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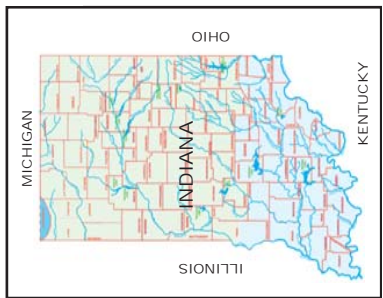
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"I had teachers come up and tell me we put on a great presentation," Day said. They said that the kids will probably never ever forget this. See Page 26 & 27. (**Photo by Jeff Frame & Alvin Day**)
Top Right: Sherry Dickerson sitting on a bench inside

Antique Alley in Nashville, IN. Sherry and I first visited Antique Alley on May 20, 1974, we were a bit younger back then. We make an annual visit to Nashville in the fall of the year. On this trip October 25, 2014 we found that being on SR 46 and 135 was a bit more challenging on what the DNR calls the "peak fall foliage weekend. See Pages 15-18 (**Photo by Ray Dickerson**)
Bottom Right: Whitetails Unlimited West Fork Banquet to be held Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Frames Outdoor in Liberty. Special appearance by Travis "T-Bone" Turner from the Bone Collector Show. See Page 27 for more information. (**Photo provided by Travis "T-Bone" Turner**)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson

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SHOULD INDIANA DEER HUNTERS BE ALLOWED TO HUNT WITH HIGH POWERED RIFLES IN INDIANA, THAT IS THE QUESTION

I was not aware of this proposed change being accepted by the DNR, NRC until I read Joe Martino's article he sent to me for the December Gad-a-bout.

He's not the only Outdoor Writer questioning the DNR, NRC's decision to allow high powered rifles to be used in the 2015 hunting season. You can go on line and see what others think about the lack of common sense, being used by the DNR Deer Biologist, Chad Stewart.

According to Outdoor Writer, Don Mulligan in a writing he posted Wednesday, November 5, 2014 on line he said, "The new rule was the result of a citizen's petition and was primarily approved by the NRC, where it should have been thrown out."

Here is the proposed change that will go in effect for 2015 if the DNR, NRC allows the change (s) to be adopted.

•Allows additional rifles to be used by reducing the bullet size required to .243 and eliminating the maximum rifle cartridge case length. This will allow high-powered rifles such as the .30-30 and .45-70 during the deer firearms seasons. Full metal jacketed bullets would be unlawful because since they do not expand when fired, and therefore, do not kill as humanely.

You can read the entire proposed change and the reasoning Chad Stewart gives for the change: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2362.htm>

According to the changes posted on the DNR website: The Natural Resources Commission has already gave preliminary adoption to this rule

change.

Back when I was much younger, if memory serves me right we didn't have limitations on the size of rifles that could be used in Indiana. Then due to Indiana becoming more populated in rural areas, restrictions were applied for safety reasons.

It is my opinion on this that high powered rifles should not be used in Indiana to kill deer or any other game due to the population growth in rural areas. In Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and more unpopulated states high powered rifles are not the threat to human life as in Indiana.

This proposed change may give a person the chance to kill a deer at a greater distance, but at what expense to human beings who live in rural areas. Their numbers are not decreasing, if anything more people are moving into the country than ever before.

If you oppose the passing of this proposed rule then let your voice be heard. Contact the DNR, NRC, your Indiana State Congressman, Senator, send letters to the Editor's, post it on Facebook, send e-mails, etc. Joe says, "It may or may not change anything if you do, but one thing is for certain; if you remain silent, then be ready for it next year."

If this rule passes and becomes the rule, then if and when innocent people are harmed by hunters using high powered rifles in 2015. Hunters who use common sense and won't use high powered rifles in Indiana will also be effected when the next rule eliminates rifles use in Indiana all together.

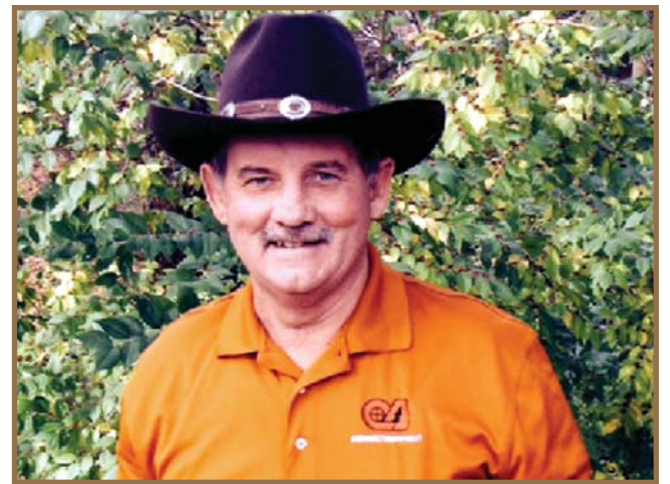
Not using the higher powered rifles in Indiana has worked for many years. We are allowed to use some and that's better than maybe not being able to go hunting squirrels with a .22 rifle in the future.



Vivian Sanders-Himelick — Gem-Wise

NEW WRITERS IN THIS ISSUE

Vivian Sanders-Himelick who is owner of Sanders Jewelers in Richmond, Indiana begins a new column in The Gad-a-bout, she will be writing about two subjects. I've been looking for someone to write



Glenn Kelsey - Connected Afield

about horses and she will fill that bill. She is an avid horse person. She will also be writing about gems and the like, in fact her first article is entitled **CONTINUED ON PAGE 29**

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Left Photo: Brookville Lake frozen, no fishing today. Right Photo: Bonwell boat ramp covered in ice and snow (Author Photo)

So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe

Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville Lake in December

If you think November fishing is crazy, you should be here in December.

As far as fishing from a boat goes, this is about it though. There is a lot of snow and ice flying around in Indiana from here to March. When you go to the lake in the winter time things are different. Most likely your gonna be the only person there except me. So unless you have my cell phone number your going out on the water all by yourself.

Somethings you need to think of before you leave the house are is the lake frozen, or is the boat ramp covered with snow. These are two things that will definitely keep you off the water. What you want to watch for is if it starts snowing while your out fishing or freezing rain. I have been caught out on the lake in both of these and it was a stupid mistake. Always let somebody know where your going and when you will be back. Take a small propane heater with you and an extra set of coveralls just in case.

Its really not to bad fishing in the winter as long as the wind isn't blowing. What your doing is mostly fishing straight up and down in deep water. In the winter the water is extremely cold. This makes the fish slow way down, they mainly just sit in one spot

hoping something comes with in striking distance. What your looking for is fish on your depth finder, not just any fish though your looking for fish on the bottom. There are times when you'll see fish suspended but those are not feeding fish, unless there suspended against something like a tree or a pillar. Bait fish stay suspended most of the time trying to stay in a ball trying to look like 1 big mass, to big to be eaten. The predator fish lay under them waiting for 1 to get weak and fall out to the bottom.

This is where we as fishermen come into play. There are two reasons you don't want it to be windy in the winter 1 is because it makes it colder on us and 2 it makes it hard for boat control. Once you find the fish you have to stay over top the fish that are 50 plus feet down. There are just a couple of ways to fish for them, either a jig and minnow or a spoon. Either way staying directly over top of them is essential to catching them. I'm not sure what triggers a fish to bite 50 feet deep in the winter time, whether its sound smell or site but the erratic action of a spoon is hard to beat. I think you need to keep it in front of there face long enough to entice them to take a swipe at it. I normally just fish with a spoon and catch fish just fine. But for those times when you see fish on the bottom and they just won't hit your spoon tip it with a minnow.

There is no place off limits when winter fishing on Brookville Lake. In the summer the lake develops a thermocline and there is no oxygen below the thermocline so if the thermocline is 30 feet deep there is no fish below 30 feet, due to no oxygen. In the fall as the water on the surface gets colder then the deep water it gets heavier and falls through the thermocline causing a mixing affect called fall turn over. What this does is re oxygenates the deep water all the way to the deepest parts of the lake enabling the fish to go any where they want.

Now there are some fish like striped bass that thrive in cold water. I have just this week caught 15 ponders 45 feet deep on a spoons then turn right around and catch one using a surface bait. Just so you know a striped bass is really a land locked ocean fish. They have totally different ways of feeding and moving around in the water column then most fish due. They can and will chase a fish from 50 feet deep all the way to the surface to catch it. Where a walleye per say will just stick to the bottom and feed. But as the surface temperature gets down in the mid thirty's theses fish will only be deep. I believe this is mother natures way of keeping them alive till the winter passes.

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I caught this 17 lb. Striped bass while spoon fishing Brookville lake in water that was 45 feet deep. (Author Photo)



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News from the Indiana State Police



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

How to Survive A Car Crash in Water

The holidays are here, and we're all rushing around shopping, visiting family and going to social events. Cold weather, snow and ice covered roads are in our immediate future as well as more traffic, which means more crashes. Read and share the following information—it will keep you and your family alive.

In America over the last ten years less than one percent of all fatal car crashes involve water. But it seems like we're hearing about crashes into water more and more. Part of the reason could be more retention ponds being built around apartment complexes and urban areas. If your car goes into water, what's the best way to survive?

There are numerous scenarios, but I am going to describe the most likely where the vehicle has just entered the water and is not completely submerged. The car will float from two to ten minutes if doors have not been opened, so know that you have time to get out of the car. Roll down a window and climb out onto the top of your car.

Once all occupants are out and on top of the vehicle, assess the situation and call 9-1-1 from the roof of your vehicle. Automatic windows will usually open until the battery goes dead. If the window doesn't open, the most effective way is to break the glass with a punch or glass-breaking tool, like the Resqme, which can be found on Amazon. (Everyone in my family, including myself, has one they keep on their key ring.)

You can stand or sit on top of the car until help arrives. If conditions require, the driver and occupants can swim to shore, always swimming the direction the car entered the water. In swift flowing

water you should stay on top of the vehicle and ride it like a boat until it snags. If the vehicle snags (i.e., on a fence, stump, or the bottom), you should stay on the car until help arrives.

You can access the Indiana State Police video demonstrating the proper way to escape a crash into water by going to <http://www.in.gov/isp/2782.htm> and clicking on Surviving a Crash Involving Water.

Safe Holiday Travel

To help ensure the safety of all motorists during these heavily traveled holidays, the Indiana State Police will be participating in Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort.) Operation C.A.R.E. is a federally funded program and will allow approximately one hundred fifty additional troopers to patrol area roadways over this holiday period. Officers will also participate in Statewide Driving under the Influence Project (SWDUIEP). Troopers will be looking for impaired drivers, motorists who speed, follow too closely, make unsafe lane changes, drive aggressively, and fail to buckle up or properly restrain their children.

Troopers will be aggressively enforcing Indiana's child restraint and seat belt laws. All occupants of a motor vehicle, including pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles, are required to be secured in a seat belt or child safety seat in every seating position.

Drive according to traffic conditions:

Allow extra time to get to your destination.
Don't use cruise control in heavy traffic.
Avoid abrupt stops and starts in heavy traffic—always signal lane changes.
Use headlights even during daylight hours.
Reduce your speed in rain and NEVER drive into flowing water.
Decrease your speed in construction zones—Obey posted speed limits.
REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN AND MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES—This includes tow trucks and highway maintenance vehicles.
Make sure you are well rested. A fatigued driver can be as dangerous as an impaired driver.
Remember the two second rule and increase the distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you.
Don't forget to watch for slow moving farm equipment on county and state roads.
Make sure you have a charged cell phone in your vehicle and **NEVER TEXT WHILE DRIVING!**
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When I speak to folks about a career with us, no matter if the crowd is high school age, college age or adults, I frequently get asked "Why should I apply at the Indiana State Police, what makes you different?" Now there are a lot of obvious ways I could answer that. One is the ease of applying. Just go to www.in.gov/isp, click on career opportunities, State Trooper, and fill out an application on line - it's just that simple.

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

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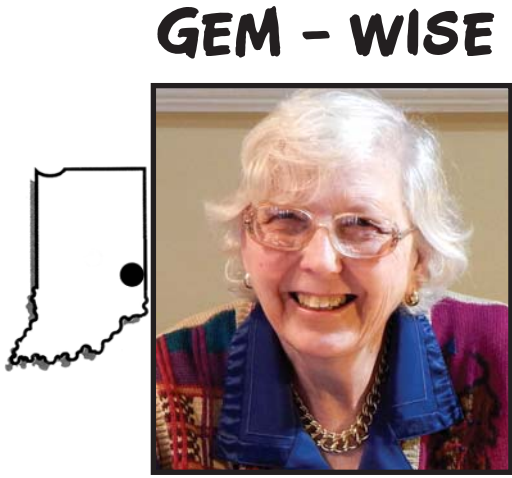
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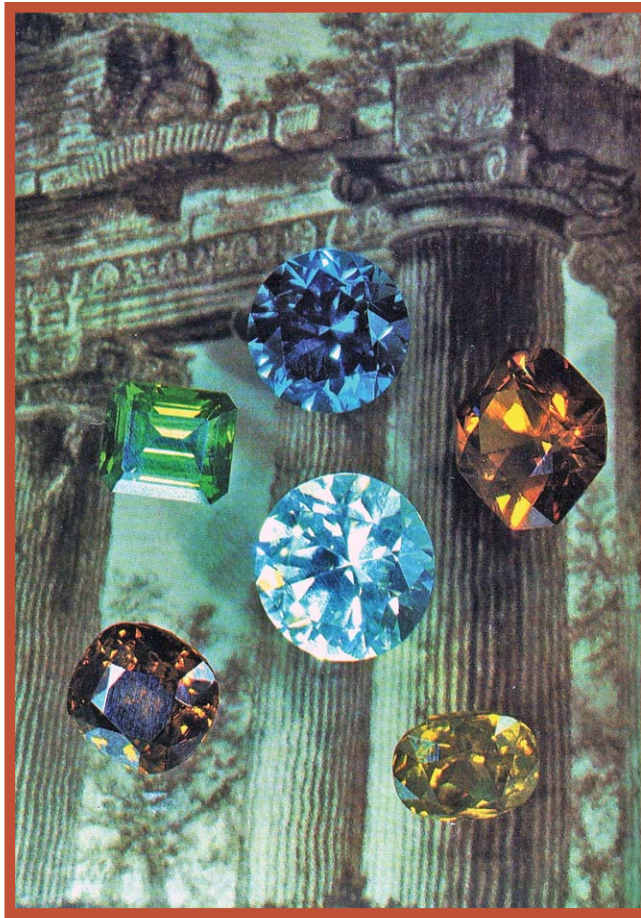
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December's Fabulous Birthstone's

Zircon & Turquoise



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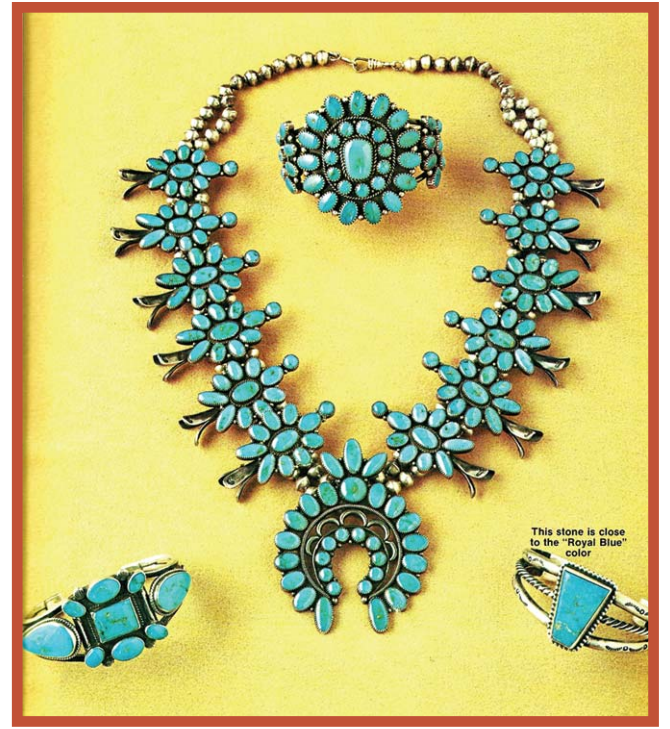
Zircon and Turquoise are gemstones associated with the December birth month.

The name Zircon is believed to come through the French from Arabic "Zarkun" meaning cinnabar. The word was first used in 1783 for crystals from Ceylon. In the 1920's, Tiffany and Company's head geologist, Dr. George F. Kunz proposed the name "Starlite" for this remarkable gem. The gem became popular, the name did not.

In the Middle Ages, zircons were believed to offer protection against wounds, and to promote riches and honor.

Zircon is chemically zirconium silicate. This species of gem material is usually found in igneous rocks in Ceylon, Cambodia and Burma (now Myanmar). Smaller mines are found in Brazil and Australia. Mining is done by hand in shallow pits, mines, & gravel digs. Zircon is dense and weighs more than gravel, so it can be "washed", sorted and removed from the other rocks. Most of the mining in the Asian countries occurs during the dry months of March to November. In the rainy months, the pits and mines fill with water, making mining impossible.

Zircon occurs in a variety of colors which include blue/green, colorless, brown, red, orange, golden yellow, and shades of green. The blue/green variety is shown as the December birthstone. The colorless variety was used as diamond substitutes in the early 1900's thru 1970's. The modern laboratory created Cubic Zirconia is similar in appearance to the natural mined gemstone. The reds, golds, & brown variety, for which the



Turquoise jewelry. (Author Photo)

name zircon was derived, are rich in color and brilliancy.

Zircons are highly collectable. The largest gem recorded resides in the Museum of Natural History in New York. It is dark blue green, a rare natural color, and weighs 208 carats. Another cinnamon brown gem is in the same museum, and weighs in at over 100 carats.

Turquoise is an opaque crypto-crystalline gem of phosphate of aluminum and copper, with a hardness of 6. The gem is easily cut in many shapes. Yellow green colored turquoise show trace elements of iron that impart a greenish color.

Turquoise has been mined in several countries. The first known turquoise mines are from China and Tibet. Large gemstones were cut into beads, & gemstones for ornamentation, and some very large sculptures.

The earliest mention of turquoise is in a story that spoke of the mine of Isaac, father of Israel, who lived about 2100 BC. However, turquoise had been mined in the Middle East long before that time. Persian writings tell of vases carved of turquoise, large enough to hold 6 gallons of water.

The Egyptian Pharaohs were captivated by the gemstone over 7000 years ago. Burial sites have been found to contain amulets and jewelry ornaments containing turquoise set in pure gold.

In our own American Southwest, turquoise was mined by Native Americans before the birth of Christ. The Native Americans such as the Navaho, Zuni, Hopi, Santo Domingo and Cochiti Indians have created beautiful jewelry and sculptures from these gems.

Turquoise is found in several states, including 24 mines in Nevada, 4 mines in Arizona, and 4 mines each in New Mexico, & Colorado.

Turquoise is known for its intense blue to blue-green color. The finest are called "Robin Egg" blue, and have no imperfections. Other gems are speckled with spider web matrix, or large veins of crystalline imperfections. Some mines have characteristic imperfections that can identify the finished gem from a single locale.

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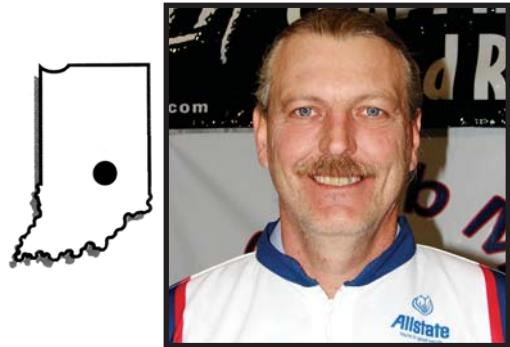
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Jason Snyder and Matt Liles 1st place 6.80lbs (Photo by James Lasswell)

Doug Allen and Larry Yates 2nd place 5.56lbs (Photo by James Lasswell)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

TANNERS CREEK

The Indiana Slab Masters visited the Ohio River on September 27th 2014, Tanners Creek ramp was chosen for the registration and weigh in site, for those who have never been to the area this is a premier site to hold tournaments, the size of the ramp and parking lot will hold more than one tournament with plenty of parking and a bait shop located in the parking lot, it is a prime spot for tournaments. The Slab Masters have held three previous tournaments on the Ohio River, in the past locals have always been favored to win this tournament. It was pointed out to me after this tournament that we have never had a repeat winner on this body of water and only one local team has won. This being the fourth tournament there has been four different winners at Tanners Creek and only one local team Yates and Allen have won it. This is one of the toughest fisheries in Indiana and requires a different strategy in finding fish if you go down looking to catch a limit of crappie you will likely be disappointed if you go down to catch big fish and you like the challenge of something different you might enjoy the challenge.

I went down the weekend prior to the tournament to spider rig some of the old creek channels looking for stumps and other structure that might hold crap-

pie. There is no lack of structure in any of the creeks. I spent all day fishing structure in a nearby creek with no luck, after a frustrating day on the water I headed home with no plans of trolling or spider rigging during the tournament. After a lengthy conversation with my partner we decided our best plan was to fish the area's we had fished a year prior. We knew these area's would hold fish if the water levels stayed stable throughout the tournament, last year the water dropped significantly over night and during the tournament thus leaving most of our structure in less than 18" of water on tournament day.

Tournament registration went very smooth and quick and by 6 am we were on our way to a ramp down river to launch and run to the creek we had chosen to start in. We stopped at the first spot for a couple quick casts to a visible stump which usually produces at least couple small fish. With not even a bite we quickly moved to our second spot where we caught a couple 10" fish and felt we could come back and pick up a couple more if needed. By 9am we had reached our third spot in the same creek, an old beaver dam in about three feet of water which quickly proved to be unproductive with only a few small 8" fish. Mid day found us running a few miles downriver tracing our route to the very back of a creek, with very little water depth we did not stray out of the channel. We pulled into our last spot hoping to at least get our last 5 fish to make our 7 fish limit. Patience is a necessity on this body of water after what seemed like an hour of dipping minnows into an old tree top the bite picked up and we quickly boated several decent fish and one nice 13' crappie. By tournament end we culled fish to get our best seven.

For the first time at Tanners Creek we went to the weigh in with a limit of fish and although we weren't counting on having enough to win we felt we would at least finish in the top ten and

were very satisfied with our fourth place finish and only about a 1/2lb short of the second place weight.

First place was a run away with a total weight of 6.80lbs. first time winners Jason Snyder and Matt Liles caught their seven fish limit fishing the main river on washed up structure and a lot of debris and structure around the banks, Jason said they used several techniques to catch their seven fish from spider rigging to casting jigs and bobbers to the structure. Jason and Matt had several nice fish to get their 6.80lbs and is a real testament to the type of fishery this body of water is and the quality of fish it can produce. The Ohio team of Doug Allen and Larry Yates finished in second place with 5.56 lbs and caught their fish swimming black and chartreuse jigs. Finishing in third was the team of Joe Long and Dave Wright with 5.43lbs. Joe and Dave caught their fish spider rigging just off the main river in the mouth of the creeks. We finished in fourth with 5.16lbs and caught our fish dipping minnows into lay downs in shallow water. Brett Cunningham and Keith Lucas rounded out the top five with a seven fish limit of 4.28lbs

Due to the lack of support for this fishery and low turn outs at Tanners creek events it is rumored the Slab Masters will not hold a tournament there in 2015 and although not a fan at first this body of water grows on you it makes you work for your limit and is one of those places that really challenges your skills and makes you change your techniques and thinking to catch fish. Watch for the 2015 schedule to see if the Indiana Slab masters retain Tanners Creek as a tournament site.

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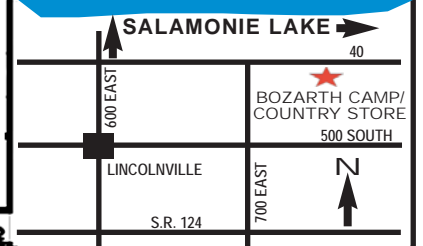
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Joe Long and Dave Wright 3rd place 5.43lbs (Photo by James Lasswell)



Ron Bilbrey and Damon Phillips 4th Place 5.16lbs (Photo by James Lasswell)

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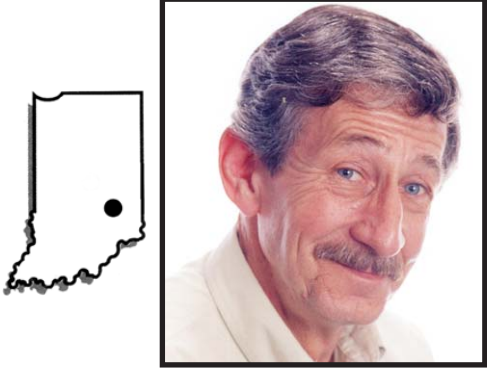
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

THE OLD HARDWARE STORE

I have a confession to make. Many years ago, at a time when hardware stores were the miniature equivalent of today's Wally Worlds, a kid could find an endless assortment of items that made life worth living. From shovels to squirt guns, a six year old was literally in "hog heaven". On one counter was a display of pea shooters that were actually nothing more than multi-colored plastic drinking straws in a cellophane wrapper. Due to my financial situation, I was hard pressed to come up with the nickel required to buy one. But, due to my pea brained logic and empty pockets, to put such tempting items where they tempted fate was too much to ignore. I slid one in my shirt and walked out. Even today when in church I ask for forgiveness and swear that if the old store was still open I would save a McDonalds soda straw and replace the pilfered item. I'm a felon saddled with no mental statute of limitations.

Forward to today. Recently, we received an invitation to join three other couples for a few days in a palatial home on the beach in Nags Head, N.C.. With three stories, five bedrooms, four baths, a pool room and a sauna, this weathered house sported a boardwalk leading to a large patio deck on the beach. In spite of radical cultural differences (in my opinion) between the couples, for five days no fights broke out and no one found their bed filled with sand crabs. Many hours were spent collecting colorful shells and sitting on the deck watching to local wildlife go about their daily routines. One afternoon a school of porpoise flashed and slashed their way through a school of whatever porpoise eat. Then to my surprise, with three foot waves rolling ashore, the porpoise started surfing. They would catch a wave as it built, slide into it and ride it toward shore until it crested where they would return to the next wave and repeat it. You can't tell me that porpoise don't know how to hang ten.

After a few days of seeing how the rich people live, we left for the mountains of Virginia to visit Judy's brother in Glade Spring, a small hamlet nestled in the foothills of mountainous terrain in the southwestern part of the state. Spectacular

views of mountains clothed in fall colors surround their home and the knowledge of trout filled streams within the surrounding area had me regretting not having brought my fly fishing gear. However, I was somewhat consoled by remembering a previous trip when local wildlife had snookered all my attempts at snagging any fish. A pair of amorous ducks in one drop pool and my attempts to scare them off had chased any fish in the vicinity into the next county. In another isolated stream that must have held jut-jawed trout, a large yellow dog had appeared from nowhere, splashed into the pool I intended to fish and proceeded to wallow around like a hog in a mud pit. Faced with no other form of entertainment I returned to my favorite place in Glade Spring, an old hardware store that had apparently been open since long before I stole a pea shooter. Standing out front were a couple of gentlemen who looked like they had been there for the grand opening. Wearing coveralls over woolen shirts and lace up, well worn leather boots, they sported the appropriate amount of facial hair and were talking in what I guessed is typical Virginia mountain folk—talk. Not wanting to feel out of place I greeted them with "How Y'all doin'?" One replied, "Jes' fine. Where y'all from?" I had two choices. Lie, and tell them I was from Hazard, Kentucky or tell the truth. I mumbled, "Indiana".

"Well, y'all welcome. Step on in". I know they were thinking, "another d—ed Yankee."

Inside was like walking back in time. You name it, they've got it. Everything from pink wool socks (which Judy bought the next day) to pot bellied stoves to fishing gear to every bolt and nut ever made and everything in between. Old wooden floors with worn paths that creak as you walk and a dusty showcase filled with some of the most obscure boxes of ammunition I've ever seen. Some of the rifle calibers that must have went out of use about the end of the "Whah" sat next to dust covered boxes of 16 gage and .410 shot shells stacked next to 45-70 Government to name just a few. But what caught my attention was a dusty glass case filled with knives of every kind. My eye settled on an Old Henry folder with four inch blades, a leather belt case and genuine plastic bone grips. I asked to see it and decided I couldn't live without it, especially with a price of \$24.95. I told the fella behind the counter I'd take it and he said, "Hold on a minute. That one's got dust on it." He reached under the counter and brought one out in the box without dust.

"I'm gonna let you have that for \$22.95." How can you not like a Virginian in an old hardware store who takes pity on a tall, skinny, pale Hoosier and who knocks two dollars off the price of a knife because it has a little dust on it?

The next day I took Judy back where she bought the aforementioned socks and I bought two hack saw blades and a bundle of bungee cords. I would have bought two sections of eight foot long, two inch PVC, but I couldn't figure out how to get it in the car for the trip home. Long live this old hardware store. ■

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MAKE A LIST

It's often tough for people who want to buy a hard-core fisherman a Christmas gift to come up with something they can really use. I happen to own a boat and two vehicles that use the same oil filter. My daughter buys me a case of filters each Christmas and I'm good for the whole year. I think of her each time I take one off the shelf.

The first time I put oil filters on my list, she thought it most unusual, but now it works for me as



Nice fish, eh? Did you notice the angler is wearing an inflatable PFD? (Author Photo)

well as for her. So now is the time to start thinking of what you might need for you or your boat to make a Christmas list to hand out to your "gifters."

I went back through several of the columns and stories I've written in the past year or so to come up with some items I thought significant enough to mention in the Gad-a-Bout. You may find them significant enough to put on your list.

*Around \$20: UV flashlight.

If you fish anywhere on the Great Lakes (and many other places) you have lures that are totally or partially covered with glow-in-the-dark paint or tape appliques. They'll all charge up with a dose of any kind of light, but to really get them cranked, nothing works better than Ultra Violet light. The new "super-glow" paints will glow up to eight hours if you hit them with UV. I bought the pair of UV flashlights on my boat on eBay for around \$20.

*Around 25 bucks: Muck boots. Few people launch and load their boat as often I do each year. For decades, I've managed to climb out on tailgates and perform balancing acts on trailer tongues and back bumpers when it came time to winch on or secure the boat to the trailer prior to pulling it out of the water. Because I do it so often, I know almost exactly where to stop and exactly where I need to be next to the dock. I hit the marks almost every time. After missing the marks two days in a row at two different ramps, I came home with wet feet one day and almost did it the next. So I stopped at a Tractor Supply Store and purchased the largest size and least expensive pair of "muck" boots in stock.

Now, when I retrieve my tow vehicle, I quickly kick off my shoes and slide into the size 13s. It takes about 20 seconds. Now, I don't have to be spot-on when backing down the ramp or perform any circus

tricks to secure the boat to the trailer. I should have bought them 10 years ago - or 20.

Around \$100: Inflatable PFD.

It's almost impossible to put on a life jacket while you are in the water. Your body wants to sink, the PFD wants to float. It's completely impossible if there's not a PFD nearby. That's why the DNR, Coast Guard and others pushing boating safety spend so much time encouraging people to wear PFDs anytime, all the time, when on a boat.

Most of us don't. But if you could put one on that isn't bulky, ugly and mostly forgotten (unless it's needed) would you do it? Perhaps.

I offer inflatable PFDs to the people who come on my boat and those who choose to wear them often have to be reminded, at trip's end, to take them off instead of wearing them home. That's how innocuous they are. Several models are available from several makers and from the big-box merchandisers, most costing around \$100.

Around \$250: Personal Locator Beacon

I suggest this for your list because it was on my list, last Christmas. It works on land or water, but during the fishing season, my PLB is in an easily accessible location at the helm of my boat on every trip. Lucky me. Had it been needed, double lucky me. What might have been a fatal, surely uncomfortable situation would have been short stopped by pushing the button on the PLB which would have immediately alerted rescue people I was in danger and my exact location via GPS. A friend of mine floating for five hours on a Coleman cooler in Lake Michigan prompted this to be put on my list a year ago. Hopefully, this suggestion puts one on your list.

Around \$1200: Boat Autopilot

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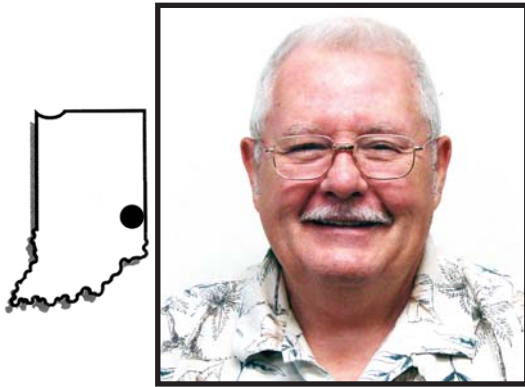
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Left Photo: The finished Flobert rifle with new hammer fitted and installed. Right Photo: Grizzly Gunworks Magpul Shotgun Muzzle Brake for a Remington 870. (Author Photos)

**Random Notes from:
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair**



by Marshall Smith
Owner/Gunsmith

**Follow up on the
Flobert Parlor Rifle**

Last month I had not yet installed the hammer on the Flobert rifle my friend brought into the shop. I had ordered the hammer from Numrick's Gun Parts Corporation. Their catalog showed two different styles of hammers. One was for the .32 cal. rifle and the other for the .22 cal short or CB round. I received the hammer and discovered it was very rough in finish and required that I cut the hammer hook for the sear and undercut the hammer to clear the receiver. I also had to cut the face of the hammer to make it square with the firing pin. The breach/loading gate was held closed and base of the bullet held tight against the face of the breach by the hammer spring. All the parts had to fitted together by hand just as they would have been in Liege Belgium arms factory. A picture of the completed rifle is shown. I didn't actually fire the rifle but did function test it to assure the firing pin was striking with enough force to ignite a rimfire round. Of course I warned the owner of the perils of using modern ammo in a black powder gun and was assured that it was going on the wall for display only.

A Muzzle Brake for Your Shotgun?

In an earlier article I had mentioned Hyper-Velocity .22 LR and the cautionary views expressed by myself and others in using Hyper-Velocity ammo in older rifles. Hyper Velocity ammo is available in 3 inch and 3 1/2 inch shotgun gauges and obtain muz-

zle velocities of 1550 fps to 1700 fps. Used for waterfowl hunting, some shooters and hunters swear the ammo is exactly what is needed to bring down those high flying geese and ducks. There were a couple of reviews done by Field and Stream Magazine and Outdoor Life magazine. I read both articles and both came to the same conclusion. The Hyper Velocity steel shot shells were not significantly better than lead shotshells and in some instances poorer. However, since lead shotshells for waterfowl hunting is forbidden the extra velocity of the steel shot in the Hyper Velocity rounds make up for some of the loss of energy from the lighter mass of the steel shot. Another factor examined was to increase the size of the shot used by a factor of 2 or even 3. That is if in the past the hunter could get by using #6 shot then use #3 shot in the steel. The articles described the only real problem is that the Hyper Velocity round may have as much as 50% more recoil than a comparable magnum shell of the same pellet size. That makes followup shots difficult if not impossible and not very accurate.

Another aspect was the consideration of the increased pressures of the increased volume of gun powder in the shell. Remington solved that with their Xelerator Wad® which in simple terms (very simple) acts like a 2 stage rocket to keep the pressure within safe limits by igniting a small amount of powder first which then ignites the rest of the powder as the wad speeds down the barrel. The shot achieves a muzzle velocity of 1700 fps. The felt recoil of the Remington round is still 50% more. May want to carry an extra recoil pad on your shoulder.

My thought on the excessive recoil produced by the HV round is to install a good muzzle brake on the shotgun. The muzzle brake won't decrease the muzzle velocity but can reduce the recoil by 60 to 75%. That allows the duck hunter the chance to stay on target and followup with a second shot at another bird. For that matter, a muzzle brake on any shotgun would increase the hunter's ability to bag more birds no matter what ammunition was used. I checked on muzzle brakes and like any other gun related product one can find cheap products that don't fit well and may make the shotgun unsafe and high dollar custom made brakes costing hundreds of dollars. Installing a muzzle brake on a shotgun is not generally a DIY project. Grizzly Gunworks offers

custom muzzle brakes for \$200 to \$\$250 for most American made shotguns and will install the brakes at their shop. Or, the brake can be installed by a competent gunsmith. A muzzle brake on your shotgun may just make it look wicked, but it works.

That's all for this month. These notes are mine alone and do not represent the opinion or position of the Gad-A-Bout or any of its staff, just me. If you have a question or a comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or would like to just make a comment e-mail me with your comments at PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com. I'll answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column.

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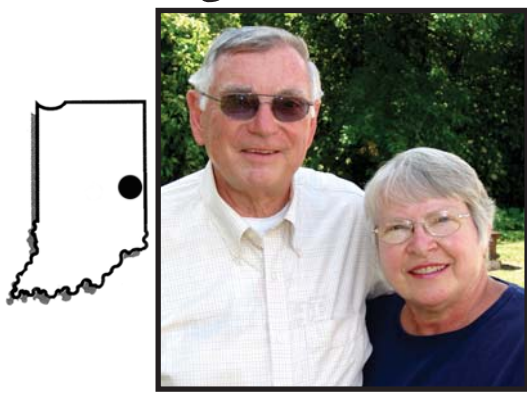


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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

Camping Clubs in North America (3)

The Coast to Coast Camping Club, founded in 1972, has expanded from camping to RVing, resort condominiums and resort stays to hotel discounts and cruises. The membership, called Coast to Coast Grand Getaway, also provides the services of a travel counselor who tends to your every vacation need. All of the above types of accommodations are included in more than 5500 resorts worldwide and your membership in the Grand Getaway offers up to 50% off most travel reservations including RV resorts, hotels, cruises and car rental.

As you might expect they offer price match guarantees that ensure you are getting the best available rates. They offer these rates at exotic locations from fully furnished villas to high end RV resorts.

Coast to Coast is part of the Good Sam family of companies associated directly with the Good Sam Club, Camping World, RV.NET, Good Sam Travel Guide, Woodall's, Motor Home and Trailer Life. Coast to Coast is the largest RV resort network in North America and provides for the members mountains, beaches, fishing and desert holidays and virtually everything in between including the much more expensive resorts alluded to at the beginning of this article. The cost to you at immaculate campsites is \$10/night (subject to change) at Coast resorts to \$15/night for Coast Good Neighbor Parks.

The plan of Coast to Coast is to accommodate total range and stages of life from singles to retirees to families with children. The three levels of membership, i.e., Classic, Deluxe and Premier allow you to enjoy various benefits of traveling the world and save more money as you travel. Check on line and ask what a Coast to Coast membership includes in all three of the levels.

To visit the travel areas and types off accommodations available through Coast to Coast and the amenities for each one, just type in Coast to Coast RV Wikipedia and probably all you want to know about Coast to Coast is there or on nearby links. <https://www.coastresorts.com/>

Next we have the Handicapped Travel Club, formed in August of 1973 in Arcata, California by five couples from California and Texas with disabilities. They decided they wanted to encourage traveling for people with a wide range of disabilities. This membership would also include families of the disabled. "Fun and Fellowship" is their motto. They publish a news bulletin, have local get-to-gathers and sponsor an annual rally as well as an occasional regional rally. At present there

are just over 250 members. The annual rally rotates around various sections of the U.S.A. These previous 41 annual rallies have provided encouragement to the attendees, and they always have exchanges of good ideas which benefit the people with various types and degrees of disabilities.

The club is now open to everyone, disability or not, as some people without a disability wanted to join and help where needed. Every member with a disability voted positively when asked. Log in to Handicapped Travel Club and learn about the club, their activities and who to contact. www.handicappedtravelclub.com/

The National Camping Traveler is a camping club for Masons and their families and widows of deceased members. There are 130 chapters in the U.S. and Canada. A Chapter is the basic unit, headed by a master of travel and assisted by a wagon master and other officers, a district council of about four states and a director.

Their national rally, once a year, takes place the fourth week of July. Most of their information can be found in their quarterly publication, "News to Campers". Some members have youngsters and their youth group is called Young National Camping Travelers. The NCT was formed in 1966 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and now has sixty-six active chapters in forty-five states and Canada. By looking at their websites one can see where the rallies have been held the last four or five years. Indiana had none so those of you who are master masons might get something started. Contacts can be found on their website www.gonct.org/

Recreation U.S.A. is a camping club costing \$44.00/year and was formed by a couple in Holt, Florida in 1999 after the owners had traveled full time several years and observed many of the problems campground owners and/or managers and campers themselves were experiencing. Just recently, Dick, the husband, passed away and Judi is carrying on the traditions established by the couple during the formative years.

The links to Recreation U.S.A. have such things as location of the 400 or so campgrounds in the 38 states in which they're located, costs and amenities, RV products, auto, RV and boat purchases, RV publications, sites of interest, RV travel, RV rentals, how to plan your trip, etc. Another interesting link is fuel mileage, safe propane use, RV tips for dryer sheets, vinegar use, and uses for WD-40.

It's well worth your time to examine all the previous clubs, especially Recreation U.S.A. as it's real affordable and is not targeted toward any specific group of campers. www.campingandcampgrounds.com/

Next month we'll explore the North American Family Campers Association, The Campers Club, the International Brotherhood of Motorcycle Campers, and the National African American RVers Association.

We hope you have your camping equipment and RVs winterized. If not, check by typing in on your search engine, Winterizing a camper or Recreation Vehicle. Most sites will give you step by step encouragement. Be careful, there are a lot of first time winter drivers out there. Drive defensively. Contact s at **260-637-3524** or jmacnut@yahoo.com to suggest new camping topics we can research.

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

INDIANA'S GREATEST MISTAKE

IDNR taking wrong path in deer management, putting people at risk

In my previous dealings with Indiana's deer biologist Chad Stewart, it has been fairly easy to draw the conclusion that managing our deer herd is certainly not in his best interest. If you think that the ridiculous bonus county antlerless permits in the past were bad, the latest issue of likely allowing the use of high-powered rifles in our state for deer hunting next year just goes to prove that he seems to lack common sense and good judgment when it comes to something as important as our deer herd and our safety.

The use of high-powered center-fire rifles for deer hunting in Indiana? Yeah, I just cannot wrap my head around that one. And what do Stewart and his cronies use as a reason for this? "Muzzleloaders have evolved to the point that with smokeless powder (which is legal to use), they are essentially a high-powered rifle (accurate 500 yard gun.) They are legal in several nearby states, including Kentucky, Michigan (the northern part of the state), and Pennsylvania. There has not been an increase in hunting-related accidents as the result of the use of rifles, both in Indiana and in several other states where they are allowed." Really? A muzzleloader that is a 500 yard gun? I have not seen a muzzleloader that is accurate at that yardage, but even so, then the answer is certainly not to legalize every damn round out there. Not here. Did you catch the part about rifles being allowed in nearby states? Funny how the part about them not being allowed in the southern half of Michigan was kind of swept under the rug, huh? And are you kidding me? Pennsylvania? The topography in that state is quite a bit different than the northern two-thirds of Indiana, don't you think? The same goes for Kentucky and Northern Michigan. Not to mention that human population densities are lower as well in those areas. How come Stewart doesn't mention Illinois, Iowa, or Ohio? Oh, perhaps because none of these states allow the use of rifles for deer, that's why? And the claim that there has not been an increase in hunting-related accidents as a result of the use of rifles in Indiana, um, could that possibly be because they have not been legalized yet? It appears to me that Stewart and his cohorts who agree with him are taking us all for fools and insulting our intelligence by assuming that they can pull the wool over our eyes. Why would they even have to feel as if they needed to if this change was really a good one?

This is just another typical knee-jerk reaction by our Indiana deer biologist. Sadly, it is an all too typical move of his. Allowing the use of high-powered rifles in Indiana for deer hunting just does not make



High-powered rifles for deer hunting in Indiana? Tough to imagine and hard to swallow, but it may become a reality if the IDNR has their way. (Author Photo)

sense. Regardless of how the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) states it, it is crazy. Many areas of Indiana are too populated, and most areas are too flat for such an idea to seem valid. There are those that may disagree, but the thought of it bothers me and many of the people I have spoken with.

Another, less obvious, side effect of this new rule should it take effect, is that allowing such weapons will do absolutely nothing but perpetuate laziness in our deer hunting system. Anytime that you allow people to take shortcuts or offer them an easier way out of something, you do nothing to attract the more dedicated, hard-working individuals that ultimately project the activity in a positive fashion. Instead, you attract those that would otherwise take no interest in it if were not easy. So, if you think that the "Walmart hunters" are bad now during our states regular firearms season, imagine how it will be beginning in 2015 if the use of these rifles is allowed.

I guess I cannot say whether or not the use of high-powered rifles in Indiana will increase the number of accidents or not, but it stands to reason that our state is not well suited for their use while deer hunting. They are currently legal to use when hunting coyotes, for instance, but with the much higher number of people in the outdoors during the deer firearms season, I do not want to find out the hard way. Plus, Indiana already has the most generous (if that is what you want to call it) firearms seasons of any neighboring state. The general firearms and muzzleloader seasons run for 32 days. So I guess adding high-powered rifles only seems to fall in line with Stewart's and the DNR's "anything goes" mentality when it comes to gun seasons.

So it is obvious that I do not feel that the use of such rifles have a place in our state. And I realize that the sole blame probably does not fall entirely on Stewart either. However, he is in the position to try to do what is best for our state's deer herd, and from what I have seen, neither he nor his administration seem to take this responsibility seriously. There are other alternatives if his goal is to control the deer population, increase hunting opportunities, or whatever. I know I will likely hear

negative comments as to my position on this topic. I do believe that as a hunter and a writer, that hunters as a group should stand together, not draw a line that divides us. But on this topic, I cannot do so. Rifles have their place, but Indiana should not be one of them. Hoosier hunters and our deer herd have enough to contend with given our state's already too liberal firearms seasons without throwing this iron on the fire.

If you do not want to see the state pass this proposal, then it is imperative that your voice be heard and let our DNR know how you feel. It may or may not change anything if you do but one thing is for certain; if you remain silent, then be ready for it next year.

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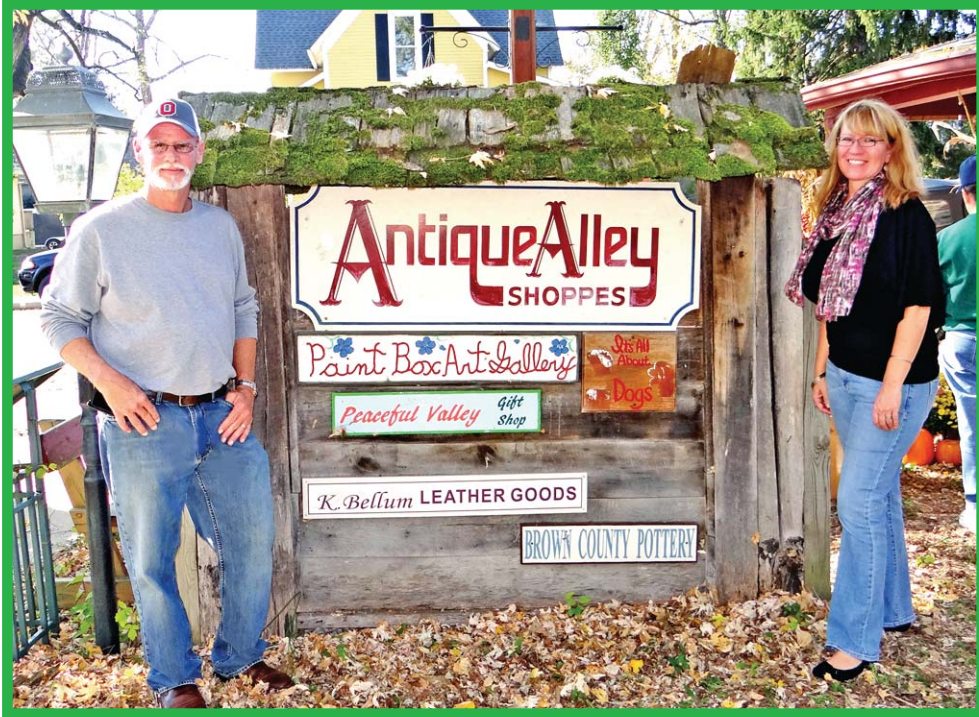
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Left Photo: Joe and Tammy Miller from Middletown, Ohio were standing near the Antique Alley sign and were nice enough to let me take their photo and gave me permission to use it in this issue. Right Photo: Jack & Jill Nut Shoppe located at 78 South Van Buren St in Nashville is a must stop for a friendly conversation and buy warm cashews, they have good fudge too.

Annual Fall Trip to Scenic Nashville, Indiana

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson (or others as listed)

ANTIQUÉ ALLEY

Sherry and I have visited Nashville, Indiana annually for many years. One of our most memorable times was on May 20, 1974 when I was there to write an article about Antique Alley for my blossoming new publication "The Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout" we spent most of the day getting to know the owners and craft persons. I'm looking at that issue now. We met some people that day who live in our memory to this day. Richard and Alice Weaver who created Antique Alley and owned the Old Ferguson House.

The Weaver's first came to Nashville when Richard worked for the National Park Service in 1935. He said, "Nashville was nothing more than just another town in

southern Indiana at that time, with a few attractions. It wasn't until 1952, when two eating places were established, the Colonial Room and the Red Door where coffee could be gotten before 11 a.m., that Nashville started moving toward attracting larger groups of tourists. In 1958 the greatest achievement towards this endeavor was realized when the shops started opening up during the week as well as weekends. Since 1958, Nashville has become the most popular tourist town in the state and has done so by leaps and bounds."

The Old Ferguson House today is located at 78 West Franklin, Nashville, IN, 47448 - 812.988.7388

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BROWN COUNTY POTTERY

We also met John Mills that day and most of the shop owners in Antique Alley.

Speaking of John Mills I stopped in his shop that day, October 25, 2014. Unfortunately he wasn't there, but I had a nice chat with his wife, Beth Mills.

She became a partner in 1994. We had talked before on our yearly trips to Nashville in the fall. John opened this shop, same location in 1968, I met him for the first time in 1974. We had good conversations and I learned we both had similar characteristics, that being in our ways of conversation. I didn't know it, but in 1994 the Mills left Nashville and traveled to live and work in Victor, CO They had returned to Nashville recently, being able to move back into the same shop and home. Which is remarkable to say the least, especially in a town as sought after as Nashville. I took the photo of John in front of his shop in December 2012. John makes creating pottery look as easy as making pie, but his skill and 50 years mastering his craft, just makes it look easy.

Brown County Pottery is located at 58 West Franklin Street (Antique Alley) in Nashville and can be contacted at (812) 988-6860

JACK & JILL NUT SHOPPE

Our next stop was at the Jack & Jill Nut Shoppe on **CONTINUED ON PAGE 16**



Left Photo: John Mills, owner of Brown County Pottery, standing in front of his shop that is the 1873 summer kitchen building of the old Allie Ferguson Boarding House on Franklin St. in Nashville. The summer kitchen was used for the hot and humid months, to get the heat out of the house, and as a laundry year around. In 1968, just out of college, John wandered into the town of Nashville, pop. 600 with 20 shops, looking for a place to start a pottery. He's back at the same location. Middle Photo: Beth became a partner in 1994. Right Photo: Form and Fire are the aesthetic elements in their pots, using the integration of clay, strong throwing marks and the flow of molten glaze. All the pots are food safe, oven safe, microwave and dishwasher safe.

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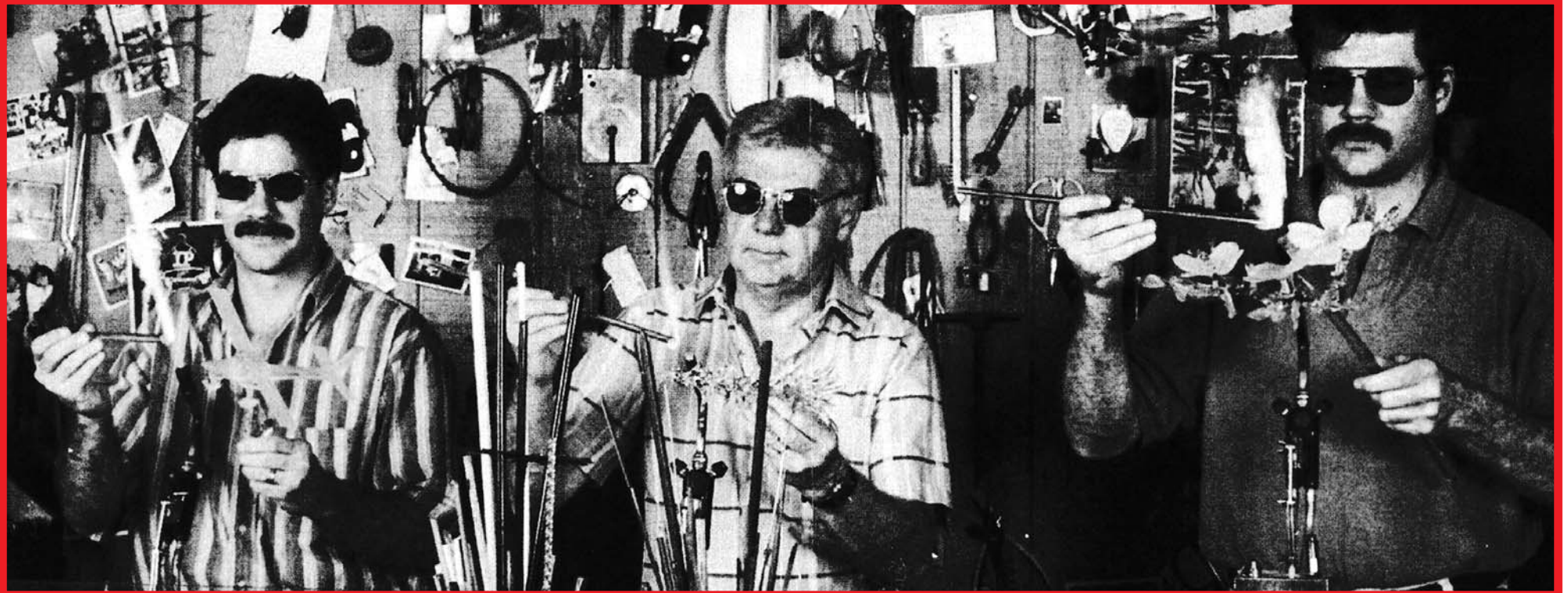
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Top Photo: The Lawrence Family Glass Blowers, Dick (center) and his identical twin sons, Jim (L) and John (R). (Lawrence Family Photo) Bottom Left Photo: From L to R: Richard "Dick", John, James "Jim" and Brian Lawrence. Standing in front is Sherry Dickerson. Bottom Right Photo: Dick and Maria Lawrence, the two have been married 35 years.

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Van Buren Street. We always stop in their shop to buy the warm cashews. They have all kinds of nuts and fudge, but we like the warm cashews the best. We don't get to chat very long to Jack though, they are always too busy for conversation.

Jack & Jill Nut Shoppe is located at 78 South Van Buren, Nashville, IN 47448 (812) 988-7480.

LAWRENCE FAMILY GLASS BLOWERS

Our next stop was at the Lawrence Family Glass Blowers at 36 E. Franklin Street.

For them my memory travels back to the mid 70's. I can't remember the exact date, but I traveled to Nashville to do a story on the Lawrence family glass blowers, the father, Richard "Dick" Lawrence and his identical twin sons, Jim and John. Dick was from Richmond originally. I think I was writing an article for The Graphic Press, the paper I wrote my very first article in August 1972, after Vic Jose gave me the chance to submit outdoor articles to his paper.

Sherry and I have visited with the Lawrence's since then on all of our trips to Nashville. This visit though was more interesting, this time I would get to interview Dick Lawrence and learn how they got

into the business of glass blowing. Dick is 84 years young.

My interview got off to a rocky start though, it was shortly after I took the photo above on the left that Dick told me the whole story about how he had become glass blowers. I asked Brian Lawrence to give me the names of those in the photo for my tape recorder, when he told me the battery light was flashing on my recorder! As it turned out the recorder had stopped recording and I didn't get a word of what Dick had said. I had no batteries, they were back in the van. So I told Sherry to wait for me I was going to the van to get more batteries.

After returning to the Lawrence shop I asked Dick if he would tell me the story again. He graciously said, yes.

Dick began, "Fifty years ago around 1964, we were to meet Jack Bolander and his family, from Milton, IN, at 38 and Post Road in Indianapolis, IN. They were working in a carnival.

Jack and I went into the Army together in the same bus. I volunteered and he was drafted. We both went to Fort Knox, KY. He remained there for 2 years. I was in the Quarter Master Corps there and then was sent to Japan for one year.

Well when we came home Jack started working at, well I think it was a lawn mower plant in Liberty, Indiana. I started teaching school in Math, Physics and Chemistry in Winchester, Indiana.

Jack kind of got tired of the engineering business, pretty quickly and he started a carnival called Poor Jack. He put 2 x 4's on the ground, four of them square and put coke bottles in the center. He borrowed some rings from somebody, people would toss rings and win a bottle of coke or something. Well any how his business grew and the boys, John, Jim and I....."

I interrupted Dick, "Asking if that was how Jack got started, with a ring toss?"

Dick resumed, "I don't know how fast Jack developed, but it was very quickly and Jim, John and I would go visit him in the carnival and by the 60's when he was having all this fun, I was teaching at Ball State, Physical Chemistry, eventually 21 years there. But any how I asked Jack one evening, I think it was two in the morning, what could I do to join his carnival. He said be the carnival glass blower. I said okay, fine I knew something about glass from chemistry. My research area was in studying materials like glass. So I started practicing glass.

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The boys saw that and they joined in and we developed what became Lawrence Family Glass Blowers and that and that's been almost over 50 years ago."

I asked, "Now when you start blowing glass you just don't pick up a glass and start blowing it, right? You got to buy equipment or....."

He replied, "Oh, that's easy I started with an old alcohol torch like a person would have playing chemistry, oh, for a chemistry set. And you can use other heat sources, I started with a little alcohol torch. Then we got a welding torch, simple welding torch, I think it was \$15.00. And started using it to work glass."

I asked, "What do you use now?"

Dick Replied, "Same thing, all three of use a simple welding torch."

I asked, "Do you all use the same equipment?"

He replied, "We all have our own equipment and each one of us has our own place at home to work on glass, as well as here at the shop. Here we are, almost 50 years later."

I said, "The first time I came down here you were in this same building."

Dick said, "Yes we came here in 76 after we lost our equipment for the carnival in the barn fire up in Muncie, we lost all the trailers and everything."

I asked, "Where did you travel to with the carnival?"

Dick replied, "Only with Jack, oh, well we did a couple of Malls, we did the Indiana State Fair and Jack's Carnival all around Indiana."

I asked, "Did you ever do Centerville?"

He replied, "Ah, yes there on the south side of the county fairgrounds."

He added, "We really enjoyed it."

I asked, "What year did you leave the carnival?"

Dick replied, "We lost our equipment and we opened the shop here at about the same time. That's one of the reasons we came to Nashville, Indiana. Because we lost the trailers, we lost the glass, we lost everything."

I asked, "Was Nashville about the same back then?"

He replied, I think so, about the same and it's been a good place for us to be, we've been lucky, we haven't had much competition."



I asked if one of the guys could set up a torch so I could take a photo. Jim Lawrence set up his position showing me how it is done. Jim and John Lawrence are identical twins, I had to check my notes to make sure it was Jim I photographed.

I asked, "Do you have any competition?"
 He replied, "Well we have had a couple people who came in and did glass, but they left."
 I asked, "Why?"
 He said, "Well they didn't want to say."
 I asked, "What is your wife's name?"
 He told me, "Her name is Maria, she is from Venezuela, but she was born in Italy and then emigrated to Venezuela becoming a professor at the University in Caracas in bio-chemistry. I met her at Ball State University."

I asked, "Did you ever meet Letterman?"
 He replied, (Laughing) "No I never met Letterman."

I asked him, "Do any of you have side jobs besides the glass blowing?"

He replied, "No, this is it, this is our sole business and we don't sell wholesale. We're lucky, people come right here, a lot are repeat customers, they call us on the telephone and ask if we can make them a

whatever and we make them a whatever! That's about it."

I asked, "About how many pieces have you made in all these years?"

He replied, "So many thousands, I don't even know, we've probably made in Christmas ornaments alone 3 to 4 thousand a year, we probably do more than that right now of humming birds, I don't know, probably 5 thousand humming birds."

I asked, "This year?"
 He said, "And we make all kinds of sport figures, airplanes, flowers, you name it, we do it."

I asked, "Ever do an out house?"
 He replied, (Laughing) "Never done an out house, well maybe Jim has, but I haven't!"

I added, (Laughing) "There's one down there where we parked, the guy there said it's been there since his 88 year old mother-in-law lived there."

I thanked Dick for telling me their story for the second time. The whole Lawrence family treated us

like family that day. I look forward to seeing them on November 13th when I deliver some papers with their story in it, to them in person.

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Top Left Photo: Sally Coulter and Jo Labounty are the owners of Primitives and Pinecones. Bottom Left Photo: Their entrance is back in between the State Bank at left and their building at right. Their shop hours are 10 am to 6 pm; Winter hours will vary.

Top Right Photo: The busiest intersection in Nashville where Main St. crosses SR 135. Bottom Right Photo: The Brown County Volunteer Firemen's Fish Fry is a must stop to cure a hungry tummy and serve a good cause at the same time.

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PRIMITIVES AND PINECONES

Sherry kept asking where did I want to go next, I told her this was her trip, for her to lead and I would follow.

We proceeded east of the courthouse on East Main Street stopping in front of the State Bank building. We walked a little past and saw rocks with messages on them in between the bank building and the next shop leading away from the sidewalk. Sherry walked back and entered the shop on the east side.

I looked up from looking at a natural looking log table all varnished.

Startled, I said, "Oh my God!"

The lady said, "How are you?"

Recognizing the lady standing behind the counter I said, "I've been wondering what ever happened to you."

She said, "I died."

I said, "You died, well here have a Gad-a-bout."

She replied, "Oh thanks, what's happening?"

I replied, looking at Sherry, "She wanted to come to Nashville, of course on the busiest day of the fall weekends."

She replied, "I just got a call from Norm, he's just coming back from Bloomington on SR 46 and the traffic is backed up past the flea market."

I told her, "Yes and when we came here traffic

was backed up from Nashville all the way just east of Gnow bone."

I asked her, "Is this your business?"

She replied, "Mine and the girl that just went out the door."

I asked, "So you are still into furniture."

She replied, "Somewhat, that's pretty much all we do, that stuff there - pointing to wood items in the shop."

I said, "That looks real good, the craftsman does good work."

She added, "Norm makes a lot of stuff for us, then we paint them."

I asked, "How long you been here?"

I added, "I can't even remember your name!"

She replied, "Sally."

I asked, "Feeling like an idiot, what's your last name?"

She said, "Coulter."

She added, "Jo and I started this business a year and a half ago in Gnow Bone, just down from our old big store. Then we moved to the north end of town, then moved here in March and we're staying here."

I asked Sally if I could get a photo of her and Jo to put in The Gad-a-bout. They posed for the photo you see above.

I asked her how long it had been since they left their bigger store in Gnow Bone. She told me two years ago, this past July. I apologized for not

remembering her name. I was telling Sherry earlier that I would like to find one person in Nashville today that recognized me.

Sherry said, "See you did!"

Sally said, "You did."

I asked her to tell Norm I said, "Hi!"

Sally said, "Good seeing you Ray and Sherry."

Sally and Jo's Primitives and Pinecones shop is located at 76 E. Main St., Nashville, IN 47338. Their hours are 10 am to 6 pm, Winter hours will vary. **(812) 929-0977.**

Sherry walked south and I followed. She wanted to go to a T-Shirt shop down by the Shell gas station at the south edge of Nashville.

We meandered from shop to shop finally ending up at the T-shirt shop. She had them put an elephant picture on the T-shirt she picked out. Sherry collects elephants, big ones and small ones. She also got a small glass elephant from Dick and Maria Lawrence to add to her collection.

We then headed for the parking lot, we wanted to eat at the Sirloin Stockade at located at 3114 National Road in Columbus. What we didn't expect was the long line of traffic going into Columbus on SR 46. It took us longer to get to Columbus then it did to get to Nashville

Later, on our way home I said to Sherry, "Next year let's not visit Nashville on their peak colorful weekend, lets visit on a colorful day during the week." ■

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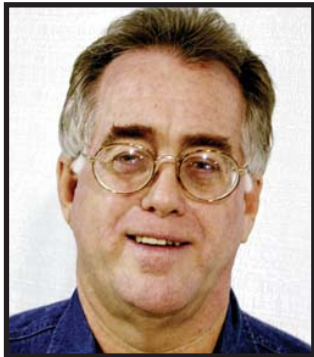


This is a good example of why they call these the Smoky Mountains. The "smoke" is low lying clouds. (Author Photo)



This fire lookout tower is located on top of the mountain. Part of the Appalachian Trail runs underneath the tower. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Our Visit to North Carolina

Susie and I have just returned from a week-long trip to the western corner of North Carolina. We attended the annual conference of the South East Outdoor Press Association (SEOPA). At these events, we eat from early morning until late night. We had three buffet meals every day plus appetizers at before dinner hospitality and snacks at late night gatherings. I attended numerous seminars taught by experts about various aspects of outdoor writing, and Susie went on spouse trips with the other ladies to local attractions, shopping, lake tours, etc.

One day of the conference is called "Breakout Day". This is where the Corporate Sponsors set up booths displaying their latest products. I get to see the latest in fishing gear from St. Croix, Shimano, TTI, and more. Tenzing packs, Plano boxes, Frabill nets, BPI muzzleloaders, and Sure-Call duck calls were being demonstrated. Hi Mountain Seasonings had a booth where I got to sample assorted flavors of summer sausage, jerky, and other meats. Contests were held to see who could identify different fish, birds, and various pistols. Several books had free drawings for some of their products. The breakout area was in a campground at the base of Fontana Lake Dam, the largest dam east of the

Mississippi.

On another day, Tourism Bureaus, hunting and fishing resorts, and other commercial settings from North and South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Virginia and West Virginia, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and maybe some other states passed out literature and praised the benefits of visiting their area. This is my favorite day. I plan all of our travels from the information gathered at this event.

The final day of the conference is Shooting Day. In the morning, Smith & Wesson instructors invite any of the ladies who have never shot a weapon (or had little experience) to come to the range for training. Pre-registration was required. Anyone who was planning on participating in this event was required to attend a shooting safety instruction class the previous day. Unfortunately, the ladies event was shortened by about an hour and a half because one of the vans carrying guns, targets, etc. got stuck in the middle of the range. After some heavy equipment was brought in to pull the van out, firing could begin. Susie was able to shoot four different pistols. Winchester supplied the ammunition free of charge. Last year, her favorite was a S&W .380. This year she picked the M&P 9mm Compact. I don't know if that will be on her Christmas list or not.

While she was shooting, I had to find something else to do. I got one of my metal detectors out of the truck and walked over to a sand volleyball court. I was told I wouldn't find anything because they had just hauled out all the old sand and put in two feet of new sand this summer. I never believe it when I'm told "there's nothing there". I spent about an hour covering the whole area. I found 12 quarters, five dimes, two nickels, and five pennies. No jewelry or toys which we usually find on volleyball courts. After Susie got done on the range, she came over and we checked the court again, going the opposite direction. I did a good job. We didn't find anything. Then we walked over to a small playground which was mostly under water. We found eight coins and two toy cars.

After a great BBQ lunch, the men got to shoot. There was every kind of weapon imaginable to try, from Daisy BB guns to muzzleloaders which sounded like cannons, to a wide variety of shotguns and rifles. Everyone had a great time and came back with shooting tales and muddy boots.

Every day had one or two silent auctions with products from autographed books, to handcrafted wood products, to homemade canned goods. Friday evening was the big live auction with many tables full of outdoor gear, guns, trips and more donated by the Corporate Sponsors.

But attending this event was not the only fun we had on this trip. On the way down, after leaving I-75 south of Knoxville, we got on road 129 which would take us to Fontana Lake Village where the event was being held. This is about a 30-mile stretch of twisting, hilly, mountain road. I guess the first 20 miles must be the dragon, because the last section is called the "Tail of the Dragon". This 11 mile monster has 318 curves. It's extremely popular with bikers and sports car drivers. It took us 90 minutes to drive this final 30 miles of our trip.

On the way home, we decided to go east about 40 miles out of our way to travel through the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. While bear and elk are common in the park, we only saw several large flocks of turkey. Susie had me stop about every half mile so she could get out and take pictures of the small river which runs beside the road. Unfortunately, our camera didn't capture the sounds of the rapids. This was a gorgeous drive with many overlooks with views of the "smoke" on the mountains, fog in the valleys, and waterfalls in several places.

We brought home several outdoor books for me, an autographed kid's book for Benjamin, our grandson, assorted Christmas gifts for the rest of the family, and a duffel full of literature to sort through to plan future trips. As soon as it stops raining outside, I will be able to empty the truck of everything we acquired on our visit to North Carolina.

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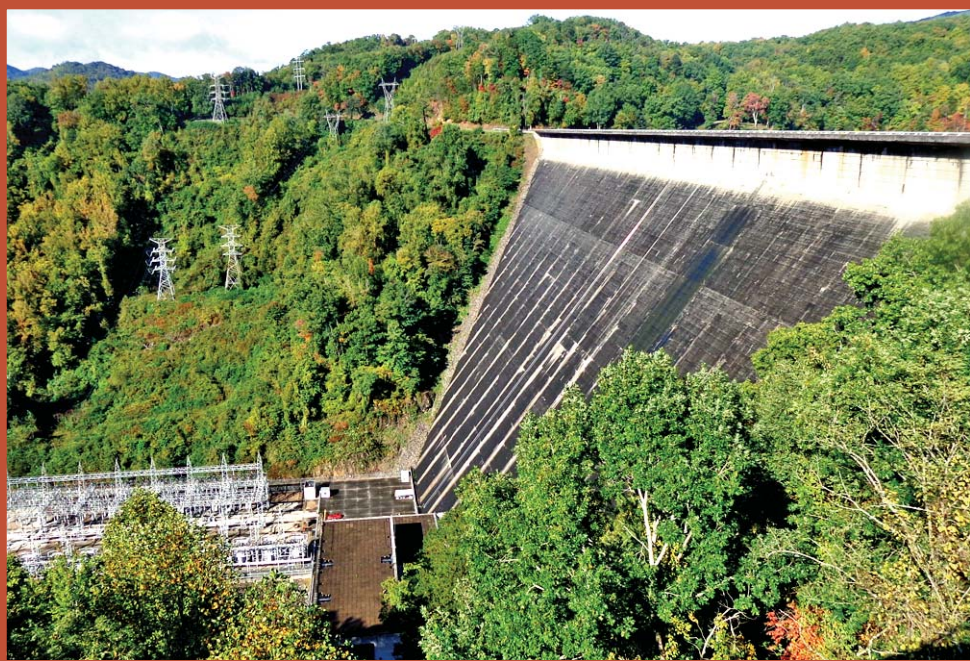
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This small river ran along Highway 441 through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The rapids were almost constant going down the mountain on one side, and then down the other side. (Author Photo)



The U.S. flag flying over Fontana Dam in North Carolina with "Smoke on the Mountains" in the background was a beautiful sight. The "smoke" is low hanging clouds common in the area. (Author Photo)



This is a view of Fontana Dam. It is the highest concrete dam east of the Rocky Mountains. (Author Photo)



In the fall and winter, the lake level is dropped. This exposes a lot of ground not usually visible. Rocks, fossils and assorted debris can be seen. (Author Photo)



In places through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, we got out of our truck for scenic pictures like this small waterfall. (Author Photo)



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Winner of the 1892 .45 Colt Lever Action Rifle was Eric Walters of Attica. (Author Photo)



First Place winners of the trap setting contests (L to R) were Under 12 Logan Harris 25.93 sec, Adult Scott Parks 40.28 sec and 12-16 yrs Ian Morelock 24.66 sec. (Author Photo)

Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

ISTA 2014 CONVENTION ISSUE

The trapping season is just about upon us. Even with that in mind, I am looking to send out a Post-Convention Newsletter to the members of the ISTA in the near future. Join up quick if you want to receive that issue. The next big event for the ISTA will be the 2015 Fur Sale on January 10, 2015 at the

Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds, Peru, IN. This year, we are going to revamp the setup some that should let us start the actual auction sooner and make it easier for our Fur Buyers to see what they are bidding on. Doors will open at 8am, the sale will commence as soon as the dust settles. We have always had a good sale and last year's was the biggest in quite awhile. I have already had calls about this sale from trappers from the surrounding states, so I have no idea how big this sale may get. Invitations to attend will be going out to 12 Fur buyers next month.

The ISTA 53rd Convention and Rendezvous is history. Many are saying that it was the best Convention in a long time. I have included a bunch of pictures with this article, so I will keep my writing to a minimum. We passed out 260 door prize tickets, but that being said, most Vendors felt that there were a lot more trappers there that that. The Vendors sure were selling well and we had a FULL building. I wish I had the room to list everyone here, but alas I do not. I will try to get everyone listed on the website and in the Post-Convention Newsletter. Never the less, I want to THANK everyone who came out and set up with us. I hope you will join us next year at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville, IN on September 18 & 19, 2015.

The winner of the 1892 .45 Colt Lever Action Rifle was Eric Walters of Attica. Charles Woelfert and Jim Frazier won the Dunn Knives. The trap setting contests contestants and winners were: Under 12 years: First place Logan Harris 25.93 sec., Second Place Luke Harris 56.93 sec. and Third place Avery Harris 57.01 sec. For the 12 - 16 Year Olds: First place was Ian Morelock 24.66 sec., Second place Noah Wilson 36.85 sec. and Third place Nick Garber 39.61 sec. The Adult winners were First place Scott Parks 40.28 sec., Second place Jeff Park 49.62 sec. and Third place Matthew Williams 54.84 sec. (As a passing note, Terry Manley won the Ruger Red Label Shotgun with one of his many tickets being drawn at Stu's Coyote event in October.) To all of the purchasers of our Raffle tickets and competitors of our games, THANK YOU for helping to make this Convention a fun time for all.

We had demonstrations given by Jeff Dunlap, Jeff Lee, Deric Beroshok, Tom Larson and Kenny Peregrine, Hal Sullivan, Mike Volker, Dennis Cobb, and Shawn Rossler. One of the big questions to Wildlife Biologists Shawn Rossler was whether there really will be an Otter season in Indiana beginning in



Dave Linkhart and Todd Criswell harmonizing Friday night around the ISTA campfire.




Dennis Cobb discussing the finer points of the skinning and fleshing of your catch.


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L to R: Nick Riggles and Kaleb Buck holding his Plaque. Kaleb Buck is a special young man. I gave him a "Very Special Youth Trapper of the Year Award" via his friend Nick Riggles. (Author Photo)



Kaleb Buck (center) holding his "Very Special Youth Trapper of the Year Award", his brother Kody Buck standing on his left side and his father Mike Buck standing on his right side. A proud day for the whole Buck family and ISTA. (Author Photo)



Pictured is Charles Woelfert receiving his Dunn Knife from President Fred Philips. (Author Photo)

the 2015-2016 Trapping Season. The answer was a resounding YES, in most counties. Watch for more information on this as we get closer to that season. The biggest announcement as far as I was concerned was that as of August 28, 2015, the ISTA is a 501 (C) 3 / 509 (a) (2) organization. After 13 months of filing papers and waiting, and answering questions, and waiting, it is done. I cannot thank Chris Gambill, Esq., of Terra Haute, enough for his legal counsel. Much more happened at the Convention and it will be covered in the coming Post-Convention newsletter to members. Please, if you trap, or if you believe that keeping the trapping tradition alive is important, join the ISTA today. You will find the forms on our website at www.indiantrappers.org. We cannot take payment online yet, but it is coming soon.

Enjoy the pictures, and watch your top knot, keep your eyes upon the skyline.

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM
Pres. ISTA



Youth Trapper of 2014 Noah Wilson with Fred and Tom Setser. (Author Photo)



The ISTA Benefit Auction. Corbin Bultemeier and Georgia Grifford working hard. (Author Photo)



Tom Geisler won the 2014 Pioneer Award. (Author Photo)

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They even have winter events as well. Just about 10 miles south is Tar Hollow State Park home of Tecumseh Outdoor Drama. I saw it this past June. It's just as event filling as I remember it 20 years ago.

HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK

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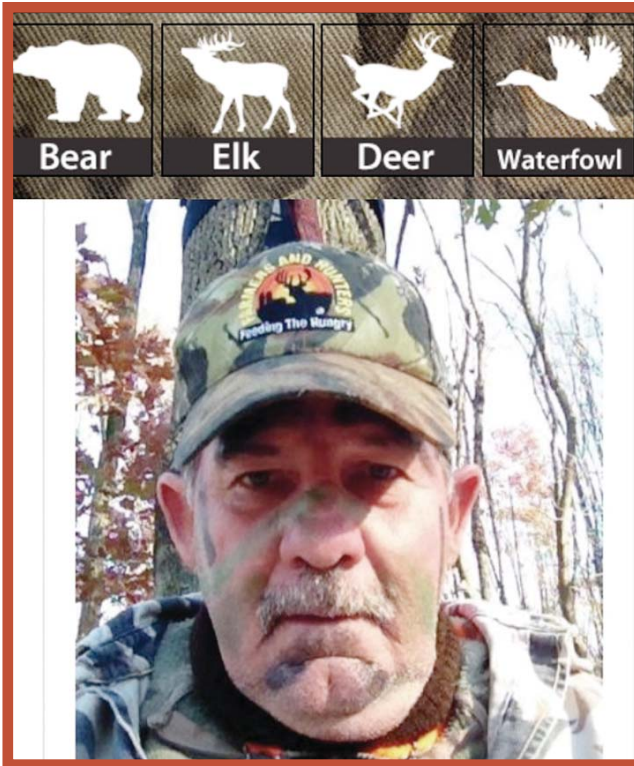
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Left Photo: Papa Kelsey (Glenn) waiting to harvest and donate another deer to FHFH. Right Photo: Ronnie Mitchell with his 8 point buck. (Connected Afield Photos)



The Appalachian foothills territory, features the arts and crafts shops that have interest for all family members. The seasonal music festivals, canoe trips, bike and horseback riding, along with repelling cliffs, zip lines can really add excitement and to fill the bucket list.

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Old Man's Cave

The most popular of all the Hocking areas is Old Man's Cave, located on State Route 664. Here at the Upper Falls, the Grandma Gatewood Trail begins its six-mile course connecting three of the park's areas: Old Man's Cave to Cedar Falls to Ash Cave.

Old Man's Cave derives its name from the hermit, Richard Rowe, who lived in the large recess cave of the gorge. His family moved to the Ohio River Valley around 1796 from the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee to establish a trading post. He and his two dogs traveled through Ohio along the Scioto River in search of game. On one side trip up Salt Creek, he found the Hocking Region. Rowe lived out his life in the area and is buried beneath the ledge of the main recess cave. Earlier residents of the cave were two brothers, Nathaniel and Pat Rayon, who came to the area in 1795. They built a permanent cabin 30 feet north of the cave. Both brothers are buried in or near the cave. Their cabin was later dismantled and relocated on the nearby Iles farm to be used as a tobacco drying house.

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Top of the Caves from corn fields to natural beauty in a few short miles in South Ohio. (Connected Afield Photos)



Team CA mixing a little fun with business in the Hocking Hills Region of Ohio. Left to right: Kevin, Keith and Glenn Kelsey, Team CA. (Connected Afield Photos)



Team CA at Cedar Falls, they also visited Ash Cave on their Hocking Hills Ohio trip. Left to right: Kevin, Keith and Glenn Kelsey. (Connected Afield Photos)

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Top Photo: Over 200 fourth and fifth grade students from Union County schools form a human bright red ribbon. (Photo was taken from the top of an extended ladder truck provided by the Liberty Fire Department) Bottom Left Photo: Fourth and fifth grade students disembark their buses at Frames Outdoor parking area. As they exited their bus they were welcomed by various members of law enforcement and firefighters. "Each student was provided with a red T-shirt from the Drug-Free Coalition." Bottom Right Photo: Members of Law Enforcement, Firefighters and others line the UC Drug Free stage to get more acquainted to the students. (Photos provided by Jeff Frame and Alvin Day)

UNION COUNTY DRUG FREE COALITION RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 15, 2014

by Ray Dickerson

Information Provided by Liberty Herald
 Liberty, IN - John Estridge, Editor
 Photos Provided by Jeff Frame & Alvin Day

I want to publicly thank John Estridge, Editor of the Liberty Herald for letting me use some of the information from the Liberty Herald Story by Mathew Snyder. Also information from Jeff Frame and Alvin Day for this article. Photos provided by Jeff Frame and U.C. Deputy Sheriff Alvin Day.

I intended on attending this event myself October 15th, but unfortunately my van wouldn't start when I got up that morning. I had to pick up

the November Gad-a-bout in Columbus the next day, so I had to see if I could get it running. I ended up having Mike Legear tow it to his shop in Richmond. I ended up driving my back-up van to Columbus and having to hand load the bundles in it. My regular van they just slide two skids into the back and I'm done.

I first heard about the October 15th UC Drug Free Coalition from Jeff Frame who gave me their Vision Statement quite some time ago.

Their Vision Statement reads: Through a working community partnership we want to achieve a drug free Union County, where our families intentionally and voluntarily exercise a healthy, substance-free lifestyle.

This was on a information sheet written by Alvin Day, UC Drug Free Coordinator telling recipients about October 15th, Red Ribbon Day and what was planned for that day. The activities was to be held at Frames Outdoor Supplies & Indoor Range located a short distance south of Liberty on SR 101. It gave a list of times and subjects to be covered. At the end of the list it said, (Parents are encouraged to attend).

On the day of the event, October 15th, speakers included substance abuse counselors, Indiana Excise Police, Army recruiters, undercover Butler County sheriff officers, local police, Indiana State Police, Indiana Conservation Officers and many more.

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Left Photo: Fourth and Fifth grade students respond to the speaker in this photo. Right Photo: Here a member of law enforcement talks to the students standing among them. (Photos provided by Jeff Frame and Alvin Day)



Each student received this red T-shirt from the UC Drug-Free Coalition. (Photo provided by Jeff Frame)

“Drug prevention, learning, education, that’s what it’s all about,” Day said. “You know interaction with police officers, law enforcement, firemen, trying to show that we’re not bad people. You know sometimes people get the idea that we’re bad people.”

“Day received the idea of the Red Ribbon event from Jeff Frame. Frame said he witnessed a little boy come into Frame’s Outdoors when a few local police officers were in the shop, and the boy was scared of the officers. Right then, Frame knew something had to be done.

Frames partnered with the UC Drug Free

Coalition to hold the Red Ribbon event at the Frames indoor archery range. Walmart, Woodruffs, Sycamore Springs and the Liberty Dollar General also donated to help make the event possible.

Students began the day hearing from substance abuse counselor Tim McDivitt. McDivitt presented some of the consequences that people using drugs have to face and how hard it is to recover.

Indiana State Excise Police then took the stage to present the negative results of using alcohol excessively. A few students enjoyed the opportunity to take the stage to attempt to pass a tennis ball back and forth while wearing impairment goggles. The officers instructed students on what would happen if students were to get caught drinking before the legal age.

Students then heard from Army recruiters on the negative effects drugs can have on a career in the military, and how people can recover. Undercover officers from Butler County then gave a presentation of how certain drugs are created and what to look for if a student were to suspect someone was using drugs.

After spending the first few hours of the day inside, students made their way outside to see how Union County Sheriff’s Deputy Dale Dishman’s dog works in the field.

District 68 State Representative Jud McMillin stopped by to visit the event and praised the efforts

of the UC drug free program.”

“It’s unfortunate that we’re at the point that we have to begin teaching kids at such a young age,” McMillin said. “It’s absolutely great what these guys are doing for these kids though.”

“Students finished the day hearing from officials about the harmful effects drugs and alcohol can have on a community

Union County Drug Free Coordinator Alvin Day took over as coordinator just six months ago and viewed his first organized event as coordinator as a positive one”.

“I had teachers come up and tell me we put on a great presentation,” Day said. “They said that the kids will probably never ever forget this.”

“What may have turned into a day of hundreds of students being afraid of police officers, finished with students asking questions and requesting autographs from the officers that had taken the time to instruct students on how to be drug-free.

The Union County Drug Free Coalition is funded through drug and alcohol arrests made in the county. Some of the fines and costs from the arrests are sent to the drug-free program, which allows for such events to take place. Red Ribbon week was funded from the coalition, which is focused on drug prevention.”

Day said he heard from students hoping that the event could be a yearly event. ■



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Special appearance by Travis “T-Bone” Turner from the Bone Collector show at the West Fork Banquet, January 17, 2015 at Frames Outdoor located just south of Liberty on SR 101. (Photos courtesy of Travis “T-Bone” Turner)



Here are some of Jerry Adams mounts in these 3 photos. Above Photo: Deer mounts, a turkey tail and a full body mount of a coyote. Bottom Photo: A full wolf body mount laying on the mount. 3rd Photo on page 29. (Photos by Jerry Adams)

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Editor's Note: I asked Jerry to send me some photos of some of the animals he has mounted. I have been trying to provide you readers with some more information about hunters and hunting. It seems here lately I've had an uneven count when it comes to hunting and fishing, with fishing leading.

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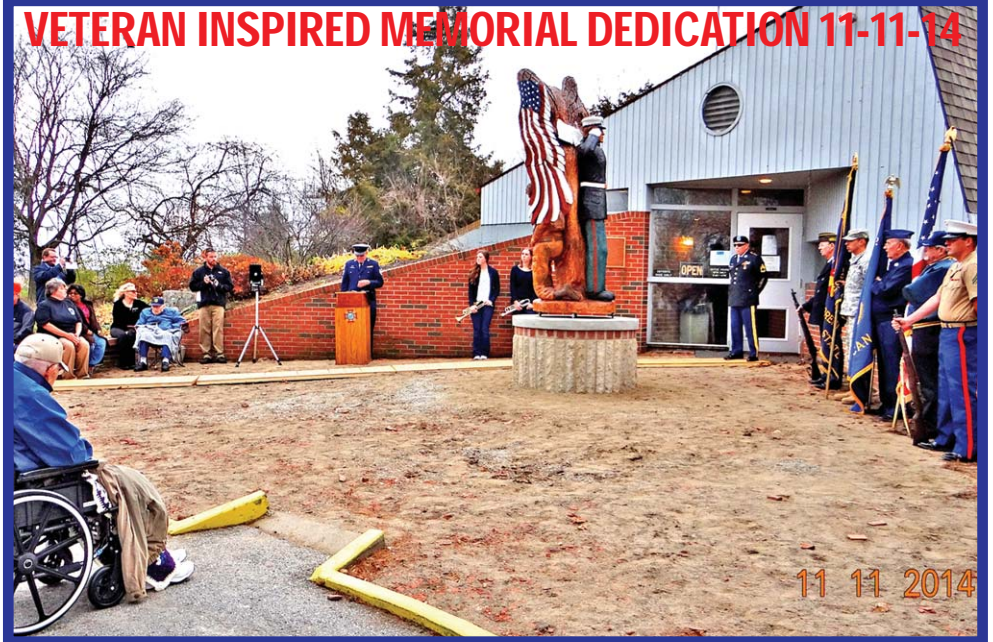
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A beautiful dedication ceremony at Whitewater Memorial State Park on Veteran's Day November 11, 2014 for the Veteran Inspired Memorial Statue standing proudly on its foundation directly in front of the State Park Office. The Statue was flanked on the right by a Veteran Honor Guard and on the left by One Hundred and One year old Paul Weers in the wheel chair, Navy Veteran of WWII serving in the South Pacific. At the podium U.S. Air Force Veteran Robert Napier thanked everyone for attending the Dedication.



Above Left: U.S. Air Force Veteran Robert Napier reading a poem, entitled "The Final Inspection." Above Center: Indiana Congressman Jud McMillin thanked all the Veterans in attendance for their service to their country. He gave the kind of speech that uplifted the attendees spirits, made them proud to be Americans. Above Right: Dayle Lewis at left, the man who carved the Veteran Inspired Memorial and Melissa Browning at right, who asked him to carve it. Both attended and spoke at the official dedication of the Memorial here in front of the Whitewater Memorial State Park office, where it was meant to be. See more about Veteran Inspired Memorial on Page 30-31 (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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December's Fabulous Birthstones Zircon and Turquoise. She is a Graduate Gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America in California and has a B.S. from Indiana University~ Kelley School of Business.

Glenn Kelsey is writing about being Connected Afield and will be doing articles about the outdoors including hunting, archery, outdoor activities and about his most avid past time is his "Free" mobile app, designed for Hunters, Fisherman & all outdoor sportsperson? The thought of bundling 7 Key Features together in one app is a fantastic idea. It saves space on your phone and you can navigate

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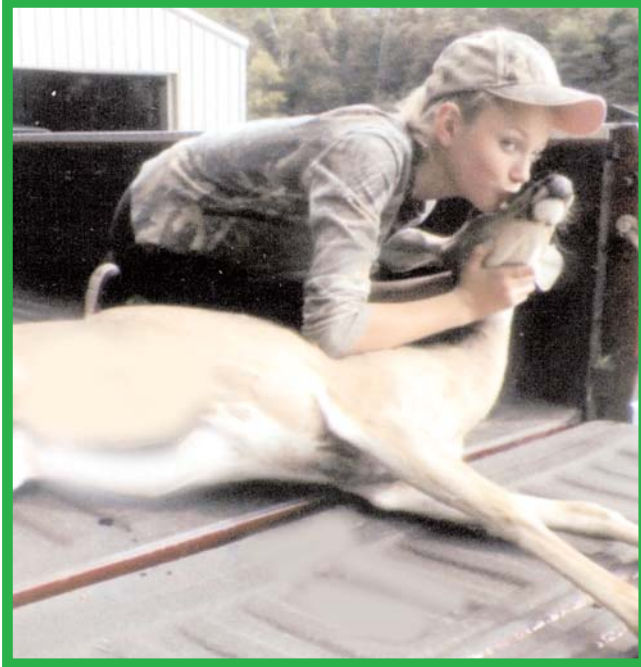
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Let us tell you about our Grand Daughter This is 13 year old Isabella Rose White with her very first deer. A really nice doe shot in Dearborn County with my 410 Marlin Lever Action slug-gun which will someday be hers. She took the doe on the first day of the youth season. From the time the children were born, I've always dreamed of taking them hunting, if they showed any interest in hunting. We decided one Christmas to get them Red Ryder BB guns to learn on. Then they took the Hunter Education course. Isabella could hardly wait to call her momma, Korrie Riggins. She and the whole family was so proud, not to mention Mamaw and Papaw, Debra and Alvin Lows of Moores Hill, IN. She made a perfect shot. I hope everyone read [Joe Martino's article on Page 14 in the November issue titled, Indiana Outdoor Teach your kids right when outdoors.](#) It could be a matter between life or death when hunting. We want to give a special thank you to Ray Dickerson for printing this wonderful magazine. And of course without God none of this would be possible. (photo Submitted by Debra Lows, Moores Hill, IN)

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Casey Hoff took this 16 point, dressed wt of 222 lb. 6 1/2 year old buck on 9-28-14 in the youth season. Its 24" inside spread scored 168. It's Casey's 4th buck and largest. (Photo submitted by the Mark Hoff - Email)



Jacob Wilson took his first buck in Franklin County 10-23-14. Its field dressed weight was 170 lbs and it was a 9 pointer. (Photo submitted by Jacob Wilson - Email)



Garrett Kevin Grogan took this 8 pt buck with a bow in Hamilton Co. OH. He's hunted 5 years, hadn't gotten a deer until today 11-9-14. He's been fine tuning his aim at 3D targets. (Photo submitted by Glenn Kelsey - Email)



Michael Thomas took this 24 lb. Turkey on 4-24-14. It had a 10" beard and 22mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)

VETERAN INSPIRED MEMORIAL PROJECT FUND RAISER - A SUCCESS!!

In the last issue (November) I announced here of an effort to raise \$1200 to build a sidewalk around the Veteran Inspired Memorial to make it more accessible to the public. A big thanks to all those who donated, UCDC Director Melissa Browning told me today at the dedication ceremony that the sidewalk will be installed next week, weather permitting.

DEDICATION CEREMONY 11-11-14

I attended the Veteran Inspired Memorial

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Jerett Tschorn from Melrose, FL took this 210 lb. 10 point buck 11-2-14. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Larry Miller took this 175 lb. 9 point buck in Wayne County 11-3-14. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Dedication Ceremony today, Veterans Day 11-11-14 which was held at 12:30 pm in front of the Whitewater Memorial State Park office where the Veteran Inspired Memorial Carving has been placed, see photos on page 29.

U.S. Air Force Veteran Robert Napier opened the Dedication Ceremony by reading a poem, entitled "The Final Inspection." He introduced UCDC Executive Director Melissa Browning who was responsible for having the Veteran Carving created, she spoke briefly about it, then she introduced Dayle Lewis, the man who carved the Memorial. Following

Dayle was the keynote speaker, Indiana Congressman Jud McMillin from Brookville. Jud gave a very uplifting speech praising the Veterans for serving their country and honoring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. He ended his speech this way, "God Bless our Veterans, God Bless Liberty, God Bless Indiana and God Bless the United States of America."

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