear sight slightly higher than the front sight in order to "pitch" the bullet in an arc to its target. The difference in the sight height is dependent on the sight radius, that is the distance from the rear to front sight. Just thousandths of inch in difference is all that is necessary for most rifles with sight radius of more than 18 inches. In this case the difference was .356" or more than a 3rd of an inch. I needed to install a new front sight blade which was significantly taller. Before doing so I needed to determine just how far off, or short, the front sight was. I went to the range and found the point of impact (POI) was on average 11.5 inches higher and 7.5 inches left of point of aim (POA) at 50 yards. Good thing I didn't waste good ammo trying to locate the POI at 100 yards. I really would have had to use the side of a barn for my target. As it was I put up a plain white sheet of table paper to cover the 4'x4' target. Thanks to my friend Jim who happened to have some table paper in his truck for just such an occasion.

With the information I obtained at the range I ordered a new, taller sight blade and installed it. Then back to the range to determine the amount of metal to remove from the new blade. The formula for adjusting the front sight blade height is to divide the vertical distance between the POA and POI by the



Left Photo: The rifle has been stripped of its bluing and polished to a low gloss. The original stock was modified to a sporting style stock with the bayonet hardware removed and the front sight "ears" removed. Right Photo: This photo of both sight blades shows the new installed sight next to the old sight. Note the .356" difference in the height of the blades. (Author Photos)

distance from the rear sight to the target, all figures in inches. Multiply that result by the distance from the rear sight to the front sight. The result will be the amount of change needed in the front sight height. After installing and adjusting the new sight the difference in the sight height is now .078". The rifle will still have a POI lower than the POA at 100 meters, but will be on zero at 200 meters. With the bore in its current condition and with the ammo currently available, it will never be a tack driver unless the barrel is changed out for a .308 or 30-06 chambering.

If your rifle is shooting high and there is no vertical adjustment in the rear sight or it has run out of adjustment, then it is probable that you will have to increase the height of the front sight. If it is shooting low and the rear sight has no vertical adjustment then you may have to shorten the front sight by one or two thousandths. If your rifle is significantly off target you may want to contact a competent gunsmith to sight the rifle in for you. Keep in mind that he will want from you the ammo you intend to use most for your hunting or target shooting. The ammo you decide to use will have a significant impact on the accuracy. The different ballistic performances of the various brands of ammo and weight of the bullet will cause different POI for the same zero of your rifle if no adjustments are made for the individual brands. Ballistic performance is some pretty technical stuff and I'll address that more in a future column.

The Dumbing Down of America

I'm a pilot and a bit prejudiced about the good of flying and the teaching of our children to be independent, unafraid to learn, and the power of knowledge. The following news report just reinforced my opinion of the national news media trying its best to dumb down Americans into thinking like idiots. I first saw the report on NBC news but have since found that it was reported days earlier in the Huffington Post. The Post didn't accuse, berate or rebuke the Chinese Dad nor did the Post endorse his actions. That was not the case with NBC.

September 6, 2013. News report on NBC deriding Chinese father for allowing his 5 year old son to fly an ultra light airplane solo. While NBC's Willie and Savannah are calling the father a child abuser the child is enjoying learning to fly an airplane. Some of the father's training to make his child stronger may have been tough on the 5 year old. But calling it child abuse to teach a child to fly an ultra light airplane isn't. Flying a plane in the air isn't that hard. The airplane wants to fly and all you have to do is keep it going the direction you intend it to go. The hard part is landing it safely and taking off safely. And from what I can see from the video's put up by NBC, the child was flying the ultra light but not solo, Dad was in the rear seat. More liberal wimpish sheep

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

A flock saves the day

Prior to the September 1st opener of the early Canada goose season, I pretty much figured that we wouldn't have a ton of birds to hunt that morning. The area we had been scouting had birds in it, just not as many as we would have liked. There appeared to be two or three small flocks of birds using the area, with a total of about 40 or fifty geese. Nonetheless, they were the only birds we had located on property we could hunt, so we set the plan in motion, figuring on at least having shots at two or three small flocks of geese on opening morning.

Opening morning found a few of us all nestled in our layout blinds around the field, while a couple of the others hid out in the tall reeds and cattails surrounding the small body of water that lied adjacent.

By eight-o'clock we hadn't seen any geese, but we really weren't too concerned. A couple of us who had been scouting the field the week before had seen geese in it every day at about 9:30 in the morning and we knew that some of birds were not showing up until closer to 8:30. So we simply stayed at the ready, knowing that some of them should start showing up soon.

Not more than twenty minutes later we spotted a

large flock of geese in the distance. We all hurriedly got situated and readied ourselves for the shooting that was hopefully about to happen.

The came in perfectly! As they circled and began their descent, I was excited as I could hear the wind whistling as their cupped wings helped them glide in to the decoys. Then, there they were – not more than a measly ten yards above me. We sprung from our blinds in a hurry and took careful aim at the flock. When the dust settled, we had half-dozen geese on the ground for our efforts.

The only problem with any of that was that the flock that had come in was huge – like fifty or sixty birds huge. I would have much preferred separate, smaller groups of birds. If a flock of fifty come in, for instance, you only get to shoot at that group of birds once. If five flocks of ten come in on the other hand, you get to shoot five different times. Get my drift here? So, in this case, as it turned out, that one group was it for the day. Either what we thought was a couple of different groups was likely just one big one, or the groups decided to group up for some reason. Either way, that was all she wrote on that day.

We did see a few other groups of birds that morning, but none of them felt the need to come in our direction. My guess, at least for one or two of the other groups we saw, was that they were roosted close enough to where we were hunting that they heard the shooting and decided to stay clear. It also didn't help that the flock that we shot at went and landed in close proximity to where we saw some birds get up from later in the morning, so I am sure that the jig was up for us on those birds anyway.

The bottom line is this; some hunters would have been disappointed in the fact that we only had one group of birds come in (as a couple in our group said so!) While it wasn't what I was expecting, I was also just happy that we had some action anyway. That one large flock – for that one single minute – saved the day on that morning as far as I am concerned. Had it not been for them, heck we wouldn't even have needed our guns!

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Nicholas Martino, the author's son, with a couple of the geese from their first outing of the year. I am sure if you asked him, he was happy enough with the only flock of geese that came in that day! (Author Photo)

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Susie and our two guides, plus DNR Biologist on Fox Lake. Notice our warm clothing. It got up to 80 degrees later in the week. (Photo by Author)



A great blue heron surveys the Horicon Marsh from his dead tree perch.. (Photo by Author)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Three Lakes and Cheese Curds

We recently returned from six days at an outdoor writers conference in the area around Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Lots of water, food, liquid refreshment (ice tea and diet pop for us!), and a wide variety of cheeses were available for the next week. The weather was cool and foggy every morning and very pleasant in the afternoon.

Susie and I arrived two days early to enjoy some of the local attractions before the conference officially started. After checking into the Holiday Inn on the south end of Fond du Lac, we immediately headed for their restaurant. Because of the time change, and our early (5 PM) eating time, we had the place to ourselves. We ordered our diet Pepsi with lime and I asked the waitress to bring us an order of fried cheese curds.

The next morning found us standing on the boat dock at Fox Lake, about thirty minutes south. We had on long underwear, heavy clothes, gloves and hats. It was about 40 degrees and windy. Tim Nehis of Fish Tales Bait Shop (www.foxlakefishtales.com) in the town of Fox Lake set us up with Dennis Kempf and Dale Yahnke, two local fishing guides, and Laura Stremick who was the DNR Fisheries Biologist for the area. The fishing trip was set up for six people plus our three experts. The other four people never showed, so Susie and I got the full treat-

ment.

Fox Lake is a shallow 2600 acre impoundment varying from three to twenty-eight feet deep. We didn't catch any of the northern or musky known to inhabit these waters, but we did catch bluegill, crappie, perch, and I had one walleye get off at the boat. To show how easy it is to catch fish in this lake, Dennis dropped a bare hook over the side and in a few seconds, pulled in a nice crappie. In the late 1960's and again in the late 90's, the lake had to be drawn down, chemically treated the first time to control the plant life, then just removing the carp the second. Now the fishing here is outstanding in both open water and later through the ice.

After a morning of catching fish, we met with our local Tourism contact, Leslie Hershberger, the Director of the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center, for lunch. We went to The Boat House Pub & Eatery on the shores of Fox Lake. (Check out www.boathousepubandeatery.com.) We would definitely return to this establishment both for the quality of the food and service and the gorgeous view of the lake.

After lunch, we headed south a short distance to Beaver Dam Lake in the city of Beaver Dam. We were greeted by Bill and Evonne Boettge, Pete Hupf, and Bob from the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association for a quick overview of the lake and the work being done to maintain its excellent quality. We boarded a pontoon for a leisurely ride around the water. This 6500 acre fishery is only three to eight feet deep, but it is the 16th largest inland lake in Wisconsin with 41 miles of shoreline.

The aeration system for winter oxygen keeps the musky, walleye, and other fishes healthy when the ice covers the lake. Over one hundred thousand walleye fingerlings are stocked annually. Duck hunters also find this an outstanding hunting spot in the fall. Visit www.bdlia.org to find out more about this area.

We traveled east from Beaver Dam to Horicon, home of the Horicon Marsh Wildlife Area, which is also a National Wildlife Refuge. Established in 1941, this 33,000 acre wetland formed by the Wisconsin Glacier, is the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States. It is one of the

largest nesting sites for the redhead duck, while mallards and blue-wing teal are the most abundant nesting waterfowl. The area has always been attractive to Canadian geese and the large cranes also use this marsh as a stopover on their migration routes.

(Their website is www.horiconmarsh.org.)

Leslie Hershberger and her staff held a reception and dinner for visiting outdoor writers and outdoor manufacturer's representatives at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center. She stopped the festivities long enough to allow us to take pictures of the gorgeous sunset over the Marsh. As everywhere we had eaten in Wisconsin, we were offered cheese curds as an appetizer. These, however, were not breaded and deep fried as we were used to, but were just small hunks of delicious white cheese.

The next few days were back at the Holiday Inn for meetings, seminars, food (at least four or five times a day!), meeting and making contacts with other writers, editors, outdoor manufacturers and reps, and trying to get at least five hours of

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We stopped our evening meeting long enough to take pictures of the sunset over the wetlands of Horicon Marsh. (Photo by Author)



One of the great boats piloted by a Mercury Marine Pro Staffer on our fishing outing. Most of the boats had a fancy paint job like this and a Merc 300 on the back. (Photo by Author)

sleep at night. At every meal, the servers would bring around trays of ice tea and, of course, milk, this being Wisconsin. Every feeding time except breakfast offered cheese curds and lots of other varieties of Wisconsin cheese.

For Thursday morning, the writers were asked to sign up for a selection of hunting and fishing outings. I selected the half day fishing on Lake Winnebago. Mercury Marine whose headquar-

ters are in Fond du Lac, secured Mercury Pro-Staffers and local fishing guides to take us out. Probably 15 boats were lined up at the dock, all with great paint jobs and huge Mercury engines. It looked like we were going to race the space shuttle to the far end of the 35 mile long lake!

Keith Kavajecg, our pilot, I mean our guide, took us about eight or ten miles up the lake to his favorite spot. He started putting out rods on both sides and the rear of the boat as we would be trolling for a variety of fish. Clayton Diskerud, another outdoor writer on the boat with Keith and I was hoping for a lot of action.

We weren't disappointed. We not only caught over 50 fish, but we boated five different species. Before our time was up, we had landed a mess of white bass, crappie, perch, walleye, and sheepshead. Most of the other boats reported similar results.

The nightly reception that evening included a large variety of Wisconsin cheese, with cheese curds being high on my list. All you can eat pizza and spaghetti with garlic bread followed. The night concluded with our annual live and silent auction which I know did very good for our organization because everything went way higher than I could afford.

The next morning found us headed back to Indiana. Before we left town, Susie wanted to make one last stop at a cheese shop. Guess what she bought.



Pete Hupf, a local fishing guide offered to trade an ice fishing trip for metal detector lessons. His first dig was this silver bracelet. (Photo by Author)

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the expert goes onto the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Facebook page and answers as many questions as possible in the usual 1 hour allotted time. The topics vary and the presenting experts welcome questions and public interaction. Upcoming topics are previewed on the DNR website and Facebook page. As of this writing the next talk, about nocturnal animals, will be on October 23rd from 2-3pm. If you haven't already done so, fire up your computer, go to Facebook and 'like' the Indiana Department of Natural Resources so you can talk to a DNR expert. All the cool kids are doing it.




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The morning set up for the Hoosier Outdoor Experience (HOE). John Adams to the left, Scot Dahms sitting, Tom Setser in the back. (Photo by Author)



A busy time Saturday at the Hoosier Outdoor Experience (HOE). (Photo by Author)

Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM 52nd ISTA Convention & Rendezvous

The 52nd ISTA Convention and Rendezvous was

just held Sept. 13 & 14, 2013 at the Tipton County 4-H Fairgrounds. We had a really good Convention with wonderful weather. The Vendors report that sales were brisk and the activity steady, and all were very favorable toward staying in Tipton. The Auction Friday night brought in over \$1600 and NAFA presented the ISTA with a very nice share check. The Silent auctions on Friday and Saturday added to the funds raised as did the Dunn Knife Give-a-ways. Standing Board members, Fred Philips, President; Melissa Mansfield, Secretary; and Tom Setser, Board member, were all re-elected. Jesse Melton was elected as the New FTA representative. (Again, we thank Doyle Flory for his years of service as the FTA Representative.) Deric Beroshok was appointed to fill the Director position of Kevin Dyer, who had resigned earlier in the month. Of the 32 Ballots returned, 19 voted to keep the Convention in Tipton and 13 voted to move it somewhere else. The Board will take this subject up at the next meeting in October. One thing is for certain, and that is that the 53rd ISTA Convention and Rendezvous will be the second full weekend in September next year, Sept. 13 & 14, 2014. The Hoosier Outdoor Experience (HOE) will be the follow-

ing weekend, Sept. 20 & 21, 2014. This is such a wonderful venue to present our sport to non-trappers, that we just have to keep a full presence at this event. Many thanks are due to all of the members who pitched in to set up tables, take em down, run the auction and the various contests that went on. I wish I had the room to list everyone who made donations to our auctions and Give-A-Ways. They will be listed in the next ISTA Newsletter. Suffice it to say that Tom



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Beaver Foot receives his Dunn Knife from Tom Geisler (left) and Paul Waldman (right).



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Jerry Schilling, winner of the Remington 870 Shotgun. (Photo by Author)

Morelock did a great job in setting up the Convention and Rendezvous. Thank you Tom. Food was provided by the Tipton County 4-H Kantering Kids. They

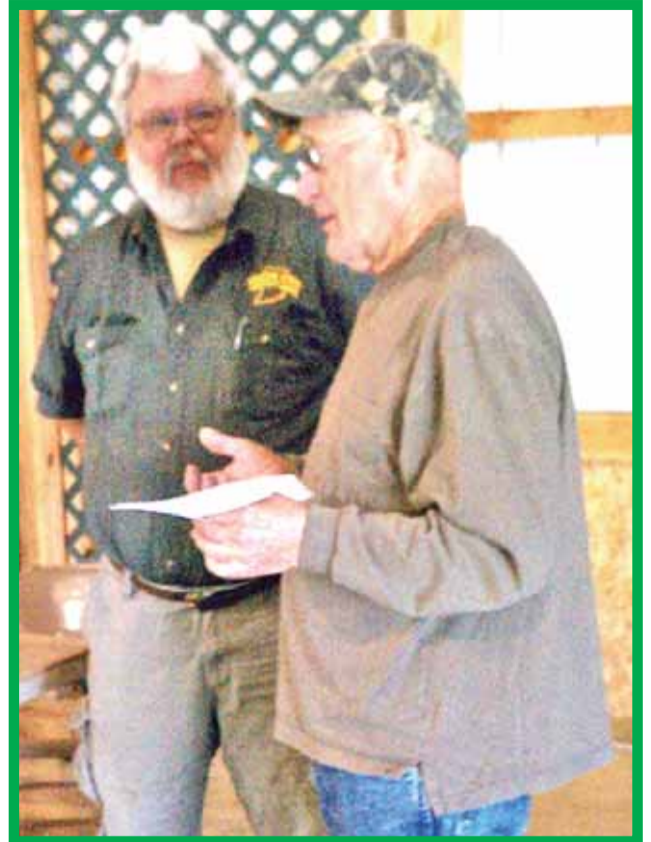


Marsha Rudd winner of the Savage .22 rifle in pink. (Photo by Author)

had biscuits and gravy in the morning with other offerings, and tube steaks and pulled pork with the fixins for the rest of the day. They had a good time and look forward to working with the ISTA next year. Jerry Schilling was drawn by Noah, our newest young trapper care of Tom Setser's Danville Trapper Education Class, to be the winner of the Remington 870. Marsha Rudd was drawn as the winner of the Pink Savage .22. Many people received many door prizes throughout both days of the Convention. Jim O'Brien, Beaver Foot, Todd Reinvehl, and Wilbur Cook all won Dunn Knives. If you did not make the Convention this year, you really missed a good time.

The next weekend, members of the ISTA staffed our booth at the HOE and had the chance to educate hundreds of people on the sport of trapping. We had the ISTA trap collection out on the tables as well as the Otter and a selection of furs. Behind the tables, we made examples of the types of sets used by trappers and showed types of traps and restraint wire sets. Lots of questions were asked and answered. If the traps had not been zip tied open, we would have had quite a catch of youngins, and even some oldsters, who just couldn't resist putting their toe in there to see what would happen. The National Trappers Association graciously provided us with the new Pamphlets concerning how trapping benefits everyone preventing animal damage and allowing ground nesting birds a real chance at reproduction. If you are interested in getting a pair of these pamphlets, please send me a self addressed stamped envelope and I will send them to you. The address of the ISTA is PO Box 375, Centerville, IN 47330.

As I write this, there are three (3) Trapper Education (TE) Courses left to be run this year. The Salamonie Reservoir will be done by the time you get this paper. That will leave the Kingsbury Fish and Wildlife Area, LaPorte, IN and Raccoon Lake,



Terry Manley presents Fred Philips, President of the ISTA a Share Check. (Photo by Author)

Rockville, IN both being run on Nov. 2 & 3, 2013. In order to attend a course, you HAVE to register on-line at www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana/ to have a spot in the desired course. Many of the courses have limited enrollment to keep the ratio of students to educators manageable. If you have any problems, please call the IDNR people associated with the event to be sure that you can get in. A full listing of the TE Course is available at the Calendar of the www.indianatrappers.org. Next year's courses are already being set. Bloomington TE is looking to move to April 5 & 6, 2014, AND we are hoping to have an Advanced Class there. To be in the Advanced Class, you have to hold a TE card. The Advanced Class will spend more time in the field practicing making sets.

Lastly, don't forget the next ISTA Fur Sale will be Jan. 11, 2014 at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds, Peru, IN. Last year ran very well with some 1800 furs sold to 13 buyers within 4 hours. Yes, we were done by 2 pm. With the relatively high fur prices holding, I would expect this sale to be even bigger. May your traps be full.

So as you go, watch your top knot, keep your eyes along the skyline. Fred "DR" Philips, DVM, Pres. ISTA

Fishing Lake Michigan

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Make your children's first outing a family affair. If Little Johnny tags along with several non-related adults and things become miserable for him, either the adults will all have to capitulate or Johnny will have to tough it out. Neither is a good scenario.

In the end, I encourage bringing the kids along, but I also explain up front many of the above details. Most of the time, the kids do fine, catch a few fish and are eager for their next chance. THE END

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Ramblings from Da Region



by Gene Clifford

Gene is appearing in this issue as a Guest Writer.



Dan McGuckin, private forester from Southern Indiana with a degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management. (Author Photo)

Taking Root in Indiana

There are many occupations that involve stewardship of our natural resources. Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down with Dan McGuckin a private consulting forester from Southern Indiana. Dan started his career in natural resources after graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management. He jumped around various temporary jobs with The National Park Service and local County Government, before landing a full time job with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Dan spent 11 years with the IDNR including working as the Assistant Manager at Jasper-Pulaski FWA and a District Wildlife Biologist in Bloomington, IN. He then left the IDNR to work as a Restoration Biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where he spent 4 years.

He is presently in business for himself as the owner of Habitat Solutions, a wildlife and forest management company. He is living on the Brown County/Bartholomew County line near Nashville, Indiana. This area offers more opportunities for traditional forest management, than northern Indiana, with mostly un-glaciated hills with 250 to 300 foot valleys between them, too hilly to farm, but just right for forestry. This area encompasses approximately 500,000 acres. It is the largest contiguous forest in the lower Midwest running from Tell City on the Ohio River, northward through Paoli, Bedford and to the north and east towards Columbus. It includes the Hoosier National Forest, Brown County State Park, Morgan/Monroe State Forest and Yellowwood State Forest, amongst others.

He is the only full-time employee of his company. He has two technicians, one of which is his son, who is a freshman in college, studying Forestry and Wildlife Management too. They are both part-time. They are utilized to do much of the hands-on physical work that is needed. He prefers to be out in the field doing things himself as often as possible. He is hired by his clients because of his expertise in the field and he seldom subcontracts his work out. He assists landowners in timber sales and encourages buyers to come look at the trees he has marked, and oversees the timber harvesting operation that goes on.

There are other traditional forestry services such as timber stand improvement, working with landowners to improve the composition and quality of their forests. Or by selectively increasing crop-tree choices, going through the landowners woods and identifying the highest quality trees, either by species or form, that are desirable, and eliminating some of the competition around them, including the poorer quality trees. This increases the value of the

products plus increasing wildlife value. If you are a wildlife advocate, and you want to produce more acorns on your property, try giving some sunlight and more nutrients to the oak trees. This will surely increase the mast crop. Most oak trees produce acorns by the time they are 20 to 25 years old. By 40 years, if they're getting enough sunlight and are not suppressed by competing with a lot of adjacent trees, and are in a good position within the canopy, they should be producing bountiful crops of acorns, Dan says.

He, fortunately, has not experienced peaks and valleys in his four years of being in business for himself. There has been a noticeable growth in his business each year, as it takes a while for people to notice you are out there, providing these services and becoming familiar with your name.

There are many State and Federal cost-share programs available to assist landowners. Dan helps his client wade through the confusion of the many programs to secure assistance in implementing their management goals.

There are about 40 consulting Forester's in the state of Indiana, of which 20 to 25 are full-time, with Dan being the only one, who is both a Certified Forester and Certified Wildlife Biologist. This is a niche that Dan feels is to his advantage in that, besides his forestry services, he also has a strong wildlife management background.

One of the many programs Dan deals with is the USDA - Farm Bill, including the Conservation Reserve Program and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. These programs help with many practices such as tree planting, native grass planting and non-native invasive species control. Some of the non-native invasive plants treated include problem plants like Japanese Honeysuckle, Multi-flora Rose and Autumn Olive. Eliminating those invasive plant species does a lot for native wildlife, and it helps native forests to regenerate, proving that there is a lot of overlap in forestry and wildlife management.

Many invasive plants start their growing season much earlier in the Spring during cooler weather and continue growing well into the Fall's much cooler weather, which gives them a competitive advantage amongst many non-native plants.

Autumn Olive is also a nitrogen-fixer, like the legume family of peas and beans that allows it to grow in really, really poor soil where the more desirable native plants may not be able to adapt. You most often see it along roadside cuts and at the edges of

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Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye Tournament Live-well Team. (Photo by Dianna Koester)



Winners of the 2013 Walleye Tournament. (Photo by Dianna Koester)



Winners of the 2013 Bass Tournament. (Photo by Dianna Koester)



Winners of the 2013 Catfish Tournament. (Photo by Dianna Koester)

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2013 Richard T. Gaston Walleye Tournament

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The 2013 Richard T. Gaston Final Memorial Walleye Tournament at Brookville Lake September 14th included approximately 51 teams of Walleye, Bass and Catfish fisher persons.

Following is the winners of each category.

WALLEYE

- 1st Place - D. Skelley and R. Kimmerly 5.15 lb.
- 2nd Place - D. Deters and B. Sayne 3.4 lb.
- 3rd Place - D. Herron and R. Miller 2.55 lb.
- 4th Place - D. Egbert and M Stout 2.3 lb.
- 5th Place - J. Wickey and Muzzarelli 1.85 lb.
- Big Fish - D. Skelley and R. Kimmerly 2.25 lb.

BASS

- 1st Place - T. Snidely and D. Miller 12.55 lb.
- 2nd Place - P. Hurt and F. Felix 9.15 lb.
- 3rd Place - K. Bennett and M. Bennett 8.10 lb.
- 4th Place - C. Bark and J. Ruffler 6.5 lb.
- 5th Place - J. ? and J. Smith 3.5 lb.
- Big Fish - T. Snidely and D. Miller 3.4 lb.

CATFISH

- 1st Place - D. Wooley 20.4 lb.
- 2nd Place - T. Roman 12.75 lb.
- 3rd Place - M. Sebesky 11.35 lb.
- Big Fish - D. Wooley 14.75 lb.
- Smallest - L. Blevins .65 lb.

Amy, Jeff, Dianne, Caroline, Lauren, Paul, Delores, Macy, Phil, Pete, Barry and all the people who made this tournament possible want to thank everyone for their generous support for these past 15 years that the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye and Catfish Contest was held.

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79th NCB Seabee Joe Rudy

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throwers inside the caves. We (Jack and I) would wait and one time the Japs, 3 of them, came out with their hands up. The tallest one had his hands up high and the two behind, the smaller ones, came and shrew stick grenades at us. We were lucky. Some of the other ones in the caves they would not cooperate so we drilled a 3 foot starter bit hole and later up to 10 foot, drilled about 8 holes 10 foot deep, putting dynamite in each hole, then blew the caves up. And that is the rest of the story, as Paul Harvey would say.

The battle for Okinawa was a bad place. Japanese farmers would work in the fields in the day time and at night they would be snipers. They finally put them in compounds and they were guarded all the time. When the war was over they stole our pet white goat and helmets. To me I'm glad it's over, it's a shame to fight and today we are worse off than we were in World War II.

I hunt very little now. My 86 Comanche went bad so I gave it to the junk man, I really miss it. Nothing like hunting, especially small game. I've also hunted up in Canada and New York with five dogs and five of my friends.

I'll close now, take care and especially good health.

A friend always, Joe"

One thing is for sure Joe and all the other Seabees I have interviewed in person, talked to on the phone or corresponded with via e-mails, have one thing in common, their modesty. They talk about being overseas during World War II like they would talk about visiting Florida today.

It wasn't like that, they traveled thousand of miles to the South Pacific through typhoons, rough seas, monsoons, Japanese infested islands, Japanese submarine attacks, Kamikaze attacks, snipers, snake infested regions, sickness, broken limbs, dreariness and the prospect of certain death if America invaded Japan after Okinawa was taken. Fortunately for the Seabees, Navy, Marines, Army and Army Air Force President Truman gave permission for the atom bombs to be dropped on Japan ending World War II in the Pacific.

I want to thank Joe and Catherine Rudy for their hospitality and good conversation when I visited them in their home. I expect to visit them again on my next trip east in 2014.

Read article about the Dedication of a Seabee Monument in the Marion, IN National Cemetery on page 16 in this issue.

Camping Here and Beyond

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before taking chances.

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Seabee Monument

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4. Later he gave me a ride back to my van.

Then Dan Wells stood at the podium and explained to us the dedication process they undertook to secure the Seabee Memorial Monument and have it placed in the Marion National Cemetery. Both the Island X-4 from New Castle and Island X-3 from Warsaw of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America were successful and honored to be dedicating the Seabee Memorial this day, October 5, 2013 at the Marion National Cemetery.

He then announced it was time to unveil the Seabee Memorial Monument, with the honors going to Monument Committee members Dick Conner and Jim Phillips (See photo on page 16)

Then Danny West, Navy SVA National Membership Chairman presented the Monument to the Marion National Cemetery Director Elfrieda Robinson.

Elfrieda Robinson than accepted the Monument as Director of the Marion National Cemetery and thanked all those who worked so hard and diligently in getting it placed here (See photo on page 16).

Then to Honor the Veterans who have gone before us the Delaware County Honor Guard fired three rifle volleys followed by the playing of Taps (See photo on page 16).

Chaplain Hank Hensen gave the Benediction. Then the Delaware County Honor Guard Retired the Colors from the field (See photo on page 16).

Thanks to the following:

The Monument Committee included Veterans Dick Conner, Jim Phillips, Dan Wells and Danny West.

The Delaware County Honor Guard included Veterans Herman Willard, Harold Mallo, Danny Smith, Jim Lancaster, Jose Gaitan, Hank Hansen, Bruce Clark, Charlie Crabtree, Danny Irwin, Jr., Danny Irwin, Sr., Danny Thornburg and Dale Vold.

The Marion National Cemetery Ceremonies Staff included Mell Carson, John Drake, Travis Keith, James Loftis and Darnell Moore.

The NSVA Island X-4 included Veterans Wes Bailey, John Horne, Al Ihnat, Larry Lephart, John Minnix, Jack Richter, Bobbie Scroggins, Dan Wells, Dick Conner, Mike Freeman, Jeff Probst, Bob Stone, Loren Lovegrove, Richard Wooten, Robert Wooten, Eric Gentry, Joe Holycross, Jim Phillips, Wil Painter, Ron Davis, Dick Newell, Stephanie Probst and Ed Coberly. (See Island X-4 members photo on page 16)


Major Supporters include Danny and Yoshiko West, ABF Freight, Wilfred L. Painter, Jr. and American Veterans WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

Lastly it was time for photos and then go home. I really enjoyed myself as guests of Island X-4 & 3.

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showing up on TV. Watch out, our so called socialites are trying to convince us to become sheep so the wolves of this world can take over. They are trying to convince us that teaching our children to be strong, think for themselves, to be confident and unafraid to try, goes against the social norm and is abusive to the child. Doesn't history teach us anything? It is our responsibility to teach our children to be leaders, to think for themselves, to be selfless but strong. To believe in themselves and always look to better themselves and those around them by their actions. Tough Love is a reality and needs more parent practitioners.



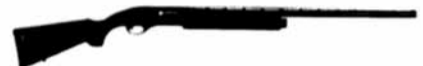
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Remember, B SAR (Be Safe, Be Aware, Be Responsible)
 Marshall Smith
 Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

of Historic Centerville at the Mansion House, drinks will be provided. The dinner will be held on Oct 24 at 6:30 p.m., 214 E. Main St, Centerville, IN. The community is invited to bring a dish for the dinner. If you can't make the dinner, come to the meeting at 7:30 p.m. We suggest folks with last names A-H bring vegetable or side dishes, I-P salads and Q-Z bring desserts. The speaker for the evening will be Joe Frost speaking about John Brown and Harper's Ferry, he is a Community Preservation Specialist at the Huddleston Farmhouse and National Road Heritage Site near Cambridge City. The gathering begins at 6 p.m., new members are welcome. Dues can be paid that evening.

WAYNE COUNTY COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Centerville has a unique Indiana historic treasure, the only standing county log courthouse in the state. It is older than the state, having been completed in 1812 and is Wayne County's first courthouse. Wayne County is one of the first seven counties in the Indiana Territory formed in 1810.

The Log Courthouse was originally built in Wayne County's first county seat, Salisbury, a town that no longer exists. The building was sold about 1818, moved to Richmond, rebuilt and used as a house. It was nearly demolished in 1952 but was saved and moved to the old Centerville Fair Grounds, now the high school athletic field. The log building now sits on the Mansion House property at 214 E. Main Street. The basic building is strong but there has been quite a bit of deterioration since the courthouse was rebuilt. When completed, the repairs will preserve the building for many years. The contractor chosen by the Board of Trustees is John Nelk of Nashville, IN. His bid was \$36,112.

A Capital Campaign is underway to raise money for the project. The campaign will begin in late October and extend through November. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to cover any unexpected problems that might be discovered in the process of repair. We are asking people interested in Centerville and historical preservation to help us. Donations for the log courthouse should be sent to; **Historic Centerville, Inc. Courthouse Fund; P. O. Box 73, 214 E. Main, Centerville, IN. 47330.**

Historic Centerville, Inc. is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible. Phone calls may be made to **765-855-5333 or 765-914-1990.**

UNION COUNTY EXT. HOMEMAKERS HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 23, 2013

The Union County Extension Homemakers are having their Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at the Union County Middle School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 488 E. SR 44, Liberty, IN 47353.

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Many landowners at times feel overwhelmed with the responsibilities of property management. If you find yourself in need of some professional advice or assistance with your property, consider contacting a consulting forester like Dan to help you achieve your goals. Dan can be reached at habitatforestry@yahoo.com or (812) 320-3678. A directory of consulting foresters is also available at <http://www.findindianaforester.org>.

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• Finally, as always, **BUCKLE UP!**
DEER WHISTLES HAVE MADE THE DIFFERENCE FOR ME SINCE 2004

I use to scoff at people who talked about using "Deer Whistles" on their vehicles, that is until I was given a "Living Products" deer whistle by my insurance agent, Carl Sharp in 2004. This deer whistle was different, just one piece. I mounted it in the middle of my grill on my then Gad-a-bout Ford Aerostar Van. It is called a "Save-A-Deer" whistle, but actually since I've had one on all my vehicle (s) since 2004 I've save thousands of all kinds of animals. I can testify truthfully that not only have I saved deer, but also raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, skunk, opossum, ground hog, coyote and fox.



I'm not quite sure this whistle effects cats, dogs or farm animals. I've not encountered many of these latter animals on the roads I travel. One important thing though, slow down regardless, when you see an animal near or in the road. Several times when I have saw a deer cross the road in front of me, a second and third one was coming behind it.

You can buy this deer whistle at Mendenhall's Hardware at 125 S.W. 5th St. in Richmond, IN.

Check out this deer whistle by logging onto their website: www.deerwhistle.com.

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Alex Davenport, age 5, caught all these game fish on red worms fishing in the Tailwater of Brookville Lake earlier this year. They were all released back into the water after the photos were taken. From left to right, a brown trout, a large-mouth bass and a sucker. (Photo by Jim Davenport, New Castle, IN)



Clinton Blakenbaker took this 10 point 210 pound Buck on 10-27-2012. (Red Barn Bait, Guns and Deli Photo, Salem, IN.)



Dave Burgess and his son John Burgess traveled to Alaska August 11-24, 2013, the first week was on a Mission trip to Victory Bible Camp in Sutton, Alaska. The Mission trip was organized by Wade Nolan of Wild Alaska Missions. (Wade Nolen was in Liberty, IN September 2012 to dedicate Frame's new Indoor Archery Range). The second week they fished on the Russian River near Coopers Landing then went south to Seward. In the photo above at left is John Burgess holding a 30 inch, 16 pound Silver Salmon, at right is Dave Burgess holding the smaller 22 inch Silver Salmon. John also caught a 20 pound Halibut from a 14 foot Rubber Zodiac boat. (Photo provided by Dave Burgess, Fountain City, IN)

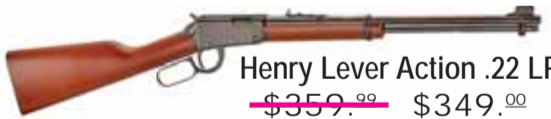


Kaden Ervin, age 5, from Greens Fork took this buck on 9-28-13 during his first youth hunt near Hagerstown on private land. (Photo by his father, Chad Ervin). Photo Received from Carrie Ervin on Facebook 9-30-13.

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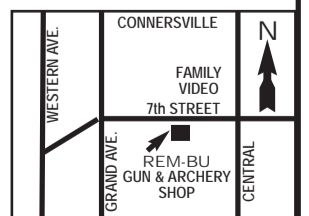
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