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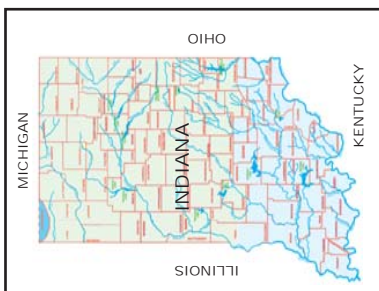


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Top Right: Kari King, daughter of Steve King who owns King Bros. Rodeo IXL Ranch located just south of Centerville will be writing about rodeos, horses, bulls, reviews and more. See Page 8-9. (King Bros. Rodeo IXL Ranch Photo)

Bottom Left: A Wild turkey swims across Brookville Lake, right across the path of Tag Nobbe who had a charter on the lake at the time. Leave it to Tag to see a once in a blue moon event. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

Bottom Right: The 15th Annual Indianapolis Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show will be held October 4-6, 2013 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in the Ag/Horticulture Building located at 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, Indiana. The hours are 10 am to 6 pm on Friday and Saturday and 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday. The admission is \$5 per ticket, your ticket is good for all 3 days. There is no admission charge for children under the age of sixteen (16). (Photo by Van Wimmer)

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VETERANS STATEMENT FOR ALL TO SEE ON MY GAD-A-BOUT VAN SEE PHOTO

I've been wanting to express my gratitude to the American Veteran who willingly sacrifices his or her life and limbs so that we have kept our Freedom since 1776. First I was just going to put decals on the van showing support for all the services. But that didn't seem to be enough so I pondered how to express myself for some time.

Then one evening I sat down at my computer and the words just seemed to flow onto the screen without thinking about it. It was amazing.

So I laid out the way I wanted it to look and contacted Peggy North at SignGrafX located at 1001 South "E" Street, Richmond, IN 47374 or 765-966-2597. They have done all the lettering I've been putting on my vehicles for a long time. I took the layout on a cdrom and left it with them. I got a call from Stacie Schlotterbeck, a graphic artist at SignGrafX, about the layout and set a date for them to put it on.

I picked up the van and was very happy with their work. See photo of the Gad-a-bout van at top right. I drove it to Ephrata, PA at the end of August to attend the 68th Reunion of the 79th NCB (Seabees).

I sent a photo of the van to several Veteran friends across the nation and they all liked it.

I'm thinking now about putting something on my back windows too, don't know what yet, but you will see it, when it happens.



I parked my Van at the Blue Mountain PA Turn Pike rest stop August 25, 2013, enroute to Ephrata, PA to attend the 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion (Seabee) 68th Reunion. I put the military decals and the Veteran Statement on the van to show my support for all Americans on active duty today and for those who served in the past. The statement reads, "American men and women Veterans have paid the price of Freedom, as are those still serving in the United States military service here at home and around the world. An American military man or woman doesn't ask why, he or she just stands up and voluntarily put themselves in harms way to protect the Freedom we all share. God Bless The American who wears a Uniform and helps defend the Freedom we all enjoy because of him or her"Ray Dickerson U.S. Air Force 1959-1963. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



KARI KING

KARI KING DEBUTS IN THIS ISSUE WRITING "THE WESTERN CORNER"

Kari King, daughter of Steve King who owns King Bros. Rodeo IXL Ranch located just south of Centerville will be writing about rodeos, horses, bulls, reviews and more. In this, her first issue to

appear in she has written, The Tony Hart Ride to Buck ALS Rodeo Review. She reports that the Tony Hart rodeo raised \$18,000.00. All of the proceeds went to the ALS Association of Indiana to help with patient needs and for research of this fatal disease. Read her column on page 8 & 9 in this issue. If you have a comment or question you can contact her at her e-mail ixl_ranch@yahoo.com.

A VISIT WITH 79TH U.S. NAVAL SEABEE JOE RUDY IN JEANETTE PENNSYLVANIA

After attending the 79th Seabees Reunion in Ephrata, PA (see pages 15-18 in this issue) before leaving Pennsylvania I stopped in Jeanette, PA to visit with Joe Rudy who was in the 79th NCB with my Dad from 1943 to the fall of 1944 in Kodiak, Alaska. I have been in touch with Joe since early last year when I went on a search for 79th NCB and CBMU #624 Seabees to invite them to the 67th Reunion I hosted in Richmond/Centerville, IN September 23-27, 2012.

I had a real nice visit with Joe and his wife, Catherine. They have been married for 54 years. Joe is 91 years young. I am serious he doesn't look a day

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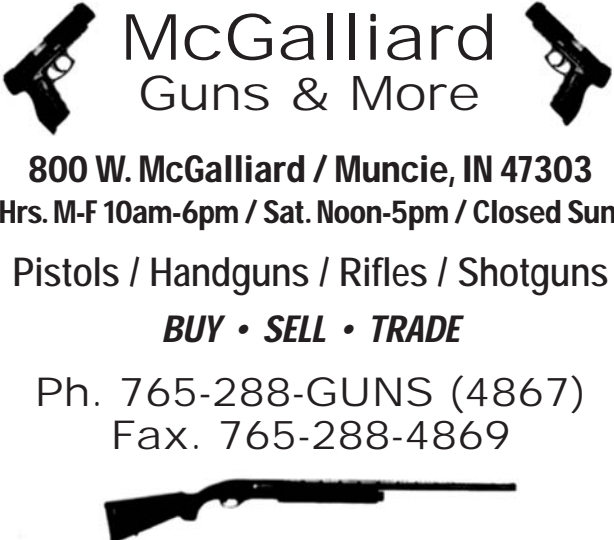
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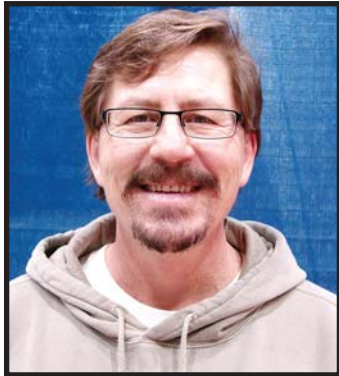
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October Fishing Brookville Lake

October is that time of the year when things in the lake start to change. Water temperature starts to drop, days get shorter, winds start to blow, fish start to move from their summer homes to their winter homes. So if you want to continue to catch fish you have to move with the fish. Most of the summer the water temperature has been in the mid 80's with a thermo cline around 25 feet. A lot of the fish we caught this summer were from 10 feet down to 15 feet fishing on or around the flats. But now with the surface temperature cooling off this will change the places, depths, times of day, and the way fish feed.

One of the first things to change is the water temperature. As it falls from 88 degree on the surface into the sixties it will cause the lake to turn over. What this will do is make the thermo cline go away and re oxygenate the deep water and allow the fish to go as deep as they want.

Another thing that goes away is part of the food source. All the bugs, worms and crawdads go into hibernation until spring. So for the next 6 months the only food source is going to be a bait fish called a shad or each other. In the dead of winter I have caught large mouth bass and walleye with small blue gill and crappie in their stomachs.

Another thing that is going to happen is the winter draw down. Around October 15th the lake level will be lowered 8 feet. Depending on the weather, this will usually take about a month. What this does to the fish is give them the idea that the lake is drying up. What they will do is pull out and suspend over deep water, and eventually hold next to deep drop off ledges.

I have fished every winter for the past thirty years and from day light till early afternoon is the best time to fish. For some reason that first light bite is hot all winter. Then after that it comes and goes. I think the fish meander around in big circles or just move through the area your fishing.

There are a few different ways to catch fish in the fall through out the winter, but my favorite way to fish is with a spoon or a blade bait. Now there are several different spoons and blade baits on the market, but the ones I like to use are the ones that we sell at 52 Pik-up. I have tried them all and some for what ever reason just don't work.

The best way to fish a spoon or blade bait is the straight up and down method. From a boat find the fish holding close to the bottom with your fish finder. Simply let the spoon or blade bait free fall to the bottom and then just lift and drop the bait trying to stay in contact with the bottom. What your trying to look like is a dying bait fish. When you lift the bait that is the dart, thats what gets the fishes attention when the bait flutters back down to the bottom, thats what triggers the strike. I switch back and forth from a spoon to a blade bait and also switch colors and sizes. You have to try a few different things and let the fish tell you what they want.

Another good method is to simply cast to the bank. For a period in the fall when the water temperature gets cool, predator fish will push and trap bait fish against the shore. One fish that is notorious for this is white bass. Look for them around main lake points. A simple cast and retrieve of a white rooster tail is all that is needed. From late October through the end of December all the fish are in the same boat sort of to speak. They are all trying to fatten up for that long winter thats just around the corner. With all the bugs, worms, and crawdads in hibernation they are all feeding on some type of fish that is smaller then they are. So how ever you like to fish, just think bait fish.

Good luck, Tag

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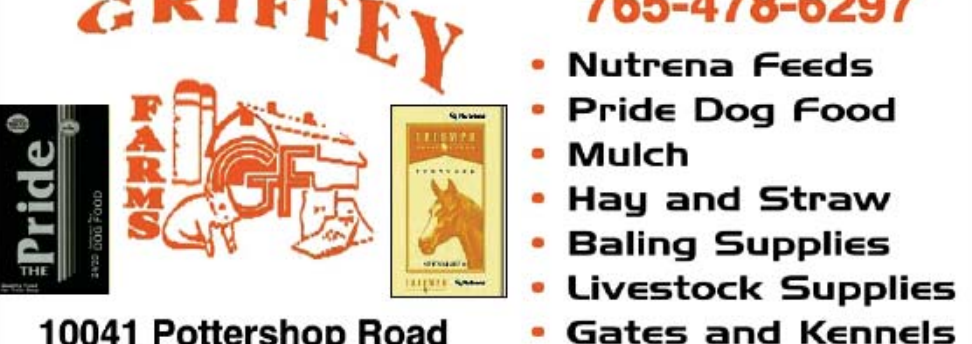


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News from the Indiana State Police



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State Fair a Huge Success

I write this article a month behind, so as you read this I've just wrapped up another stint at the Indiana State Fair. The fair was a huge success this year, and this was by far the most fun I've had there in years. I met people who were visiting from as far away as Great Britain, Finland, China and Mexico.

I also met people visiting from Arkansas, California, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, to name just a few of the states. The one common theme from everyone I spoke to was how friendly, clean and safe our fair is. The couple I met from Pa. travels in their RV all summer to state fairs, and they said that Indiana has become their favorite. They actually left the Illinois Fair early and came back to our fair for a second visit because they enjoy it so much.

Having the Moto GP race in town that last week of the fair I think helps to bring in folks from other countries that are curious and looking for something to do. Most of those folks I spoke to were amazed at how many free activities and concerts are offered, not to mention all the food choices available.

If you've never visited our fair, you need to plan on it next August. During the week it's less busy, and in the past they offer \$2.00 days for admission with food vendors offering a \$2.00 item. You can also catch some big name shows for free on the Marsh Free Stage every year.

Watch for next year's fair schedule, and plan a family outing to see a show, ride some rides and eat some great fair food. You won't be disappointed. As always while visiting the fair, stop and see the Indiana State Police at one or all of our three infor-

mation booths. I would like to thank everyone that stopped by to visit at the north booth this year and for all the positive comments!

It's Fall-Time so Watch for Deer!

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. You should report this as you would any other crash.
- Finally, as always, **BUCKLE UP!**

For more information concerning deer habits, population, and trends in your area contact your local conservation officer or the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife at **317-232-4080**.

Delaware County #2 in State... For Meth Labs

The Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Unit has published the state wide numbers for Meth Labs dismantled for the state through the end of July. Delaware County, located in the Pendleton District,

has the dubious distinction of being number two in the state so far this year for Meth labs discovered and dismantled. There have been 64 labs dismantled in Delaware County through the end of July, just one lab behind number one Vanderburgh County.

Madison County, also in the Pendleton District, is currently tied for third place in the state, with 46 labs dismantled. Last year by the end of July Madison County led the state with 54 labs dismantled.

Lieutenant Tom Dujmovich, the Commander of the Pendleton Post, dedicated a team of troopers at the beginning of this year to look for labs in the district. According to Lieutenant Dujmovich, "Part of the reason for the spike in lab numbers in our district this year is due to the dedication and hard work of our Meth Suppression Squad here at the Pendleton Post, along with the close working relationship they have with local law enforcement agencies and county prosecutors."

Signs to look for Meth manufacturing are a strong ammonia smell, or solvent smell like an auto body shop. Look for air line type rubber tubing, ether or camp fuel cans, plastic bottles, Pseudoephedrine packages, lithium battery casings, and propane tanks with a blue or green discoloration around the valve. The chemicals are highly explosive and fumes are toxic to breath and will damage internal organs.

Units continue to check pseudoephedrine logs at businesses, and follow up on tips received. Often times Meth Labs are found as a result of an anonymous tip from a neighbor or friend. Anyone with information about illegal drug use may call the Pendleton Post at **1-800-527-4752**, or the Indiana State Police Drug Tip Line at **1-800-453-4756**. Tips can be made and kept anonymous.

The Indiana Meth Investigation System or IMIS, can also take tips on meth labs. Just go to www.meth.in.gov and click on the "Report Suspected Meth Activity" Link. Also available on the meth web site is information regarding meth statistics, meth lab cleanup, educational videos and brochures on the dangers of meth manufacturing and meth addiction.

Thanks for reading this month's installment. Thank you for allowing all of us to serve all of you, stay safe and we will visit again next month.

Editor's Note: See report on Operation Blue Light Enforcement Results from Sgt. Bowling also. From June 1st through August 31st Indiana Troopers from the Pendleton, Indianapolis and Putnamville Posts joined with the Ohio Highway Patrol in a joint saturation patrol along interstate 70 on page 28. ■



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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



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

News Releases

August 28th DNR news release: GiveIN Game

A program that allows hunters to give deer meat to those who want venison will be available again this fall. GiveIN Game, DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife's venison donation program, will be available for its third year. Hunters who are willing to donate venison and people who would like to receive venison can begin registering on Sept. 1 at hunting.IN.gov/7240.htm. GiveIN Game makes it easy for people to connect and set up an exchange. Selling, bartering or trading for venison is illegal. The successful program had 774 participants in 2012, up from 702 participants in 2011. A majority of the participants surveyed by DNR said the program is easy to use, private and secure, and that it fosters community goodwill. More than 90 percent said they would sign up again. Both hunters and recipients have an option of donating or requesting any amount of venison in all conditions, from field-dressed animals to packaged venison. "GiveIN Game is a great way

to connect people who are looking for a healthy alternative source of protein," said Chad Stewart, DNR deer research biologist. "It gives hunters a reason to continue hunting after they have satisfied their own venison needs. It provides a community service, which gets back to the roots of why hunters first hunted." Previous participants must re-register if they want to continue participating.

August 28th DNR news release: CheckIN Game

CheckIN Game, Indiana's online harvest reporting system for hunters, has been made more user friendly going into the fall deer and turkey hunting seasons. Several upgrades now allow hunters who previously used CheckIN Game to view past harvest data. "One real benefit is that you can now look up your confirmation number if you lose it," said Mitch Marcus, DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife's wildlife chief. "Last year this was not an option. This makes the process easier for hunters and DNR staff." Deer and turkey hunters can report their harvest for free using any device with Internet connectivity at CheckINGame.dnr.IN.gov without having to take the animal to a check station. "This saves hunters time and money by allowing them to check in their game from the convenience of their home or directly in the field," said Mark Reiter, DNR Fish & Wildlife director. Last fall, hunters checked in 53,389 deer and 330 fall turkeys online. DNR officials have said participation in the system will continue to increase as more hunters discover its ease and convenience. Hunters using CheckIN Game must write the confirmation number they are provided on the temporary tag they place on their harvested deer or turkey. An enhancement to the system allows conservation officers to use a confirmation number to check the validity of harvested game, eliminating the need for hunters to have a printed confirmation receipt. CheckIN Game will be available on Sept.

15, which is the start of the urban zone deer season. The system will be available for all deer seasons and fall turkey seasons. Hunters still can report their deer or turkey at any of more than 500 traditional check stations. **A list of check stations by county is in the 2013 Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide at Hunting.IN.gov.**
Are You HIP?

As a reminder, if you hunt any of these listed migratory game birds in Indiana a HIP number is required:

- ducks
- coots
- doves
- sora
- mergansers
- geese
- woodcock
- snipe

Whether you are planning to register with the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program by making a phone call to **1-866-671-4499** or registering online at wildlife.in.gov/3567, there is some information you will need to have available. The automated process will ask for the caller's valid hunting license number and date of birth. Once this information is correctly entered and the caller identified by the HIP system, the caller will be asked for last year's migratory game bird harvest information by specie and numbers harvested.

If a hunter loses (or misplaces) their HIP number, they can visit www.in.gov/dnr to search for and obtain their already issued HIP number. Of course, it doesn't hurt for hunters to have recorded their HIP number in several different locations to insure it is retrievable as needed! **As always, this website has all the current hunting seasons listed as well as an online version of the hunting and trapping guide.**

Be safe.

See more DNR releases on page 28-29. ■



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The Western Corner



by Kari King

King Bros. Rodeo Company

The Tony Hart Ride to BUCK ALS Rodeo Review

On August 24th the small town of Lynn, Indiana came alive with the western spirit. The Championship Bull Riding and Barrel Racing produced by King Bros. Rodeo was a huge success.

The event was held to raise money and awareness to the ALS disease, and also to honor a great man, Tony Hart. All of the proceeds went to the ALS Assoc. of Indiana to help with patient needs and for the research of this fatal disease. The "BUCK ALS" rodeo committee is proud to announce that they were able to donate over \$18,000.00 dollars. This would not have been possible without all of the volunteers and donations received.

The event kicked off at 2:00p.m. with numerous activities for the whole family. These events included live music, pony rides, several inflatable interaction games, a mechanical bull, and a live rodeo picture bull. There was also a raffle and silent auction for various donated items.

The rodeo kicked off at 7:00p.m. with the cowboys/cowgirls of the Southern Extreme Bull Riding Assoc. (S.E.B.R.A.). There where cowboys/cowgirls competing from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan,



Blair and Tony Hart at the Ride to Tony Hart BUCK ALS 2013 Rodeo in Lynn, IN. Tony has ALS, otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. (Photo taken by Bob Cindy Schaefer)

Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Florida.

Alex Lee, of Adrian, MI, proved to be the top cowboy of the night winning the championship bull riding buckle sponsored by the Cornelies family. Alex out rode the other 34 bull riders by riding two bulls for a total score of 164 points. Lee first had to ride "Chops" from King Bros. Rodeo, which he did for a score of 79 points. For the Championship round he was matched up with "Back Splash", owned by M&M Rodeo, who he rode for a score of 85 points to make him the champion.

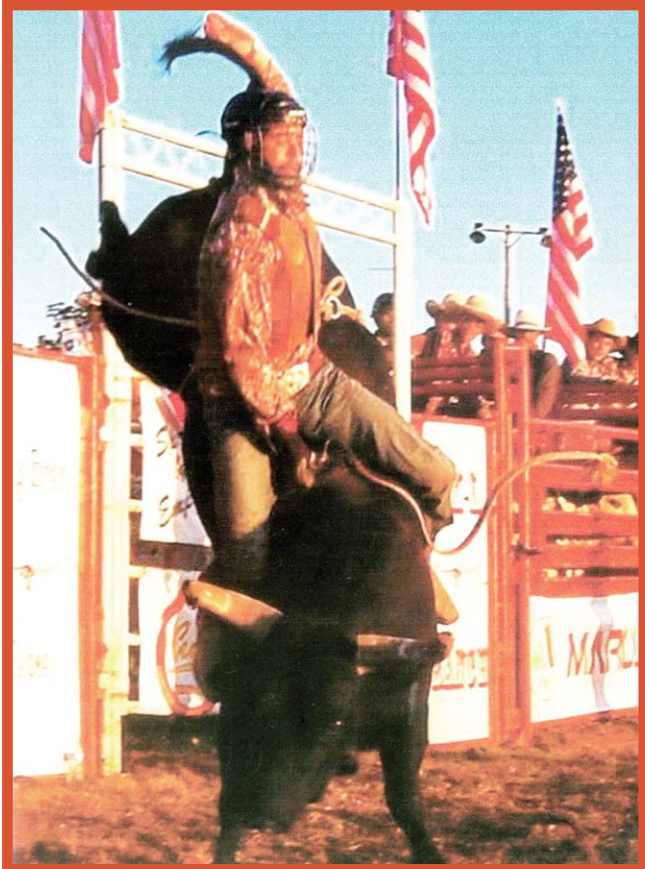
He was followed by Jason Tinsman, of Farmland, IN, winning 2nd place riding "Vertical Limit" owned by 3 BAR J Rodeo, for a total score

of 80 points. Following closely behind them was Ryan Miller, of Waterloo, IN who took 3rd place riding "Daddy's Boy" from King Bros. Rodeo, for a score of 79 points. Trenton Culver, from Leavenworth, IN, along with Kyle Napier, of Franklin, OH, split 4th/5th place with scores of 78 points. Culver rode "Mack" from B BAR A Bucking Bulls, and Napier rode "Badditude" owned by M&M Rodeo. In true cowboy fashion all of these cowboys made a donation to the ALS Assoc. of Indiana from their prize money.

It was not only the cowboys who were competing, but also the bulls were competing to win the "Rankest Bull" buckle sponsored by Greensfork Alignment & Service Center. These athletes were hand selected from 4 different rodeo companies, King Bros. Rodeo, 3 BAR J Rodeo, M&M Rodeo, and B BAR A Bucking Bulls. The bull that proved to be the best was "Stripper Flip" owned by Mike Johnson of the 3 BAR J Rodeo.

The barrel racing proved to be a true race against the clock, with 20 of the top SEBRA barrel racers all hoping to win the championship buckle sponsored by Joyce Harshbarger. The competition was tough for the winning times were all within tenths of a second of each other. The cowgirl who got it done the fastest was Theresa Roberts of Urbana, OH. Winning 2nd place was Becky Dixon of East Liberty, OH. Rounding out the field was Amanda Smith of Antwerp, OH.

If all of this excitement wasn't enough there were also the hilarious comedy acts of Kenny Schappacher, of Balm, FL., along with Tommy King, of New Paris, OH. The crowd belted with laughter during the donkey derby, and the knife throwing act. I myself also performed with my horse Bandera. After having a rocky start to the act, with me falling down in the arena, I and Bandera, who is trained to do lots of different tricks, amazed the crowd while performing his bal-



Tony Hart Ride to BUCK ALS Rodeo Lynn, IN 8-24-13. Charlie Weatherspoon riding "Buddy's Pet" Bull, owned by Mike Johnson 3 Bar J Rodeo. (Photo by Bev King)

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ance beam walk.

The Tony Hart Ride to "BUCK ALS" was a great event helping a great cause. I would recommend attending the event next year. For information on next years show visit www.facebook.com/buckals

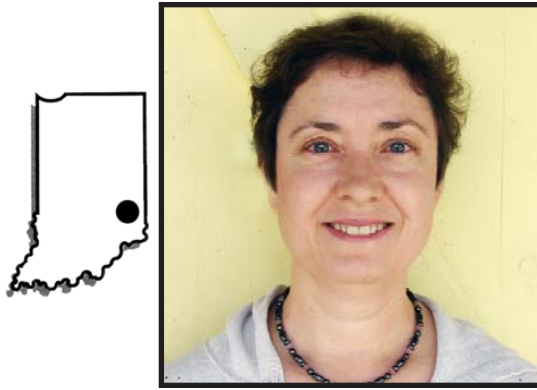
Helping to make this inaugural event a huge success was all the hard work of the volunteers, and all of the sponsors.

The Tony Hart Buck ALS committee would like to thank all of the volunteers and sponsors. A special thanks goes to the Lynn Lions Club for the donation of their facilities, and King Bros. Rodeo for donating the equipment and production of the rodeo. They would also like to thank the corporate sponsors: Indiana Marujun LLC., L T Sales Inc., Berry Plastic, Kicks 96 FM Radio Station, Culy Construction & Excavating, and Employees of Tony Hart Trucking. Other sponsors included: Brooks Trucking, Thomas Memorial Chapel, M&S Screw Machine Products Inc., Broken B Stable & Tack, El Carreton Mexican Restaurant, Richmond Hydraulic Service Inc., Advance Engineering Co., Frank Miller Lumber Co., and Klein Family Farm. There were many other companies and individuals who donated that we would like to thank also.

If you would like to donate to the ALS Chapter of Indiana please visit the "Buck ALS" page at: <http://webin.alsa.org/goto/buckals>

You can see King Bros. Rodeo Co. September 21st in Clermont, IN or October 5th in Liberty, IN. For more information feel free to email me at ixl_ranch@yahoo.com

Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

October Activities

Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

Metamora loves everything about fall. The village seems to come alive with the cooler weather and this is year no exception. The leaves should be wonderful this year and one way to enjoy them is to take the Fall Foliage Flyer train from Connersville. The train runs every Thursday and Friday in October. It departs the Connersville station at 10am and returns by 3pm.

Not to be missed is the 43rd Annual Canal Days. This year it is Oct 4-6 from 10am-5pm. This festival is a little bit of everything. There are flea market booths, antique dealers, crafters and who knows? Get here early for the best deals. If you don't want to drive and park in the far back farmer's field consider taking the train from Connersville. On Friday, October 4, the train departs at 10am with a 2 hour layover. On Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6, the train departs at 10am with a 4 hour layover and 12:01pm with a 2 hour layover.

Once Canal Days has past, it's time to celebrate Halloween. If you come in the late afternoon or evening you can enjoy the colored lights on the buildings along with spooky figures. Adding to the fun are the evening tours of the Haunted Village of Metamora. This year the tours are Oct 11, 12, 18 and 19 from 7-10pm. The cost is still a very reasonable \$5.00 per person. The tour starts with a hay ride followed by a haunted tour of the town. Beware ghosts and ghouls can creep out from anywhere!

Adding to the fun is the Spooky Halloween Cruises aboard the Ben Franklin III. The canal boat will be decorated for Halloween. There will be a professional storyteller on board recounting ghostly tales from the past. The cruises will be October 19 and 26 at 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, and 9:00pm. Cost is \$5.00.

For those who like a quieter less scary Halloween there are two events happening this year. The first is the Pumpkinliner out of Connersville. The train departs from Connersville October 26 and 27 at 10:01am, 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30pm for the pumpkin patch. Your train ticket includes the round trip train ride, a hay ride to and from the pumpkin patch and a pumpkin for each child 12 and under. Tickets are \$9. Reservations are recommended. Tickets are available

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Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

The Year of Choking Smoke 9/11.....

Among the native people this was the time for harvest, for preparation for the long winter ahead. It was a time when the elders gathered to select a name for the year just finishing. The new moon of December marked the beginning of the new lunar cycle. Now was the time to think about the happenings of the past twelve months and pick the most important one to give it's name to the year.

Perhaps you, like me had many things happen during the past year. Some were good, others bad, if you had to select just one to designate your year what would it be? It could have been almost anything until the fateful day of September 11. Now there was no question of what should mark this year.

There is memory that will stay with me forever. It is a memory that many have forgotten or at least have pushed back in there memory like "Pearl Harbor." It is the site of a great cloud of choking dust sweeping down on the people who were trying to out run it and seeing it overtake them. The images of the choking dust covered faces that emerged, eyes and mouths filled with the dust being helped away by the emergency people, who were wiping their faces and giving them oxygen. What a horrible sensation it must have been.

This memory will stay with me even more than the tragic happenings that proceeded it. Two planes deliberately crashed into two of the tallest buildings in New York, killing thousands of unexpected people.

It was the scenes on the ground that followed it that made me name that year the "Year of the Choking Smoke." It is a year I want to remember for the rest of my life.

How frustrated I am that I am old and cannot spring forth to help strike down the terrorist foes. Perhaps there is still something for me and my old comrades to do. Perhaps there is some task, no matter how menial we can do to bring peace back to our land.

May we all enjoy another beautiful fall without fear one day and may the Great Spirit protect us all in the months ahead.

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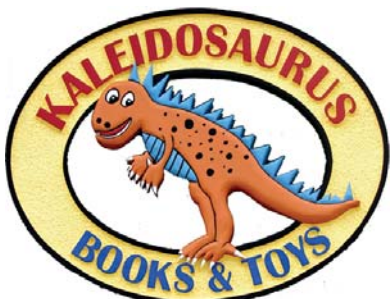
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Hunting The Wily Striatus

As a rule, hunting at this time of year is restricted to squirrels and finding a parking place fairly close to the entrance at Wal-Mart. Colder weather ushers in the deer, rabbit, and waterfowl seasons, while spring has turkey hunters dressed in the full regalia of camo, sitting motionless, calling and hoping one of the big birds can be suckered into falling for the shapely legs and fluttering eyelashes of a bogus lovesick hen. I admire the hunter who has the patience to wait for hours in a blind or sit in a tree stand in freezing temperatures, waiting for that one perfect shot. As for me, I have to force myself just to look out the window when the temperature dips below forty degrees.

Here at the lake, the opportunities for bagging waterfowl is endless as flocks of geese and ducks soar over the house at all times of the day, especially now that fall is approaching and migration will begin. If it weren't for the lake rules I'd sit on the front porch, sipping on a Mint Julip, listening to my favorite rock group, Nervous Norvis and His Obnoxious Nine, with my shotgun on my lap and have a cooked goose every night. I've even considered sitting on the roof with a long handled landing net and scooping one out of a flight. Occasionally, a gaggle of geese will wander into the yard and graze, offering a perfect opportunity to set traps. However, since hunting of any sort within the lake community is forbidden I'll have to be content with hiding under our trees, waiting until they wander too close, then charge out, yelling and screaming and hope one of them drops dead of a heart attack.

Another critter that deserves to have its (their) hide(s) hanging on my wall are the deer who make a hobby of stripping the fresh leaf growth off my young peach trees. I've considered building a blind in the yard and lobbing cherry bombs, but the neighbors might take issue with this, especially at two a.m. I've built wire mesh cages around them only to have a neighbor report finding one of them in his yard where, apparently a buck had caught it in his rack. In fact, planting anything other than no trespassing signs has resulted in nothing other than a deer smorgasbord. During the past six years I've attempted over twenty trees. Last year I had to put the last one out of its misery. After numerous chewings it looked like something out of the movie, Lord Of The Rings.

Total desperation led me to finally concentrate my efforts on the one varmint that I thought I could get the best of without a visit from the local rules enforcer. T. Striatus is the scientific name for the lowly chipmunk, a cute little rodent that, in my book, ranks along with the rat for popularity. Cut, yes. Potentially destructive by its burrowing and invasion of garages and bird feeders, definitely. My first encounter with one was at the bird feeder where the little pest was loading his jaws with expensive seed and hauling it under our patio deck and returning every five minutes for another load. The seed didn't matter, but where it was stashing it, did. I envisioned tunnels and burrows under the foundation and the house finally sinking out of sight. It was time for drastic action.

Loading my air rifle, I figured I could get off a quiet shot and the authorities would be none the wiser. Lining up the cross hairs on its puffy little cheek I fired. The rifle dиеseled with a crack that would have made a .22 long rifle proud. I ran into the house, planted myself in front of the t.v. and watched fifteen minutes of The Bold And The Beautiful before peeking out to see if I had bagged the little bugger. No such luck.

The next day it was back at the feeder. Having cleaned the rifle to prevent any more such embarrassments, I slowly slid the door open, but after one close call it was now street wise and hearing the door, scurried under the patio. For several days I tried all my skill at tracking and stalking but the little rodent outfoxed me at every turn. I was finally reduced to sitting motionless on the patio deck, the rifle at my shoulder with the cross hairs trained on the feeder, hoping it would make a fatal mistake. But when it dawned on me that I hadn't shaved for days and was talking to myself as I sat, it was time to admit defeat. I was outfoxed by a diminutive rodent that looked like a well dressed convict in a fancy striped prison suit.

However, justice was served at last. As I pulled into the driveway a few days later, the little assassin darted off the driveway into a drainage culvert along the road. I stopped and watched as it scrambled up and down the culvert in confusion, not being able to decide which way to run. Down the road a car was approaching. Watching the car and the chip, I was muttering, hold up you little rat while urging the car to speed up a little. With uncannily perfect timing the chip darted for the road just at the right second and, well you know the conclusion. I'm sure the driver of that car thinks I need professional help as I rolled down the window and shouted, "YESSSS", and yelled thanks to him for his driving skills. Who says it takes woods savvy to be a good hunter. All it takes is some street savvy. ■

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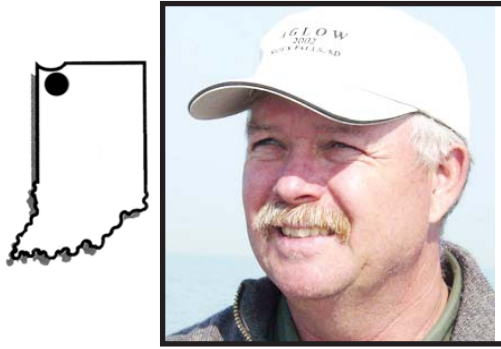
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by Capt. Mike Schoonveld **WINTERIZING GREAT LAKES GEAR**

Every fall there are articles written about winterizing your boats, motors and trailers and rightly so. These are hefty investments and nothing is as sure to ruin the rig sooner than an improper winter storage program.

But what about the rest of the gear on the boat? Do rods, reels, downriggers and the other paraphernalia that goes along with Great Lakes fishing need any winterization?

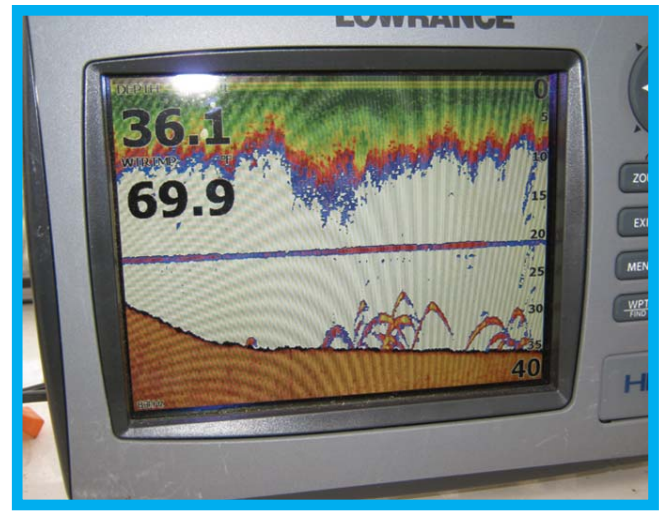
Of course they do. Some of it has to do with the cold temperatures, some, just the fact the gear won't be used for several months and none of it is as complicated as filling an engine block with antifreeze.

If you do nothing else before you cover the boat for the season, put it in a shed or leave it at a boat storage to be shrink wrapped, take everything which is not permanently welded to the boat, out of the boat. That means tools, spools of line, boxes of swivels, rods, landing nets, PFDs and everything else stored in compartments, under the seats and in the glove compartment.

I find plastic tote containers available from lunch-bucket to bushel basket sizes at WalMart invaluable for this purpose. The PFDs go in large ones, the "necessaries" from the glove compartment go in a small one as do loose tools such as pliers, scales, clippers and the screwdriver I use to adjust the Dipsy Divers.

When I'm all done, I put the several small boxes, along with the emergency signaling kit and the first aide box inside another of the large boxes and each of the large boxes are labeled so I know exactly what's inside at a glance. When it's all done, there are 4 or 5 large totes stacked out of the way in the basement, secure, dry and ready for spring.

Let me repeat one aspect just mentioned-dry. If I'm confident an item is absolutely dry, it might get put in a storage box immediately; but, if it's the slightest bit wet or even somewhat damp, I'll lay it out or hang it up for a few hours or overnight to be sure it doesn't go into the containers with any moisture. A few drops of water in a sealed container will assure mildew on cloth or rust on tools.



Winterizing your gear means taking it out of the boat, including electronics, making sure it's dry and storing in stable environment. (Author Photo)

RODS AND REELS

Once the rods are taken out of the boat all they need is proper storage. This can be inside or out, I don't think freezing cold will damage them, but don't just lean them in the corner of the garage.

Rods can be stored either vertically or horizontally, but make sure they are stored straight. Don't lean them in the corner where they bend against the wall or in the rafters of the garage without enough support to keep the rods from sagging.

It probably doesn't hurt to store reels outside, but I prefer to bring them in for the winter. Brass, aluminum, plastic and steel all contract or expand differently when subjected to heat or cold. Even in Michigan's below zero weather it's probably not enough to hurt anything, but why worry? Uneven heating and cooling from outdoor storage can result in condensation on the reels and inside their mechanisms, as well. Back the drags off so there's no pressure on the washers. I sometimes take the line off in the fall (which forces me to put on fresh in the spring). Store the reels which are in perfect order in one container, ones which could use a new drag washer, clicker or level wind worm gear go in another as winter projects.

ELECTRONICS

Did you remember to take all the electronics off the boat? I've read users manuals which recommend storing them inside and others which don't mention it. I just unplug and remove everything-radio, GPS, sonars, speedometers and put them in the tote marked "electronics." Then I don't have to worry about it.

I leave the downriggers on my boat, but I don't have the elaborate models with computer chips inside. I do back off the drags on the main downrigger pulley.

All the tackle boxes are brought inside, as well. Sorting and going over all the spoons, plugs, flies, dodgers and the rest are winter projects but I do open all the containers and make sure they are bone dry before closing them and storing them away for a January day. THE END

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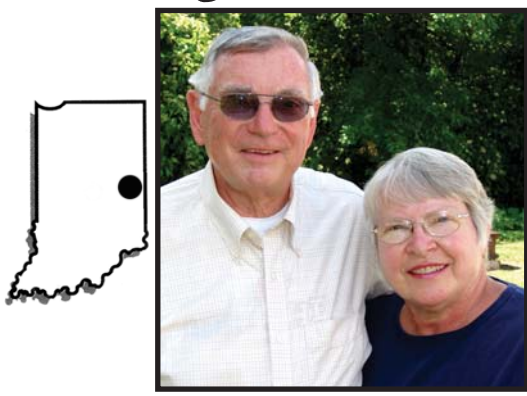
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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

Volunteering to Work in Campgrounds II

Continuing our discussion on volunteering in campgrounds, we've found that "new blood"-new types of games, offered by campers opens up new and more varieties of activities from which to choose. Some activities fit into various parts of the camping season while others don't. A quick substitute of activities could be played in the shade or inside an air conditioned recreation hall on a hot humid summer day, especially if the manager/owner/recreation director realizes early enough that there may not be any participants if the weather interferes. You and I as campers could help change or help set up the facilities in a different venue if a change of plans needs to occur. It doesn't hurt to ask. We always welcomed volunteers to help move stuff at the last minute.

As generations of families change the same old activities need to be updated or the kids and/or grandkids will spend a "lost" weekend of fun by "enjoying" their electronic, etc., games inside the camping unit while others are enjoying the out-of-doors with fun activities. We guarantee there will be more participants and activities if volunteers are available and utilized. If you as a camper are interested in introducing a new activity, it is always best to run it through the owner/manager as they may have the proper materials the new activity may require.

The next day after the 4th of July fireworks at our camp, we would go out to clean up the mess and there wouldn't be anything left to clean up. Some of the campers would appreciate the time and money we had put into the hour of celebration and would get up at dawn and clean up the fireworks leftovers. We'd sometimes find out who the "who done it" was but usually no one told. The same thing happened at our fishing lakes. If fish decided not to bite some of the fishermen would go around the lakes and pick up the small but sightless messes left by other fishermen.

We all know about tours of natural or man-made points of interest in and around surrounding towns. There might possibly be good auto tours about which your local campground owner/manager may not know. People traveling cross country from east to west or north to south always want different things to do as they traverse the highways and byways of our country. Most don't take their camping rigs far off the major highways and interstates so maybe you could volunteer to lead a few tours once a week or a couple trips a month, including a sandwich at one of your favorite local eating places. As more people know about these morning or afternoon trips your local town could get more visitors and business. Campers pass a lot of information along as they talk with other campers going the same from which they just came. People like to see local wood-working, glass-blowing and collections as well as antique shops. Especially interesting are those towns passed up by the interstates and their once thriving small businesses have all but closed. Some small towns have shops that are found very rarely and usually in small out-of-the-way villages.

People will sometimes volunteer to drive, thus mak-

ing more friends. Back during the days I was park naturalist at Pokagon, McCormick's Creek, and Spring Mill I would never have trouble getting volunteer drivers for the morning or afternoon auto tours I'd planned. At our camp we had popular tours of Fleetwood Industries in Decatur and Wheel Horse Chassis in Union City. Many times these types of tours are given only once or twice a week. Another idea that would help the owner/manager of the local campground is for him/her to map out a few three or four hour tours for people to drive on their own, to see the sites around your part of the state.

This fall talk with your local campground owner/manager about you helping to plan or help facilitate next spring, summer and/or fall. It takes time and knowledge to set up and plan but your local business wouldn't shun more people passing their way. Campers swap stories with the "good 'ol boys" in the breakfast nook and on the town square, and anywhere campers need to stop to purchase camper parts or food. This departure from driving the roads actually tends to make the traveler's day and something they can relate to others coming your way.

We're all aware that at this time of the year when you pick up the Gad-a-Bout or dial it up on your computer, the seasons are about to change and for you who are leaving your camping unit out on a campsite at your seasonal campground you need to start making a list of what to do to winterize the unit. Then, please put the list in a safe place in the unit for next year. Basic instructions can be found on the internet at: Winterizing Your RV-Step By Step RV Winterizing Check List by KOA; also, How To Winterize Your Camper Trailer on eHow; also, Winterize Your RV by Cliff Maurand; also Winterizing AdventurerRV.Net; also, Good Sam's winterizing; also, RV Travel Guide; also Trailer Life Division, and Woodall's. Probably you still have instructions given you when you bought your unit. El takes notes and I videotape the instructions when we get a different unit, as well as booklets on each thing in the camping unit.

Don't forget the Covered Bridge Festival in Parke County. Several State and private campgrounds in the area will welcome, you including Vermillion County just west of Parke, Fountain County just to the north, Putnam to the east, and Vigo to the south. Just type in Campgrounds in _____ County, Indiana on the Search Website line at the top of your home page. Don't choose just the first thing you see when campground suggestions come up on the screen. Go on down to others on the same page.

Dale and Mary are finishing the fall with great activities at Wolfe's Leisure Time east of Lafayette. October 4-5 is the Feast of the Harvest Moon (Reservations are needed and bring a donation for the Chili Pot Supper); October 11-12 is Turkey Shoot Weekend-Time to go hunting, games prizes and of course a Turkey Potluck Dinner; October 19-20 Halloween festivities and a Spaghetti Dinner, Pumpkin Carving, Trick or Treating, Costume Party, and of course Karaoke; October 25-26 is the Season Farewell Steak Fry-Say so long to the 2013 Camp Season and for a fee get your reservation in early for 2014.

If you have anything about camping you would like us to research and about which to write, contact us at 260-637-3524 or e-mail at: jmacnut@yahoo.com. Next month we'll get in to things camping families do in the winter season. If you have anything you think would be of interest to others, and even somewhat offbeat, that you spend your winter days doing away from camping, tell us and we'll write about it and promise not to use your name. Get ready, here comes the snow and ice.

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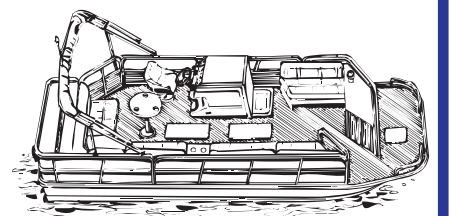


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Top Left: Van and Rose Wimmer in their booth near entrance. Rose makes the beautiful Gem Trees you see in front of them out of real gem stones for the leaves, a mineral specimen for the base and twist the trunk with one piece of wire. Top Right: John LaMont & Charlene Reidenbach - LaMont's Rock Pile booth. Here Charlene helps one of the visitors to their booth. 2nd Left: Kentucky Rock Shop, By a Sailor and a Blond it says on their booth sign. 2nd Right: Russell's Trees and Treasures, Sherry, Raquel and Jim Jr. 3rd Left: Ara Imports from Cleveland, Ohio displaying all kinds of beads in their booth. 3rd Right: Display of minerals at C & N Rocks & Gifts. Neal & Claudette Smith from Saratoga, Arkansas. 4th Left: 500 Earth Sciences Club from Indianapolis, Indiana. 4th Right: Creations Unlimited booth. Tommy Pernelle is a silver & goldsmith, he makes repairs while you wait. He is a master at his trade. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

15th Annual Indianapolis Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show October 4-6, 2013

by Ray Dickerson & Van Wimmer

The 15th Annual Indianapolis Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show will be held October 4-6, 2013 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in the Ag/Horticulture Building located at 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, Indiana. The hours are 10 am to 6 pm on Friday and Saturday and 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday.

The admission is \$5 per ticket, your ticket is good for all 3 days. There is no admission charge for children under the age of sixteen (16).

Classes at the show

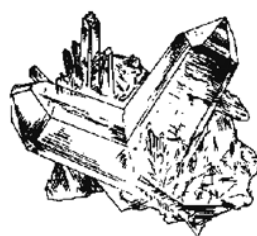
Pat Westby from the Dayton Gem & Mineral Society will be demonstrating the art of making Lampwork Beads each day. Classes available Friday & Saturday evenings after the show closes. Danny Spurgeon will be teaching classes in bead stringing, wire wrapping & viking net with wire continuously each day at the show. Jerald Day will be teaching Silversmith classes continuously each day at the show.

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In the above photos are just a few of the dealers you will see at the 15th Annual Indianapolis Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show.

Dealers who sell jewelry and similar items in the show must make part of

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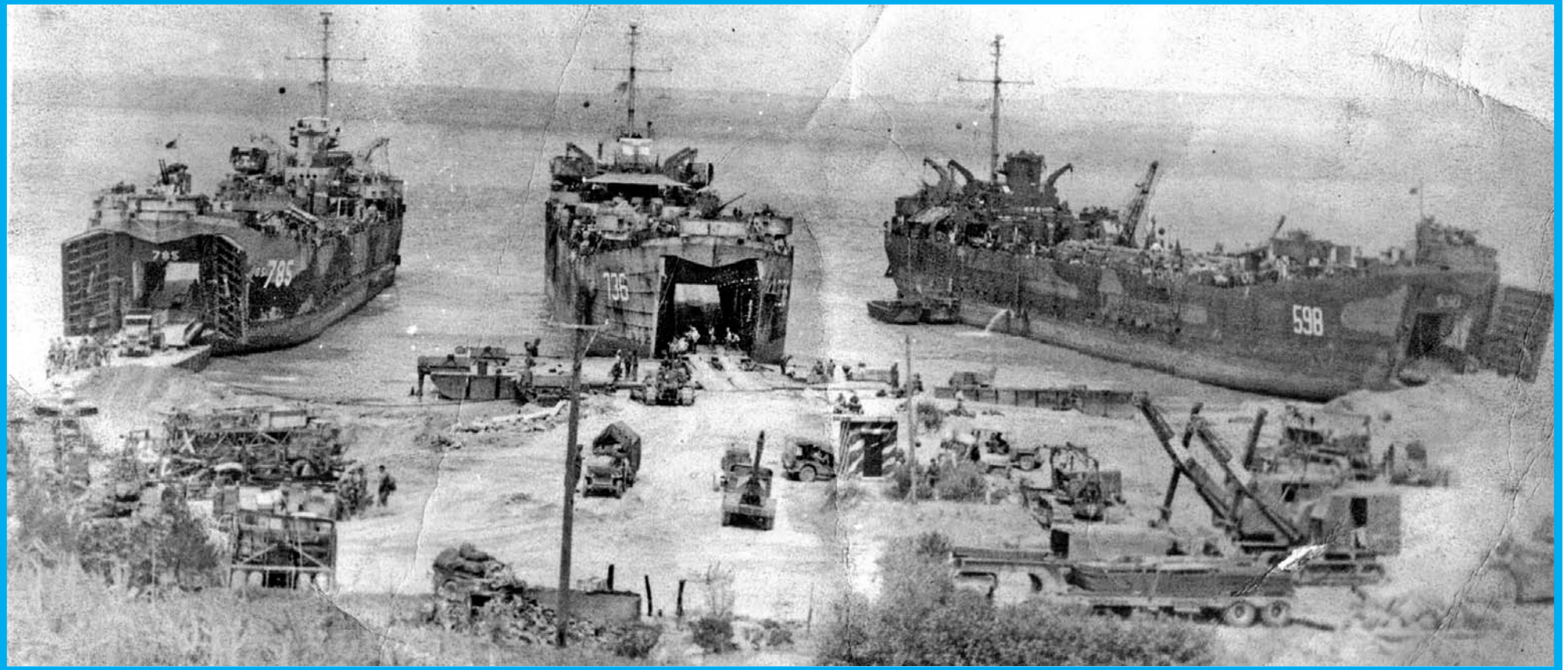


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The 79th U.S. NCB (Seabees) first echelon of 21 officers and 727 landed on Okinawa April 30, after leaving Saipan on April 21, 1945 according to the records of the 79th NCB found online in "Hyper War: Building the Navy Bases in WWII." (Photo provided by Seabee Joseph M. Rudy, Gunners Mate 3/c, 79th NCB Okinawa 1945)



79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion (Seabee) 68th Reunion Ephrata, PA

Article by Ray Dickerson
 Son of MMS 1/c Raymond E. Dickerson (1913-1992)
 79th NCB (Alaska) & CBMU 624 (Okinawa)

Sunday, August 25, 2013

I had the honor of attending the 68th Reunion of the 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion (Seabee) held in Ephrata, PA August 25-29, 2013.

Hosts for the Reunion was Seabee Fred and Honey bee Lenore Hummel who live in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, Dennis Good, Lenore's nephew from Lancaster, PA and Seabee Charles (Chuck) and Honey bee Erma Sarahan from Maryland.

Also attending the Reunion was Seabee Joseph (Joe) and Honey bee Dot Accetta from New York; Seabee Vern and Honey Bee Joyce Seikmann from Wisconsin; Seabee Conrad E. Shoup from Ohio;

Seabee John H. (Jack) Taggart from Pennsylvania; Honey bee Carolyn Huls (Wife of Seabee Bob Huls deceased) from Illinois; Honey bee Janice Plaskett (Wife of Seabee Delbert Plaskett deceased) from Ohio; Jeannie Winter (Daughter of Seabee Fred J. Taake deceased) from Virginia; Edward Taggart (Son of Seabee Jack Taggart) from Pennsylvania and myself Ray Dickerson (Son of Seabee Raymond Eugene Dickerson deceased) from Indiana.

Here's a little bit of history that I have uncovered about the 79th NCB in recent years.

My dad, Gene Dickerson, enlisted in the Navy as a Second Class Petty Officer in Pensacola, FL July 4, 1942, but was sent back home until the Navy had room for him. He was sent to Norfolk, VA October 5, 1942 for boot camp, then put in Ship's Company working in the Motor Pool. After a disagreement between him and his Chief Petty Officer, he was re-assigned to the 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion which was heading overseas.

The 79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees) was launched February 1, 1943, at Norfolk, Virginia. Many of the men who was assigned to it began their military training at Camp Bradford, Virginia.

From Camp Bradford the 79th traveled to Gulfport, Mississippi for a month of military training by Marine instructors. They were issued jungle clothing and boarded a train for Port Hueneme, California, then traveled to Seattle, Washington. The 79th departed Seattle May 6, 1943 aboard a WWI ship, the USS Chaumont with men sleeping four deep in the hold for Island X, they weren't told where they were going. They docked at Old Woman's Bay Naval Air Station near Kodiak, Alaska, arriving there on May 10, 1943. They traded in their jungle clothing for clothing more suitable for a colder climate.

Seabees who I've learned about since 2007 who also went to Alaska with the 79th include Joe Accetta, Bill Burke, Lindy Lindroff, Joe Rudy, Jack Taggart and Fred Taake. I've met all of them except Fred Taake who passed away September 1996. (See Story about Fred Taake April 2012 Gad-a-bout

Page 8-9 at www.thegadabout.com)

The 79th stayed in Alaska until the fall of 1944 with detachments at Cold Bay, Amchitka and Adak. They returned to Camp Parks, California for reassignment to the South Pacific, Saipan and Okinawa to be exact. They were joined by more recent enlisted Seabees who were assigned to the 79th at Camp Parks.

The newly reorganized 79th began their second tour January 31, 1945, leaving Camp Parks for the South Pacific, arriving on Saipan February 26, 1945 where they remained until departing for Okinawa.

The first echelon of 21 officers and 727 enlisted men left Saipan April 21, landing April 30, 1945. The second echelon followed on May 15.

Since embarking on this search to find out why Dad wasn't with the 79th in Saipan and Okinawa I've learned quite a bit about his travels.

My Dad was reassigned to CBMU #624, a Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit which was Commissioned at Port Hueneme, CA in 1944 and embarked on its journey to Okinawa, January 16,

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Fred Hummel took me to see the grave of Major Richard D. "Dick" Winters (1918-2011) made famous by the 2001 HBO mini series film, "Band of Brothers" by Damian Lewis, who is buried in the Burgstrasse Cemetery in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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68th Reunion Seabees, family and friends assembled here for a group photo in the Hampton Inn. From left to right, front row: Jeannie Winters, Fred Hummel, Lenore Hummel, Erma Sarahan, Charles (Chuck) Sarahan, Carolyn Huls, Joyce Seikmann and Janice Plaskett. Back row: Dennis Good, Conrad E. Shoup, Dot Accetta, Joseph (Joe) Accetta, Jack Taggart, Vern Seikmann, Edward Taggart and Ray Dickerson. (Photo by Nicole Rabiega, Hampton Inn Desk Clerk)



79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion (Seabee) 68th Reunion hosts, Lenore and Fred Hummel who live in Ephrata, PA. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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1945. He landed on Okinawa with the Marines on L Day, April 1, 1945. He remained on Okinawa until he and 528 other Seabees got picked up October 4, 1945 by the USS Topeka (CL-67), a cruiser bound for Portland, Oregon. He was discharged October 29, 1945 at Great Lakes Naval Station. He passed away June 28, 1992. (You can read his story at www.thegadabout.com Archives, Scroll down to October 10, 2010 and open high res on page 15-18.)

The men of the 79th remained on Okinawa through the end of the war and some longer until they had enough points to go home. Some were reassigned to other battalions and even transferred to other islands before going home. I have heard so many stories from Seabees, their families and friends since searching for members of the 79th and CBMU 624 when I hosted the 67th Reunion here in Indiana last year.

The 68th 79th NCB Reunion.

That's enough history for now, on to the main theme of this article the 68th 79th NCB reunion in Ephrata, Pennsylvania August 25-29, 2013.

I arrived at 3:20 p.m. at the Mountain Springs Hampton Inn and Suites located at 380 East Main Street in Ephrata, PA. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the room I had waiting on me. I'm more used to motels with rooms that if I turn around too quick I will run into myself. My room, 328, had a biggg bed, chest of drawers, couch, a desk with chair and free internet access ports, a kitchen with sink, micro wave and refrigerator, 2 bedside lamps with small table, a biggg TV, bathroom sink with adjoining bath room and a huge closet with 2 sliding doors and more.

After unpacking, I don't like to live out of a suitcase, I neatly put all my under clothes in the chest of drawers and hung all my shirts and pants in the closet.

I then went downstairs to see who was in the hospitality room. As I was getting off the elevator I met Lenore Hummel, host for the reunion. We had a hug and she told me the ones who had arrived so far.

The first person I met going into the room was Seabee Fred Hummel, Lenore's husband. I looked around the room, then told Fred I had to go move my van to a parking place and would return shortly.

After moving the van I gathered up several military books and other odds and ends I brought for the other Seabees to look through.

Entering the room and seeing several around the table I spoke with Janice Plaskett, Conrad Shoup, Carolyn Huls and Joe Accetta. A new fella was sitting among them, his name was Henry Williams from Maryland, also a son of a 79th NCB Seabee. He was just visiting for the day.

We all sat around the large table talking about what we had done since the last reunion, topics of the day, the Seabees etc.

Someone brought up the topic of where were we going to eat. We were told there was an Applebee's next door so we settled on going over there. It was conveniently close and the food was good.

Afterwards some of us settled back into the hospitality room for more conversation, while some retired to their rooms, after a day long trip. I had left at 5 a.m., but didn't seem to be tired.

We didn't have a set schedule this time, we were

just going to decide what we wanted to do or see and go do it. I really liked the easy going schedule, a lot less hectic than last years reunion. I had a couple of reasons for this trip, one to enjoy the company of my Seabee friends and also get some rest.

Monday, August 26, 2013

We all got up early Monday so we could enjoy the FREE breakfast buffet at the Inn. See photo top of page 17. You couldn't ask for a better healthy and wholesome meal to start the day. Cereal, pancakes, bagels, toast, muffins, waffles, biscuits & gravy, donuts, cookies, scrambled eggs, a different meat daily (bacon, sausage and ham), fresh fruit including bananas, oranges, apples, milk, fruit juices, coffee, tea and all the condiments you would want.

After breakfast Conrad Shoup asked me if I would like to go see the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum in Strasburg, PA. with him. I acknowledged that I would. He found two others who wanted to go to, so guided by Alice (Conrad's GPS guide) Conrad, myself, Carolyn Huls and Dennis Good headed for Strasburg.

I had never been to a railroad museum before and was eager to see it. I worked for PennCentral Railroad from 1968 to 1972 in Richmond, IN. and hadn't been near a train since then.

We had a wonderful time arriving at around 11:30 a.m. and didn't leave until 1:00 p.m. I ended up taking 124 photos.

The photo of Engine No. 1223 on page 17, served the Pennsylvania RR very well pulling passenger trains from 1905 to 1950. After retirement it was leased to the Strasburg Railroad running there from 1965 to 1989. In the interim, ownership of the locomotive passed from the Pennsylvania to PennCentral, and finally to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. In its' career No. 1223 had appeared in several motion pictures including, "Broadway Limited in 1939," "Hello Dolly in 1968," and several television documentaries and commercials filmed in Strasburg.

After returning from our trip we settled in for conversation, looking at publications and eating snacks in the hospitality room.

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For supper (or dinner to some) Lenore and Fred Hummel told us we were all going to Miller's Smorgasbord. Next question was how to get there. That question was solved when I was offered a ride. (Side note: my two passenger van didn't move from the time I got there until the day I left.)

We got to Miller's in short order at 6:44 pm, it was packed, it was a good thing Lenore and Fred had made reservations ahead of time for our party of eleven.

So much for the diet I'd been on since February 1st. In all fairness though, I tried to eat healthy food, just didn't pay much attention to the quantity.

At the supper table the talk turned to the only planned activity, other than the Wednesday night banquet and meeting, a shopping trip to Amish and Menninite farms and businesses for most of Tuesday. I made it clear that I didn't intend to go on the shopping trip, wanting to spend most of Tuesday resting and reading a couple of books I had brought along in the Inn.

After returning to the Inn some of us visited in the hospitality room while others turned in for the night.

I sat down and joined in the conversation for a short time then went to the Inn Desk Clerk to ask a question, before turning in for the night. She was on the phone, I detected what sounded like an English accent. I waited for the clerk to put the phone down and inquired if I had detected an English accent. She said no, she was from Wales, it was a Welsh accent.

I told her I spent three years in the Midlands of England stationed at RAF Chelveston and Alconbury. She told me her name was Lyjanka



Just Inside the entrance to the Theodore R. Sprecher Museum is the Wall of Honor, pictures of Veterans who were residents of Cocalico Valley at the time of their enlistment. Left to Right: Sitting, Jeannie Winter and Joyce Seikmann. Standing, Museum guys Lowel Haws and Eugene Gockley, Seabees Joe Accetta, Janice Plaskett, Conrad Shoup, Lenore Hummel, Carolyn Huls, Vern Seikmann, Fred Hummel, Dennis Good, Dot Accetta and Erma Sarahan. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Stafford, she had lived in an Industrial area in Wales. Coal mining was the main industry. She had lived in Pontyberem before moving to America. She has been here for seven years and she has a plate on the front of her car that reads "Welsh Girl."

Her accent hadn't diminished any since living here with us Yanks. I enjoyed our conversation, learning about Wales, her life there and here.

Than Fred Hummel stopped by the desk inquiring about what hours the Seabees had the hospitality room for Tuesday. Lyjanka looked at the schedule and gave him the information, then she got busier so I headed back to the hospitality room with Fred.

Fred told me he wasn't going on the shopping trip Tuesday either and asked if I would like to go with him and visit the Milton Hershey School, Tuesday afternoon. I thought about it for a moment and told him I would.

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Fred and I left for Hershey, PA at around 1 p.m. Tuesday, it wasn't far away. We arrived at the school around 2 p.m. The grounds was beautiful. We were

fortunate when we entered the Rotunda to get to see a 20 minute video of the life of Milton S. Hershey.

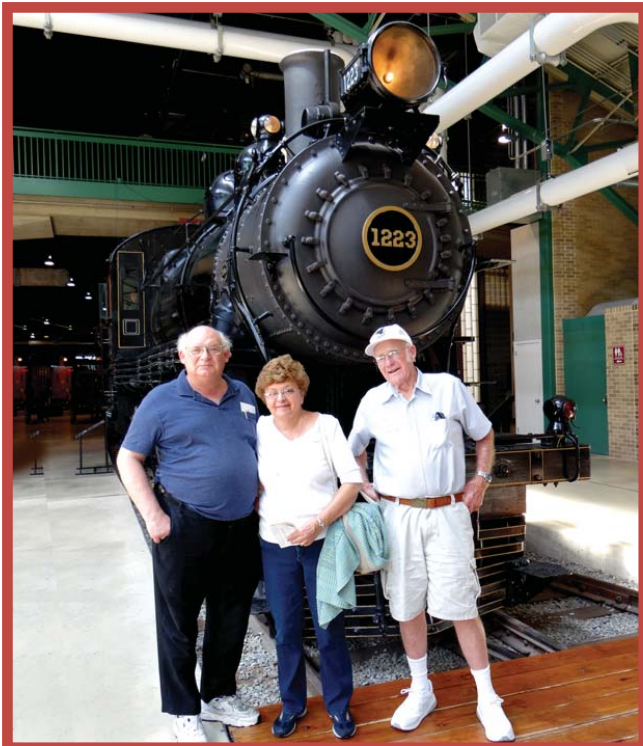
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You can read all about Milton Hershey by logging onto www.mhs-pa.org/.

It was a very enjoyable day, we arrived back at the Hampton Inn at around 5:30 pm.

All of us went to a nearby restaurant for supper. After returning to the Hampton Inn some of us

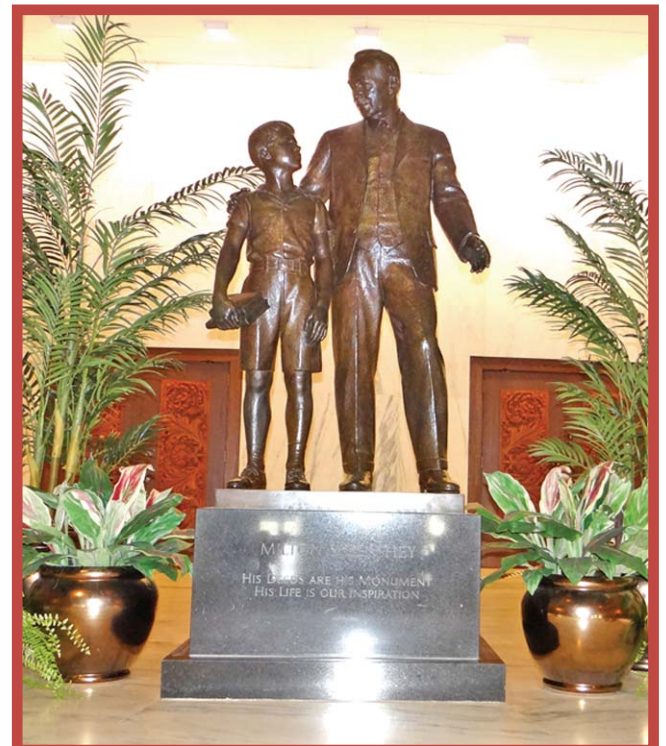
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Left to Right: Dennis Good, Carolyn Huls and Conrad Shoup standing in front of Engine No. 1223 in the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum in Strasburg, PA. This Locomotive pulled the Pennsylvania's passenger trains from 1905 to 1950 and starred in several motion pictures. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Lyjanka Stafford is one of the desk clerks in the Hampton Inn where the Seabees were having their 79th NCB Reunion. I got to know her after I asked if I heard her speaking with a English accent. I spent some time in England back in the 1960's. See more above. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Inside the Milton Hershey School Rotunda is this statue. The inscription on the life-size bronze statue of Milton S. Hershey reads. His deeds are his monument. His life is our inspiration. Originally the School only accepted orphan boys, that has changed through the years. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Seabee Fred Hummel, Jack's son Edward Taggart and Seabee John "Jack" Taggart who arrived Wednesday afternoon to spend some time with us. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

went into the hospitality room while others headed for a good nights rest. Before long, Chuck Sarahan and I was the only two left in the room. We talked for the longest time, it was very enjoyable.

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

Most of us got up early enough to have the Hot free breakfast at the Inn, we were scheduled to visit the Theodore R. Sprecher Museum of the Historical Society of The Cocalico Valley located in Ephrata. It had military and other displays too.

Lowell Haws, President of the Historical Society of The Cocalico Valley met us at the door. We all filed into the ante room. On the walls was the pictures of 105 Cocalico Valley Veterans, both formal and informal. The museum had three floors with some very interesting items, especially the military exhibits. It should be on your list of things to visit.

We left around 11:30 a.m. and traveled a short distance to, The Udder Choice, arriving there at about noon. Just in time for lunch or a snack. I ordered a malted milk shake, thick with whipped cream and a cherry on top. I can't remember the last time I had one of those, if ever.

Everyone ordered something.

If you are in the area, they are located at 1812

West Main St., in Ephrata, PA.

Just about the time we were to leave it commenced to rain in buckets. We left there at 1:15 p.m. going back to the Hamptin Inn.

Shortly after getting back, Fred Hummel asked me if I still wanted to go see Richard "Dick" Winters grave. I told him I did, so he, Dennis Good and I headed toward Bergstrasse Cemetery where Winters was buried. See my photo of his gravesite on page 15.

Richard D. "Dick" Winters was born in Ephrata, Pennsylvania to Richard and Edith Winters on January 21, 1918 he passed away January 2, 2011

Winters was a United States Army officer and decorated war veteran. He commanded Company "E", 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, during World War II.

Winters was featured in a number of books and was portrayed in the 2001 HBO mini-series Band of Brothers by Damian Lewis. He was a regular guest lecturer at the United States Military Academy at West Point until his retirement in 1997. He was the last surviving Easy Company commander.

We arrived back at the Hampton Inn at 4:15 pm arriving there just in time to see John "Jack" Taggart getting out of his son's car at the entrance to the Inn. See photo above on this page.

What a sight for sore eyes. This made our reunion complete, Jack hadn't been able to get to any reunions lately. His son, Edward Taggart, brought him to this reunion. Jack knew my Dad when they were both with the 79th NCB in Alaska 1943-1944.

We all went into the hospitality room.

It was Banquet night so we all loaded up and went to the Cloister Restaurant in Ephrata for the meal arriving there at 6 pm.

Everyone was there, sitting at the head of the

table, Charles "Chuck" Sarahan, Erma Sarahan, Dot Accetta, Ray Dickerson (when not taking photos), Carolyn Huls, Conrad Shoup, Janice Plaskett, Fred Hummel, Lenore Hummel, Dennis Good, Vern Seikmann, Joyce Seikmann, Jeannie Winter, John "Jack" Taggart, Edward Taggart and Joseph "Joe" Accetta. And I musn't forget mentioning the nice 9 point white tail deer mounted above the fireplace behind my seat.

The meal was great. We loaded back up for the ride back to the Inn, arriving there around 8 pm.

I set about getting set up to take group photos near the fireplace, across from the desk clerk. We even got the able assistance from the Hampton Inn clerk, on duty, Nicole Rabiega, who took some of the photos so I could be in them. Normally I have to set the timer, than run to get in the photo before the time is up. See group photo on page 16.

Afterwards we had a short business meeting to see who if anyone would volunteer to host the 69th Reunion in 2014. Chuck Sarahan volunteered to host it in Maryland.

We adjourned to get prepared for the trip home. **Thursday, August 29, 2013**

I left at 10:05 am enroute to 79th Seabee Joe Rudy's home in Jeannette, PA near Pittsburgh. Joe also knew my Dad in Alaska. See Page 4 & 28 to read article on my visit with Seabee Joe Rudy. ■



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Just some of the staff who helped make our 68th Seabee Reunion such a success at their Hampton Inn in Ephrata, PA such a happy occasion. Front Row, left to right: Bonnie, Erica, Janet, Leonor, Anthony, Diana and Stacy. Back Row, left to right: Anna, Chris, Maggie, Bret, Richard, Sheri, Marko, Nicole R, Lizzi, Nicole E, Lyjanka (the Welsh Girl with the Accent), Julianne and Tonantzi. (Photo provided by Diana Bernardo, General Manager of Ephrata at Mountain Springs, Ephrata, PA)

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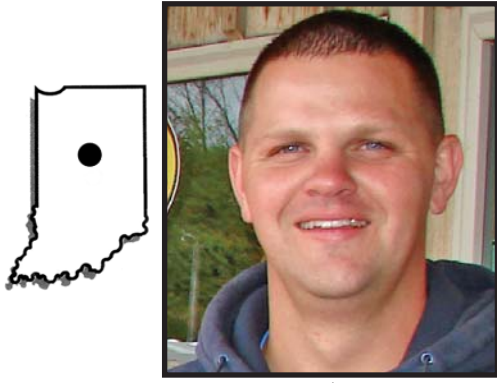
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by Ryan Pershing
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Let the Fall Season Begin

With the 2013 summer season coming to a close it is now time to turn our attention to what I believe is the best season of all for avid outdoor enthusiasts, the fall season! Out with the hot muggy days and in with the cool brisk autumn days. This is the time of year to get out and enjoy the many beauties that nature presents to us. Whether it be camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, or horseback riding; you are sure to find yourself enamored with the many great things associated with this time of year!

Here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash, things are no different as we all prepare for activities and things to do to make this season an even more enjoyable time for all. The **Salamonie** and **Mississinewa** Reservoirs, in conjunction with the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center, have put together several events to make your visit to this area an even better stay.

Following is a list of the many activities of events planned for the following weeks ahead. At the **Salamonie Reservoir**, things get started off for all the horseback riders on September 20th for the **Salamonie Riders Rendezvous**. This is a three day event that includes many different activities, planned rides, and fellowship time. This has been a yearly event with great success and allows you to enjoy one of the best public horseback trails in Indiana. The other big event is planned for October 11th through the 13th. This is the annual **Autumn Camping Weekend** that wraps up the camping season. Activities include campsite decorating, hay rides, trick

or treating, and other family fun events. This is a great time to get the family out for one last get together and enjoy the wonderful fall foliage before heading into the dead of winter!

At the **Mississinewa Reservoir** activities begin September 14th



Late summer boating fun on the water can still be enjoyed at the Great Lakes of the Wabash as long as the weather cooperates. (File Photo)

as they host the **Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon**. This event begins with a 500 yard swim at the beach area, followed by a 16.6 mile bike ride and concluding with a 3.75 mile run. This event is followed up by two **Autumn Camping Weekends** in the month of September. The first is on October 4-6 and followed up on October 11-13. This is the year end celebration that includes campsite decorating, trick or treating, music and other fun events to enjoy with your family!

This time of year also marks the return of better fishing. Things were a little slow during the hot summer months but things have been picking up over the last few weeks and typically get even better the further into the season we get. Speaking of fishing, the month of September marks the return of the **Bozarth Crappie Tournaments**. The first two scheduled tournaments were canceled due to lake levels and weather conditions so we are hoping for better results for our last two tournaments. Our first date is scheduled for **Saturday, September 14th** and we wrap up the season with the **Bozarth Classic on September 28th**. We hope to see you there. For more information call (765) 981-4522.

In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to get out enjoy the many vast opportunities that exist at our state parks. This is a great time of the year to get the family involved in the outdoors and to help build memories that will hopefully be passed down to future generations. If you decide to visit the Great Lakes of the Wabash, be sure to make the drive to come see us here at **Bozarth's** and enjoy one of our many delicious sandwiches! ■

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by **Marshall Smith**
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Authors Daisy PowerLine 880 .177 BB/Pellet Rifle (Author Photo)

The accuracy of many of the quality air guns on the market make hunting with them more feasible. If you have never hunted with an air rifle then this would be a new challenge for many hunters as they are a single shot rifle. Hitting a squirrel in the head with an air rifle means that the shooter will have to be well aware of the limitations of his air rifle. The shot placement will have to be within a quarter sized target to successfully take down a squirrel with a head shot. Even a heart/lung shot will have to be within a target area of a half dollar or at most a silver dollar. Now I know some of you youngsters haven't seen a silver dollar but it is about 1.5 inches in diameter while the quarter is about 1 inch in diameter. I have an old Daisy Powerline 880 .177 cal pellet/BB air rifle with a 4x Tasco scope. {Picture of Rifle} Its advertised muzzle velocity with ten pumps was right around 715 fps. I used it to make some tests on the accuracy of the air rifle to see if a cheaper old air rifle would be reasonably accurate and take down a squirrel. I tested both the pointed pellet and the flat nosed target pellet. At 30 feet both styles stayed within a 1" square with only an occasional flier. I increased the range distance and checked both again and found the pointed pellets did reasonably well at staying within 1 1/2 " spread. The flat nosed pellets were inconsistent and had spreads up to 4". Now keep in mind that was with an air rifle that has only a hint of rifling that may help the accuracy. Rifling in a BB/Pellet gun doesn't help a round BB fly straighter. Rifling in a BB gun just adds and additional spin on an already unstable projectile and like a well thrown curve ball, the BB will curve. Newer break barrel air rifles have good rifling and are much more accurate. But overall I feel that even with my old Daisy air rifle I could be successful in a squirrel hunt. I'll report back soon as I get out into the woods.

As a side note, CO2 powered rifles and pistols are not considered to have sufficient power to hunt small game. The .25 cal air rifles are becoming popular and there are several models of repeaters in all calibers on the market. If you get out with your air rifle and harvest a few squirrels let me know. Send me an email with your results and I'll include it in an upcoming article.

That's all for this month. These notes are mine alone and do not represent the opinion or position of anyone, just me. If you have a question or a comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or, would like to just make a comment email me with your comments at Marshall@MarshallJSmith.com. I'll try and answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column.

Remember, B SAR (Be Safe, Be Aware, Be Responsible)

Marshall Smith
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

Pellet Guns for small game

Squirrel season opened August 15th and closes January 31st, 2014. When I was a young boy I hunted squirrels with a shotgun. That was pretty certain to bring a squirrel down but the number of buckshot in the meat was bothersome when eating a deliciously cooked squirrel and bite into a pellet. Later I graduated to using a single shot .22 with iron sights. That took care of the buckshot problem for me but my father continued to use his 12 gauge. He was concerned with the .22 caliber bullet endangering others in the area if he missed the squirrel and the bullet came down in a crowded area. Today many use .22's with a scope for more accurate shot placement. Shots to the head of a squirrel are preferred as the wound doesn't damage the edible meat like a shotgun blast tends to do. Like my father before me I'm still concerned with the stray bullet getting away from the wooded area and causing harm to other animals or people in the immediate area. I thought that maybe an alternative to the faithful .22 short, long, or LR might be considered. Air guns have become more popular for hunting small game in the last few years after being spotlighted on some of the outdoor sportsman channels. Some break barrel air rifles do produce muzzle velocities around 1000 fps or greater. The .177 variety of pellets, both hunting and target styles, weigh about 6 gn for the pointed pellets and 7 to 8 gn for the flat nosed target pellets. The .22 caliber pointed pellets are about 14 grains. The .22 cal pellet tends to carry more energy further than the .177 pellet but I believe either will do the job within their effective range. By effective range I'm considering a distance of no more than 10 yards or 30 feet for the .177 pellet and 45 feet for the .22 pellet. That is about the distance up a tree you'll find squirrels on the lower branches.



Types of pellets used in testing were the .177. The .22 is shown for size reference. (Author Photo)

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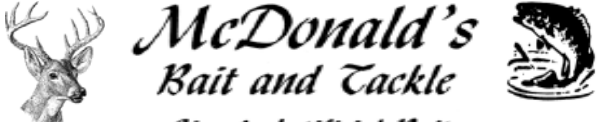
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by Joe Martino

One shot to get it right

I slowly slipped my wrist through the wrist sling on my Mathews Heli-M compound bow, slowly drew back and anchored as I silently talked myself into relaxing and picking a spot at the buck standing a mere twenty-five yards away. As the pin settled behind his shoulder I gently squeezed the trigger of my release. A solid double-lung shot. Pleased with the shot I then put my bow back up and got in my truck and headed for work.

You might be wondering why I said I was shooting a deer in September. Well, it was a deer, or at least an accurate imitation of one anyway. The buck in question was my McKenzie target in my back yard. But, if in fact it were a real deer, and if it were in season, etc., I would have collected some fresh venison.

True, spending time in the yard or on the range practicing is vital, but I have also found that another thing that helps prepare me for archery season is learning to make that one shot count. After all, that is pretty much all you are going to get on a real deer.

Years ago I began the practice of taking one shot each morning before I left for work. The reason? By doing so, it forces you to live with the outcome of that one shot for the rest of the day. Be it good or bad, you will think about that shot when you get home and, hopefully, figure out what you did to make it a good or a bad one. The key is to then focus on that and repeat it every day.



Learning to make that first shot count - every time - is crucial when aiming to become a better bowhunter. It forces you to execute everything perfectly the first and only time. (Author Photo)

Let's face it, if you do this and make a shot in the kill zone nearly each time, then you should feel pretty confident when it comes time to doing so on the real thing, right? There certainly is no guarantee but this type of practice can't certainly hurt.

I might add that you may want to move your target around every so often. I personally don't like shooting at the target in the exact same spot 50 mornings in a row. Plus, by moving it around, it will give you additional practice at varying distances, angles, and the like.

Don't get me wrong, becoming proficient with archery equipment takes a great amount of time and dedication. But in addition to the hours spent flinging arrows at targets in the evenings, learning to live with that one shot is just as important – if not more so – in my mind. But especially at this time of year, with the early archery season now upon us, you should have been practicing well before now anyway. The problem is that many bowhunters stop practicing once season opens; Big mistake. Now, especially, is the perfect time to keep practicing, but hopefully you shouldn't need to be out shooting for an hour to get your form down or equipment sighted in. But, that one shot per day could be just the practice you need to keep you focused, maintain accuracy, and most importantly, keep you mentally prepared.

The bottom line is this; if you can go out each day and shoot only one arrow, but shoot that one arrow in the exact spot that you want, then you should feel pretty good about your odds for this season. Now, this certainly doesn't take into account buck fever. That is something entirely different, and good luck with that one!

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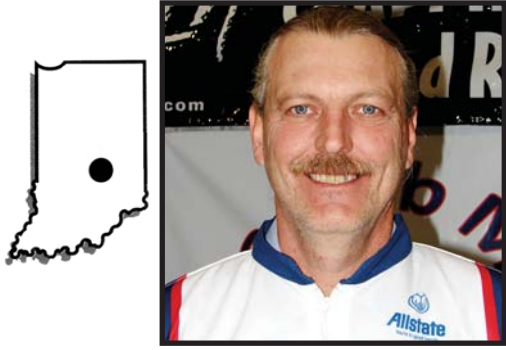
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Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Some Time Off Traveling

Here it is the first of September already and due to the heat of the last couple of summers the Slab Masters decided not to schedule tournaments during the months of July and August this year, so after fishing our last tournament on Salamonie on June 22nd my wife and I left Indiana to vacation in Maine.

We rented a house in Eastport, ME. Eastport is the easternmost city of the United States; it is also the first to see the sunrise in the morning. Neither of us had been this far North because we had always vacationed in the southern states and really didn't know what to expect, but we were pleasantly surprised with both the people of the region and also the scenery of the area.

While there for only a week we spent our time as wisely as possible. We visited State parks, National parks and monuments as well as five different light houses, including the famous- East and West Quoddy lighthouses, located just outside of Lubec, ME.

The highlight of our trip was a whale watching cruise on a 1923 Schooner, the Ada C. Lore. On the cruise we saw Minke whales, Bald Eagles and Bay Seals. During our three hour trip out to the Bay of Fundy we were looking for a Finback whale that had been spotted the previous day. I spent some time talking with the captain about his passion for the ocean. He has worked aboard fishing boats all his life starting at a young age with his family's lobster boats. He currently owns and operates several boats including a charter boat which he guides for different species including sharks and a separate lobster boat which he will take guest out on if you want to see how lobster are caught.



The 118 ft Schooner Ada C Lore (Photo by Michelle Bilbrey)

If you like seafood this is the place to spend a week, there wasn't a single restaurant where we ate that didn't offer lobster, scallops or clams as an entrée. I have never been much for clams but to eat them freshly caught and deep fried it's as good as it gets. I could not imagine eating like this all the time but I guess it would be no different than them coming here and eating steak or hamburger every day. In fact, at the turn of the century prisoners of the state revolted and demanded that they not be served lobster more than three times a week.

As much as we enjoyed our trip it was good to be back home and to get back to my home lake, Salamonie, to see if anyone had been catching crappie and maybe get out and see if I might catch a few. I talked with several guys that do pretty well on this lake and most told me they had not been fishing because it was so bad. No one that I talked to had been catching any crappie at all. After hearing this I didn't waste time fishing the lake either, but having been up there and asking around this past Labor Day weekend, I did hear it's getting better and now some crappie are being caught.

I didn't get a chance to fish Salamonie this past weekend but in preparation for the Tanner's Creek



Cobbs Cook Bay State Park (pic by Michelle Bilbrey)

tournament my partner and I did spend a day fishing the Ohio River recently. It was our first time fishing the Ohio River. We didn't catch a lot of big fish but we did learn a little about fishing the creeks feeding into the river. The main difference I saw and maybe it was where we fished but we never saw more than six feet of water in the three different areas we fished. We never once set up the long rods to spider rig we only dipped jigs and threw bobbers with minnows which is a huge change for me and something I have not done in a long time. At the end of the day we had a dozen keeper fish with Damon catching two in the twelve inch range.

While I have enjoyed the break from tournament fishing I am ready to get back to it and look forward to finishing the Slab Master series hopefully with a strong finish for the 2013 season and also the upcoming classics which will be in October with the Indiana Slab Master classic held on Geist and Morris here in central Indiana and the Crappie USA classic on Kentucky Lake. For complete details on crappie tournaments in Indiana visit our website

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West Quoddy light house located in Canadian waters at the mouth of Passamaquoddy bay (pic by Michelle Bilbrey)



Minke whale feeding in Passamaquoddy bay. (Photo by Michelle Bilbrey)

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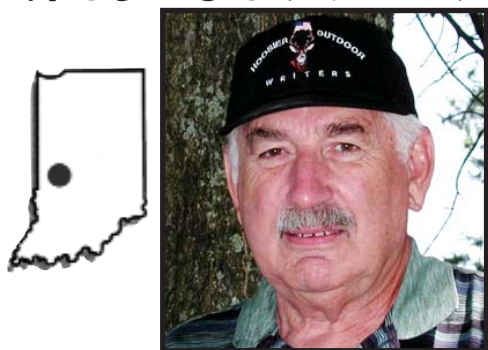
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by **Don Bickel, Forester**

Spider rigging

Spring is past and fall is here or rapidly approaching. This multiple rod rig was probably first developed for spring crappie fishing. But fall crappie and bluegill catches are easily equal to the springtime event.

I have not invented anything new and different. I don't believe I'm infringing on anyone's patent rights, but I like the concept and I believe it will provide a great way to fish. And it can be a wintertime project getting the boat arranged.

Spider rigging. A southern method, probably originated by crappie anglers. I've seen it used on Kentucky Lake, Barkley Lake and Reelfoot in Tennessee. The name spider refers to the number of rods extending from the boat. In the southern states, two anglers may be using a combination of 8 rods or more - therefore the name spider.

While in these same southern states, the rod number for 2 anglers may reach 10 to 12, in Hoosierland, it might be called insect fishing. We are limited to 3 rods each and it may be tough to seat more than 2 anglers in the front of the boat. In case, I missed someone, a spider has 8 legs, an insect, bug or butterfly has 6 and for that matter, a centipede will have more than 8.

I am the owner of a 16 foot Sylvan Navigator 1600, bought new in 2004 from my favorite purveyor of watercraft - Tom's Marine of Crawfordsville. Tom Shafer hung a slightly older 49 horse Evinrude on the transom and son Ken mounted a Minn Kota All Terrain, 50 lb. thrust troller on the bow. Grandpa had his new boat and the ideas began to form.

With bow pedestal in place it was great for one angler. However, Grandpa wanted to have a grandchild or good friend fishing from the bow also and the one pedestal seat was not quite large enough.

Having seen a number of spider rigs on southern waters, I had a general idea of what I would attempt to achieve. First problem, how to mount 2 swivel seats, using 2 of the three in the Sylvan. It seemed using 2 additional floor mount seat bases - fitting the present seat columns would be the answer.

Ken ordered 2 and after I had them in hand and surveyed the situation closer, this was not going to work. To attach the bases to the floor would mean drilling holes into the livewell - so this option was out the window. The solution - a 1 X 12, 7 foot maple board laid gunwale to gunwale, in front of the steering console. The board is presently easily removed since it is held in place with 2 c-clamps on each side.

The seats were raised slightly to clear the console on one side, by using 2 1X12X12 wood squares bolted on each corner and a hole cut to fit the seat shaft. The hole was cut using a hole saw, the diameter of the seat shaft. With two seats now mounted about 3 foot apart - center to center - comfort and swiveling was attained. Seat problem solved.

Two people could now sit side by side, the original bow seat mount was yet in place about 15 inches in front of the new seats. The foot operated control for the trolling motor positioned easily in front of the right seat. The bow mounted depth finder, a Garmin Fishfinder 120 was quite readable from either new seat position.

Next problem - mounting a rod holder which would hold 6 rods and be easily accessible to either angler. The bow seat base was the answer. The rod holding structure was made of 2 inch PVC plastic pipe, which would be held in place by the bow seat base. The PVC rig was T-shaped and the arms of the T provided the place to mount the rodholders.

A number of rod holder designs are on the market, but until all the kink are out, I elected to use the clamp-on gunwale type and then only use the curved actual rod supporting part of it. These pieces when bolted to the arms allowed for angle-positioning of each individual rod.

At present, I'm using 6 Wally Marshall, Universal crappie rods, 4 at 12 feet and 2 at 10 feet, all fitted with Wally Marshall Deluxe Crappie Reels, all items available from Bass Pro Shops. Newer models are available now. With this type of fishing, the reels serve as line holders and are not used for casting.

We position the rods - one on each side of the boat at right angle to the boat, the center rods extend forward and slightly away from the bow and away from each other. The center rod on each set of 3 is positioned mid-way between the before mentioned 2 rods.

We maintain a bait depth by monitoring the depth finder and attempting to keep the bottom hook about one foot above the lake floor or above the weeds should they be present. Each line (rod) carries 2 hooks or two tube jigs or a combination of both. We bait with minnows, bee moths, crickets or just plain (except for color) tube jigs.

The trolling motor is run at it's lowest speed or using the breeze for a drift. Each angler monitors the tips of his 3 rods. A sensitive rod tip is an absolute necessity. We use 6 to 8 pound monofilament and if thin wire hooks are used, the hook may bend free if a snag is encountered.

This is a passive type of fishing, with little energy required and an ideal arrangement for the beginning angler with a coach. Even with 3 rods each, when a hungry school of bluegill or crappie are encountered, business can really pick up.

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Left Photo: View of the pontoon "Sun Princess", one of the Adventures in Paradise fleet. Right Photo: A small portion of the great shells we found on the island of Cayo Costa. (Author Photos)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

More Adventures in South Florida

On our recent trip to the Fort Myers/Sanibel Island area on the southwest corner of the Sunshine State, Susie and I once again had the nearly forty year old discussion about should we move to Florida. From our 5th floor balcony in the Best Western Plus Beach Resort www.bwbeachresort.com, we could hear the waves hitting the white sand beach below. The cool breeze was rustling the leaves of the palm trees just below us. The sun was warm and invited me to take a nap.

Unfortunately, we had so many activities packed into our two day visit, we barely had time to sleep at night. We grabbed our small cooler with cold drinks, our sunscreen, sunglasses, and hats, and headed for the truck. We were on the way to our shelling cruise with Adventures in Paradise departing soon from the Port Sanibel Marina. The directions and maps we received from the Lee county Visitor & Convention Bureau made finding our way around the area extremely easy.

The Sun Princess was waiting at the dock when we arrived. This 45 foot craft is one of a fleet of three owned by Adventures in Paradise used for a wide variety of activities. Captain Noah and his mate, Andrew, met us at the boat. We grabbed a couple seats and were soon on the way. We were going to an island called Cayo Costa for a morning of finding some really nice shells. This island is considered one of the best sites for shell collecting in the Fort Myers/Sanibel area and the Sanibel area is considered one of the best in the world, so we

were going to have great time. We had been here seven or eight years ago and had as many large, perfect shells we could carry in our mesh bags without them tearing.

Noah put the boat right on the waterline so we didn't even have to get wet to reach the sand. Andrew offered beach chairs, umbrellas, etc. for anyone who just wanted to relax. They also have light snorkel masks if you wish to go offshore a ways. Since we had done this before, we already knew a couple tricks. Shelling is better an hour or so on either side of low tide. If you can work your schedule, this is the time to pick. If you can visit from November thru April, the winds make great shelling on the beach. Also, check out the ends of the island because the current deposits more shells there. Concentrate on the water line and along the debris line at the top of the sand.

We gathered all the shells we wanted and returned to the boat and helped ourselves to a couple of the chairs and umbrellas set out by the crew. When it was time to go, we helped carry the gear to get it stowed, then, Noah started heading us to our lunch site, Barnacle Phil's on North Captiva Island. Like Cayo Costa, this restaurant can only be reached by water. Go to www.barnaclephilrestaurant.net. Excellent food and atmosphere.

Adventures in Paradise offers fishing, shelling, sunset, dolphin, and wedding cruises and much more. I am already talking to Captain Noah about taking us tarpon fishing next spring. Look at all their offerings at www.adventuresinparadise.com.

We had about three hours to kill before our next outing, so we went sightseeing and shopping for souvenirs for our grandson Benjamin. Since we were already on Sanibel Island and were going to stay there for our evening Eco-Tour with Tarpon Bay Explorers, we decided to dine at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille again. Food and service were great the first time, so why change?

After dinner, we drove a couple miles to the landing where we would go out with Tarpon Bay Explorers. This company is the official concessionaire to the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island. This refuge was established in 1945 and is one of the most visited wildlife refuges in the country. Native birds, alligator, otter, raccoons, dolphins, manatees and more can be found here. In May and June, the loggerhead sea turtles find their way back to this area to begin laying eggs. Alligators also begin nesting in June.

We were signed up for the Nature & Sea Life Cruise. Lewis, the naturalist on our pontoon boat first took our group to the touch-tank exploration area where he showed us a variety of sea stars, whelks, crabs, seahorses, and other critters up close. We then boarded the boat for our cruise through Tarpon Bay, an area of the refuge.

As we left the dock, we saw numerous fish jumping a couple feet out of the water. Lewis informed us they were mullet, and we saw a lot of them during our trip. We next saw a reef looking structure many feet long and one or two foot tall sticking out of the water. This was an oyster bar and was about 80 years old.

We began passing what looked like small islands covered with mangrove trees. Lewis told us they were not solid ground and if someone tried to step on them, they would crash through the brush into the water. The mangrove roots went to the bottom or the bay with no dirt above the water. The trees however held numerous species of birds. Lewis gave us a running commentary as the pontoon went slowly by. We saw brown pelicans, great and snowy egrets, herons, and many other species which I didn't get in my notes. We did see a roseate spoonbill up close.

As we approached the far side of the bay and got closer to shore, we saw many tall poles with platforms mounted on top for raptors to build nests. The poles often had a wide section on metal around the pole to keep predators from climbing to the nest. Most of the poles had a nest with an osprey sitting in it.

As we turned back on the return trip, we began seeing manatees. Some were far away, but then we found a group close to the boat. They are huge mammals, weighing 1,000 pounds and more and are often over ten feet long. We watched them on both sides of the boat, surfacing, then, slowing sinking down. But, time was almost up and we finally had to return to the dock. Check out all of their offerings at www.tarponbayexplorers.com.

Unfortunately, our time in the Fort Myers/Sanibel Island area was over. Due to our very limited time, we had to start home. Our next trip here will be much longer to enjoy the many more attractions available in this area. As always, we will contact our friends at The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel at www.fortmyers-sanibel.com for all the information we need.

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Trapping Out of Season

Now everyone knows that it is not legal for you to trap animals out of season, UNLESS you set yourself up with special circumstances. If a non-game animal, say woodchucks or moles are doing damage to your property, you have every right to do your best to stop that damage from occurring. If a coyote is killing your sheep, calves, or beloved pets, then they are fair game. If you have any question of the legality of what you want to do, please speak with your local Conservation Officer (CO) who is reachable via your County's Sheriff Department or by the contact information found in the Indiana Hunting, Fishing & Trapping Rule Book Publications, either in print or on-line. An Animal Damage Control (ADC) License, available through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), sets you up to pursue a business of dealing with animals causing damage. Since your targets are no longer game animals, many of the rules that apply in season, do not necessarily apply to your actions out of season. Be sure you know that what you are doing is legal and ethical. Trapping is trapping in the eyes of the public and a raccoon caught in a box trap on someone's roof will attract a lot of attention. If it is there for any length of time, you can expect more than one call about it. When those calls start going to the Police and COs, then you start to have a public relations / image issue that may affect all trappers in the future. Beware, the general public doesn't understand why it may be awhile before you can get there and take care of that raccoon sitting in the hot sun or pouring rain. They expect you to take care of it now. Other non-game animals, that are legal to trap year round, are mice and rats. You can collect lots of

canine bait by trapping mice in a barn where feed gets spilled on the floor. When the farmers are out in their fields, I always seem to be able to trap a few mice in my home. It is like the mice coming running to me for protection. Inevitably, those mice find themselves as bait in a dirt hole set for fox or coyote. One still has to be aware of the potential for a non-target catch. A neighbor set a rat trap for a rat that had been visiting her front porch and raiding the bird feeder. She caught a baby skunk and then didn't know what to do. I took care of the dead skunk for her and set myself up with a nice scent post. Boy, her porch was pretty smelly for a month, and I think the rat still lives.


You can make sets all summer long, as long as you do not leave a set trap behind. Practicing during the summer will help you save time during the season, and can help you determine what is in your area. I wired a dead woodchuck to a tree at the back of my property and then raked up the ground all around it so there was soft dirt. Within a week, I found tracks of fox, raccoon, opossum, mice, and birds of prey. My neighbor called me to report vultures circling and wanted to know if I knew of anything dead on my property. Whoops, there is that public relations thing again. At least he wasn't complaining of the smell.

One of the most fun and productive things that you can do through out the summer is make "fake" sets. Go out where you would usually trap and make a set, but rather than leave a trap, bury a slice off of a 2" to 4" diameter PVC pipe. The goal is to get a solid paw print centered in the PVC pipe ring. You get exercise and practice placing the sets. You can test out different bait and lure combinations. In the soft dirt about the set you can see the tracks of what visited the set. If you place a trail camera close by, you can even watch how animals interact with your set and maybe make a subtle change to the way you make your sets to be more efficient in the fall. You can also tell if you are wasting your time in that area if nothing visits your set at all or if the local Johnny Sneakem try to steal your trap. I once had an area dug up for two feet around the dirt hole by someone looking to steal the trap. Guess they were not smart enough to figure out what the PVC ring was for, cause it was left behind. I just had to laugh thinking of their frustration at not being able to find the trap and trying to figure out what I was doing.

Well, by the time you get this, the ISTA 52nd Convention and Rendezvous should be over. But just in case, the Convention and Rendezvous is scheduled for Sept. 13 & 14, 2013 at the Tipton County 4-H Fairgrounds located at 1200 S. Main St. (SR19), Tipton, IN. The auction and membership dinner will be Friday night. Demonstrations, door prizes, silent auctions and give-a-ways will take place both days. You need to be present for some of them, and others you need not be present. More of what is happening, and when, may be found at www.indiana-trappers.org. See you there! Or maybe I saw you, what ever.

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SCOTT RAMEY PURCHASED THE J.A. BERTCH HARDWARE STORE IN LIBERTY EFFECTIVE AT 7 A.M. TUESDAY 9-3-13

I couldn't believe my ears when I heard that J.A. Bertch had sold to Scott Ramey Plumbing in Liberty. Scott told me in an interview that Bertch's will stay pretty much the same as it always has been for quite a while.

He does plan on adding some new items, mainly plumbing supplies.

He will run his plumbing business out of the back of his newly acquired Hardware business (formerly Bertch's Hardware).

John and Dave Bertch who have been in the Hardware business for as long as I have known them will work for Scott for the foreseeable future.

J.A. Bertch came to Union County the year after the Civil War ended to open a harness shop

The current building was built in 1881 according to the 1884 Union County Atlas. It was built to be a Hardware Store. The store still has its original pressed tin ceiling and rolling ladders to access shelves that almost reach the ceiling.



Left Photo: Dave Bertch, Scott Ramey (New Owner) and John Bertch standing in front of J.A. Bertch & Son Hardware Store. The ownership has changed, but the name will remain the same for a while.

Middle Photo: John Bertch at right helps Scott Ramey with a weight measurement method of filling jugs with bird seed.

Right Photo: Bertch's Hardware, under new ownership, but everything you see in this photo will remain the same for awhile.

Both John and Dave Bertch are past 70 and the age factor weighed heavily into their decision to sell the business. The both had been working a ten hour day, six days a week.

While they are helping Scott learn the business and get his feet on solid ground they will each work ten hour days, but only four times a week.

I am happy for John and Dave having a good business man like Scott Ramey buying their Hardware Store and having them stay on to help him run it. I think that shows the kind of wisdom that has made Bertch's Hardware exist for 147 years.

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Metamora Happenings

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able at <http://tickets.whitewatervalleyrr.org/> or by calling 765-825-2054.

The second is Metamora's Safe Trick or Treating, Saturday, Oct 26, from 5-7pm. This is a great way for kids to show off their costumes and get a fun treat from participating merchants.

If you love music join us on Oct 25 for Acoustical Final Friday on the Lover's Lane Stage. Signup is at 6:30 with the show from 7pm-11pm. I don't know if any of the music will be spooky, but this is usually great fun and best of all it's free.

Unfortunately at the end of October we have to say goodbye to two of our popular rides, the train and the canal boat. Since the Whitewater Valley Railroad finishes up their regular season in October; this is your last chance to take the Twilight Limited Train to Dinner. On Oct 4 and Oct 18 the train departs the Connersville Station at 6pm and travels to the Laurel Hotel for dinner. Cost is \$29 per adult, \$15 for children and includes the train ride, and meal. Reservations are required so be sure to call (765) 825-2054.

Another popular train that is finishing up for this

year is Ride the Statesman with Mr. Abraham Lincoln. On Oct 12 the 16th President of the United States will be taking the train with you to Metamora. Mr. Lincoln will make a memorable speech before the train returns to Connersville.

And finally it will be the last time to see the Wild West Train and the Circle D Rangers. They will be protecting the train on Oct 19 and 20. So if you love the Wild West train and shootout be sure to stop by and see us this weekend.

The Canal Boat finishes the season in October. The last day is Oct 31 with rides on the hour from 12-4pm.

So if you are looking for a fun day trip, be sure to stop by and see us in Metamora.

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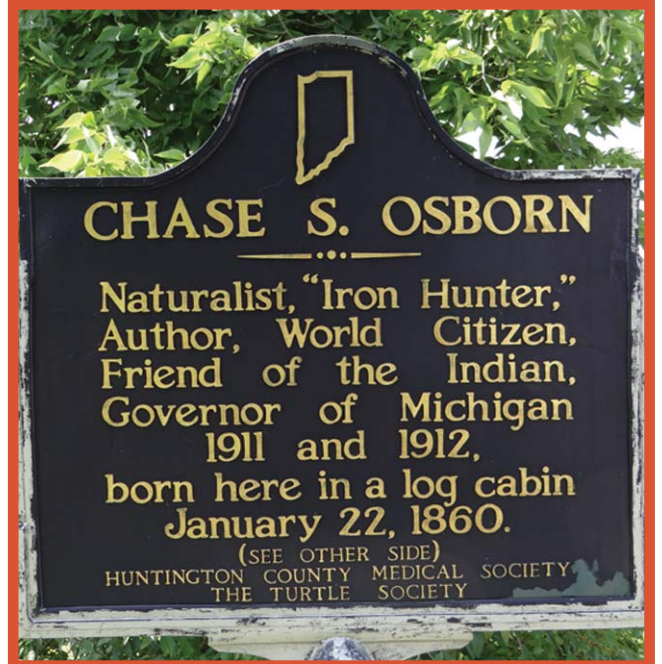
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At the corner of SR 105 & SR 124 there are two Historical Markers. One is about Chase S. Osborn Naturalist, "Iron Hunter".....born.....Jan 22, 1860. The other is about the father of Chase who practiced medicine in Ohio before 1850. They are a must see when you stop at S&S Bait & Tackle if you like history. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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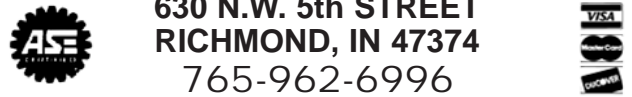
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A couple months ago while I was delivering The Gad-a-bout I noticed after I was past the intersection of SR 124 & SR 105 that it looked like a new business had moved in there again. I was running late so I made a mental note and continued on to the Salamonie Reservoir office and Interpretive Center where I leave papers each month.

The following month I stopped and met Steve Chenoweth asking if it was okay if I left some papers at his shop. He indicated he would like to place an advertisement in my paper, so I took down his information and continued my journey again to Salamonie Reservoir and then over to Logansport and back home.

Last month I stopped and interviewed Steve and his wife, Sylvia and took the above photos.

Steve and Sylvia keep busy by operating the Bait Shop (see ad at left), a Metal Fabrication and Repair Shop, a Mini Flea Market and just to round things out Steve drives a Semi hauling steel for the Kaplan Trucking Company out of Cleveland and Sylvia drives a school bus for the local school corporation.

15th Indy Gem & Jewelry Show

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their products to get into the show.

There are a lot of interesting things at this show that you won't see at a jewelry store. That's why they get a lot of repeat customers.

Among them are custom-made jewelry and jewelry repair or alterations by gold and silversmiths.

Wire wrap, wire sculpture and gem trees, some of which the dealers demonstrate making at the show. Show goers often bring stones to have mounted.

I hope you enjoy the shows as much as Van, Rose and their crew do providing them for you.

Check out their Website www.toteshows.com/ for a complete list of upcoming shows, Door Prizes & Mailing List, Links to their show dealers, Link to the Morefield Gem Mine in Virginia, Dealer Participation Information, Gem Trees, Crafts & Jewelry by Rose Wimmer This section contains photographs! Free Rock & Mineral Pronouncement Guide, Free Stone Polishes Guide, Description of Larimar-Jewel of the Caribbean, Description of

I wonder what they do with their spare time?

Steve and Sylvia have a son, Daniel, and a daughter, Nikki. They have 3 grandchildren, Dakota, Nolan and Nakayla.

You can find a lot more about what they have to offer by stopping by their shop the next time you are in the Salamonie Reservoir area They are easy to find, if you are coming from Indianapolis take I-69 north to Exit 78 take SR 5 north to SR 124, turn left on SR 124 until you see SR 105. S&S Bait & Tackle will be on your left at the intersection. If you are coming from Richmond, IN take US 35 to Muncie bypass to SR 3 north to SR 124, turn left and stay on SR 124 to jct of SR 105. If you are coming from Lafayette area take SR 26 east, turn left onto SR 37 north, merge left onto SR 9 thru Marion, stay on SR9, turn left onto SR 105 north towards SR 124, turn right into their drive.

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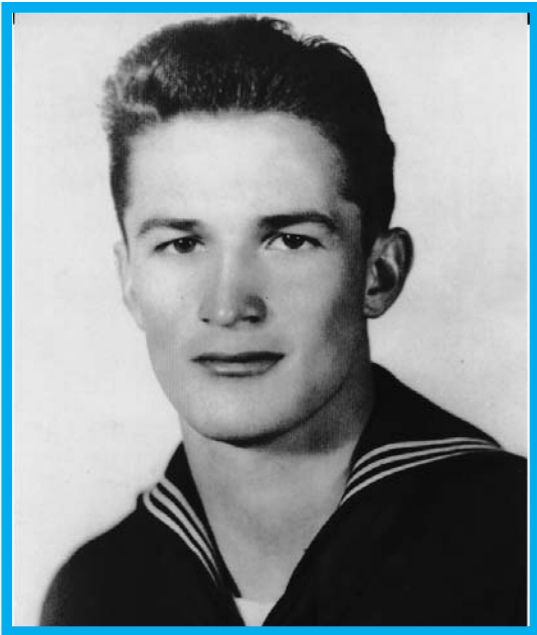
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Joe Rudy joined the Navy Seabees in 1941

Roaming The Outdoors

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over 50. Joe is and was very athletic. When he was a Seabee in Alaska, Saipan and Okinawa he boxed, played baseball and engaged in any other activity that had to do with sports. Today, some 68 years since being discharged from the Seabees he continues staying in shape by exercising and remaining active.

Next month I will be doing a feature article on Joe, one of a very few Seabees still living who remembers my Dad from their being together in Kodiak, Alaska back in World War II.

In the photo above, on the back Joe wrote a couple years ago, "Joe Rudy - D Company, I was 21 when I enlisted, I am 89 and still kicking - old soldiers never die they just fade away."

SOME NEW LOCATIONS YOU CAN PICK UP THE GADABOUT UP NORTH

Since picking up some new advertisers between here and Portland, Indiana I have put out some papers in that area to help them. Soon you will be able to log onto my website at www.thegadabout.com and view a complete list of free Gad-a-bout pick-up points through out my distribution area including a few in Ohio and Kentucky.

Here are the new Indiana locations. The Flying Sauser Truck Stop in Lynn; Buck Shot Sporting Goods in Winchester and New Castle; In-Laws & Outlaws Gun Shop in Gas City; Upland True Value Hardware in Upland and Hummels Bait Shop in Portland.

While I was talking to Gregg Ballinger, owner of Upland True Value, I learned of a unique offer his brother, Randy, has going on at Walnut Creek Golf Course. Every Monday Veterans can play for free from 10 am to 2 pm., **Reservations 800-998-7651**. Here is their offer, "Free green fees for all Veterans and active Service Personnel each Monday at **Club Run Golf Course**. It doesn't matter when or where you served. Your sacrifice enables our freedom and it our way of saying thank you for everything you have done for our country. Every Monday, (except holidays) between 10 am and 2 pm you will receive free green fees at Club Run. We suggest reservations, this offer is for space available at **Club Run** only. Non military persons may join your group at normal greens fee pricing. Please do not ask to tee off before 10 am. There is no purchase required, carts are regular price. Check in is at the Walnut

Creek Golf shop. Please fill out a registration form one time and we will give you a discount card that will identify you each Monday and will also provide discounts for all other times you would like to play."

Walnut Creek Golf Course is located at 7453 East 400 South, Marion, IN 46953 Call **800-998-7651**, you can also view them at www.walnutcreekgolf.com.

You know more and more people and businesses alike are showing more gratitude to our men and women in uniform and the Veterans who wore them in the past. It's like the last sentence on the statement I have on the side of my van. **"God Bless The American who wears a Uniform and helps defend the Freedom we all enjoy because of him or her"**.

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We are pleased to schedule the Dedication and Presentation of a new Seabee Monument and invite all to attend.

Saturday, **October 5, 2013** at 11:00 am, Marion National Cemetery, 1700 East 38th Street, Marion, Indiana 46952.

Contact Person: Dan Wells Commander, Island X-4, New Castle Indiana, (765) 749-0816, dewells16@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY: OPERATION BLUE LIGHT ENFORCEMENT RESULTS

From June 1st through August 31st Indiana Troopers from the Pendleton, Indianapolis and Putnamville Posts joined with the Ohio Highway Patrol in a joint saturation patrol along interstate 70. The project, known as Operation Blue Light, was a joint effort aimed to reduce traffic fatalities and curtail criminal activity.

Indiana and Ohio Troopers concentrated their efforts on I-70 from the Illinois border east to the West Virginia border looking for criminal activity and crash causing violations. Below is a compilation of enforcement efforts for the project.

- Traffic Stops - 37,259
- Seatbelt Violations-1,385
- Suspended Drivers - 516
- Impaired Drivers - 232
- Motorist Assists - 7,359
- Criminal Drug Arrests - 185
- Warrant Arrests - 46
- Contraband Seized - Marijuana - 2,221 lbs. - Cocaine 48 lbs - Meth 3 gms - Ecstasy 3 gms - Synthetic K-2-25 lbs - Bathsalts 7 lbs - Hash 1 gm - Heroin-24 lbs-
- Currency Seized - \$698,389
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Violations - 1483
- Food Transportation Violations - 2

Indiana State Police Captain Bob Burke said "What was substantial about this effort was our ability to work with our neighboring state law enforcement officers and attempt to make our highways safer. We attempted to reduce fatal injury crashes, remove intoxicated drivers and find the criminal element along a major thoroughfare....and we did that collectively!

The Indiana State Police remains committed to reducing the number of impaired driving crashes as well as all crashes. Motorists are encouraged to report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911. Give a vehicle description, location, and direction of travel. Never follow an impaired driver.

Read Sgt. John Bowlings Column on Page 6.

CELEBRATE FALL AT SALAMONIE LAKE OCTOBER 11-13, 2013

The public is invited to celebrate fall at Salamonie Lake with hayrides, campsite decorating and other programs, Oct. 11-13.

Campers are encouraged to set up camp Friday night and begin decorating for the campsite contest at the modern campground. Saturday's events are:

- 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Campsite decorating.
- 1 to 2 p.m.: A program on bats at the interpretive center.
- 3 to 4 p.m.: A program on pumpkin folklore, historical uses and recipes at the amphitheatre.
- 5 p.m.: Campsite judging (need not be present to win).
- 5 to 8 p.m.: Hayrides at the amphitheater; rides leave every half hour.
- 5 to 6 p.m.: Bonfire and campground supper with hot dogs, soup and s'mores at the amphitheater. Donations accepted.

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The standard admission fee of \$5 per in-state vehicle and \$7 per out-of-state vehicle will be in effect.

Salamonie Lake stateparks.IN.gov/2952.htm is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702.

FREE BEGINNER WATERFOWL HUNTING WORKSHOP OCT 5 AT SUGAR RIDGE FWA

A free waterfowl hunting workshop for beginners on Saturday, Oct. 5, at Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area in Winslow will focus on Canada geese.

The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is for novice waterfowl hunters and those who want to try waterfowl hunting for the first time. All ages are welcome.

Parents who already hunt waterfowl are welcome to bring children, but the material is tailored for beginners. The workshop will include limited duck hunting information.

"We have found that lots of participants are most interested in goose hunting," DNR waterfowl biologist Adam Phelps said. "Canada geese are definitely the easiest place to start hunting waterfowl, because they are abundant, they frequently use private land, and they are easy to identify."

Presentation topics will include hunting regulations, waterfowl identification, equipment and techniques. Hunting equipment, including blinds, waders, clothing, decoys and gadgets, will be displayed and discussed. Presenters also will explain how to hunt geese with minimal equipment.

Conservation officers and DNR Fish & Wildlife personnel will answer questions. Lunch will be provided. Some of the workshop will be outdoors, rain or shine. Participants should bring a lawn chair, weather-appropriate clothing and a jacket or raincoat.

Registration is required by calling (812) 789-2724. Sugar Ridge FWA is at 2310 E. State Road 364, Winslow, IN 47598.

For more information, call Adam Phelps at (812) 334-1137.

PUT-AND-TAKE PHEASANT HUNT RESERVATION REMINDER

Hunters can begin registering for put-and-take hunting for ring-necked pheasants at DNR fish & wildlife areas this fall.

Registration runs through Nov. 30 at IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov.

Put-and-take hunting for ring-necked pheasants will be offered Nov. 23 through Dec. 1 at Atterbury, Glendale, J. E. Roush Lake, Pigeon River (west of State Road 3), Tri-County, Willow Slough and Winamac fish & wildlife areas.

The hunts are \$25 per person. The bag limit is two birds of either sex.

Hunters can select the date, property and location within the property for their hunt.

Standard pheasant hunting will be extended at Atterbury and Glendale fish & wildlife areas until Jan. 15, offering hunters additional time to hunt birds that were not harvested during the put-and-take hunts. The bag limit is also two birds of either sex.

DNR PROPOSES REGULAR-SEASON 2013 WATERFOWL SEASON DATES

Indiana's regular-season waterfowl dates, as proposed to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) by the DNR, are listed below.

The dates are not final until approved by the USFWS in mid- to late September. A future announcement will either confirm or amend these dates. Historically, they have been accepted as proposed.

The DNR's recommended dates for hunting ducks, coots and mergansers are:

- North Zone: Oct. 19 to Dec. 8 and Dec. 21-29
- Central Zone: Oct. 26 to Dec. 8 and Dec. 21 to Jan. 5
- South Zone: Nov. 2-10 and Nov. 30 to Jan. 19

The daily bag limit for ducks in all zones is six, including no more than four mallards (of which no more than two can be hens), three scaup, three wood ducks, two pintails, two redheads, two can-

vasbacks, one black duck, and one mottled duck. The daily bag limit for coots is 15. The daily bag limit for mergansers, separate from ducks, is five, of which no more than two can be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

The USFWS estimates the mallard breeding population at 10.4 million, about the same as last year and 36 percent higher than the long-term average. Estimates of most species were slightly below last year's record-setting estimates. Total ducks, gadwalls, green- and blue-winged teal, shovelers, and redheads remain near record levels in 2013.

For hunting Canada geese, white-fronted geese, and brant, the proposed dates are:

- North Zone: Oct. 19 to Nov. 10, Nov. 28 to Jan. 5, and Jan. 18-29
- Central Zone: Oct. 26 to Dec. 8, Dec. 21 to Jan. 5, and Jan. 18-31
- South Zone: Nov. 2-12 and Nov. 30 to Jan. 31

The daily bag limit this year for Canada geese during the regular season is three. The daily bag limit for white-fronted geese is two. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

The proposed late season for hunting Canada geese is Feb. 1-15. The counties open during the late season are: Adams, Allen, Boone, Clay, DeKalb, Elkhart, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Huntington, Johnson, Kosciusko, LaPorte, LaGrange, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Noble, Parke, St. Joseph, Shelby, Steuben, Starke, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo, Wells and Whitley.

A permit is no longer required to participate in this late season, and geese harvested during this season no longer need to be taken to a check station. The daily bag limit during this season is five Canada geese, with a possession limit of 15.

The proposed statewide season for light geese is Oct. 19 to Jan. 31. The daily bag limit for light geese is 20 (snow and/or Ross' geese in aggregate). There is no possession limit on light geese.

The proposed light goose conservation order is Feb. 1 to March 31, statewide, except for those counties that have a late season on Canada geese. For those counties with a late season on Canada geese, the proposed light goose conservation order season is Feb. 16 to March 31.

The light goose conservation order has no bag or possession limit. A free permit is required. Details will be available later in the winter.

The DNR's recommended dates for youth waterfowl season are:

- North Zone: Oct. 12-13
- Central Zone: Oct. 19-20
- South Zone: Oct. 26-27

Bag and possession limits are the same as the regular seasons. The youth waterfowl season is open to youths 15 and under, accompanied by an adult.

DNR's recommended dates for extended falconry season for ducks, coots and mergansers are:

- North Zone: Sept. 27-30 and Feb. 14 to March 10
- Central Zone: Oct. 19-25 and Feb. 17 to March 10
- South Zone: Oct. 26 to Nov. 1 and Feb. 17 to March 10

Migratory bird hunters must register for the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) and receive a HIP number. To register, call 1-866-671-4499 or go to dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/3567.htm. Hunters who are exempt from needing a license to hunt waterfowl or migratory birds must still register for an HIP number. These hunters must register online.

For more information, contact Adam Phelps, DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, at (812) 334-1137, or aphelps@dnr.IN.gov.

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Jim Miller and Brock Smith took this deer on 11-7-12 (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Ken Baird took this 24.5 lb. Turkey on 4-24-13, it had 27mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Waylen Case took this 26 lb. Kentucky Gobbler, it had a 8.5" beard and 7/8" spurs. (Photo by Alex Case, Greensburg, IN)



Everett Bowman took this 10 pt buck on 11-20-12, it weighed 190 lb. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Wyatt Case took this 25 lb. Kentucky Longbeard, it had a 10.5" beard and 7/8" spurs. (Photo by Alex Case, Greensburg, IN)



Tyler Parrish took this 20.5 lb. Turkey on 5-8-13, it had a 9" beard and 26mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Danny Carlin caught this 3 lb. Smallmouth Bass on a minnow in the East Fork of Whitewater River. (Photo by Norm "Stretch" Bricks)

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Norm "Stretch" Bricks caught this 3.5 lb. Smallmouth Bass on a minnow in the East Fork of the Whitewater River. (Norm Bricks Photo)



Ernie Baird & Dean Humphrey took this 25.5 lb. Turkey on 5-4-13, it had a 10" beard and 30mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Trent Nichols took this 22.5 lb. Turkey, it had 20mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Cody Case with his 1st Turkey taken in Kentucky, it weighed 25 lbs, had a 10" beard and 1" spurs. (Photo by Alex Case, Greensburg, IN)

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