

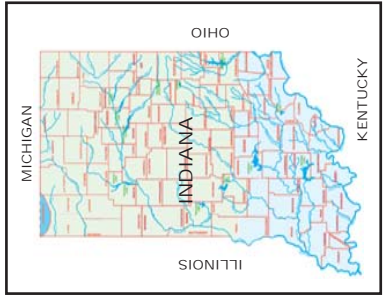
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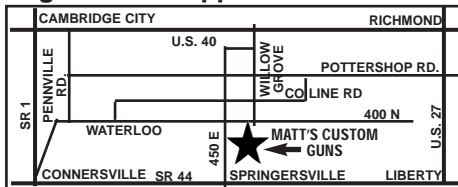
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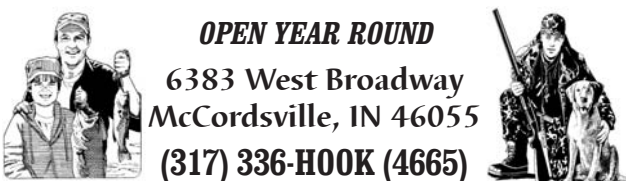
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**Top Right:** The 47<sup>nd</sup> Annual Liberty Festival will be on July 4-6, 2014 in downtown Liberty, IN. On pages 15-18 is a special souvenir pull-out with all the activities, entry forms and map of Liberty. On Friday July 4th, at dusk, there will be a fireworks show in West College Corner at the Grove Park. See Pages 15 thru 18. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

**Bottom Left:** Taking first place in the Crappie USA Patoka Lake Tournament was the team of

**Don Licht** of Indianapolis, Indiana and **Doug Sikora** of Noblesville, Indiana with a total weight of 4.46 pounds and earning \$1,000.00. See Page 28. (Photo from Crappie USA Website)

**Bottom Right:** On June 5th I arranged to visit Cutting Edge Sporting Goods to view and photograph the Greensburg School's own "Pirate Archers" in action at Tom's indoor archery range. Here **Chance Patterson** and **Kaylea Taylor** are poised for their next shot. In my mind, I can't think of a better reason than to make a donation to help these young people achieve their goal to attend the World Tournament this July. See Pages 8-9. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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## GOLDEN EAGLE'S SPIRIT RELEASING CEREMONY TO BE HELD JUNE 22

I had intended to have a special memorial article for my late friend, Henry M. "Hank" Stock, aka Golden Eagle in this issue, but have decided to wait until after June 22 to do so. On June 22 at the request of Golden Eagle to our good friend, "Geese Flying Over" aka Malcolm Greene, he said, "I am writing you as my good friend and brother to take on a task which is very important to me. The conducting of a Spirit Releasing Ceremony for me, after I have crossed over into the spirit land."

I got an e-mail from Michael Stock, Golden Eagle's son on May 18, 2014 asking me to advertise the "Releasing Ceremony" information to my readers who read his father's column in The Gad-a-bout since 1995.

Golden Eagle's "Spirit Releasing Ceremony" will be held on June 22, 2014 at LaBoiteaux Woods, 5400 Lanius Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio from noon to 2 p.m. Anyone wanting to be present for the ceremony is welcome to come.

I googled the LaBoiteaux Woods address from Liberty so that many of you who attended Frontier Days would find it easier to attend. From Liberty take US 27 into Cincinnati, turn left onto Banning Rd, cross Pippin Rd, cross W. North Bend Rd, Banning becomes Belmont Ave., cross Hamilton Ave, Belmont Ave. becomes Hillcrest Rd, turn right onto Lanius Lane, LaBoiteaux Woods will be on the left. (I can't guarantee google's route, I googled the route to Golden Eagle's funeral, Malcolm and I found it, but went a little out of the way to do so.)

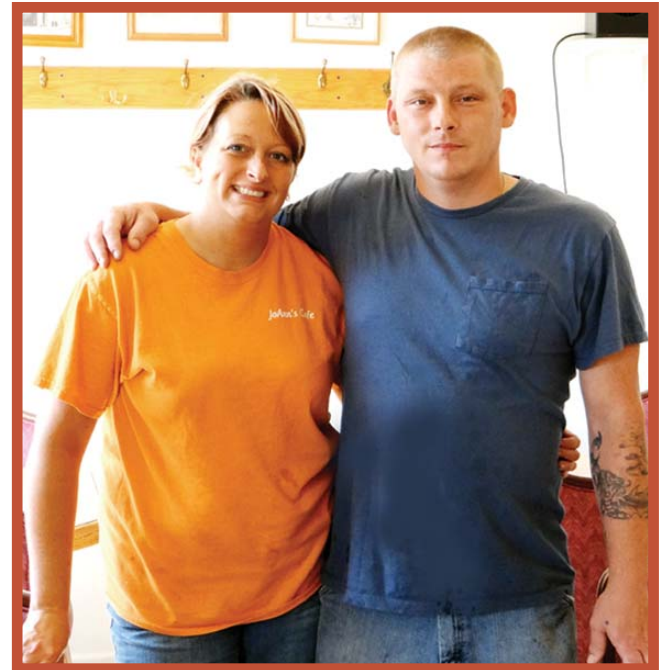
My memorial for Golden Eagles presence, passing and spirit releasing ceremony will be in the August Gad-a-bout. Assisting Michael with the ceremony will be Malcolm, Eugene Fannin, myself and possibly others.

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Michelle told me she wants people to know they strive to keep that "Mom and Pop Atmosphere, homemade food made from scratch like Grandmother's." She said they buy locally.

Their food is reasonably priced and as Bill said, "you never leave this place hungry!" Bill is a regular customer, he said he eats there regularly. He sits up at the counter. They have counter service and tables. (See Map below for directions to their cafe.)

Here is a sample listing of their menu.  
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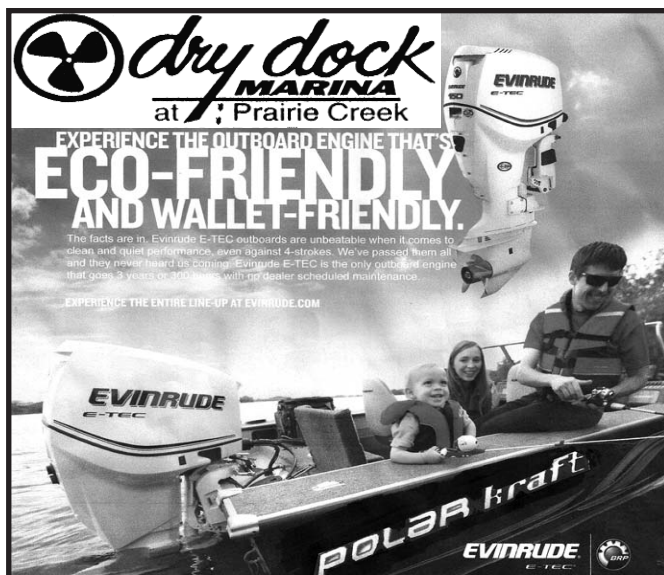
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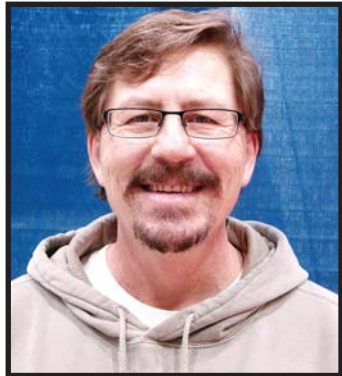
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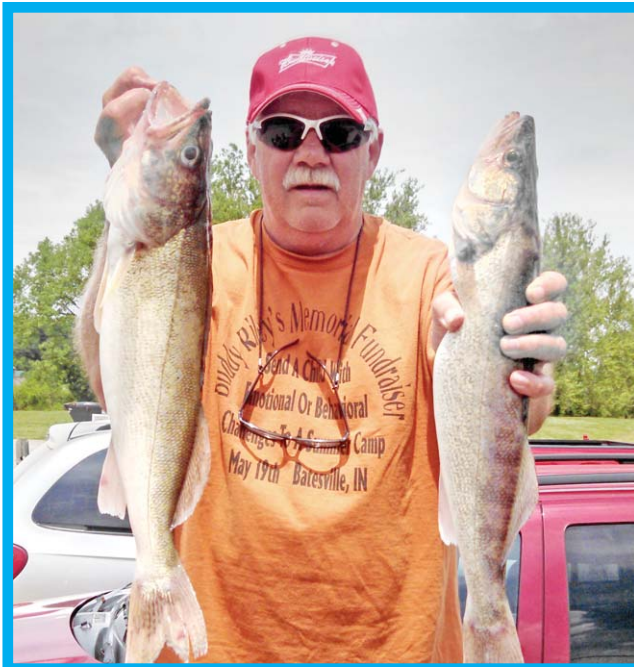
## July Fishing on Brookville Lake

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

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

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

I have been sitting in my boat with the water being as slick as glass. Then out of no where a feeding frenzy irrups on the surface of the water



Louis Fasbinder from Brookville with 2 nice Walleye. (Author Photo)

that is 10 acres in diameter. This is where the shad school cross the path of the white white bass school. What the white bass school will do is surround the shad school and get below them and force them to the surface. This is like running the school into a wall. The white bass will hold hem there as long as they can feeding on them till the shad school can get away. Of course at this point the white bass will just coral them back up and do it all over again until they get full.

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

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

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

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

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

The only other way to be successful is timing, be there when the fish are feeding and your going to catch fish. Get there 2 minutes after their finished feeding and your going to be scrounging to catch a fish. If this is where you are use a 1/32 or 1/16 ounce jig tipped with a night crawler is best. To a fish this looks like a small crawl dad. Fish it slow and on the bottom. Keep switching colors till you find the color that the fish want to eat. My all time favorite jig is a whistler jig made by Northland tackle.

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Good Luck, Tag

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# News from the Indiana State Police



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

## Pendleton District Gets Five New Troopers

Pendleton – Five new troopers reported for duty at the Indiana State Police Post in Pendleton on Monday, May 5th. They are five of the 47 new troopers reporting to their districts of assignment following graduation from the 73rd Indiana State Police Recruit Academy on Friday, May 1st. On November 10, 2013 the class began 25 weeks of intense training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield. During the training period the recruits received approximately 600 hours of classroom instruction as well as nearly 300 hours of hands-on practical and scenario based training exercises. Governor Mike Pence and Indiana State Police Superintendent Douglas G. Carter recognized the accomplishments of the class and following the keynote address by Governor Pence, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, the Honorable Brent E. Dickson administered the oath of office to the graduates. Earnest Paige Jr. is age 25 and is from Fort Wayne. He graduated from R. Nelson Snider in 2006, then Indiana State University in 2011 with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice, then in 2013 with a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. He will be assigned to the Central Zone of Henry and Wayne Counties.

Andrew Taylor is 24 years old and is from Louisville, Ky. He graduated from St. Xavier High School in 2008 and from Indiana University in Bloomington in 2012 with a B.A. in Criminal Justice. He will be assigned to South Zone of Fayette, Union and Rush Counties.

Stephen L. Tipton is 22 years old and is from Liberty, Indiana. He graduated from Union County High School in 2010 and has been attending I.U. East studying Criminal Justice. He also will be assigned to the Pendleton District South Zone.

Bradley Tucker is 39 years old and is from Muncie. He graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1993 and has attended Ball State University studying Criminal Justice. He will be assigned to the central zone of Wayne and Henry Counties.

Mark Hanna is 23 years old and is from Markleville, Indiana. He graduated from Pendleton Heights in 2009 and Ball State University in 2013. He will also be assigned to the central zone of Wayne and Henry Counties.

The five new troopers will continue their training



Pictured in the photograph are, from left to right: Mark Hanna, Bradley Tucker, Stephen Tipton, Ernest Paige and Andrew Taylor. (Photo by Sergeant John Bowling)

for the next three months as part of the ISP Field Training Program. The Field Training Program pairs new troopers with veteran troopers, or Field Training Officers, (FTO's,) to allow the new troopers to take what they learned in the recruit academy and apply it in the field under the close supervision of the FTO. Upon successful completion of their field training, they will be issued their own commissions and be assigned solo patrol responsibilities.

## Bicycle Safety

I had a recent request from Ray to include some bicycle safety in my article. First and foremost you should wear a helmet when riding. They save lives, as I can vouch for a young man that was hit and dragged down the road, but undoubtedly survived because of his helmet.

Follow the rules of the road, meaning traffic laws that apply to vehicles also apply to bicyclists. **ALWAYS RIDE WITH TRAFFIC, NOT AGAINST THE TRAFFIC FLOW!** Use hand signals to signal turns. Most importantly, be visible, always wearing a Hi-Viz orange or yellow outer garment just like the ones highway workers wear. Make sure your clothing and bicycle has reflective strips or triangles, and use a headlight and tail light that's visible from at least 500 feet. In closing, remember pedestrians have the right of way, and never assume drivers see you. Always be ready to take evasive action.

## Safe Holiday Travel

To help ensure the safety of all motorists during this 4th of July holiday period, the Indiana State Police will be participating in Operation C.A.R.E., Combined Accident Reduction Effort, and Operation Pull Over. Both projects are federally funded programs that will allow approximately 150 additional troopers to patrol area roadways during this upcoming holiday.

During this holiday period, the Indiana State Police have joined with over 250 Indiana law enforcement agencies participating in the federally funded projects looking for aggressive and impaired drivers as well as those not buckling up.

**Indiana State Police encourage all motorists to observe the following safety tips:**

- 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.
- 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 equip-

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# Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by **I.C.O. Gary Catron**  
Master Conservation Officer

## Come on over to our house....

Are you scratching your head trying to think of activities for your family to do this summer? Then don't forget to visit the upcoming events calendar on the Indiana DNR website! There are places to visit and things to do for the young and young-at-heart. Activities range from short educational presentations, guided hikes, hands-on activities, day camps and much more. Check out what your Indiana DNR has to offer this summer by visiting: [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr).

Maybe you are more interested in fishing and

want to try a new lake. Want to know how the fish are biting? With a quick visit to the Division of Fish and Wildlife webpage (also at the above website address) you can get a recent fishing report providing best species of fish to pursue and at what depth and also includes best bait choices. Good luck.

Does canoeing sound like fun but you just don't know where to go? Have no fear; the Outdoor Recreation Division is here. By visiting their webpage, visitors can find Indiana's canoeing trails, access locations and liveries. There is also excellent information regarding paddling techniques, trip planning and links providing real time river flow information and river organizations which may be of interest. Don't forget your PFD, and wear it, please.

Don't leave the Outdoor Recreation webpage without checking out the land trails available in Indiana. These include hiking trails throughout Indiana from short looped trails to the 58 mile back country Knobstone Trail, and bicycle and mountain biking trails.

So, when the kids mutter those perennial summertime whines about there not being anything to do just reply "Wanna bet? Grab your shoes, I've got the sunscreen and meet me in the car in 5 minutes."

## Memory makes the best chaperone

Many of us remember the favorite neighborhood swimming hole from our youth. Most of these memories are good, at least mine are. I think back recalling some of the exploits of our 'neighbor hoodlums' and shudder a bit about the frequency of which we broke safety protocols.

The spring of the year a trip down to 'the crick' was usually to fish but as the summer warmed the Zebco 202 was traded in for cutoff jeans meant for swimming. The inaugural summer swim usually began by wading into our swimming hole to make sure there weren't sunken logs and to figure out where the shallow and deep spots were. We would try to keep an eye out for each other and if a non-swimmer got close to the deeper sections we would remind them to stop. We knew who was a good swimmer and who wasn't, so we thought, I mean who wouldn't trust a 10 year old, if the guy said he was a good swimmer who were we to argue. Okay, we were a bit too trusting. As with any natural swimming hole, always wade it first to determine the depth of the water and any obstructions or possible entanglements present. If you can't remove possible entanglements avoid swimming in that location altogether. While those many years ago we did check these things out, we often would do so early in the summer and not check it each time we would go

for a swim. The bottom contours of rivers and streams, by nature, change from year to year and often do so several times throughout the year. Each flood event accelerates this change, sometimes moving truck loads of sand and gravel in and out of a small area in a very short period of time. Our swimming hole was under and a bit downstream of an old iron bridge whose underpinnings usually sported a fiber rope rescued from somebody's barn loft. The bridge deck was often used as a diving platform and its upper metal structure was utilized by the more adventurous; I'll plead the 5th on which group I opted to join. We would foolishly trust 2nd hand sources about the depth of the swimming hole.

We would usually avoid swimming 'down at the crick' after a heavy rain...usually, but not always. We knew, or at least our parents knew, the muddy floodwaters carried too much force for anyone to swim in let alone the neighbor hoodlums. The current was a constant although we didn't really recognize it as hazardous during non-flood conditions. We were wrong. During moderate flow conditions we thought it fun to try to wade across the shallow sections where the current was swiftest. We gave no thought of losing our balance causing us to hit our heads on the rocks, foot entrapments or any circumstance where our feet would get caught between rocks and combined with the current we would be unable to free ourselves. We were foolish.

I offer these safety tips because summer is here and the local swimming hole will be soon calling if it has not already.

- Remember shallow water can deepen suddenly and the streambed will be slick and can shift underfoot causing one to lose their balance.

- Non-swimmers should ALWAYS wear a USCG approved personal floatation device of proper fit.

- Always swim with a friend. Even though others may be present, they will not be watching out for you like a friend will. NEVER SWIM ALONE.

- Always check the depth of water even if you have recently been there. Depths will vary and new obstructions may be present.

- Stay out of heavy current. It can be fun to float along and swim in slow moving current, but even moderate current can fatigue a swimmer much more quickly.

- NEVER swim upstream of any obstacle.

- ALWAYS stay safely downstream of any dam. Even at low flow rates there can be dangerous currents present which can kill.

- NEVER push your personal limits or abilities; don't give in to peer pressure. Take periodic rest breaks.

Please watch over your kids and accompany them always when swimming in unguarded areas. Have a great, safe summer. ■



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Some of the Greensburg Pirate Archers who were able to attend this special activity are from Left to Right, Kneeling; Ellie Kramer and Cory Cuskaden. Standing first row; Kaidyn Speer, Kjerstan Hess, Morgan Murray, Kaylea Taylor, Caitlyn Stauffacher and Hunter Carter. Standing second row; Cole Ortman, Devin Workman, Conor Cuskaden, Alex Henderson, Brent Koughn and Kyran Luken. In my mind, I can't think of a better reason than to make a donation to help these young people achieve their goal to attend the World Tournament this July.

## National Archery In The Schools Program (NASP®) Introducing The "Greensburg Pirate Archers"

by Ray Dickerson & Tom Stricker

(NASP® information obtained from their website appears in italics)

I have heard about NASP® for quite a long time, having a brief introduction in the early 2000's in Newburgh, Indiana near the Ohio River. Since then I've not had the opportunity to witness it's program up close. That has all changed now after becoming acquainted with Tom Stricker who owns Cutting Edge Sporting Goods in Greensburg, Indiana last month. Tom is a certified instructor in NASP®.

On June 5th I arranged to visit Cutting Edge Sporting Goods to view and photograph the Greensburg School's own "Pirate Archers" in action at Tom's indoor archery range.

I asked Tom about why they used the Genesis bow. He replied, "the Genesis bow maxes out at 20 pound, they can minimum down to 14, there's no draw weight specific, I mean there's no let-off to it like the compound bow."

The students have strict guidelines to follow when on the range. First they assemble on the taped firing line. The coach, Tom, blows his whistle two times (get bow), the students get their bow and return to the firing line. They put the bow on their tow and stand

there. When everyone is ready on the line they get one whistle (shoot) and they are allowed to shoot five arrows in two minutes. When they are done shooting they hang their bow back up on the rack and wait behind the firing line. They wait until every one is done, then they get three whistles (go get arrow).

Tom added telling me that even at the National shoots the IFAA and NFAA use the whistle signals, two whistles to get bow, one whistle to shoot and three whistles to go get arrows.

For this day though the prime purpose was to get some photos of each step for this article to show you the reader just how safe the NASP® archery course is for your sons and daughters.

Tom asked all the girls and boys to gather behind the taped line on the floor or otherwise known as the waiting line. Once they had done that he blew the whistle twice (**get bow**), orderly they took their bows from the rack. When they stepped back to the shooting line they all placed their bow on top of their toe. Tom blew the whistle once (**shoot**) and the students aimed and shot their five arrows. Once they were done shooting the arrows they hung their bows back on the rack. They then returned to the waiting line. Tom asked if everyone was done shooting, they replied yes. He then blew his whistle three times (**go get arrows**) and they all went to the targets to retrieve their arrows.

Safety, Safety, Safety

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A second prime concern in keeping the NASP® program active in the schools is fundraising. The Greensburg High School has 24 students and the Greensburg Junior High has 23 students attending the NASP® World Tournament at Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin July 11-13, 2014. The cost of the teams going to the World Tournament is approximately \$10,000. Here are the approximate costs of their trip there and back, Bus \$2,500.00; Lodging \$4,000.00; Food \$2,500.00; Caving (activity) \$600.00 and Entry Fees \$1,600.00.

To help raise the needed money Tom is holding the **2nd Annual NASP World Fundraiser** on **June 28, 2014** at his business, Cutting Edge Sporting Goods, Indoor Archery Range and Pro Shop located at 206 West Main Street in Greensburg, Indiana. His shop is on the north side of Main Street, just west of the Courthouse Square. The Fundraiser will be from 5 to 8 p.m., all ages are invited. Included in the festivities is a Fun Shoot for Prizes, Turkey Banquet, Style Drawings, Raffles and food is available.

Earlier in the day Tom is also sponsoring a unique **Motorcycle To World Tournament Run** to help raise money also for the NASP® Greensburg Pirate Archer teams going to the World Tournament in July. The motorcycle trip starts and ends at Cutting Edge Sporting Goods. Entry fee is \$20 for single rider and \$25 for a couple. Registration is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Kickstands up at 12:00 Noon. T-Shirts for the first 25, purchase while they last \$10.00.

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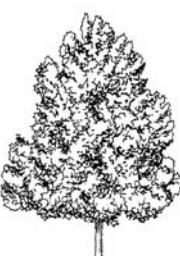
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Top Left Photo Above: Pirate Archer Kaidyn Speer pulling the arrows he had just shot for practice in Tom's basement archery lanes. Kaidyn told me he hoped to go on a deer hunt one day.

Bottom Left Photo Above: These two Pirate Archer members, Caitlyn Stauffacher and Cole Ortman showing the proper stance after getting their bows from the rack, note the lower end of the bow is resting on their toe.

Right Photo #1: Coach Tom Stricker asks the members of the Greensburg Pirate Archers to gather along waiting line. Left to Right: Brent Koughn, Cory Cuskaden, Alex Henderson, Kaylea Taylor, Morgan Murray, Kyran Luken, Kjerstan Hess, Devin Workman, Kaidyn Speer, Caitlyn Stauffacher, Hunter Carter, Ellie Kramer and in back Connor Cuskaden.

Right Photo #2: Coach Tom Stricker blows the whistle two (2) times and the Archers go to rack to get their bows.

Right Photo #3: Archers go to the shooting line, they all place the bottom of the bow on top of their toe. They are from left to right: Brent Koughn, Cory Cuskaden, Morgan Murray, Alex Henderson, Kaylea Taylor, Kyran Luken, Kjerstan Hess, Devin Workman, Caitlyn Stauffacher, Hunter Carter, Ellie Kramer, Kaidyn Speer and in back at right is Coach Tom Stricker and owner of Cutting Edge Sporting Goods. (See larger photo at above left illustrating the position of the bow on the toe.)

Right Photo #4: Coach Tom Stricker blows the whistle one (1) time and the archers begin shooting their five arrows at the targets. They have two minutes to shoot the five arrows. When they have shot the five arrows they leave the shooting line.

Right Photo #5: When everyone has left the shooting line Tom asks if they are all done. If the answer is yes, he blows his whistle three (3) times and the archers retrieve their arrows. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Motorcyclist shoot their first of 5 arrows at the  
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# Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



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

## Bozarth Crappie Tournament

Unlike last year when weather and lake conditions resulted in the cancellations of the first two Bozarth Crappie Tournaments, this year's opening tournament held on May 10th was met with ideal fishing conditions. Fishing on the Salamonie Reservoir a week ahead of the Indiana Slab Masters being in town, we had a total of sixteen teams show up to compete. In the week heading into the tournament there were several reports of nice catches being made on the lake and as you will find out, our teams didn't disappoint!

While all sixteen teams managed to top three pounds for their best seven fish, in the end it came down to two teams that brought more than seven pounds to the weigh in table. Bringing in an impressive catch of 7.57 pounds of crappie, the team of Dave and Mike Bowser were able to fend off the team of Casey and Troy Williams, whom had a total weight of 7.02 pounds, and take home winning honors. Although falling short of the overall winnings, Team Williams did manage to win the Big Fish of the day with a crappie weighing in at 1.75 pounds. Team Bowser also had the second biggest fish at 1.58 pounds.

Rounding out the top of the leader board for the day was a third place finish by the team of Doug Clay and Mike Eviston with a weight of 6.26 pounds. Following in fourth place was Aaron Scott and David Pence with 6.1 pounds and wrapping up the top five was James Lasswell and Kyle Kress with 5.48 pounds.

As you can tell from top to bottom there were several nice catches of crappie here at the Salamonie Reservoir. With our first tournament of the 2014 season now in the bag be sure to check back and see how the remainder of the season unfolds. Our next Crappie Tournament is scheduled for June 7th and then the final two will be held September 13th and October 4th. If you or anyone else is interested in more details, contact us @ (765) 981-4522 for more information.

In other happenings here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash, things are just beginning to get under way as all three lakes were hit with heavy rains that resulted in high lake levels through Memorial Weekend. We are now pleased to announce that as of June 4th all three lakes, (Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Roush) are back to summer lake levels and ready for all the fun they bring to boaters,



Top Photo: Mike and Dave Bowser with their first place fish weighing in at 7.57 pounds. Bottom Photo: Casey and Troy Williams with their second place fish weighing 7.02 pounds and first place Big Fish of 1.75 lbs. (Photos by Author)

fishermen, horse riders, and campers!

If you are planning on making a visit to the Great Lakes of the Wabash be sure to check with the Wabash Interpretive Center to find out if any events are going on the day you are visiting. You can either call (260) 468-2127 or visit them online for future events.

One new event you may want to take advantage of while visiting the Salamonie Reservoir is the Pirates Cove Tour Boat. This is a tour that will take you and your family or friends on a boat ride on the Salamonie and explore the lake from one end to the other. Along the way you will be able to see the lake from a boaters view, get a brief history of Monument City, and lastly see a bald eagle's nest! For more information or details you can contact Randy at Pirates Cove (260) 468-2162. As always when in the area be sure to visit us at Bozarth's Country Store! We have great food and store full of "everything".

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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

## HAT TRICK

Mass confusion on a boat is great only when it's fish attacking the lures causing the commotion. That's what was happening yesterday about 10 AM, and throw in a north breeze making the boat a bit unsteady for those unaccustomed to needing "sea legs" to adjust for the ever-changing angle of the deck, underfoot.

In this case I think it was three fish biting almost simultaneously, two of which stayed hooked all the way to the net and eventually into the boat. Throw in a lure hung up on "something" over the stern and me leaning over the transom to see what sort of order could be made from the mayhem. Then tragedy struck.

My hat dislodged, tumbled, bounced and plopped into the water. It was a good hat. I've written columns and blogs about what makes a good fishing hat. Comfort, look, smell, and most of all the inherent "mojo" lady luck has imbued into the hat, all factor into whether or not it's a good hat. This one was one

of the best. And there it was, floating just out of reach and getting farther away.

Had we been in a boat with no fishing gear deployed, our chances of turning around and finding the hat would have been about 2 chances in 3. Had we been fishing in calm seas with the gear we had deployed our chances of rescuing the hat would have been about 1 chance in 3. But we were fishing in 2 to 4 foot waves and using multiple lines stretching as much as 100 yards behind the boat. Couple this with being 10 miles offshore, so no visible landmarks and a couple of recently boated fish still flopping on the floor.

So, now worried more about what the sun would quickly be doing to my never-sees-the-sun forehead than hat rescue efforts, I set about unhooking fish, restowing gear and redeploying the lures. A lull in the action gave me time to do my work; and once done, my thoughts turned back to the long-lost hat now floating, or perhaps sinking slowly to the depths, maybe a half mile behind us.

I glanced at the vast emptiness off the stern. The thought popped through my mind that though the chance of finding the lost cap was now about 1000 to 1, there was an active school of salmon back there so why not make a gradual turn and head back to the spot I "imagined" the hat to be floating. We had to fish somewhere and the boat needed to be heading in some direction.

I turned what I thought to be approximately 180 degrees and compensated mentally the track I needed to steer, factoring in the radius of the turn. At least, heading mostly downwind, the ride was easier. As we approached ground zero (lake-zero?), I tried to keep eyes forward but when a fish bit one of the long lines I turned attention to the back deck. I slowed the boat as much as possible to make reeling in the reluctant salmon as expeditious as possible, but reeling in a

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# Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

## FISH HOBO'S, PLAYBOYS, AND GANG BANGERS

After years of fishing in various waters, it never occurred to me how similar the fish populations are to our somewhat splintered society. As products of our social and environmental surroundings, we classify ourselves as belonging to certain castes and as a result our lives are governed by those rules and regulations set down by that particular life style. We might be wearing back packs containing all our worldly possessions and spending carefree days hitch hiking in whatever direction the wind blows, or lounging in luxury on the beaches of Monte Carlo on daddy's credit card, or standing on a street corner in a borough of New York with our buds, itching for a rumble with a rival gang. In other words, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. I've concluded that fish in different surroundings develop the same way and can be categorized according to where you fish for them. The three main sources of fishing are rivers, lakes, and ponds and each falls into the following life styles.

### Hobo's:

River fish are generally lazy, carefree bums that, for all practical purposes, haven't a care in the world. If they had names they would be Fat Harold, Lazy Louie, and Freeloadin' Freddy. Most rivers are seemingly endless with miles of space for these loafers to roam in, giving the fish the same luxury enjoyed by the homeless back packer. If a Cincinnati cat fish decides to visit New Orleans, all it has to do is follow the current in the Ohio until it joins the Mississippi, turn left and wander south while enjoying all the culinary delights found in most of our rivers today. If it wants, there are a number of smaller tributaries along the way for a little scenic diversion, much like the rail riding vagrants of years past. Along the way if it runs into a lock or dam it simply turns around and heads back upstream and within a few days ends up back where it started. All a fisherman has to do is be patient. A large catfish normally takes about six days to make the one way trip, so the fisherman can reasonably expect to catch at least one fish every six days.

### Playboys:

Lakes are nothing more than large playgrounds for a bunch of haughty, stuck-up fish that have nothing more to do than lounge around and enjoy the finer things of life without having to work for them. Born with silver spoons in their mouths, they luxuriate in normally clean, clear water regularly treated for aquatic weed control and patrolled by stringent law enforcement personnel who constantly look after the welfare of the residents. Shorelines sport pristine homes and immaculate docking facilities with signs reading No Trespassing and Private Property. Weekend events such as water skiing and pleasure boating offer fine examples of spectator events for these finned aristocrats to watch and enjoy. Such lowly bait offerings as chicken guts and night crawlers are ignored as junk food, while flashy spinner baits and exotic flies offered skillfully by seasoned fishermen sometimes lure the normally well educated and informed residents into a strike. Sportsmen who fish these waters often practice catch and release which can prove to be a mistake. These fish are educated and once having been tricked by a particular lure, quickly report the type of lure to their buddies. As a result, that lure must be exchanged for a different type with hopes it will trick another of the water polo set into a strike. The fisherman who snares a large example out of a lake should be proud of his or her abilities, or luck. They've probably outwitted the professor who taught the others to be wary of Greeks bearing gifts.

### Gang Bangers:

Here are the dudes found in farm ponds. Trapped in smaller bodies of water, they are constantly in conflict with each other over territorial rights and food supplies. Their dispositions are very much like two alley cats fighting over the same trash can. Turf wars are a continuing ongoing threat to any fisherman who dares to try his luck at surviving any encounter with these fresh water bangers. Average lures sometimes work, but the best are those hand made from beer cans and .45 caliber shell casings. For those who bank fish, a small baseball bat is recommended for self protection when a banger is drug ashore, while a boater should be armed with a small gage shotgun to subdue any catch. Recently, I had the pleasure of witnessing these criminals first hand. Invited to fish a remote farm pond using a light fly rod and poppers, I experienced the viciousness of warring pond fish. Time after time, bass would leap entirely out of the water on the strike. That was the first time I've ever set a hook on a fish in mid-air. A number of bluegills could have served as body guards for Al Capone. Big and chunky with humped backs and beady little eyes, it wouldn't have surprised me to see a tattoo reading "Like Me Or I'll Kill You" on one's side.

Fish ponds with care and caution and don't be surprised if you snag a gang banger sporting a mouth full of fangs. Consider yourself warned. ■

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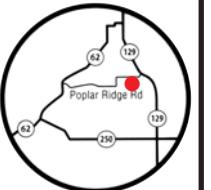
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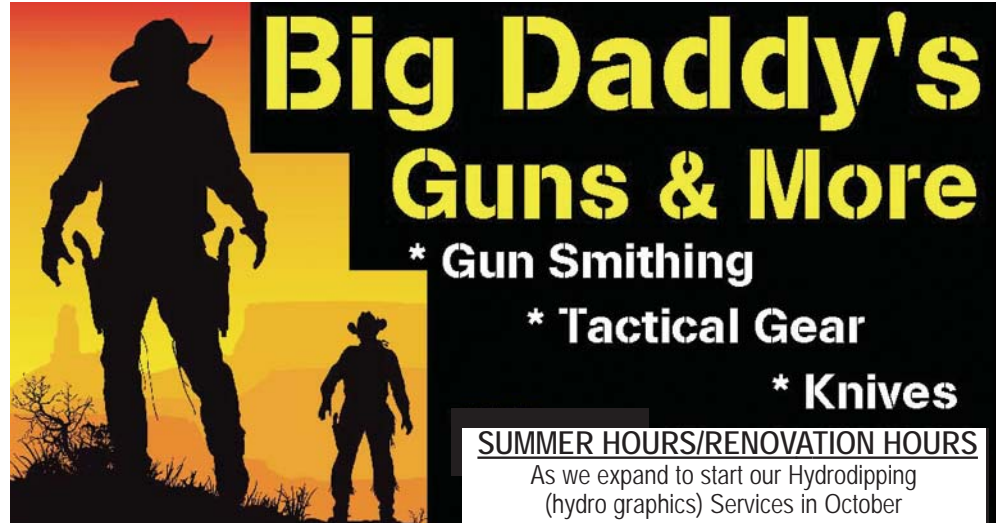
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**Firing Pins**

A lot of information can be obtained from inspecting the firing pin impression made by your gun on the cartridge primer. One of the things I ask for when a customer says he is having problems with misfires or failures to cycle is to bring me several of the fired cases, particularly those cartridges that failed to fire. The inspection of the firing pin impression in the primer can reveal broken firing pins, broken springs, weak recoil springs, over length pin protrusion, early unlocking on auto-loading handguns, rifles, and shotguns. The primer can also show shearing of the primer that is forced back into the firing pin channel. Many problems can be determined by examining the primer.

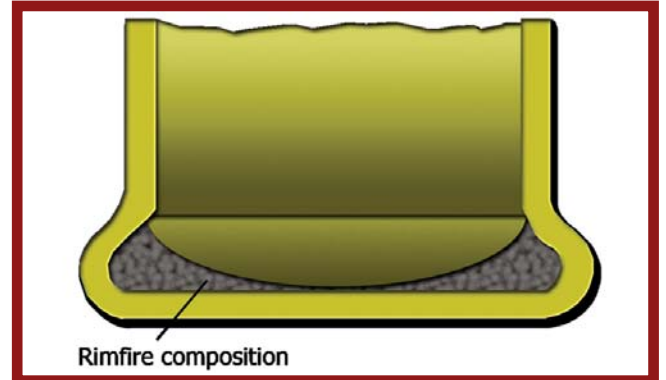


Firing pin wipe indicated here. Possibly due to early unlocking.

One of the most complained about misfires is with rimfire ammunition. Rimfire ammunition is manufactured with a small amount of impact sensitive explosive which is spun into the hollow rim of the cartridge case. The firing pin must be of a design that insures a strong impression on the crushable rim. Early .22 rimfire gun makers used a round, flattened point on the firing pin which leaves an impression that looks much like a half-moon on the cartridge rim. Later designs were to produce a pin face which resembles a rectangle or trapezoid. This design works well in bolt action and semi-automatic rifles and pistols where the firing pin channel in the bolt can be milled without special tooling and trap the firing pin in a constantly aligned position relative to the cartridge case and chamber.

The firing pin for the single action and double

action revolvers created a different design as the firing pin had to be part of the hammer, or encased in the frame of the revolver. The firing pin had to be designed so that the pin did not rotate and would strike the rim of the bullet in the same spot as the cylinder rotated. This naturally caused more machining of the revolver's frame and/or the firing pin. Some companies had opted to go with a firing pin design like a center fire pin including a rounded nose in order to save production time and cost. Those rounded nose firing pin rimfire revolvers in both .22 LR and .22 WMR are susceptible to repeated misfires simply because the impact area of the firing pin may be too small to consistently ignite the pressure sensitive primer.



Rimfire composition

Use caution when purchasing a rimfire revolver and check out the type of firing pin the manufacturer is using. If you purchase one with the rounded nose firing pin, expect misfires with some types of ammo. Find the ammo which seems to work well in your particular revolver and stick with it. As a last note, because of the problems with rimfire ammo failing to discharge, do not use a .22 caliber hand gun for self-defense. It may fail you at that critical moment.

**What's Happened to Honor in America?**

Every day we hear another embellished news story about the horrible acts of violence in our nation's cities and schools. So often we hear of someone killing another or several others and then committing suicide. We hear the talking heads on both sides of the aisle claiming they know the cure for these ills but none have a plan except to punish the innocent for the acts of the mindless. Where has honor gone?

We've seen the labor unions demanding more wages, more health care, more vacation, more, more, more. We see our tax dollars being passed out to others and squandered on cigarettes, candy, drugs and cars. We see our government representatives promising more to the people, promising to tax the rich and give it to the poor. We see Congress refusing to adjust Medicare incentives to make them affordable. Corporate America has jumped on the selfishness bandwagon, resisting any changes to subsidies that have stacked up over the decades. American citizens have been trained to think they have "rights" to get what they want from government. Where has honor gone?

Honor is a code of conduct to be honest, to have strong moral principles, to be righteous, to be fair minded and decent, to be incorruptible, and to be willing to protect those who cannot protect themselves. It includes a dedication of service to others, to your family, and to your country. Not so long ago a person's honor was more important than life itself. If one's honor was questioned or attacked, it had to be protected even if that meant dueling to the death with the accuser. I'm not saying we should go back to dueling, but I don't see many men or women in the political structure that stand on their principles, or any principles for that matter. Honor also means one stands on their own and lives within their means.

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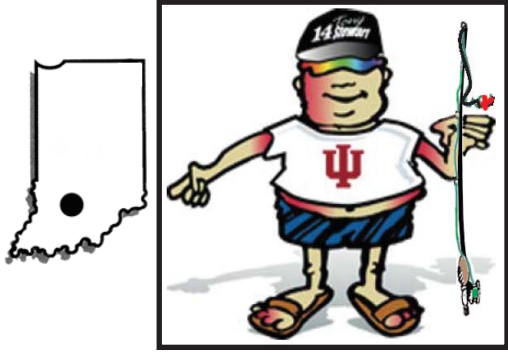
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# Vacationing In Southwest Indiana



by Jim Behrman

## Spend a Weekend or Week On Patoka Lake This Summer

Why would you and your family or a group of your friends take a houseboat vacation on Patoka Lake, the jewel of Southwestern Indiana. You might do it as a family to bring everyone together and share the great experience. It might be a group of friends who want to share time on or in the water. It could be a retreat, a wedding, honeymoon, girls time, guys time, or grandma and grandpa bringing the kids and grandkids together for a fun vacation. The reasons for renting a houseboat for a weekend or a vacation are as diverse as the activities on and around the lake.

The houseboat vacation was at it's peak in the early and mid 90's thru 2005 when the dollar cost of a houseboat exploded. The cost of aluminum, plywood, electronics, and the new luxuries built into cost of a new houseboat, caused the price to skyrocket. The price of the new boats caused the price of a rental period to skyrocket also. These prices jumped from \$2500.00 or \$3000.00 to \$5500.00 or \$6000.00 for the same rental period. The boat sizes jumped from 14 ft. x 60 ft. to 18 ft. x 85 ft. , and from bunk beds to 6 bedrooms with queen size beds and 6 master bathrooms. The luxury jumped from a radio to flat screen TV's with satellite antennas, stereo systems, party tops, hot tubs, and climate control. The economy crashed and the families or groups that could afford the \$6000.00 price tag or felt comfortable spending that much money on a houseboat vacation was drastically reduced.

The reduction in vacationers was closely followed by a reduction in the number of individuals or marinas purchasing houseboats. This severe reduction in new houseboat demand plus the number of repossessions and marinas putting their rental fleet boats up for sale caused a glut of houseboats for sale and no demand for new. This large volume of for sale boats and the no demand for new caused many houseboat manufacturers into bankruptcy. The area around Lake Cumberland, the houseboat capital of the world, Dale Hollow, and other smaller lakes in the Midwest all went from buying houseboats to selling their rental boats and or remodeling and maintaining the



Just a few of the houseboats for you to choose from for your stay on Patoka Lake this summer. (Author Photo)

remainder of their fleets. This reduction in overhead costs for "new" and "bigger" boats has reduced the cost for you the vacationer to take a houseboat vacation to a very affordable option.

The marina I use as home base here at Patoka Lake, Hoosier Hills Marina, has a fleet of 6 houseboats. They have 4 bedroom, 5 bedroom, and 6 bedroom boats that all have 2 baths. They maintain there boats very well and personally supervise and help clean their boats after each use. Having worked with vacationers for 13 years they are very adept at answering your questions and helping you plan your vacation. They can and will help you plan your vacation time on the lake and activities off the lake.

When you are considering your vacation you have to consider when you want to be on your houseboat. Rental periods are from Friday thru Monday, Monday thru Friday, or for a full week Monday to Monday or Friday to Friday. In-season rentals are from Memorial day thru Labor day, and not in season is April, May, September and October. April, May, early June, late September and October are all good fishing times. June, July, August, and early September are prime times for swimming, skiing, knee or wake boarding, any of those get in the water activities you enjoy. Late September and early October are the prime time for the fall foliage viewing. If you do not have the "have to get in the water" people on your trip you can pick an off-season time period and save money on the cost and be on the lake when almost no one else is here.

Some tips for planning your houseboat vacation from a "I've seen it all" vacation planner.

- 1) If more than a family coming select a person to gather the money, gather questions, and call the marina. This person can give out the answers to questions and work with the marina.
- 2) Make the agreement that each member pays in advance and if he/she or they can not come they forfeit the money so the rest of the group can go ahead with their plans and not be in a possible financial bind.
- 3) If the group can be divided correctly make a

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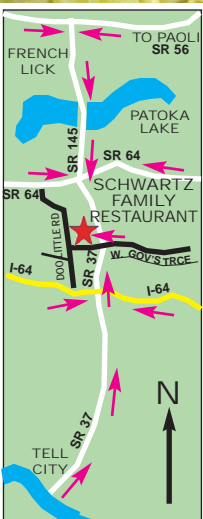
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Article by Melissa Browning UCDC

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See the Festival Schedule at right.

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9:00am to 1:00pm – ANNUAL BOOK SALE at the Library 10:00am – until sold out  
PIE SALE at the Log Cabin by Historical Society  
10:15am to 11:00am – PIE BAKING CONTEST-  
11:00am to ? SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION Booth  
11:00am to 5:00pm - KIDS CORNER –free crafts, games & fun for kids  
12:00pm to 4:00pm – HISTORIC DEPOT MUSEUM in Liberty open to public  
2:00pm –7:00pm - 4-H PORK CHOP DINNER at the Fairgrounds  
2:30pm- FRECKLE CONTEST- Who has the most freckles  
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4:30pm - REGISTRATION for Line of Freedom with organizers  
6:00pm - CEREMONY including prayer, music, 21 Gun Salute, Balloon Release, Taps, LINE OF FREEDOM (by American Legion & VFW).  
7:00 pm – 4th of JULY PARADE ON UNION STREET Lead by 2014 UC Grand Marshal  
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**SUNDAY JULY 6TH**

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## UNION COUNTY'S FARMERS MARKET

By: Bev Woodruff, Freelance Writer  
Photos by Melissa Browning

Fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, baked goods and crafts are just a few of the bountiful items visitors to the Union County Farmers Market will find.

The UC Farmers Market is held on the west side of the courthouse square on Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. The market was born last year and has continued to grow since that time. Currently, there are more than two dozen vendors who offer their products each week.

Vendors who participate in the juried farmers market must sell only fresh produce, homemade food products or hand crafted items. Patrons of the market won't find any "flea market" items at the UC Farmers Market. Items offered for sale through the market include: fresh garden produce such as lettuce, tomatoes, strawberries, sweet corn and other fruits and vegetables; home canned salsa, jams and



jellies; home baked pies, breads, rolls, cakes and cookies.

Other vendors offer maple syrup, honey, goat's milk cheese and soap, hand carved walking sticks and yard art. Also available are vegetable plants and flowers.

In addition to the many products offered for sale, free live entertainment is scheduled for some market days. Entertainers set up in the Gazebo, located on the northwest corner of the courthouse lawn.



Entertainment is sponsored by local businesses and begins at 6 p.m. and continues until 8 p.m.

During July, the Glen Hoy Band and Jay Jessie Johnson are scheduled to perform at the farmers market.

The Glen Hoy Band will entertain on Friday, July 18. The band is led by local musician Brent Marcum who performs under the name Glen Hoy. The name is a tribute to Marcum's grandfather who performed in speakeasies during prohibition days. The band plays Indie Rock Genre music and is well worth the

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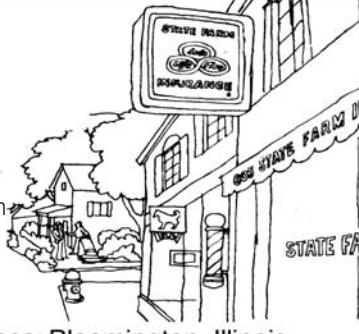
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**36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LIBERTY FREEDOM RUN**

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**WHEN:** Saturday, July 5, 2014, 8:30 am Eastern DST  
Walkers start at 8:05 am

**Where:** Courthouse, Liberty, Indiana. Liberty is on US 27, 14 miles north of Oxford, Ohio or 17 miles south of Richmond, Indiana. 15 miles east of Connersville, Indiana on State Road 44. 18 miles north of Brookville, Indiana on state road 101.

**DISTANCE:** 4.7 MILES (7.5k). The run will start at the northeast corner of the courthouse at the corner of Union and Market streets. Runners will proceed north on Market Street for two blocks where they will turn west on Sycamore Street, crossing US 27 and leaving Liberty on Brownsville Avenue. Runners will proceed directly to Brownsville where the run will end at the main intersection. Transportation will be provided back to Liberty after completion of the race.

**AID:** Three water and Gatorade stations. Time splits every mile.

**FACILITIES:** Very limited. Restrooms at the courthouse.

**AWARDS:** The age groups for men and women are as follows: 12 and under, 13-15, 16-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-47, 48-55, 56-63, 64-71, 72 and up. "Clydesdale" division: 200 lb and over. Trophies will be awarded to the top three female and male finishers. Ribbons will be awarded for each age group.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$12.00 if registered by July 4. This includes a T-shirt. \$10.00 on the day of the race. This does not include a T-shirt.

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**RECORDS:** Jeremiah Vaughn, Brookville, IN---24 min, 4 sec---2010

**DEFENDING** Sarah Repp, Connersville, IN---33 min, 13 sec

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The "Liberty Freedom Run" is run in conjunction with the Liberty Festival—Flea Market, Food, Parade

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Applications Must Be Received no later than June 27th , 2014 for those who want to be placed in order of type of entry. Line up will be at 6:00pm at Union County Middle School Parking Lot. **Please enter the Middle School parking lot from State Rd. 44.** Late arrivals will be put at the end of procession.

**Parade Entry Form**

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listen. Glen Hoy will be sponsored by West End Bank.

On Friday, July 25, local resident Jay Jessie Johnson will perform. Clive Rawlings of Blues Matters Magazine described Johnson as a modern

day Blues Master. Johnson was born in Union County and has been playing guitar since he was 10 years old. He has recorded more than a dozen albums. Johnson will be sponsored by the Union County Public Library.

Also, on Friday, July 25, the Union County Development Corporation will grill and serve hamburgers and hotdogs for donations. Donations will go to the UCDC to support its continued efforts to promote UC. The farmers market is sponsored by the UCDC.

After seeing the success of the Union County Farmers market some residents in West College Corner recently organized a Saturday morning farmers market in their town. The WCC Farmers Market is held on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon at the former Farmers State Bank building in downtown WCC. Vendor requirements for the WCC market are very similar to those for the market in Liberty. Patrons can expect to find homegrown and

home crafted items. The WCC market is located on Brookville Street, just off of U.S. 27 across from the U.S. Post Office.

The UC Farmers Market was the brain child of UCDC Executive Director Melissa Browning. Browning can be found on Friday evenings circulating throughout the market talking with vendors and patrons. According to Browning, the farmers market serves several functions.

"There so many [reasons] for the market," Browning said. "It provides a place for locals to sell their produce and crafts. It also provides socialization for many people. Finally, it provides good products for people in our area."

Anyone looking for quality home grown and home crafted items should visit the UC Farmers Market in Liberty on Friday evenings and the WCC Farmers Market in West College Corner on Saturday mornings.

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Zena, being ridden by a volunteer in the Sunrise pasture with two other Sunrise horses. (Author Photo)

## Horses Are Heroes



by **Rebecca L. Funk**  
Executive Director of Sunrise, Inc.

### Up and Running Again!

Sunrise Inc. is up and running again! May was our first month as an operating center and throughout the month we had many calls for new riders and volunteers!! If anyone knows someone that would like to be involved in any way please contact us!

Sunrise has a total of eleven horses and if you, the readers, have been following the Sunrise articles you have "met" a few of them.

One that I haven't talked about yet is Zena. Zena is a Friesian Percheron mix and is our largest horse at Sunrise. She is able to carry up to 300 lbs. which allows us to accommodate more adult riders.

Zena and another horse, Arwenna, will be the first horses to be used for what we hope will develop into what PATH Intl. calls "Equines for Heroes" which is a program for veterans.

The Percheron breed

is a draft horse that was used widely for carriage driving and farm work but has proved to be a good ride as well. Typically, Percherons and other draft horses have calm and quiet temperaments which has proven to be true for Zena.

Zena is also half Friesian. One of the many characteristics of Friesians is their thick and wavy mane and tale which Zena has as well as her deep black coat. Very similar to the Percheron breed, Friesians are also known to be very calm and willing.

Both of the breeds that Zena has (Percheron and Friesian) were originally used as carriage horses and/or horses in war, farm work, etc. However, they have been more recently used for riding in Dressage, English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, and, at Sunrise, therapeutic riding. Zena has proven to be an extremely useful horse by being patient with the students, volunteers, family members, etc. (I'm sure she doesn't mind the treats she gets for all of her hard work.)

Rebecca L. Funk  
Sunrise Inc., Exec. Dir/Instructor  
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Zena trying to keep warm during the winter time at Sunrise. (Author Photo)



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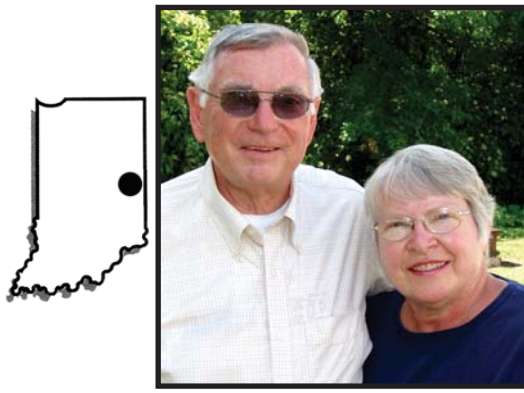
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**Camping Here & Beyond**



by John and El McCory

**Did You See What That Campground Was Doing? Part II**

In continuing with our message about what some campgrounds are getting away with, we'll move in another direction as to what they are not doing. Although it's none of our business a problem exists that the general public is in the dark about. Some campgrounds choose not to be members of the state or national campground associations. As a result they may not get an immediate message when Legislature or the Boards of Health make even small changes in campground regulations. For the most part, then, the campground is on its own and we've heard weekender's and even some seasonal campers ask why some campgrounds are making necessary changes and others are not. Sometimes the major problem is that campgrounds get so busy during the spring, summer and fall, that letters from the state or local governmental bodies are put in a "do it later" pile and are forgotten about until past the deadline. We can attest to the fact that we have been caught up in the latter statement as in our small campground we were the chief cooks and bottle washers and everything else in between that went on at our property.

Some campgrounds think they're too small or too insignificant to join their state association, some don't want to be "bossed", and some are mom and pop facilities that have been in the family for many years and don't see the need for change, or just don't want to be in with the big guys or with the franchise owners. Even as small as we were, we found many advantages being in with all of these groups.

By being members of state and national associations the campgrounds can get sizeable discounts on tractors and lawn equipment, Wi-Fi, office equipment, propane and many other goods and services. Then the campgrounds can pass the savings on to you and me, the campers. At the annual trade shows and conventions in various states, many suppliers set up booths and give great discounts on electric equipment, picnic tables, items for the park store and almost any item you'll find for use or for sale at campgrounds.

Another advantage to association membership is that at conventions and trade shows specials on insurance, safety, swimming pools, lake water management and many other functions of a campground are discussed by speakers who specialize in the above topics. Campground owners, management and staff can attend these programs and

eventually earn a CPO "degree". These Certified Park Operator credits definitely enhance the "student's" knowledge on how to successfully operate from a few to many functions of a campground. You might tell your local campground owner or suggest this information to campground management in your travels. They may not know about these advantages if they aren't association members. We've seen hundreds of positive results from coast to coast and heartily suggest owners, managers, and even staff get into these programs and learn from the pros.

Over our thirty two years of campground ownership we've seen the "big guy" campground management help the smaller campgrounds along a path of better management, suggest activities that work, and help the owners or new campground managers with their problems. One lady, a campground owner in Montana or Wyoming, asked us how to start and form a state association, so El and I outlined the steps, and sent them to her. That state, which had never been organized where the campground owners got together monthly to discuss mutual problems, now have speakers, trade shows and an annual meeting. They did a quick turn around and are now enjoying fellowship and learning from one another and invited specialists.

On the other hand we've seen campground owners and management who are members of the state and national associations but refuse to go to any meetings, refuse to take the CPO courses because "they cost too much," and "we know better than anyone how to run our campground or resort in our little corner of the world." It is in these campgrounds that we see a great lack of knowledge, improper management, lack of proper and positive person to person confrontation and personality issues. A lot of this can be eliminated.

At monthly state meetings, campgrounds volunteer to host the private campgrounds of their state at their facility, provide the meat and drink and the others bring food to share buffet style. Campground owners, management and staff attend, tour the facility, have speakers on up to date problems in the industry, and have a real good time for a few hours. The host campground many times provides overnight camping sites free for those driving a long distance.

Another thought before we close for another month-----have you as a camper ever thought of having contests between monthly or seasonal campers from a nearby campground? Why not border wars with campgrounds just across the state line? You could have outdoor games for all members of the family in good weather and in case of inclement weather go inside for contests. Three-on-three basketball with at least one female on each team, basketball shooting contests, bocce, horseshoes, sack races, pool, table tennis, and a host of other games are just a few examples. Just a thought but ask your local campground owner or manager about it. You might even be chosen to organize and run the show. Homemade ice cream or a wiener roast and s'mores would top off the evening. No contact sports!!!!

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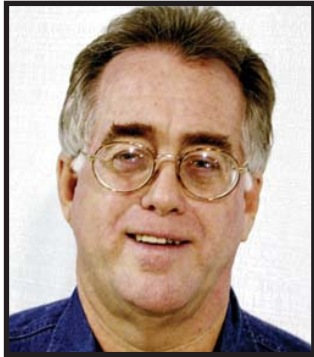


This is an assortment of Hobie Kayaks on the lawn of the Athenaeum Hotel at the Chautauqua Institution. (Author Photo)



A photo of my big musky (my biggest ever!). Notice the small net on the deck. It took seven tries to get the musky to stay in that net. (Photo by Mike Schoonveld)

## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### Chautauqua—the Lake, the County, the Institution

I was dragging a tube jig through the rocks on the bottom of Chautauqua Lake in western New York. As had happened several times before, the jig caught on a rock or something and stopped. I popped the rod tip a couple times to see if it would come loose.

I don't know if it bounced off the rock and a fish hit the lure, or if the fish had actually stopped my jig and it just felt like it had hung on a rock. Whichever, something immediately began peeling the eight-pound test line off the reel. We had already boated several four pound smallmouth and one five pounder. Was this an even bigger bass? Or possibly a huge walleye? It would be a couple minutes before I knew.

Early May found my wife, Susie, and me on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institute, my third trip to this facility in the last six years. I was attending a function of the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers called Cast & Blast. Ten writers from the organization were selected to fish this lake and other nearby waters, while ten other writers were picked to go on a local turkey hunt. I was one of the lucky anglers selected.

To make this outing even more attractive to us scribes, some national manufacturers were supplying

the use of their products for the event and their reps were there to show us the proper way to utilize the equipment. Some of the sponsors were Aqua Vu, Birchwood-Casey, Carbon X Rods, Hawke Sport Optics (from Ft. Wayne, IN), Hobie Kayaks, Humminbird/Lakemaster, Mossy Oak, Oakridge Game Calls, Plano-Synergy (Frabill/Plano/Tenzing), Real Avid, Shimano, Starkey Hearing Technologies, ThermaCELL, and Browning/Winchester.

Our event hosts included Andrew Nixon of the Chautauqua CVB, [Nixon@tourchautauqua.com](mailto:Nixon@tourchautauqua.com), the brain behind all the details for this function, and Craig Robbins, [crobbs60@gmail.com](mailto:crobbs60@gmail.com), Chautauqua County Sports Fishing/Hunting, who was the guy responsible for obtaining enough fishing and hunting guides to show us to the fish and the birds. These are the two names you need to remember if you are planning an outdoor trip to this area. Both can be found at [www.tourchautauqua.com](http://www.tourchautauqua.com). Carley Davis, [cdavis@ciweb.org](mailto:cdavis@ciweb.org), [www.athenaeum-hotel.com](http://www.athenaeum-hotel.com) was our Lodging Host at the Chautauqua Institution/Athenaeum Hotel.

The Chautauqua Institution sits on 750 acres of ground. The hotel was built in 1881 and most of the houses on the property look like they date from that period. Rooms can be booked with or without meals included in the Heirloom Restaurant in the summer. The institution hosts about ten weeks of arts, education, concerts, lectures and more. During the spring and fall, the hotel caters to conferences, weddings and special events. Nearby attractions include the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History, many wineries and vineyards, and the hometown of Lucille Ball. We also had a great meal at Andriaccio's Italian Restaurant.

Chautauqua County ranks number seven of 63 counties in New York in the total hunting and fishing licenses sold as of August 2013. The county has consistently ranked number one in spring turkey kill since 2004 with over 1,000 birds taken in 2013. Great figures if you are planning an out of-state turkey hunt.

Chautauqua county is host to five different bodies of water—Lake Erie, Chautauqua Lake, Cassadaga, Finley and Bear Lakes. Erie is the third most fished

body of water in NY and Chautauqua Lake is sixth. The county ranks fourth in total angler expenditures. Obviously, this county caters to hunters and fishermen.

The turkey hunters were scheduled to go out early and return in the afternoon or after they bagged their bird. A 3:30 AM breakfast and a box lunch to go would hopefully get them through until the evening meal.

The fishermen would go with a different guide in the morning and afternoon and try for whatever they wanted or their captain suggested. Options were perch, crappie (nine inch minimum), or bass (large-mouth or smallmouth) using only artificial lures. The

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This is one of the fine smallmouth bass caught by Tim Creighton when he was guiding Mike Schoonveld and me. (Author Photo)



This boat goes around Chautauqua Lake raising nets to capture muskies. They are then transferred to a pontoon boat with the equipment to extract eggs from the fish for raising young muskies to stock other NY lakes. (Author Photo)

bass were catch and release only during the period we were there. Walleye were also in season with an 18 inch minimum length and a limit of three.

The first day, I went out for mostly crappie, with a few perch, bass, and a nice catfish thrown into the mix. Our afternoon boat encountered engine problems and our guide had to call for a boat tow. No big problem. We continued fishing around docks and other structure using the trolling motor and just

switched to the other boat when it arrived.

The next day, Mike Spery was the guide who volunteered his time to take out two of us writers. Mike has been guiding this area since 2006 and fishes various tournaments on this lake. He put us on several reefs and some rocky bays to fish for bass. We caught a nice bunch of smallmouth with a few largemouth thrown in. Mike can be contacted at Chautauqua Reel Outdoors Guide & Tackle at Lakewood, NY. Call 716-763-2947 if you want to book a trip with him.

I was supposed to fish Lake Erie for huge smallmouth one day. (By huge, I mean five to seven pounders!) Unfortunately, the east end of Erie was still iced over and the charter boats couldn't get out. This was early May. So, the afternoon of the second day, I was assigned to fish out of the Hobie kayaks. These things are neat. The first time I fished from one of these was in the current of the lower Niagara River. I have pedaled them several times since. (That's right. I said pedaled.) Hobie's have pedals similar to a bicycle. This leaves both hands free to throw a lure, take pictures, etc. while still being in control of the craft. The wind had picked up in the afternoon, but I had no problem casting the drop off and around the docks.

The last morning found me dragging the tube lure across the rocks for bass. (Remember the first paragraph of this story?) As the unknown fish began stripping line from the reel, I just held on, waiting for the run to stop. Then I began putting line back onto the spool. As the fish finally approached the boat, Tim Creighton, our guide for the morning hollered, "It's a musky!" Which created a problem. Actually, several problems.

When I finally brought it to the boat, I tried to lead it into the net. Unfortunately, a big musky doesn't fit into a small bass net. It immediately flipped out and ran about ten yards of line off. I fought the fish back to the net and we tried again. Same results. I brought the musky to the boat six times but we were unable to slip him into the net. On the seventh try, Tim slipped it under the tiring fish and flipped it into the boat.

We extracted the bent hook with a pair of pliers, and examined the line which had over a foot of frayed area just about the lure. Tim said he saw it on the third try with the net and knew the line was going to break. We took a few quick pictures and the forty-one inch musky was returned to the water. We estimated it was about 20 pounds, but the bass scale we had in the boat only went up to seven pounds.

Bass, walleye and musky tournaments are

common on Chautauqua Lake. We observed a hatcheries boat going around pulling nets set to catch musky for egg removal to raise stock for release in other NY lakes.

If you are interested in some outstanding fishing and great turkey hunting, contact Craig. It's certainly worth the trip to New York.

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## News From The Indiana State Police

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I'm going to end this month with a story of human interest. Folks often ask me why we don't become hardened after having to deal with horrible people and the horrible things they do. We also sometimes get to see everyday folks at their worst. But, in dealing with people every day, we also get to meet some great people and see a positive side that others may not get to see.

In a small town in our district, there was a man in his seventies that I would see out walking every day. He looked a lot like my grandpa did, wearing work boots, bibbed overalls, a plaid shirt buttoned to the top, and using a cane when he walked. Regardless of the weather, I'd see him out walking in the morning and evening.

I found out from a local one day that the man wasn't just out for the exercise. It seems his wife had passed a year or two before, and he would walk twice a day to the cemetery, a mile each way, to visit her grave. He would sometimes take a ride from someone he knew if it was raining or snowing, but most of the time he walked alone.

I know we're all busy, and life moves very fast.  
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# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## Summertime float trips can be relaxing - in a roundabout way!

It was years since I last floated one of the area streams or rivers near my home and my wife and son had mentioned that they would like to take a canoe trip when we got the chance. So recently, our opportunity came. I opted to take the flat-bottom jon boat rather than our canoe in order to eliminate the likelihood of dumping the boat over. We were set – the boat, a cooler of cold water and snacks, fishing rods and each other – it was going to be a perfect afternoon!

The trip started off innocently enough, with the placid, gently flowing waters of the Wildcat Creek slowly beginning to drift us towards some of my favorite smallmouth holes.

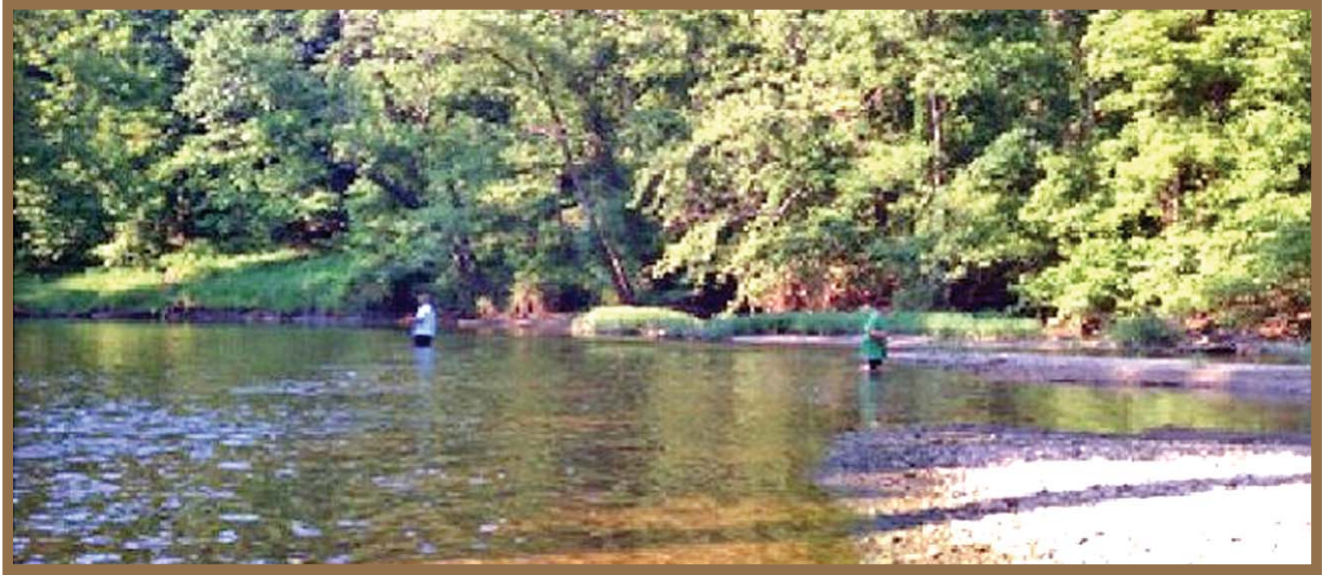
It wasn't long before encountering our first set of riffles, the only problem was that the entire width of the creek was a mere inches deep there, resulting in us needing to bail out of the boat to carry it across the rock-laden stretch of creek.

Well, by the time we came across that first obstacle we realized – albeit too late – that the creek was quite low, which made the rest of the trip a bit more labor intensive than what we were anticipating. Add the the fact that we weren't really prepared given the fact that we haven't made a float trip in over a decade, and that the trip was made somewhat hastily and you can start painting the picture of the trip really went down.

At one point during one of the many portages we had to make over gravel bars and log jams, I turned around to see my wife entirely under water - except for her head – as she clung to the john boat in an effort to regain stability.

Another disadvantage we had on this trip was that since we hadn't done this in nearly two decades, we couldn't remember how long it would take us to reach our departure point. This meant that we hastily moved through areas that likely held some good fishing.

By the time our trip was over, my cell phone got trashed, we were tired and sore, and I ended up with one of the worst cases of poison ivy that I have ever had – covering the majority of my body, including my face and other unmentionable areas.



Even though this particular float trip did not go as I or Tracy had planned, Nicholas loved every minute of it and still talks about it and laughs. So, I would say it was a pretty successful trip after all! (Author Photo)

If I had only scouted out the area a little more closely before we started, I may have been able to avoid some misery. As we beached the boat at the base of a steep bank my wife even remarked that there surely had to be a more suitable landing point from which we could pull the boat up. I told her that I had looked for a better spot but they there appeared to be no good spot from which disembark. Then, as I walked to get the truck after an arduous and body-wrenching struggle to get the boat up the bank, I noticed a nicely manicured, gently sloping point from which it was obvious people used to put their boats and canoes in and out of the creek. The beating I am surprised I did not receive from my wife upon her noticing this launch site would have really ended the day on a high note!

You know what though; I have yet to mention all the stuff that did go right on this particular trip, so here goes. In the brief moments of exile that we had from the obstacles, slips, trips, falls, bugs, nettles and other calamities that seemed to have plagued us on that trip, we did have opportunities to view spectacular wildlife, peaceful and serene natural settings and we even managed to catch a few spunky smallmouth bass for our efforts. Besides all of that, we got to spend some quality time as a family – even if it was laced with some hard work, blood, sweat and tears. We can honestly say that we actually almost enjoyed the trip – enough that we plan on doing it again – as long as I am better prepared the next time.

Nicholas, though, had a complete blast. He didn't mind the hard work or the obstacles at all. He simply reveled in the opportunity to be outdoors and fish – if even for a little bit. And he never once complained about anything. He was thrilled to have caught his first-ever smallmouth bass, regardless of its size. There is a lot we as adults can learn from our children, and Tracy and I certainly did. We learned to not focus on the negatives and to truly enjoy any outdoor experience and what can learn from them because yes, anything worth having requires hard work and sacrifice.

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## Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

### ISTA July 2014 News Getting Started in Trapping

Well we just finished with the second Trappers Education class of the Year. This one is organized by ICO Scott Johnson of Hendricks County and held at the Indiana Hoosier Youth Camp just outside Carthage. He recruited help from the fur takers 7B, and the ISTA, and got some donations also. The local Orshiens donated some LED flashlights. Duke traps sent some traps. There may have been more that I missed going in and out of the building. FTA Chapter 7B had breakfast both Saturday and Sunday with Sunday being extra special with Jesse Melton cooking up Biscuits and Gravy. Now that is the way to start trapping class. Saturday noon, Jim and Nancy Mahoney produced a wonderful chicken noodle lunch and then hamburgers for dinner. The ISTA covered the lunch on Sunday with the traditional tube steak and chips and left overs from Saturday. If you were hungry, it was your own fault. Helping with the demonstrations were Tom and Ian Morelock, Tim Julian, Jesse Melton, Dennis and Steve Cobb. ICO Scott Johnson and Fred Philips, circled around taking pictures and just getting in the way in general. Pictures will be

available soon on the ISTA website, indianatrappers.org. Dennis Cobb's skinning demonstration was superb. He did several muskrats, a couple of beaver, an otter, a bobcat, and a raccoon. You will not be able to see this sort of demonstration without the benefit of the relationship with the IDNR.

Setting up new traps was discussed while many of the demonstrations were going on. First, you need to pick the traps size that you need to fit your target animal. Everyone received a booklet that helped them with that determination from Victor Oneida. Next you had to check it in the Indiana Hunting and Trapping Rules Book so if you needed it to be offset jaws, a gap between the jaws of at least 1/8", then you knew that before you spent your money. Once you had the new traps, they need to be cleaned of their shipping and storage oil and grease, and adjusted to be ready to work. Some need more adjustment than others. The triggers need to fire crisply and the pans need to lay flat. I am told that a dishwasher can do a tremendous job cleaning new traps, but alas, my wife will not let me use HER dishwasher under any circumstance. (Okay, I put the wrong soap in once, okay. Boy that made a mess in HER kitchen. Who hasn't made that mistake at least once?) Pressure washers at the car wash do a pretty good job. Personally, I like to give them a half hour boil in lye / ash water. I then put some hay on top to absorb any oil that comes off of any new traps or any wax that comes off of older traps and then let everything cool. After they are cool, I remove the hay, and fish out the "clean" traps. These get set aside to rust in the sun for a week or so. Once there is a light covering of rust, I set up the boiler again, this time with walnut hulls or logwood dye. A gallon of hulls to five gallons of water makes for very black traps. The walnut hulls, water and traps are placed in the boiler and the whole is brought to a boil. I like to simmer it then for a few hours, and let it cool overnight. Sometimes it has to sit a few days before I can get back to it. That doesn't hurt a thing. When I am ready, I bring it all back to a boil and fish the traps out while they are hot. I give them a chance to dry off, and then put them through a wax bath. The traps "fry" if you will in the smoking hot wax. Now smoking hot wax is very flammable and can be dangerous, so I cannot recommend that you do it this way, just this is how I do it. Once the trap is the same temperature as the wax, and has stopped frying, I gently lift it out and place it on an old window screen to drain and cool. Once cool, it is stored away in the barn for future use, where it will not pick up any odors of gas or oil, etc. At this point and beyond, all handling of traps is done with gloves, clean gloves. Well here is hoping that you get a chance to attend one of our Trappers Education Classes. There are five more scheduled that I am aware of, and probably a few more that I am not aware of. You just have to get out there and look. Watch your top knot, keep your eyes along the skyline.

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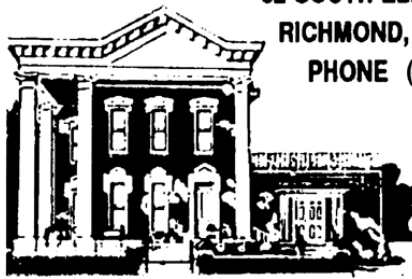
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A couple of our winning fish. (Photo by James Lasswell)

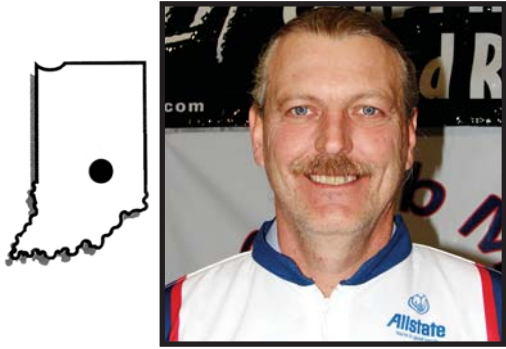


Our winners plaques and Big Fish plaques. (Photo by James Lasswell)



Larry Yates and Doug Allen with their 2nd place fish (Photo by Ron Bilbrey)

## Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

## Brookville Tournament

The weekend before the Brookville tournament I had the opportunity to fish the lake for the first time this season. I started out on the upper end of the lake and after an hour knew this area was not holding fish so I moved down lake to a couple brush piles I had found last year and immediately caught good fish. After catching a couple fish off each; I started searching for other spots in the area that would hold fish. Before leaving the area, I had marked several spots and caught enough fish to know this area would produce tournament fish. I moved to the mid lake area and looked for the same type cover I had just left, I found it in a small cove and the side imaging unit showed me exactly what I was looking for. I quickly set the rods out and within minutes, boated two more good fish. I finished the day moving around fishing some spots that had held big fish last year, but didn't find anything better.

On tournament morning, I was up at 3am and on the road for the two hour drive to Brookville. I wanted to arrive in time to set the boat up and be ready to launch as soon as Damon was done with registrations. By 6am, registration was over and we quickly launched and headed up lake to our first spot. As we neared our first spot, things weren't looking good as we could see another boat setting on one of our brush piles. We proceeded to the area and saw he was going to fish the better of the two spots. We had no choice but to start on the other and once we started fishing we quickly realized the fish I had caught the week before were

gone and both brush piles were holding small fish. We moved around the area and fished other cover, catching a few fish and two tournament fish. After talking about the area and what we were seeing, we felt the bigger fish were not holding on cover but were probably roaming around on the flat and that we should try slow trolling and look for fish suspended in open water. There was also another spot across the cove I wanted to try, I had caught my biggest fish there while pre fishing. Slowly, we headed across the flat to the point on the other side, a little over half way; I watched as my rod tip slowly touched the top of the water and quickly set the hook on a 1.25lb crappie. We made a sharp circle and went back through the area several times before proceeding to our next spot. After moving thru that area with only a couple small fish, we moved towards the back of the cove staying on the flat searching to see if the fish were in shallower water. After a quick pass thru the area, we returned to the mouth of the cove and trolled the area back and forth, catching several good fish and culling to get our best seven fish.

By 1:30 pm we had what we thought was a pretty good weight with our seven fish limit and I had to drop Damon off at the ramp for his prior commitment with his son. After dropping him off, I proceeded from the ramp to the small cove I had fished the weekend before, and as luck would have it, there was a boat sitting on that brush pile, so I just set up the rods and trolled the deeper water hoping to find another good fish.

By 3pm, I was back at the ramp dealing with boat traffic. I watched from the water as one guy loaded his boat half off the trailer, and another woman jackknifed her truck and trailer. I parked my boat at the dock and tried to tie it off to keep it from getting beat up on the dock. A man and his wife came over and helped hold it off the dock and my old partner, who had just loaded his, came over and helped load mine.

Brookville is one of those lakes that produces stringers of fish that are all the same size, so weigh ins are always very close and usually determined by who catches the biggest fish, which on this day was us, with the 1.25 lb female that we caught out on the flat. We had a total weight of 5.84 lbs to take first place and also big fish. In second place with a total weight of 5.41 lbs was the Ohio team of Larry Yates and Doug Allen. Don and Royce Glick, finished in third place with 5.21 lbs. The



Don and Royce Glick with their 3rd place fish. (Photo by Ron Bilbrey)

team of Joe Long and Dave Wright finished fourth with 5.09 lbs. rounding out the top five with 5.08 lbs was Brett Cunningham and Keith Lucas.

For complete weigh in results visit the Slab Masters web site at [www.indianaslabmasters.com](http://www.indianaslabmasters.com) also please visit our sponsors websites at the links page we appreciate all they do for our club. Thanks to my sponsors as well without their support it would be difficult to fish the number of tournaments I do.

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# Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

## July Activities

### Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

Metamora starts off the month of July with a bang. We love to celebrate the Fourth of July and this year is no exception.

On July 4th there will be a special running of the Civil War train. If you haven't yet experienced the Civil War train it's always great fun. A Union Army detachment is on the train to protect the US Government Payroll. Meanwhile, along the line a relentless group of Confederate soldiers, simply known as Morgan's Raiders, plan and wait. The train leaves the Connersville station at noon with a 2 hour layover in Metamora.

Come and join us for an all day celebration of Independence Day on July 5. The Metamora Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting the Fireman's Festival from 3am to 3pm at the firehouse. This is one of their big fund raisers to help buy new equipment and keep the current equipment working. There will be kids games, slides, a bounce house, a mechanical bull and a tractor pull. Live music will be by Stagger Lee. Food will be served starting at 3pm. The menu is pulled pork sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs and ice cold drinks. Finishing off the day is

a parade at 6pm and fireworks at dusk.

July 6th the Mill will once again be hosting Jammin' on the Mill Porch from 1-4pm. This is a free concert/jam session. All are invited to attend.

The Cat and the Fiddle continues its evening shows on July 12th and 26th from 7-9pm. On July 12th, it's Girl's Night In which showcases up and coming female singer/songwriters. July 26th Kriss and Greg Zeisemer return. This is a husband and wife duo from Madison, IN. As always there is no cover charge, dinner is available for purchase and reservations are recommended. Call Catrina at 513-403-0672 to reserve your spot.

On July 19th the Overland Limited Wild West train leaves the Connersville station at noon for a 2 hour layover in Metamora. This is one of several themed trains that come to Metamora throughout the season. As usual there will be an interesting selection of marshals, robber barons, fancy and not so fancy women aboard.

Finally Acoustical Final Friday is July 25th from 7-11pm at the Lover's Lane stage. Be sure to sign up at 6:30pm if you want to perform or just come and listen.

As always, if you are looking for a fun day trip, stop by and see us in Metamora. ■

## News From The Indiana State Police

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But this job has taught me that life can be short, and there is so much more we could learn about life, if we would just slow down long enough to notice things, things we may see every day. Like a dedicated elderly gentlemen as he walks down a road... Take care, stay safe and we'll talk again next month. ■

## Greensburg Pirate Archers

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shop on the indoor archery range. They shoot one arrow at each stop. A trailer will be set up for them to shoot a target at each stop. There will be a Shoot off in case of a tie.

Included in the fundraising activities will be a Silent Auction, Live DJ, Door Prizes, a Hog Roast and Bike Blessings.

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The acronym NASP® stands for "The National Archery in the Schools Program." You can access all their information by logging onto their website: <http://naspschools.org/>

Following are brief excerpts from the NASP® website to help you understand why this program is so popular with schools and their students worldwide.

"NASP® was co-created by the Kentucky Departments of Fish & Wildlife Resources and Department of Education and Mathews Archery in the late summer and fall of 2001. The program was launched in 21 Kentucky middle schools on March 3, 2002. Originally called the "Kentucky Archery in the Schools Program", the effort's goal was to enroll 120 schools and teach target archery skills to 24,000 students each year. Kentucky gave itself three years to achieve this goal."

"Within the program's first year the 120-school goal was achieved and because of neighbor-state interest, "National" replaced "Kentucky" in the pro-

gram's name. NASP® also expanded its participation standards to include students in 4th-12th grade. Shortly afterwards NASP® was granted 501 c (3) non-profit educational foundation status. NASP® is overseen by an all-volunteer board of directors. Every state, province and country enrolled in NASP® has a "Coordinator" in charge of leading the program in their jurisdiction."

"Some basic operating principles were established and implemented in twenty one pilot middle schools in Kentucky in March, 2002. These same operating principles remain constant today and account for the steady growth and continued interest in 12,000 schools in five countries. More than a million students will learn archery from their teachers this school year."

"First and foremost in each NASP® school program is Safety."

"The equipment designated for use in NASP® is suited for the typical 4th-12th grade physical education class. No matter the students size, ability, or gender every archer in NASP® uses an identical bow, identical arrows, and learns to shoot at distances that guarantee immediate success. The lessons are designed for safe shooting indoors or outside. NASP® courses are presented as a part of the in-school curriculum. The course is designed to be at or above national curriculum standards and must be taught in school during the day as a part of the school curriculum."

"About a third of the 12,000 NASP schools offer an 'after school archery program.'"

### "TEACHER TRAINING"

"Instructor Training was developed so teachers in every participating school could be certified to present NASP® lessons that are safe for students, instructors, bystanders, and the facility. Teachers have a choice of being certified as NASP® Basic Archery Instructors (BAI - 8 hours) or Basic Archery Instructor Trainers (BAIT-24 hours). To date more than 22,000 people have been certified by NASP®. During the training teachers learn how to set up and operate a safe archery range in their gymnasium. They are taught whistle signals which are used to move students to various taped lines on the range floor or ground to "get bows", "shoot", and "go get arrows". They learn how to determine a student's "Dominant Eye" and make a "String Bow®" training aid to teach the "Eleven Steps to Archery Success" -- archer form, shot execution, and follow-through. Teachers are provided extensive advice on how to provide positive coaching. Finally, sessions are conducted to explain inspection, maintenance and operation of the bows and arrows." ■

## Fishing Lake Michigan

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football-field length of copper wire, with a recalcitrant fish tugging the other end takes time.

Eventually, I scooped the fish into the net and just then one of the others, called out, "There's the hat!" Sure, enough, about 10 yards off the starboard bow, the bright yellow hat bobbed soggly, waiting for rescue. A slight course correction and it was back on the boat, and after a couple of shakes to rid it of some of the drips, back on my head.

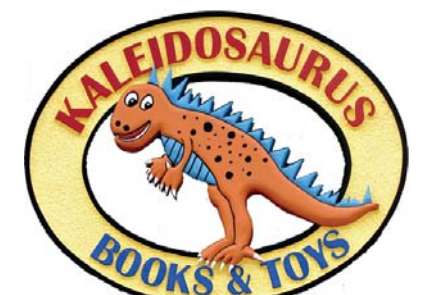
Each fish caught on my boat is a celebration. Why not? It was earned by the angler and though put there to be eventually caught, it has given its all for our sport. Perhaps the guy who reeled in this coho gave it fitting tribute, I was happier getting my fishing cap back.

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## Crappie USA Tournament Grand Lake St. Mary's

Sent from Media Specialist, Larry Crecelius,  
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This past Saturday **May 31st** Crappie USA held a qualifying event on Ohio's Grand Lake St. Mary's at Celina, Ohio. Anglers from 8 different states were competing for not only cash and prizes, but a chance to advance to the prestigious **Cabela's Crappie USA Classic**. This year's classic will be held **October 16th-18th** on Lake Cumberland at Somerset, Kentucky.

### Semi-Pro Division Results

Taking first place was the Celina, Ohio team of **Jim and Doug Freeman** weighing in 6.18 pounds and earning \$1,000.00. Jim and Doug fished the south side in 3 to 4 feet of water catching suspended fish at 1 foot deep using jig and cork to catch 50 to 60 fish for the day and also won the Talon Bonus of \$500.00.

Second place went to the team of **Charles Hildreth** of Gaston, Ohio and **Paul Hildreth** of Muncie, Indiana with a weight of 6.13 and earning \$600.00. Charles and Paul was spider rigging on south side of the lake using Southern Pro pink and pearl jigs in 6 feet of water catching 60 to 70 suspended fish at 3 feet deep. The team also won the Ranger Cup bonus of \$250.00.

In third place was the **Jake Hengstler** of Botkins, Ohio and **Jason Koesters** of New Bremen, Ohio weighing in 6.08 pounds and earning \$400.00.

### Amateur Division Results

First place in the amateur division went to the Celina, Ohio team of **Brian Bollenbacher** and **Kerry August** weighing in 6.14 pounds and earning \$600.00. Brian and Kerry fished the south side of lake in 4 to 8 feet of water using Southern Pro tubes black/chartreuse single pole cork and jig to catch 50 to 60 fish during the day.

Second place went to the St. Mary's team of **Mike Bell** and **Rich Goodwin** with a weight of 5.7 pounds and earning \$400.00. Mike and Rich also fished the south side of lake in a foot of water single pole cork and jig to catch 30 fish for the day.

Taking third place was the team of **Frank Richey** of Lima, Ohio and **Steven Richey** of Anna, Ohio weighing in 5.65 pounds and earning \$200.00. Frank and Steven fished the south side of lake with jig and cork in 5 to 6 feet of water catching their suspended fish at 18 inches and caught 25 to 30 fish.

**Big Fish** went to the 3 person team of **Michael Walters/ Steve Ferguson/Sebastian Vore** weighing .95 pounds and earning \$199.50. The fish was caught by Mike Walters grandson Sebastian Vore.

### Crappie USA Free Kids Fishing Rodeo

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

Crappie USA and our anglers have contributed nearly \$322,000.00 to the "Crappie Kids" Scholarships since 1997. We are very proud to be

a part of the education process for the youngsters who participate in our tournaments as adult/youth teams and those who fish in the Crappie USA "Kids Fishing Rodeos".

"A big Thanks to **Sharon, Ron and Randy at The Fraternal Order of Eagles** for helping to bring the Tournament back to Grand Lake St. Mary's and for hosting the seminar, kids rodeo and the weigh in. Great facility and great people to work with", said **Tournament Director Larry Stephens**. ■

## Crappie USA Tournament Patoka Lake

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This past Saturday **June 7th** Crappie USA held a qualifying event on Indiana's Patoka Lake where anglers from 8 different states were competing for not only cash and prizes, but a chance to advance to the prestigious **Cabela's Crappie USA Classic**. This year's classic will be held **October 16th-18th** on Lake Cumberland at Somerset, Kentucky.

### Semi-Pro Division Results

Taking first place was the team of **Don Licht** of Indianapolis, Indiana and **Doug Sikora** of Noblesville, Indiana with a total weight of 4.46 pounds and earning \$1,000.00. Don and Doug were fishing the west Walls area in dirty water spider rigging jigs and shiners on hook fishing 5 to 11 feet to catch 45 to 50 fish during the day.

Second place went to the team of **Michael Walters** of West Milton, Ohio and **Steve Ferguson** of Puryear, Tennessee with 3.63 pounds and earning \$600.00. Michael and Steve were fishing all over the lake in 8 to 14 feet of water slow vertical trolling Southern Pro jigs and live bait rigs on 14 foot B'n'M poles with Hummingbird 998 and Minn Kota trolling motor in a Ranger to catch 150 fish for the day. The team also won the Semi-Pro Ranger Cup Award receiving \$250.00.

In third place was the team of **Robert Raymer** of Greenfield, Indiana and **Kevin Wells** of Camby, Indiana with 3.28 pounds and earning \$400.00. Robert and Kevin were using Southern Pro jigs and B'n'M poles along with live bait rigs, spider rigging 8 to 10 feet of water catching their fish at 6 to 7 feet and caught 30 to 35 fish for the day.

### Amateur Division Results

First place in the amateur division went to the lone angler, **Steve Money** of Fort Branch, Indiana weighing in 7.18 pounds and earning \$700.00. Steve fished west of Walls creek about a mile in standing timber using jigs and cork and minnow slow trolling to catch 35 fish for the day. Steve also captured big fish of the event with a 1.47 pound crappie which brought him an additional \$269.50. To make his day even better he won the Ranger Cup award receiving an additional \$250.00.

Second place went to **David Bowser** of Marion, Indiana and **Mike Morrison** of Muncie, Indiana with 3.65 pounds and earning \$450.00. The team also captured 2nd biggest fish of the event with a 1.46 pound crappie and earning \$115.50 David and Mike were fishing the Walls ramp area catching most of their fish on a lay

down using cork and minnow in water 9 to 13 feet deep to catch 30 fish for the day.

Taking third place was the team of **Jeff Yeakle** of Jonesboro, Indiana and **John Brumley** of Marion, Indiana weighing in 3.2 pound and earning \$300.00. Jeff and John, the Grandfather/Grandson team fished up the Patoka river spider rigging in 10 feet of water with B'n'M poles with minnows.

Taking fourth place with 2.89 pounds was the French Lick, Indiana team of **Scott Stemle** and **Darren Ragsdale** earning \$200.00. Scott and Darren were fishing Allen Creek area casting curly tail Black/chartreuse jigs in 12 feet of water around standing timber catching their suspended fish at 8 feet to catch 30 to 35 fish for the day.

### Crappie USA Free Kids Fishing Rodeo

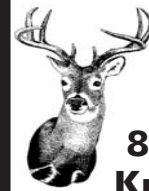
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A big thanks to **Kevin Manley Director Dubois County Visitors Center & Tourism Commission** for his help in bringing the tournament to Patoka again. Also a big thanks to **Jeff and Shelly Duke** owners of **Hoosier Hills Marina** and their staff for their help in hosting the Kids Rodeo and weigh in. For more information on the area call: Toll free (800) 968-4578, Locally (812) 482-9115 or visit their website at: [www.visitduboiscounty.com](http://www.visitduboiscounty.com).

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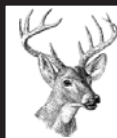


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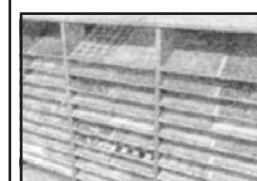
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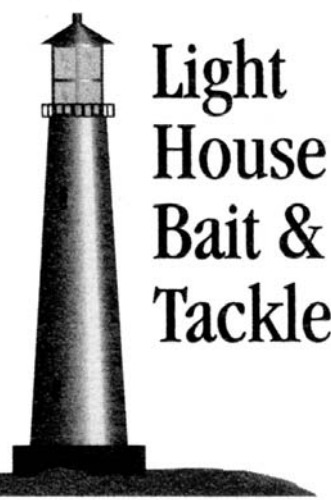
Sherry and I ate at their restaurant last Friday afternoon (June 6th). The service and food was excellent. Give them a try, tell them you read about them in The Gad-a-bout.

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Why doesn't California and every other dry state in the union pipe salt water onto shore convert it to potable water for their crops and drinking water for humans and farm animals?

Another question I have, I've asked about this before. It doesn't make sense to me to see the aftermath of a devastating storm, tornado, hurricane, straight line wind, etc that has knocked down trees, all utilities and the wooden poles they are strung on; then turn around and reconstruct it all again and again and again and again, etc. Why?

It's very expensive to bury everything underground, but you only have to bury it once and then maintain it. I worked for General Telephone 18 years, retired in 1993 They buried their telephone cable, it's been buried here in Indiana for 41 years.

Hello, is there anyone other than myself thinking outside the box? Oh, did I wake you? I'm sorry! ■

## Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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Our personal credit card debt is outrageous, our country's National Debt is over \$17,511,000,000,000 (that's TRILLION) as I write this. Our Nation's tax revenue for 2013 was \$2,800,000,000 or 15.9% or our Nation's debt. What happened to living within our means, our Nation's Honor is at stake. Our Nation's Honor will only be regained through our personal effort to restore our Honor will our nation survive. How is you Honor?

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 email me with your comments at [PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com](mailto:PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com). I'll answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column. Protect your Constitutional rights, exercise your voice to be heard, contact your Congressional Representative and Senator and express your opinion. Be Informed, Be Heard. Be the squeaky wheel, demand your rights. Vote.

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## Vacationing In SW Indiana

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for a vacation.....

4) Remember you are not coming to a wilderness. You do not have to hunt, or fish for food or haul your groceries a long distance to get here. We have a Walmart Supercenter, IGA, Jay C, Walgreens, CVS, and 2 excellent meat markets

## Gad's Corner

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Taylor Branaman took this 22 pound Tom turkey on 4-19-14. It had a 9.5 inch beard and 18mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Levi King took this 22 pound Tom turkey. It had a 10.5 inch beard and 21mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)

within 20 miles of Hoosier Hills Marina. Hoosier Hills also has a convenience store with ice, bait, fishing/hunting license, O'Brien equipment, ice cream treats, and miscellaneous boat parts.

5) Patoka Lake is in 3 counties (Crawford, Dubois, and Orange) and they have tourist groups that can help you with your vacation planning. Hoosier Hills is also a great resource for that help.

6) The 1st day of the vacation is very strenuous with packing, traveling, and unloading onto the houseboat. Arrange for the marina to cook your crew a pizza or wings or both for your first night on the lake. This allows you all to set back and relax that first night of vacation.

Now that we have discovered a houseboat vacation is affordable and is one of the most relaxing and enjoyable ways to spend time with family or friends let's go. The phone number for Hoosier Hills Marina is 812-678-3313 or on the web at [www.HoosierHillsMarina.com](http://www.HoosierHillsMarina.com). They are anxiously awaiting your phone call or email and their chance to show you "Hoosier Hospitality" Southwestern Indiana style!!!! ■

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Ray Terrell caught this 14.5 Inch crappie that weighed 1.67 pounds in the Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Stephen McClain found this 1.36 pound Beef Heart or Elephant Ear on 4-28-14. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Cody Ballschmidt shot his first turkey that weighed 20 lbs in Wabash County. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Aiden Keller took this Bearded turkey hen on 4-19-14. It weighed 13 pounds and had 3mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Brady Eltzroth shot this 20 pound turkey. This was a three bearded turkey. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Hunter Hawkins took this 24 pound Tom turkey on 4-19-14. It had a 6 inch beard and 26mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Dwayne Jones shot this 23 pound turkey while hunting in Wabash County. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Malachi Moore took this 23 pound Tom turkey on 4-26-14. It had 23mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Tracey "jighead" Schmid on May 19, 2014 at Garr Hill with his customers, Tony and Bill with a limit of Walleye caught in Brookville Lake. (Tracey Schmid photo)

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This Tom turkey won't trot anymore. Isiah Peters of Lynn, IN brought him to a halt with his 20 gauge shotgun. The 21 lb. Tom had a 10-inch beard plus 3 smaller beards, which is considered unusual according to Luke Peters, Isiah's father. The Tom was taken near a river bottom in Wayne County. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN sent in by Keith Peters from Richmond, IN)



Bob Stillinger from Winchester, IN caught this 36 Inch Flathead catfish on 6 pound test line. He was fishing with a crank bait in Brookville Reservoir. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Andrew Miller shot this turkey in Huntington County. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)

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Retired Department of Natural Resources Entomologist, Claude Wade from Nineveh, IN caught this 14" Crappie on May 5, 2014 from a farm pond in Johnson County, IN. Claude said he couldn't get The Gad-a-bout when Ed's Trading Post closed, but he just found the new location there. Claude is a good friend and has appeared in The Gad-a-bout previously. (Claude Wade Photo)

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