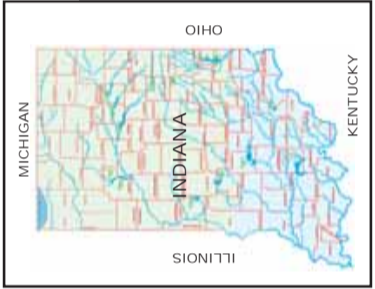


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Top Left: The Gad-a-bout Van, decorated with my Veteran's Statement & 7 military decals (Air Force, Army, Marines, National Guard, Coast Guard, Seabees & Navy) on both sides and the Pledge of Allegiance with Under God underlined in red on the back. It was in the Fall of 1959 that my friend, Gerald Redmyer and I went to Richmond to talk to the Air Force recruiter about joining The United States Air Force. I am proud to be an American and to have served my Country in the Uniform of the United States Air Force. God Bless the United States of America, a proud nation and the leader of the free world. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)
Top Right: Jeff Koester (Co-Owner of Parkside Marine and More, Brookville, IN) and his fishing partner Scott Rhodes holding their First Place Trophies after winning Cabela's Masters Walleye

Season Opener on the Illinois River at Spring Valley, Illinois. (Photos by MWC)
Bottom Left: It seems to win a tournament on Patoka you must know how to fish the river, as the last few tournaments here have been won by fishing brush piles, stack beds, and stumps in the river. Congratulations to Doug Laake for his first Slab Masters win of 2014. Doug weighed in an impressive 8.55 lbs and also had a 1.71 lb crappie to also take big fish honors. (Photo by James Lasswell)
Bottom Right: Tyler, Wes and Rick Frame traveled to Montana in search of a record setting Elk and filled the bill. Rick took this Elk at 405 yards with a 300 Ultra Mag Rifle in October 2013. The Elk had a 44" spread and 6 x 7 pts. Helping Rick locate the elk was his sons Tyler & Wes. (See Frame's Outdoor Ad on Page 6)

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I'M DEDICATING THIS ISSUE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME FROM 1959 TO 1963

All my life leading up to November 1959 I dreamt of flying airplanes. Then I woke up from my day dreaming when I read the assignment sheet at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. I was being sent to the 3366th School Sq, 3320th Technical School, USAF, ATC, Amarillo AFB, Amarillo, TX for Supply Specialist training, departure date Dec. 8, 1959. Oh well I thought, at least I would get to see airplanes while I was there. Every day we lined up in front of our barracks in the Quadrangle, before daylight, freezing our tails off waiting to march off to the school. There would be one moment of exhilaration in this process, each week our class moved closer to the final position at the head of the group assembly. In that front position our class had one last week of school before graduating and going home.

Every day walking to class we marched past a B-47 Strato-Fortress and after dark we could see fighter jets take off into the night sky. When SAC moved on base then we really got to see airplanes, big ones B-52's replaced the B-36's originally based there.

My photo above was taken in the Base PX at Amarillo AFB. The photographer provided the Pilot's Jacket and Scarf. That was 55 years ago, I was 18.

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I MADE A MISTAKE WHEN I WROTE ABOUT ERNEST McCLEERY LAST MONTH

I met Ernest "Ernie" McCleery from Lexington, IN in 2003 (not late 2004) to talk to him about his selling advertising for The Gad-a-bout. He started off selling advertising very successfully and continues today.

INTERESTING QUOTE I READ

The following quote I read on an e-mail I got from one of the writers who appears in The Gad-a-bout. It sums up the concerns of many Americans I know today.



My Gad-a-bout Van, decorated with my Veteran's Statement & 7 military decals (Air Force, Army, Marines, National Guard, Coast Guard, Seabees & Navy) on both sides and the Pledge of Allegiance with Under God underlined in red on the back. My Veteran Statement reads, *The American Veteran has always done his or her duty, without bothering anyone about receiving any credit for doing so. I wrote this simple statement because I think it is time to visually show The American Veteran that we (All Americans) owe them the thanks and respect they have earned and continue to earn for protecting the Freedom we enjoy today and also for tomorrow.* I am proud to be an American and to have served my Country in the Uniform of the United States Air Force. God Bless the United States of America, a proud nation and the leader of the free world. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

"The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil Constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men." -- Samuel Adams.

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Jane Kerr



The quilt pictured here is to be featured at the upcoming Annual Quilt Show to be held May 16-17, 2014 at the Old Brookville H. S. Gym. (Photo & info submitted by Jane Kerr and Dotti Roleson)

be quilts, vendors, door prizes, a batik challenge with monetary awards, and a Hoffman Challenge display. A new feature this year will be a "bed turning" where
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In May fishing can be good just about anywhere. The weather is usually the only thing that messes you up to bad. Thunder storms are the worst, I have seen them shut the bite down for a solid three days. Its not so much the rain that shuts the bite down in the lake, its the thunder and lighting. I believe its the vibration along with the quick flash of light. I noticed when they use to shoot fireworks off the dam it had the same affect on the bite. The good news is that we don't have thunder storms every day, and they quit shooting fire works off the dam.

The river is a little different story though if we



Two guys trout fishing in the East Fork of Whitewater below Brookville Dam. (Author Photo)

get a lot of rain you will not be able to get near it, let alone fish it. Do not dispare though the river below the dam is controlled by the Corps of Engineers, not Mother Nature. Well to a certain point I suppose. The beauty of this type of fishing is all you need is some bait and a fishing pole, excuse me and a fishing license or and maybe a trout stamp. Well anyway you don't need a boat.

The East Fork of the Whitewater river, below the dam, is pretty unique in that the water in it comes off the bottom of Brookville lake. From directly below the dam to where the East Fork of the Whitewater river meets the West Fork of the Whitewater river, the water is clear and cold. This is the perfect environment to stock trout. The state of Indiana stocks rainbow and brown trout in this section of river annually. You can catch and keep those trout during trout season. Trout season opens the last Saturday in April and runs till the end of the year. From the end of the year until the last Saturday in April you cannot keep either species of trout, even if you have a valid fishing license and a trout stamp. If you don't know how to use a fly rod no problem. I have caught just as many, if not more on spinning tackle. A lot of people use a fly rod, but that's just because that's the way they like to fish. I myself like to use both, but a push button closed face reel will work to. All you're really trying to do is get some type of bait in front of the fish. If you want to get a wet fly, a dry fly, nymph, or a closer minnow in front of a trout, a fly rod is best. I like a 7 1/2 foot 4 weight fly rod. It is short, compact, light, and easy to handle and when you catch a trout it's a good fight. If I'm going to fish with a little spinner or live bait I like a spinning rod. When fishing a little spinner just a simple cast and retrieve is in order. If you're going to fish with live bait on your spinning rod just use a very small split shot and hook. Put the split shot about 2 feet above the hook. For live bait you can use red worms, wax worms, a piece of night crawler, or a minnow. You can also use canned corn or salmon eggs. Find yourself a little current cast up stream at a 45 degree angle and just let it bounce down stream. If you continuously get hung up your sinker is to big, put on a smaller one and try it again. Try to make long casts and stay low, these

trout spook easily. This stretch of river also holds a lot of small mouth bass and walleye so be ready for anything.

If you find yourself fishing the East Fork of the Whitewater river above the lake there are no trout there. What is there is white bass. These fish make spawning runs out of the lake up this stretch of river every year. If you time it right you can catch white bass almost every cast. The limit to keep is 12 per person. Do not get tempted you are being watched. The bait of choice is an inline spinner, we sell lots of them at 52 Pik-up in Brookville. This is where you want to use a spinning pole. A simple cast and steady retrieve is all that is needed. If your a dad and you want to introduce your kids to fishing, this is your time.

If you want to try your luck in the lake any boat ramp is a good place to start. There are plenty of places to park and miles of shore line to fish. At this time of year fish are on the shore line feeding and spawning. What this means to you as a fisherman, is these fish are reachable from the bank. Just look for any fallen trees, under water stumps, or rock piles. Cast live night crawlers, rubber worms, spinner baits, or crank baits. Really it just comes down to what you like to fish with. If you catch fish great, if you don't, well that's probably okay to.

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by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Warm Weather Means Meth Trash Danger

With warm weather quickly approaching people are outside turkey and mushroom hunting, walking, jogging and bike riding in rural areas. The potential exists that some people may come across toxic and hazardous trash or an explosive working meth lab.

The Meth Suppression Squad here at the Pendleton Post has had numerous reports this spring already of meth labs and chemicals found in gym bags, cans and bottles along the side of city streets, county roads, in vacant lots and alleys behind businesses.

Rather than the Meth cook blowing up or contaminating their house, they are leaving behind the deadly explosive chemicals in public places to return later to get the finished product. They will often times dump their trash; Sudafed blister packs, Liquid Fire drain cleaner bottles, battery casings, and plastic drink bottles with white residue in the bottom, in rural or desolate areas.

The Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Section wants to remind citizens that this trash contains chemicals that are toxic, flammable, corrosive, and acidic. The combination of these chemicals could cause an explosion, fire or burns if they come into direct contact with the skin. The chemical fumes can cause permanent damage to organs and the nervous system. Below are some things to keep mind when in the outdoors.

- Meth cooks are using a variety of containers to manufacture their product. Popular containers are plastic drink bottles 24 ounce and 2 liter size, one and a half gallon gas cans, Coleman Camp Fuel Cans and "Liquid Fire" drain cleaner bottles. The bottles used in a "one pot" meth lab often contain toxic and explosive chemicals all mixed up together. The cans appear to be new and are often found along the roadside by unknowing people who believe that they have found a new can of gas or fuel. Unfortunately they end up with a working meth lab. The bottles will have a white residue in the bottom or have clear to murky liquid with gold colored metallic lumps floating in it.

- Trash to look for includes battery casings, Ziploc style bags, empty pill blister packs and containers (pop-bottles, jars, etc.) that contain a granular material. They may or may not have a tube extending out of the top depending on whether it is a hydrochloric gas generator (HCL) or a one pot reaction. Both of these are extremely hazardous.

- Be aware of any type of any propane tank found in an odd place (middle of a field, ditch line, wood-

ed area) that has a modified valve. The valve will typically be modified in some way and will have a bright blue or green color to it. These cylinders are used to store or transport anhydrous ammonia, which is an extremely dangerous gas when direct contact or inhalation has occurred.

Meth cooks are out stealing anhydrous ammonia fertilizer from the big white tanks farmers use this time of year. We ask farmers to keep the tanks away from the sides of roadways if unattended and make sure they are always kept locked. It's even better if you can take the tanks with you as you head in at the end of the day.

If you encounter any of these items, or see any suspicious activity, please contact your local Indiana State Police Post or call the Drug Tip Line at 1-800-453-4756. The Indiana Meth Investigation System or IMIS, can also take tips on meth labs. Just go to www.meth.in.gov and click on the "Report Suspected Meth Activity" Link. Just like with marijuana eradication, a lot of these labs are discovered as a result of tips from the public. These tips can be made and kept anonymous. To look up properties that have been properly cleaned up after a meth lab call the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at 317-234-7937.

Indiana State Police Summer Youth Camps

Every summer since 1970 the Indiana State Police has offered summer camps to well over 40,000 youngsters across Indiana. The camps were started by Ernie Alder, a trooper from the old Connorsville Post. He went out and started Indiana Troopers Youth Services and got support from fine community organizations like Kiwanis, Lions Clubs, Evening Optimists, Jaycees and others to help sponsor kids to attend the camps.

For years Ernie and his wife selflessly dedicated their lives to help children throughout Indiana learn about law enforcement and the criminal justice system, most often operating and planning the camps out of their home.

The camps are designed to help students get an up close and personal view of law enforcement and the criminal justice system, but more importantly, gain respect for themselves and others. This is all done through programs that reward hard work, dedication and team work.

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by I.C.O. Gary Catron
Master Conservation Officer
Hello Mudda, Hello Fadda

Psst, hey kid, yeah, YOU. Want to go to summer camp? You do? Will you have completed either the 5th or 6th grade this spring? Yes? Well, allow me to let you in on the deal of the year; the Indiana Conservation Officers Organization's Karl E. Kelley Memorial Youth Camp at Ross Camp, near Lafayette, Indiana.

Among the activities during the week long stay, campers will be offered certification in the Outdoor Education programs of the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division. Yes, the fun stuff like hunter and boater education. Young campers are introduced to a multitude of outdoor life sports during which the camper will gain an appreciation for our natural resources and a respect for the Indiana Conservation Officers that protect those resources.

An entire day is dedicated as range day. During range day campers will be quite active on the rifle, handgun, archery, muzzle loader and shotgun ranges. Tomahawks too! Campers will become very adept at



This young lady-camper, now 4 years older, demonstrates a proper carry of a firearm; solidly held with two hands, muzzle pointed in a safe direction with the safety on and finger off the trigger. (Author Photo - 2010) maintaining range safety at all times. Campers are not likely to forget their newly acquired safety skills the rest of their lives.

If boating and canoeing sounds like fun things to do this summer, you're in luck. Campers also are exposed to safe boating practices utilizing a variety of watercraft types, from the slow float of a canoe to the fast fun provided by a personal watercraft or air boat.

I shouldn't forget the night in primitive camp. Each group will spend time preparing and cooking their own evening meal while there. It's hard telling just what might be on the menu; goose or maybe pheasant; perhaps venison, turkey or beaver.

Other presentations and demonstrations, too many to print here, will enlighten campers to many more facets of outdoor activities than they would otherwise have an opportunity to be exposed to.

Complete information about the camp along with directions of how to reserve a spot can be found at www.icoo.com. The first 120 campers will be accepted in the order of receipt. The cost is \$300 which includes all meals, lodging and equipment needed while at camp.

Yes, this **IS** the deal of the year that will provide campers with memories of a lifetime. Camp Granada, this is **NOT!**

Yes, I am obliged to....

The calendar says it is spring. I'm not yet convinced. Despite the odd weather of late, hardy souls have removed their boats from winter storage and blown the dust off of them. Some have even made use of them. Most boat owners aren't quite ready for the boating season to begin. There is still plenty of time, it's still early.

Regardless, whether your boat currently sits in your yard, garage, or in other storage structure, now is the time to begin the preseason equipment checks.



While fishing from a boat, wearing a life jacket is part of our normal protocol, even on slack waters. (Author Photo)

In particular, let's focus on those onboard life saving devices.

As a reminder, on Indiana waterways, there must be a USCG approved life jacket/PFD designed to be worn for each person onboard a watercraft. A United States Coast Guard approved type IV (throwable device) must be onboard all watercraft 16' and longer in length. For these to work properly, they must be kept in good condition. If they were to fall into disrepair, they no longer meet USCG standards. The outer shell should be checked for any rips or tears, damage to stitching and lost or broken straps, buckles or other fasteners. Quality repairs can be made in some instances. Using duct tape, glue, or bailing wire will not constitute a quality repair. PFDs no longer serviceable should be cut into pieces prior to being thrown away. This keeps someone from giving the device a second life and unknowingly, and mistakenly, relying upon it for their own safety.

One thing commonly encountered by Conservation Officers are boaters keeping their PFDs in the original plastic packaging or with the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 27**

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Jeff Koester (Co-Owner of Parkside Marine and More, Brookville, IN) and Scott Rhodes holding their First Place Trophies after winning Cabela's Masters Walleye Season Opener on the Illinois River at Spring Valley, Illinois. (Photos by MWC)



Scott Rhodes holding two of the Walleye he and Jeff Koester caught on the first day of Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit Season Opener. The two caught a hefty 14 pound, 6 ounce limit that proved to be the big basket of the tournament. (Photos by MWC)

Jeff Koester & Scott Rhodes Win Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit Season Opener

For Immediate Release —

Spring Valley, Ill.—March 30, 2014—Jeff Koester and Scott Rhodes racked up an impressive 26 pounds, 4 ounces to win the Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit's 2014 season opener on the Illinois River at Spring Valley, Illinois.

"The feeling is surreal, it's going to take awhile to sink in," Koester, of Brookville, Indiana, beamed moments after claiming victory in front of a raucous riverside crowd gathered to watch the festivities at historic Barto Landing.

He and Rhodes collected the \$11,100 first-place cash payout, plus \$500 in Berkley Artificial-Only Bonus Cash, the \$500 Berkley Baits contingency, \$200 Optima True Blue award, and \$950 from the MWC Big Fish Pot for their Day 1 big fish. They also claimed a \$1,000 Cabela's National Team Championship Prize Package including paid NTC entry, travel stipend, team jerseys and plaques.

Held March 29-30, the tournament marked the circuit's 28th-consecutive season opener on the Illinois, and the beginning of its 30th season of team walleye tournament competition. Two-person teams were allowed to weigh five walleyes, saugers or saugeyes per day. In an exciting twist for 2014, this year's tournament was an "artificial-only" event—with extra winnings at stake as anglers put their favorite crankbaits, spinners, Berkley Gulp!-type softbaits and other man-made presentations to the test, while live bait such as minnows and night-crawlers were off limits.

As it turned out, artificial presentations were hardly a setback. Koester and Rhode's total trumped the Circuit's 2013 Spring Valley winning weight by nearly eight pounds. Last March, Iowans Clayton Freiburger and Mike Bisdorf weighed in 18.15

pounds to win the MWC season opener. The artificial-only format emerged this season thanks to a partnership between Berkley Gulp! and the Cabela's MWC, with Berkley kicking in an additional \$2,500 in prize money for the anglers.

Rhodes and Koester came out swinging on Day 1, weighing a hefty 14-pound, 6-ounce limit that would prove to be big basket of the tournament. They also weighed big fish of the day, a 4-pound, 15-ounce walleye. They closed the deal on Day 2 with an 11-pound, 14-ounce limit. Their go-to tactic was hand-lining crankbaits laced with walleye-formula Berkley PowerBait Attractant. Koester noted that their hand-line leads were 25-pound-test Berkley Big Game line.

It wasn't the team's first trip to the winner's circle. They were crowned 2007 Cabela's MWC World Walleye Champions, and have won a pair of MWC Walleye Madness events. "But winning an MWC regular-season qualifier has remained a major goal throughout the years," Koester said. "It's fantastic," added Rhodes, of Interlochen, Michigan. "Everything went right for two days straight."

Heath Bohman of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, and Gordy Powers of Rockford, Minnesota, finished a close second with 24 pounds, 1 ounce, worth \$5,500 plus the \$1,000 Ranger Cup contingency and \$300 Berkley Bonus Cash. In fourth place, the Illinois team of Ryan Feldott, of Spring Valley, and Chris Payne, of Oglesby, claimed the \$500 Lowrance HDS Gen2 Touch and Elite 7 contingency. Illinois' Bob Horvath, of Mokena, and Mike Thomas, of Wilton, earned \$500 custom Rockstar Hitch-Mounted Mud Flaps for jumping 31 places from 70th on Day 1 to 39th place on Day 2. In all, the top 16 teams shared more than \$51,850 in cash and prizes.

Despite a late spring across the Midwest, the Illinois River was generous to MWC'ers, yielding 694 fish weighing a total of 1,334 pounds, 2 ounces. Big fish was a 5-pound walleye caught by Steve Evert and Dale Newton. They earned \$950 from the MWC Big Fish Pot for the achievement, along with the \$250 Zippo Hot Hands Big Fish Award. The



Jeff Koester relaxes after he and Scott Rhodes won the Cabela's MWC tournament. (Photos by MWC)

Cabela's MWC, National Professional Anglers Association, Pure Fishing and Zippo Outdoor Brands presented a Youth & Family Fishing Clinic immediately after Saturday's weigh-in. The first 50 youths received rod and reel combos courtesy of the NPAA.

Under the umbrella of The Walleye Federation (TWF), the Cabela's MWC is open to avid walleye anglers from all walks of life. The 2014 trail includes 10 stops spread across seven states in the Walleye Belt. Teams showcase their skills—and sponsor products—at world-class venues such as the Illinois, Detroit and Mississippi rivers, Green Bay, Big Stone Lake, Kinzua Reservoir, Cass Lake and Lake Erie.

Along with great payouts at each event, teams fishing three or more tournaments battle for coveted berths in the 2015 Cabela's MWC Championship, set for October 2015 on Lake Erie out of Huron, Ohio. Teams fishing at least three qualifiers also compete for Team of the Year awards, including a \$25,000 "Living the Dream" sponsorship package, which includes fully paid entries to the Cabela's National

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Horses Are Heroes



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

Sunrise Inc. is undergoing some changes!

As promised, I will be returning to our regular articles about our breeds of horses and the benefits of their abilities in our program. However, everyone in Sunrise is looking forward to May 2014. Why? Because, that is when we will be tentatively opening for business, again!!

For those of you who do not know, Sunrise has been going through a tough time due to the loss of our previous instructor. Our lessons had to be

abruptly stopped and we have had to turn down new students until further notice. We continuously are writing grants and doing fundraisers to keep the program going by caring for our facility and making sure that the horses are well cared for. But, front and center, we have not been able to do lessons.

Thankfully, myself (Rebecca) and my co-worker (Sarah) have been hired to work as the Executive Directors of the program. We have continued to work towards a better tomorrow for Sunrise which means that we both have been working towards a more appealing look to the barn, we have been brainstorming new business plans, and we have been working towards our certifications to be the instructors of Sunrise.

Sunrise has been, in the past, cluttered and dull in color and appearance. However, it has always offered a bright, vibrant, and life changing experience for those who need it most. Our goal is to make Sunrise as happy in it's appearance as it is in it's work. We continue to meet this goal daily by

national (PATH Intl.) This process includes achieving CPR/AED/First Aid certification, tests, checklists completed by professionals, hours under a mentor, workshops, and finally, the certification test. It can be a lengthy process lasting as long as six months. However, I am happy to announce that I will be completing the certification process at the end of April 2014 and have every intention of passing the tests that are expected of me. Sarah continues to work on her certification.

What does all of this mean for Sunrise? It means that in May of 2014 we will be GRANDLY re-opening. With a new look, new instructor, new business plan, and fresh, new excitement for the program we will build the Sunrise we have always dreamed of in more ways than one. We look forward to the "Sunrise" in our future! If you wish to get involved in this movement we encourage you to contact us via phone (765-935-4291), Facebook page, or Email. We thank everyone for your involvement in our program and thank you to those who will support us in the future. ■



Sunrise volunteer riding Sunrise horse, Sam. (Author Photo)



Sunrise student before his ride waiting patiently with his mom and dad. (Author Photo)



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Sunrise Co-Executive Director, Rebecca Funk. (Author Photo)

de-cluttering and cleaning. We have plans to paint the walls and stain the floors. We want to create a look to match the love and dedication Sunrise has always given it's participants.

The most exciting thing that's happening in Sunrise, though, is the certification process. Those people across the U.S. who want to become Therapeutic Horseback Riding Instructors must go through an extensive certification process via the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship Inter-



Winner of the Patoka tournament Doug Laake with two of his best. (Photo by James Lasswell)

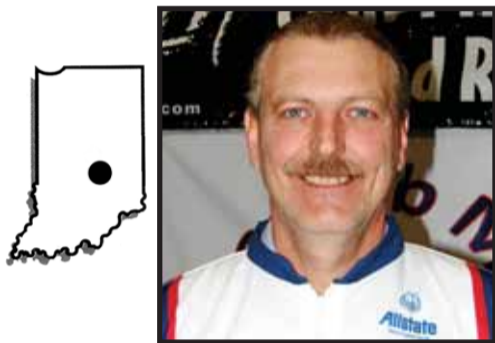


Doug with the winners hardware and big fish plaque. (Photo by James Lasswell)



Jim Raymer and Doug Sikora with their second place plaques. (Photo by James Lasswell)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Patoka Lake Tournament

Here in Central Indiana lakes are now open and the snow is finally gone, after a long cold winter it looks like old man winter has gone north again and tournament season is finally here. My first tournament of 2014 was a Crappie USA tourney, held in Southern Illinois on Lake of Egypt. Tom Hankins and I caught some really good fish prior to the tournament but could not figure them out come tournament day. We finished in 7th place and qualified to fish the Crappie USA Classic this October on Cumberland Lake in Kentucky. Congratulations to Damon Phillips and Bret Cunningham on their 2nd place finish in the amateur division and for also qualifying for the Classic. With this tournament the weekend prior to the Indiana Slab Masters Patoka tournament, it left no time to pre fish.

Damon and I left Indianapolis on Friday afternoon and arrived at Patoka Lake in the early evening, we talked with a few guys, none of which were catching a lot of fish which seems typical for this lake lately. We went over lake maps and decided to start on our main lake brush piles, hoping the cold water temperatures would keep the bigger fish on the main lake.

The Indiana Slab Masters have had a lot of changes within the officers during the winter but everything went fairly smooth at the morning registration and it was good to see such a large turnout for the first tournament of 2014. There were several new teams registered for the event. After registration and live well checks were done we chose not to launch right away but instead went to Poor Boys bait shop

to pick up another pound of minnows and breakfast. We launched from the Newton Stewart South ramp and proceeded to our first spot about halfway up the lake. We got setup and started fishing at 7:30am but we quickly realized this was not where we needed to be and after half an hour we made a move to deeper water. We found fish in our second spot just not the size we needed so we moved to even deeper water. We again found a lot of fish but no keepers. By 10:30am we had moved to the river where we caught fewer fish but the size was a little bigger so we stuck it out the rest of the day and managed to catch six small keepers.

It seems to win a tournament on Patoka you must know how to fish the river, as the last few tournaments here have been won by fishing brush piles, stack beds, and stumps in the river. This tournament was no exception. Congratulations to Doug Laake for his first Slab Masters win of 2014. Doug weighed in an impressive 8.55 lbs and also had a 1.71lb crappie to also take big fish honors. Doug was throwing bobbers with big shiners and vertical jigging in 3'-8' of water. The team of Raymer and Sikora, finished in second with 6.06 lbs. Jim and Doug caught their fish early in two to three feet of water, with Bobby Garland jigs. They moved to five feet of water in the afternoon and continued catching fish. The team of Glick and Glick had an impressive start to the new season finishing in third with 5.51lbs. They were swimming Lakefork jigs to catch their fish. Dunnigan and Hazlebaker, finished the day in fourth with 4.94 lbs and caught their fish in 4 foot of water where they used bobbers and hair jigs to catch their fish. The fifth place team of Milsaps and Riley finished their day not far from us and caught all their

fish in two quick sessions in the afternoon. All their fish were caught on Southern Pro jigs, under bobbers, with Outlaw rods.

To see exact weights of the tournament and upcoming events visit www.indianaslabmaster.com or www.indianaslabmasters.org check out the sponsors websites as well, without the sponsors support we would not have the success we have had in

this series. Thank them for their support and remember to buy their products first.

Congratulations to the top teams at Patoka it was a tough bite and there were a lot of teams that did not weigh in seven fish, some only managed a keeper or two the entire day this speaks highly of the teams that finished with seven fish and to Doug who put together an 8.55 lb day. This club was started to help make us all better crappie fisherman and seems to be doing just that with good weights being weighed in on the toughest days.

From Patoka we head back north to Indianapolis and Geist Reservoir, it should be an exciting tournament, you can see the results here next month.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

Plan H for Carp Control

We've got a plan! Actually we have several plans, all bundled into one massive plan that really doesn't plan to do anything.

I'll admit to coming up with many plans in the past. Plan A was always the first line of action. Often, just a few steps into Plan A, it became apparent it wasn't going to work, work well or be as easy to accomplish as originally planned. On to Plan B, sometimes on to Plan C, occasionally Plan D. Eventually, the task at hand was accomplished. As Hannibal Smith, head of TV's A-Team always said, "I love it when a plan comes together."

Faced with the probability that the silver and big-head carp infestation in the Mississippi watershed would eventually move up river, into the system of rivers and canals that connect Lake Michigan and the Mississippi watershed, the U.S. Congress passed a law and allocated funds to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to come up with a carp proof plan of attack. The law was passed in 2007, got off to a slow start but sped up when President Obama appointed ex-Indiana DNR Director, John Goss, as the Asian Carp Czar.

Goss's most notable accomplishment has been to accelerate the Corps' Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) by two years. The original plan demanded by congress had no set due date. The USACE originally planned to have the plan ready in 2015. Goss convinced them to have it done by 2013 and they almost hit the mark, releasing the plan early in 2014. Close enough for government work. The plan consists of eight different alternatives starting with doing nothing more than is being done currently.

Currently the anti-carp invasion plan of attack is electrifying short stretches of the main channel connecting the Great Lakes and Mississippi watershed. Adult carp are repelled when they bump up against the energized water, though there's evidence that small, two to four-inch carp can navigate on through. No one thinks this is a realistic approach; otherwise, why go on to Plan B?

The other seven plans basically build on each other. Plan B maintains the electrical barriers and adds what USACE calls, "non-structural controls"



Government study offers no immediate solutions to Asian Carp. (Author Photo)

such as encouraging sport and commercial carp fishing, poisoning sections of the waterway and educational programs.

Plan C uses plan A and B, then adds the construction of carp-proof locks at two locations.

Plan B is estimated to cost \$68 million per year above what's currently being spent on Plan A.

Plan C, with the new construction, keeps the 68-mil on the books and adds over \$15 billion in construction costs. See how this works?

One might surmise the last alternative, Plan H (called Alternative 8 in the GLMRIS) would be the most comprehensive, probably the most expensive and the one most likely to prevent Asian carp and other aquatic invasive species from getting from the rivers to the lakes or from the lakes to the river. One might surmise it would be the plan which would put things back to the way Mother Nature designed it. One might surmise this alternative would detail where and how to put in a physical separation between the two watersheds.

Nope. Evidently, that option, the one which would positively do the job, was never on the table. It's certainly not a listed alternative in the GLMRIS.

The most expensive alternative is estimated to cost \$18 billion dollars to complete. The rub with this plan is the estimated time of completion: 25 years! Actually, six of the eight alternatives are estimated to have a completion date 25 years from the start date, one of them should take 10 years.

I can believe the "years to completion" projections. No matter that the Golden Gate Bridge was built in four years or the Hoover Dam in five. The Panama Canal only took 10 years and it's 48 miles long, up and down a mountain range and consists of six locks built with equipment that would be considered curiosity pieces, these days. Modern day public construction projects are almost never completed on schedule. Modern day public construction projects almost never come in on budget, either.

In the end, we have a plan, or now several plans. The sad part is seven years into "official" recognition of the problem, we only have a plan and not a solution and most of the plans offer a 25 year window of opportunity for Asian carp to gain the Great Lakes.

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

From Sharks to Crappie

I feel a little sympathy for fishermen who ply their sport in sub-tropical areas. First, is the cost of their equipment. They use rods that are similar to the poles used by Olympic vaulters and reels the size of soccer balls. Heavy lines tipped with steel leader and hooks the same size as those used in slaughter houses. They bait those hooks with whole fish the size of some of the crappie I pull out of our lake. When I questioned a seasoned veteran of salt water fishing about what to use, he asked if I had a supply of steel leaders and a pair of leather gloves. With quivering lips I asked him why I would need such heavy artillery. "If you catch any of our southern crappie, you'll find out." In other words, some of the things come equipped with teeth. By this time I had scrapped any plans of swimming in the surf or even getting within ten feet of the shoreline.

Then he asked about my rod and reel combination.

"I have a 7-1/2' medium weight rod with a Zebco 733 and ten pound test line."

"That will be okay for the little fellers along the shoreline, but if you plan on deep water fishing you'd better move up a little in size." Why would I want to get on a flimsy boat, go into deep water where even larger things equipped with more and probably bigger teeth, hang out just waiting for a tasty Hoosier hick to show up for dinner? While at a fishing supplies store buying snap swivels, a gentleman in line ahead of me was looking at an open face spinning reel that looked like it could be used to tow a pickup truck. When I asked him if a shotgun was included in his gear to convince whatever he caught on that thing to come aboard, the clerk looked at me and said, "You're fresh water, aren't you?" "Yes" I answered, "but we have saber toothed squirrels back home, so through experience, I would recommend a 12 gage with 1-1/8 oz. Of #4's in 3" high wall brass for anything caught on a reel that size."

By now I was convinced that all my fishing would be done off piers where I would be at least six feet off the water and out of harms way in case anything lurking in the water had any ideas about snatching a meal off a boat or the beach. I decided on this after watching some of their fish jumping out of the water, apparently after prey. Admittedly,

they weren't that big, but who's to say they weren't equipped with the aforementioned teeth. My first adventure was off a popular pier in Tarpon Springs. I had been cautioned by other fishermen to be careful of the bottom rocks that regularly snatched rigs at this spot. The other fishermen were using shrimp bait but I decided to introduce them to my old time proven lures that are deadly to our crappie. Sure enough, within half an hour I had caught what I estimated as a one hundred pound rock and two others that would have been at my best estimate as 75 pounds and 90 pounds. Unfortunately, I didn't land any of them but no doubt the other anglers were green with envy. Sure, I lost three rigs, but the thrill of the fight was worth it.

The next pier at Palm Harbor produced fruit. I had given in and switched to shrimp and immediately fought the first monster of eight inches out of the water. As I removed the hook the thing started croaking like a frog with the croup. That plucked at my heart strings as I apologized to it and tossed it back. At least it didn't have teeth. Then another croaker took the bait and as I gently unhooked it and stroked its back the first of the birds showed up. A white egret and three pelicans arrived and stood watching me like vagrants in line at a soup kitchen. As I caught, unhooked and threw fish back, the pelicans would flop into the water and try to snag them. Then I made the mistake of tossing a burly seven incher to the egret. I might as well have opened the doors to Fort Knox as pelicans gathered to wait for a handout. I discovered that you cannot intimidate a pelican when it comes to free food. Don't waste your time kicking at them. They're faster than a goosed jack rabbit, skittering just out of reach and continuing to watch you with their beady yellow eyes. As I learned later at Honeymoon Island beach, they can get downright aggressive when it comes to a free meal.

Once again baited with shrimp (salt water fish are too lazy to chase a lure), my first cast attracted a pelican. Standing three feet away, it watched intently as I felt a nibble and set the hook. The second I twitched the rod this bum waddled directly in front of me and waited as I reeled in my catch. Dragging another of those croakers out of the surf, the pelican moved into position as I yelled and kicked at it. In desperation, I ran backward, dragging the fish onto the sand while trying to whip the scruffy villain on the head with my rod. I had no idea what I'd do with a pelican if it swallowed the fish, hook and all. Finally, thinking it might leave if I fed it, I threw the fish at it. Big mistake! It caught it in mid-air just as two more of its buddies showed up. There followed catch a fish, fight off pelicans, throw the fish back and watch as the thieves splashed into the water and scarfed them up before they sank. Exhausted, I finally gave up, packed my gear and left. It was quite an experience to catch croaking fish and feed a bunch of pushy birds while other fishermen around me shook their heads and snickered at the Yankee who thinks crappie are a game fish. Let 'em laugh. Lets see them try to come up with a good dough ball mix and catch our carp. Bet they can't do it and at least they wouldn't have to fight off a bunch of big billed, floppy necked birds with webbed feet.

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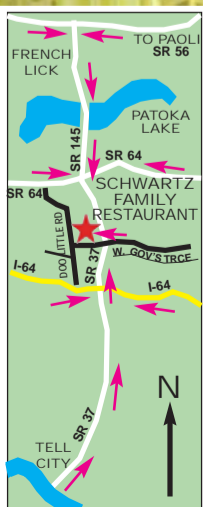
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Ultrasonic Cleaner for guns or brass

I had a unique opportunity to test an RCBS Ultrasonic Cleaner. {Picture of RCBS unit} I had been thinking of purchasing a unit to use in the shop to quickly clean handguns and parts. I read many articles on the pros and cons of ultrasonic cleaners and the solutions suggested to be used in the cleaner, including many home brews. My greatest concern came from several articles which described the damage that could be done to blued, anodized, and parkerized finishes. A friend had been asking me about the different cleaners and purchased an RCBS unit. My friend had asked several questions and purchased one with a basket large enough to hold his Glock 19. He tried it at home and was not satisfied with the results he had achieved and was becoming frustrated and wondering if he had made a bad decision in purchasing the RCBS unit. He asked me to test it out and see if I could get better results. Of course I was very happy to oblige him and test the ultrasonic cleaner on the loads of brass and gun parts I have in the shop. I thought what an opportunity to try out an ultrasonic cleaner and decide if I should purchase one for the shop to be able to cut down on the chemicals and time necessary to clean guns.

My friend supplied everything I would need to test his machine so I got started immediately. I had a Winchester 290, a .22 LR semi-automatic rifle, which was in the shop to be reblued. The receiver is aluminum and had to be removed from the barrel for rebluing. Looking the receiver over and it didn't appear to have been cleaned in many a year and was covered with caked carbon in all its inside corners. Into the RCBS it went. I added the bolt, the main spring, and trigger group. The trigger group was covered with old dried oil, lint, dirt, carbon, etc. I did not want to disassemble the trigger group so tossed it in assembled. This would be a good test to see if the ultrasonic cleaner would get into all the corners, cracks, and crevices. I also had about 500 .45 auto cases to clean along with some rifle brass in various calibers to clean.

The RCBS unit has a 100W ceramic heater to assist in cleaning. I found that the digital thermostat was accurate but it took 20 minutes for the water temp to reach the lowest level of 104. I set the timer on the unit to clean for 30 minutes. I set the degassing function which removes or reduces the size of unwanted gas



Top: RCBS Ultrasonic Cleaner. Middle: Carbon deposits left after first 30 minutes in cleaner. Bottom: Cleaned Brass had a bronze color after cleaning. (Author Photos)

bubbles in the solution which could decrease the cleaning effectiveness of the unit. For those of you who may not be familiar with the ultrasonic cleaner's method of cleaning let me explain. The ultrasonic waves cause the fas in the water to break down at the molecular level into small, microscopic sized bubbles that scrub away at the part. That is a very simplified explanation of how the ultrasonic method works but sufficient for this article.

After 30 minutes I pulled the parts from the cleaning solution and was disappointed to say the least. The very dirty receiver was still very dirty. {Picture 2} The trigger group was a little bit better but still dirty. The bolt though, looked like brand new. The main spring was still covered with caked on grease which didn't appear to have moved a bit. The receiver had heavy deposits of carbon in the corners and it didn't appear to have be reduced or cleaned. I removed the bolt which was clean, and took a brush to the other parts to loosen some of the crud. I put the receiver and the trigger group, back into the solution and increased the temperature to 122 F and set the timer to another 30 minutes. When that cycle was completed the trigger group was clean. The receiver still had a coating of carbon which I had scraped through in the hope that that would help remove it with the ultrasonic action.

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At left Blacksmith Joe Goebel holding wrought iron candle holder he hand forged. At right is George Stallings with a cat-tails he created from old farm machinery.



The Whitewater Valley Arts & Craft Show Committee Members from left to right, Thomas Owens (Incoming Commander of the Kirk - Little 1108 VFW), Ralph Rodandello (Wood Carver & Artist), Barb Goebel (Sewing, Knitting & Crocheting items), Joe Goebel (Blacksmith) and George Stallings (Metal Yard Art & Sculptures). (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

First Annual Whitewater Valley Arts and Craft Show & Sale June 14, 2014

by Ray Dickerson

I got a call from Barb Goebel asking me if I could come to the VFW at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2nd. They wanted to get something in The Gad-about about a Arts and Craft show they are planning for June 14, 2014.

I told her I would be there. Afterwards I remembered a previous commitment for 11:30 a.m. at the MCL for a 1953 Basketball Reunion on Wed. too.

I disregarded the problem figuring I'd work it out. I arrived at the VFW right on time. Joe and Barb Goebel came in and motioned me to sit at a table with them. Also attending the meeting was Ralph Rodandello, Butch Marcum and George Stallings.

They want to invite people who make all types of arts and crafts to set up a booth or table in the VFW parking lot to show and sale their art or craft items. The cost will be \$5 to set up their booth plus 2% of their sales for the purpose of paying incidental show expenses, i.e. flyers, advertising, etc.

If you need to rent a table the cost will be \$5 per table. In case of inclement weather the show will be held inside in the back room of the VFW. This event is open to artist and craft persons from as far away as they are able to make the trip.

There is no limit to the kinds of Arts and Crafts

you can show and sale, as long as it is personally made by you, the artisan or craft person.

The hours for the public to visit the show are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be food available.

I asked them what the name was going to be for the show. They said they didn't have one. They talked it over a bit, I asked if they might call it the Whitewater Valley Arts & Craft Show. Since they wanted to reach out further then just local and this area is known as the Whitewater Valley area, encom-

passing several counties. They agreed to call it the Whitewater Valley Arts and Craft Show & Sale.

In next months Gad-a-bout there will be a more detailed feature article on this show.

For more information contact Joe or Barb Goebel by calling 765-967-0330 or e-mail siranvill@gmail.com.

(See Below Directional Signs for Veterans Park)

Afterwards I made it to the Basketball Reunion in time to take a photo, see page 29.



Directional signs to Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park to be placed on US 40, I-70 and Williamsburg Pike Exit by INDOT. Front row: Barb Goebel, Ralph Rodandello, Joe Goebel, Gray Franklin and Wally Dudek. Second Row: Rep. Dick Hamm, Sen. Allen Paul, Richmond Mayor Sally Hutton, Roger Stinson and Jerry Maule. (Nathan Riggs INDOT Photo)

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A Trip Down Memory Lane



by Ray Dickerson

My Tour of Duty in U. S. Air Force 1959-1963

It was in the Fall of 1959 that my friend, Gerald Redmyer and I went to Richmond to talk to the Air Force recruiter about joining The United States Air Force. We filled out the paper work, discussed the type of career we wanted and returned home to wait for their call. We wanted to go to Lackland AFB Training Center together, if possible.

We left Centerville in November 1959 for Indianapolis. Once there we were sworn in, then boarded a commercial plane flight to Lackland AFB in Texas. Arriving there very early in the morning (still dark) the next day. We were all ushered into an auditorium type room where we received our orientation into the United States Air Force. Some where along the line Gerald and I were separated, we ended up in different barracks. We got to visit a couple of times before we were sent to different Tech Schools a few weeks later.

After the orientation we were taken to the mess hall for our first Air Force breakfast, S.O.S. was the main course. In civilian vocabulary that stands for S--- on a Shingle (use your imagination). I had S.O.S. once before when I was an Explorer Scout. We were guests of the U.S. Air Force at Bakalar AFB near Columbus, IN., back in 1957. We were there for a ride aboard a C-119 Flying Boxcar.

"S.O.S. tastes the same no matter where you eat it!"
When we arrived at Lackland we were called

rainbows by the other flights. We learned we were called rainbows because we arrived dressed in a rainbow of colors.

Our first day we got haircuts, a complete set of military clothing and assigned to Squadron 3706, Flight 884 and moved into our WWII barracks.

Our TI's were Staff Sergeant Droegemier and Tech Sergeant Tyson whom we got to know real well! They told us to immediately send our civilian clothing back home in whatever we brought for that purpose. I sent mine home in a movie lamp case, it was handy when I left home.

The first morning we learned how to fall out, position ourselves in ranks and files, etc.

For the next 3 weeks we marched, run, exercised, fired M1 Carbines on the rifle range, got tear-gassed, sat through hours of war films, I filled half a notebook with class notes on every aspect of military requirements and doodled on the rest of it. Through all of this I worried I would never make it through the obstacle course and would get kicked out. It really bothered me. Then guess what, the day we were scheduled to go through the obstacle course, fell on Thanksgiving day. Their schedule was so tight with a flood of inductees we wouldn't get to go through the obstacle course. I breathed a sigh of relief.

Dovin Coffey a classmate from Centerville told me he saw me on KP when he was in line for breakfast one day, then he transferred from Lackland to Keesler AFB in Mississippi.

We overslept Reveille one morning and our punishment was to not get a days pass into San Antonio.

I will make a comment here about our TI's we had at Lackland. Staff Sergeant Droegemier and Tech Sergeant Tyson had the job of changing us from civilians into Airmen in the United States Air Force. At the time I wondered if I would be able to make it, but with their patience and guidance they molded us into useful tools for the Air Force. Looking back I would say they did a very good job.

All my life leading up to November 1959 I dreamed of flying in airplanes. We were notified of the posting of Tech School assignments on the barracks bulletin board. We all hustled down to see if we had been picked for Tech School we wanted. When I read the assignment sheet I saw I was being sent to the 3366th School Sq, 3320th

Technical School, USAF, ATC, Amarillo AFB, Amarillo, TX for Supply Specialist training, Primary AFSC 64010, departure date Dec. 8, 1959.

We left Lackland on December 8th, arriving at Amarillo AFB on Wednesday December 9, 1959

We were immediately billeted in barracks, arranged in quadrangles. I was assigned to Dorm 3214. Our school didn't start immediately, but basic training did - one of my favorite pastimes (not really) marching began immediately. We had a good squadron leader, who taught us some very colorful marching cadences. When we weren't marching, on KP or other training of some kind, I got to go out in a truck and help deliver new furniture to base housing. It was better than KP and a whole lot better than marching.

Things got even better when our 10 weeks of school began, January 6, 1960.

Attending the Supply School I met three guys, Gerald Folkerth, Willie Brown and Danny Eggleston who I would serve with for quite a long time.

We went into Amarillo pretty regularly on weekends, that is until SAC moved on base. Their B-52's replaced the aging B-36's and the base tightened up their security.

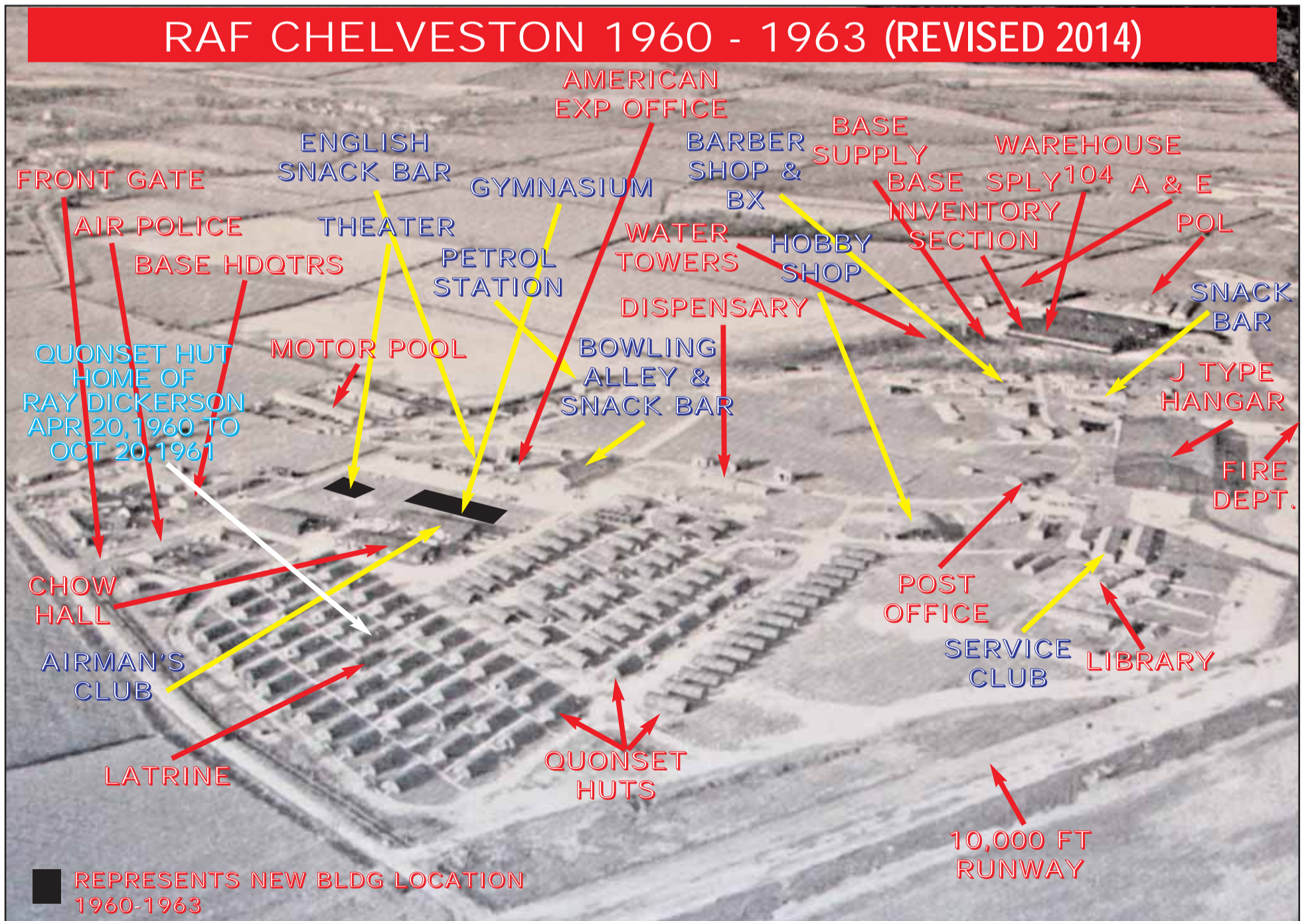
On Tuesday, March 15th we all graduated from school, receiving our new AFSC 64530. I enjoyed Supply training school and becoming an Inventory Management Specialist. I averaged a 98.5 grade out of a top score of 100. We had good instructors who made sure we understood what we were studying and how to apply it.

We received our new assignment orders they read; the following A/3c Airmen William Brown, Jr., Sidney Chatwood, Raymond Dickerson, Ernest Dunn, Daniel Eggleston, Robert Evert, Gerald Folkerth and Leroy Fuller are relieved from School Sq. assignment and assigned to 7541 AB Sq, APO 243 Project APR-USAFE-England report to McGuire AFB, NJ no later than 1300, 19 Apr 60, scheduled departure on flight AKA 447, 1500 19 Apr 60.

I left Amarillo on March 16, 1960 by train, my very first ever train ride, arriving home a couple days later.

Once home I forgot about the Air Force and really enjoyed myself as a temporary civilian.

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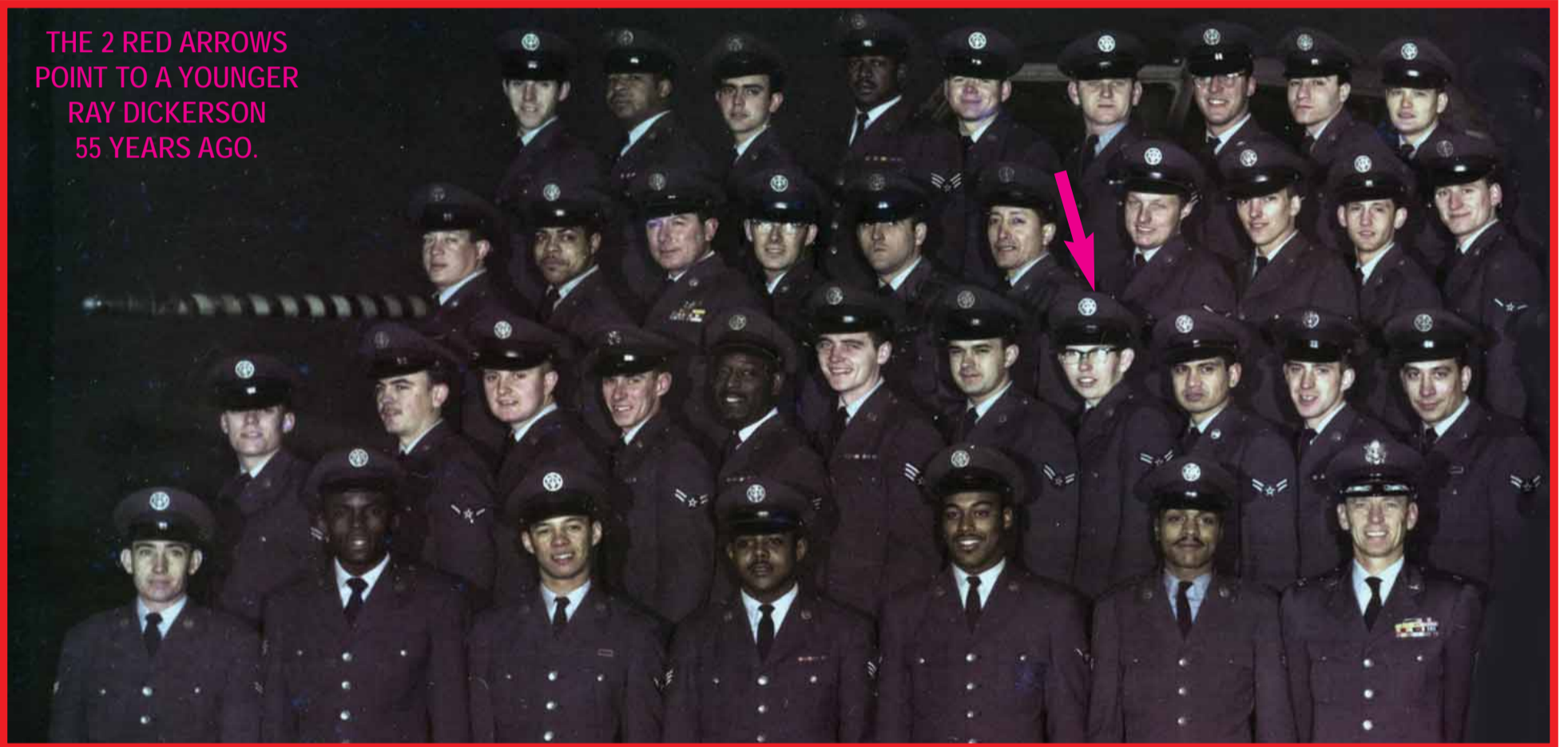


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Top Photo: Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, November 1959 - Squadron 3706 - Flight 884. If you see this photo and you are in it, call my Cell: 765-960-5767

The time flew too fast and on April 18, 1960 I departed Centerville on a Trailways bus arriving at McGuire AFB on the 19th just prior to flight time. We departed McGuire AFB for England aboard flight AKA 447 a MATS C118 (D-7), landing first in New Foundland. We then flew to Prestwick, Scotland arriving on April 20, 1960. We departed Prestwick and arrived at Mildenhall, the MATS Terminal in England that afternoon. We boarded a

bus, our first time riding on the wrong side of the road, arriving at RAF Chelveston later that evening. The sun was just setting as we came to a stop and disembarked at our new home. We were all assigned a quonset hut and was told to report to Base Supply the next morning. *See page 15 for a layout of RAF Chelveston as I remember it.*

I can't remember a lot about my every day life in England, but I can remember most of the things

I enjoyed and was more involved in than others.

I was assigned to the Inventory Section of Base Supply in Warehouse 104 working for SSgt Jimmy Bernard. Also working in Inventory was James Eubank. He worked mostly with MSgt Skeen in shipping & receiving. (We are close friends now.)

My first visit to a nearby town was when Robert Evert and I walked to Raunds. Later I visited the Red Lion Inn in Raunds quite regularly by car.



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In December of 1960 I purchased a 1956 Ford Popular from Airman D.C. Griffith who was going back to the states, he sold it to me for \$250.00.

Once I had the Ford I spent a lot of my off duty time at the Red Lion and the West End Club in Rushden.

I won a Base Supply slogan contest winning a 3 day trip to Terrejon AFB in Spain June 6, 1961. I think "We Keep The B-66's Flying!" was my slogan. I don't remember the exact order we did

things, but I remember our Gooney Bird's Radio Operator telling the other two guys to meet us at the Picnic Bar in Madrid. We had a bit of a problem telling the cabby where we wanted to go, a nearby tourist helped us by telling him in Spanish where we wanted to go.

We all met at the Picnic Bar as planned and then headed for a night club for the evenings entertainment. It was a real nice club, they had

flamingo dancers. The stage floor raised up and the roof opened at the same time, we could see the stars twinkling above. We enjoyed ourselves immensely. I woke up in the hotel, so we must have made it back okay.

The next day we flew back to England.

While stationed at RAF Chelveston I got interested in trying out for the Base Pistol Team. My

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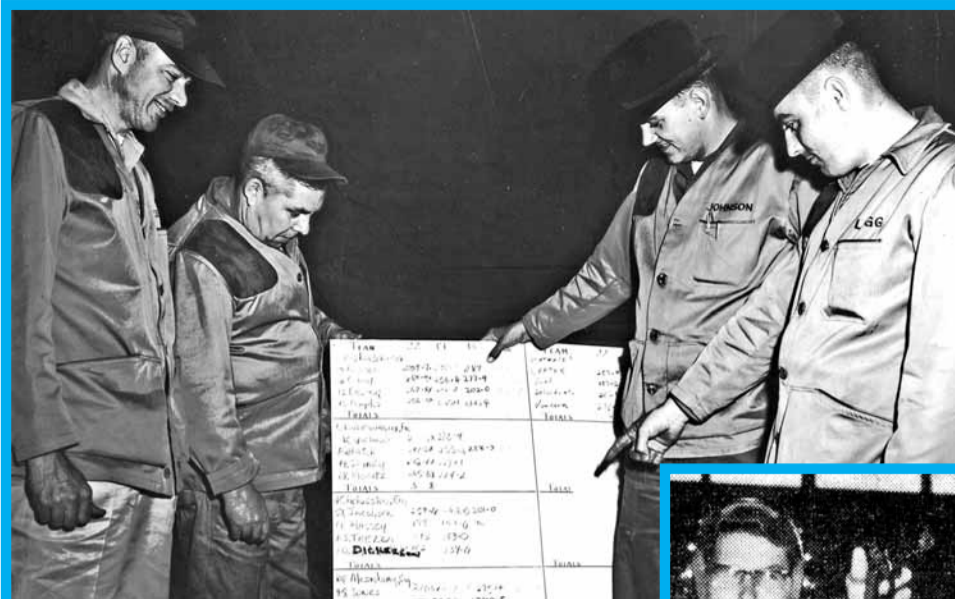
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RAF Alconbury pistol team, L to R: CWO Don Slessler, Jones, Capt. Richard Johnson and SSgt Hubert Legg. (Photo by SSgt Ralph Massey)



RAF Lakenheath L to R: Colonel (Shotgun) Thomas C. Kelly, A/2c Ray Dickerson and Colonel (Cyclone) Davis (Photo by SSgt Ralph Massey)

interest was spurred on by CWO Donald R. Slessler who also worked at Base Supply.

Engraved in my memory bank of that time was: With 5 rounds of ball ammunition Lock and Load; Ready on the Right; Ready on the Left; Ready on the Firing Line; Commence Firing. Another item that was true at all Air Force pistol competitions I attended, there was no rank from the firing line up to the target and back. That way a General couldn't tell an Airman Basic that the bullet hole was a ten, when it actually was a nine.

Don lived off base at Hargrave Manor, not too far from RAF Chelveston with his wife, Phyllis, their five children and Chelvy their German Shepherd.

August 6, 1961 the Chelveston Team participated in an Invitational Pistol Match traveling TDY to RAF Lakenheath. Representing RAF Chelveston was 1Lt James R. Jacobson, MSgt Jason Hurd, SSgt Ralph Massey, A/2c John D. Duignam, A/2c Anthony Trezza and A/2c Raymond E. Dickerson. I rode to the match with Donald in his VW bus. Don was a member of the RAF Alconbury Base Pistol Team (see their photo and others above). (No results available)

Then on October 12, 1961 we all traveled TDY to Bitburg Germany for the European Fall Open Pistol Match (Indirect Mission Support) on a Gooney Bird (C-47). Representing RAF Chelveston was 1Lt. James R. Jacobson, 1Lt. Victor M. Ripley, A/2c Raymond E. Dickerson, A/2c Gerald Folkerth, A/2c Anthony Trezza and A/2c William F. Hall. (No results available)

I had received orders signed 12 October 61 that I was relieved at RAF Chelveston and reassigned to RAF Alconbury 10th Supply Sq. APO 238, effective 20 October 61.

After returning from Bitburg, Germany I reluctantly left RAF Chelveston and went to RAF Alconbury. I was assigned to 10th Supply Sq Inventory, working for SSgt Frost.

Don and Phyllis invited Anthony Trezza and I to their home for Christmas eve thru to Christmas Day, 1961. It was great spending Christmas with a family, watching their children open their presents. Don and Phyllis gave us a gift too. Mine was a gold colored tie clasp in the shape of a western type revolver with pearl handles. I still have it.

On March 9-11, 1962 I was still technically on the RAF Chelveston Pistol Team and we participated at the 10th Tactical Small Arms Matches at RAF Molesworth. I was the Assistant Statistical



A/1c Howard Regan spots for A/2c Ray Dickerson at RAF Molesworth during 10th Wing's 2nd Annual Novice Pistol Match held Oct. 27, 1962. (The Photogram Photo)

Officer at that match. (No results available)

Olecin J. Fritz, Jim Armstrong and I took a 15 day leave beginning Aug 17, 1962 to travel to Scotland and back. We had a wonderful time. I would like to go back to the UK sometime and retrace some of those trips, we had in Fritz's Austin.

Next was the 10th Wing Wide Second Annual Novice Pistol match held at RAF Molesworth on 27 Oct 62. My good friend SSgt Benjamin Howard, 10th CSG took top honors winning 1st Place in the .22 Caliber Aggregate, the .45 Caliber Aggregate and the Grand Aggregate. In the .22 Caliber, 2nd Place was won by Capt. Charles Wylie, 3rd Place by TSgt Douglas Hasseler. In the .45 Caliber 2nd Place was won by Capt. Charles Wylie, 3rd Place was won by Major James W. Ponder. In the Grand Aggregate 2nd Place was won by Capt. Charles Wylie, 3rd Place was won by Capt. Gloria Sanchez, 4th Place was won by TSgt Douglas Hasseler, 5th Place was won by MSgt Louis Tuliano and 6th Place was won by A/2c Raymond Dickerson. I still have the trophy.

Soon there after Don helped me become a member of the RAF Alconbury Base Pistol Team Nov. 12, 1962, authorizing me to carry 2 .22 pistols, 1 .38 pistol and 2 .45 pistols plus 500 rounds of ammo per caliber to pistol matches.

On November 16-18, 1962 we got TDY orders to attend the Sculthorpe Invitational Pistol Match at RAF Sculthorpe. This time I went as a member of the RAF Alconbury Pistol Team, attending this shoot was: Capt. R. Johnson, Capt. Gloria Sanchez, Capt. C. Wylie, 1Lt. H. Otto, CWO-W3 D. Slessler, MSgt L. Tuliano, TSgt D. Hasseler, SSgt B. Howard, SSgt. H. Legg and A/2c R. Dickerson. (No results available)

New Years 1962 we celebrated big time at the new Airman's Club on RAF Chelveston (formerly

the Service Club). Everyone was there including Don and Phyllis Slessler.

I had met an English girl named Elizabeth Hall at the Red Lion Inn, we dated for quite a while. After I was transferred to RAF Alconbury I spent about every weekend back at RAF Chelveston dating Liz, often with Gayle Graham and the Airman she was dating. Gayle's mom and dad owned the Red Lion Inn in Raunds.

On 17 Jan 63 I got orders to report to RAF Mildenhall on 16 Feb 63 for departure on flight AKA 434, I was assigned to the 4603 Material Squadron, Stewart AFB, New York and to report there no later than 31 days after departure from US Point of entry.

I sold my 1956 Ford Popular to a SSgt who had just arrived in England for \$75.00.

On 1 Feb 63 I got promoted to A/1c. On 16 Feb 63 I cleared the base, leaving RAF Alconbury on 17 Feb 63 at 1555, Arriving at McGuire AFB, NJ on 18 Feb 63, leaving for Centerville that same day.

It was good to finally be home in the USA, at least for a little while. Time flies when you are having fun.

I reported for duty at Stewart AFB, NY on 20 Mar 63. I was assigned to the Inventory Section of Base Supply working for SSgt Guess.

SSgt Guess and I went fishing a lot, unfortunately for me he left Stewart AFB before I did. I visited him in 1964 at his home south of Columbus, OH.

I received orders on 7 Oct 63 that I was relieved from duty and transferred to the Reserve of the Air Force (Air Force Reserve).

On 31 Oct 65 I received orders that I was relieved from Assignment HG CONAC (IRS) this center and honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserve effective 5 November 1965.

Since that time and more recently I've found some Air Force friends on the internet who were at RAF Chelveston and Alconbury. Most of them from logging onto www.rushden.org back in 2006 till now. James Eubank, Jack Petruska, Bob DeCesare, Hank Howard, Howard Regan, Bob Green, Art Modling, Walter Stolpa and David Stewart. David and I were on a flight out over the North Sea, we volunteered to help look for a downed B-66 aboard the base C-47 (Gooney Bird). He remembered most of the details of that flight, everything I've forgotten.

If you have any comments or questions about this article don't hesitate to contact me. All my contact information is on page 3 in this issue. ■

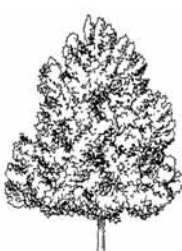
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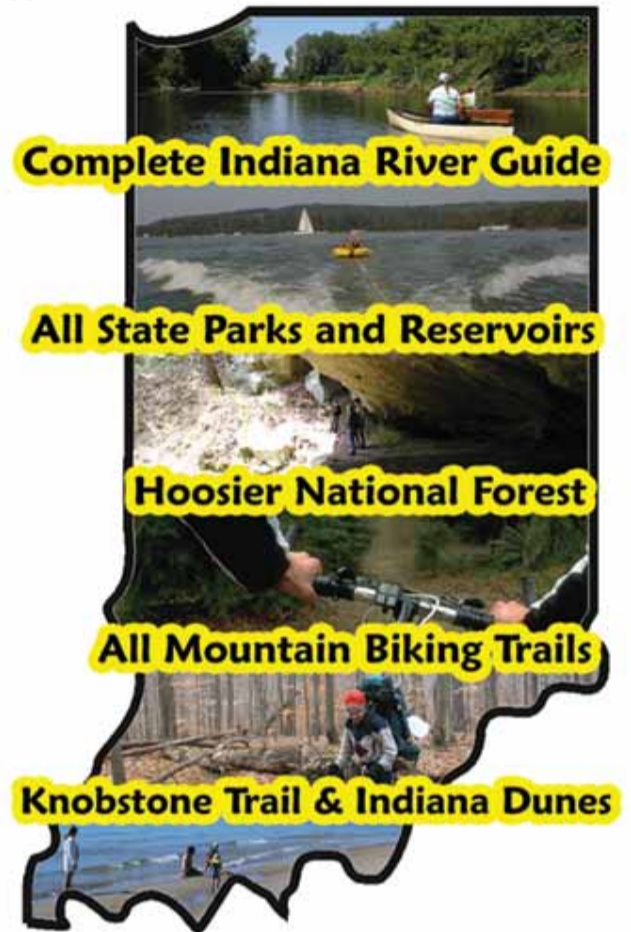
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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Welcome to the Great Lakes of the Wabash

With the last bit of snow and ice finally melting away we can now hopefully say goodbye to "old man winter" and say hello to the spring season! Although we experienced an extremely long and brutally cold winter it did allow opportunities for ice fishermen and snowmobilers to take advantage of the conditions and make for them a very enjoyable season. However, if you were like a majority of the other "cabin fever" individuals you take solace in knowing that brighter, warmer days are ahead. When you put the words brighter and warmer together it also signals the beginning of another fun and exciting season of camping, boating, and fishing! With that in mind we would like to take a minute and welcome you back for another year of family fun adventures here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash River.

This time of year also signifies to me the rebirth of nature. With the trees regaining their leaves, blooming flowers, and birds chirping it tends to rejuvenate the mind and body and entices one to become more active. One hobby that lures me out to "knock the dust off" is mushroom hunting. You can look to start finding morel mushrooms as early as the second week of April and as late as Memorial Weekend in this area. Hunting mushrooms has become a very popular hobby amongst outdoor enthusiasts and thus making it harder to find territory to hunt. So, if finding land to hunt is a problem for you then you should consider a trip



A mess of crappie and mushrooms, both from the Salamonie Reservoir, can make for a delicious dinner. There was more than 3 dozen morel mushrooms on this table. (Photo by Author)

here as there is an abundance of land to scour and search for this delicacy. The three properties, (Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Roush), combine for over 33,000 acres of accessible land to hunt. When planning the trip don't forget to bring your fishing pole as you may want to cap your day off by trying to net a mess of crappie to make for a great dinner night!

Speaking of crappie, the Bozarth's 2014 tournament schedule has been finalized as well as a few other important tournament dates. The Bozarth's Crappie Tournament will kick off on May 10th. The remaining schedule will be June 7th, September 13th, and conclude on October 4th. The Indiana Slabmasters will be here on May 17th and Crappie USA will make its return on June 14th. All of these tournaments take place on the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs.

In other related news, Ronnie Hileman has been appointed the new Property Manager at the Salamonie Reservoir. Ronnie comes to Salamonie after serving for numerous years as Assistant Manager at the Mississinewa Reservoir. I plan to do a question and answer with Mr. Hileman in an upcoming article to give everyone a chance to know him a little better as well as get his future vision for the property. Next time you are visiting the Salamonie Reservoir stop in and give him a warm welcome.

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events. The Upper Wabash Interpretive Center has an event called "Second Saturdays" and

it begins in April. The April event is scheduled for Saturday, the 12th and is titled "Spruce up Salamonie". This is a volunteer day and gives you the chance to help "spruce" up the area. Then on Saturday, May 10th the featured activity is called, "Dig IN to Scout Topics". The topic of discussion will be First Aid which will be directed more towards the Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls while Cub Scouts will focus on Map and Compass, and Geography Belt Loops.

The Mississinewa Reservoir will be hosting the Outdoor Adventure Showcase and 5K Run on Saturday, June 7th. This event will have a Water Ski show at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm as well as an Outdoor Vendor Extravaganza from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and these will both take place at the Mississinewa Beach. Another event taking place on June 7th is the Annual Kids Fishing Derby. This is an event for children 2 thru 14 years of age and takes place at the Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Roush Lakes. Sign up time is at 8:30 am and fishing is from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. For more information about any of the above activities call the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at (260) 468-2127.

If after reading this you happen to get the urge to go mushroom hunting, fishing, or any other exciting event here at these properties be sure to stop in and see us at Bozarth's Country Store and share your story or catch. Maybe your experience or photo will land you in the Gad's Corner or on our Wall of Fame! For more information you can contact us at (765) 981-4522.

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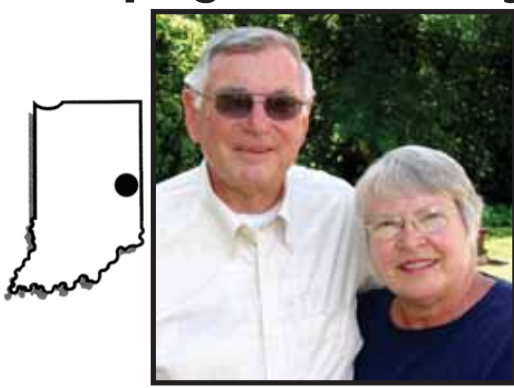
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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

Comparing Campgrounds North and South

As the weather changes to warm or warmer and humid and a rainy Spring in the north, it changes from cool and sometimes warmer to hot and humid in the south and hot and dry in the southwest. Time comes for planting gardens in the North and northeast and the continuous gardening in the south and southwest changes in types of plants which can negotiate the varieties of weather changes that can and usually does take place way south.

Most of the snowbirds in the south from Indiana yearn for Indiana tomatoes and melons (and probably other vegetables and fruits) as the ones grown south just don't have the taste the ones in Indiana possess. I attribute this to the varieties of soils distributed to the northern two-thirds of the state by melt water from the glaciers and by the extremely difficult and thorough work done by soil scientists when developing soil maps for all 92 counties. The general soil types can be obtained from these soil maps and soil tests can be made for your garden plots so the right garden crop can be planted and the correct types and amounts of soil fertilizers can be applied. Expert knowledge of local resource people such as the agriculture extension agents, master gardeners and those who have call-in programs on local radio and/or television can be counted upon.

The snowbirds are again bidding farewell to their old and/or newly acquired friends in the warmer climates and hurrying back to see friends and relatives and to get those tomatoes planted (and other garden crops). We weren't snowbirds in the 40's and 50's but we did have a five acre garden just south of the Indianapolis airport, now the Indianapolis Municipal Airport. That was work for little kids but our dad borrowed mules (Kate and King), plows, disks, and harrows and got the large plot prepared for planting. We strung kite string from one edge of the prepared plot to another. Using a one row hand plow, our dad followed the string the whole length, measured and moved the string and made a row back the other way. According to the type of seed to be sowed in the rows he'd show us how far apart to place the seeds. We did this while he made more rows. Now we realize what backbreaking work that was, but we knew mother would can the vegetables or freeze them in our old Webber freezer for winter. And, we'd take orders from people going north to work in Indy, get the orders ready, and when they would go back home in the evening they'd stop and pick up their orders we'd filled. We'd hitch up the litter

carrier from WWII we'd revamped with a seat and platforms to the David Bradley garden tractor so we could haul about six bushels of produce back up to the house. Remember tomatoes at 3 cents a pound, corn at 25 cents a dozen, and green beans at 75 cents a bushel?

But, we bought all our school clothes and had a few cents left over for a Saturday movie up in Ben Davis on Highway 40 and big thick 15 cent chocolate malt.

A lot of you can relate to the good ol' days with a few changes in how you and your family got along. At that time there weren't that many snowbirds and a real vacation to us was a straight (or crooked drive on U.S. 27) before the Interstates, to Miami, non-stop. Well, we wouldn't camp but dad would pull in behind a school closed for Christmas vacation or behind a church and we'd "rest" for a couple of hours. Mother would set the wind-up clock so we could awaken and be on the road again. We'd spend three or four days with Aunt Betty and Uncle Paul and start the drive back. If time we'd stop on the Tamiami Trail and watch Seminole Indians, especially Bobby Tiger, wrestle alligators, and pick up a few choice gifts for grand-parents back home. While in Miami Uncle Paul would take us across the Rickenbacker Causeway where he knew there was a park where there were coconuts free for anyone who would pick them up. Uncle Paul would show us how to hold and break the husks so we could peel down to the edible coconut meat and how to drain out the milk. Aunt Betty had really good recipes for coconut candy and cookies.

Even the produce from the southern farmers markets and the U-Pick places don't have taste like Indiana garden crops. If we have any tomatoes left, ripe or green, we carefully pick and box them and on fall vacations south hand them out to people on the way and put the left-overs, sometimes hundreds, on the picnic tables in campgrounds for anyone who want them. You can almost always count the minutes (exaggeration) on two hands the amount of time it takes them to disappear. Usually the green ones go last but a lot of people like green fried tomatoes.

The campgrounds, both along the coast and inland, are being vacated by snow-birds moving back north. The campground owners/managers now wipe their brows and declare time for repairs, additional sites, additions to buildings and time to sit and plan things to do and see in the area for next year's invasion from the north. A slower pace occurs because of the hotter weather causes earlier exhaustion and the body requires more hydration since a lot more perspiring is taking place. It seems there are a dozen or more new hydrating drinks on the market every year to keep your body properly wet inside, but, we'll still take water.

At the same time campgrounds up north are filling. Some camps have sections only for seasonal campers and when full, only short term campers can come in. So, you might keep this under consideration as you migrate north. Also, remember some camps are closing and there is a larger influx of new camping units this year and more and more new and younger camping families getting into the out-of-doors. Cabin fever from the terrible winter weather is causing parents (and others) to say, "Let's get the kids outdoors and try camping this year. Don't you think they're old enough?"

This is why I've constantly expounded upon getting your camping reservations in early for events throughout the Midwest (or wherever you travel). If new to camping of any kind, tent, fold down, trailer, fifth wheel or motor coach, or weekend, monthly, or as a new seasonal, TAKE YOUR TIME, you may not

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

It's official - State deer harvest down

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has tallied up the numbers and recently announced the annual deer harvest for the 2013-14 season was down from each of the previous five seasons. Although this past seasons harvest was down, the DNR states that the total harvest for the year still ranks in the top ten. The total reported harvest of 125,635 deer for 2013 was down 10,600, or 8%, from the record of 136,248 which was set just the previous year in 2012, and it still ranks as the eighth highest harvest since regulated deer hunting began in our state.

This decrease will not come as a surprise to most deer hunters throughout the state as many Hoosier deer hunters reported seeing far less deer this year than in years past. Honestly, It is my guess that most of those hunters will be surprised that the harvest ended up as high as it actually did. But there are things to keep in mind when looking at how and why the harvest still ranks in the top ten given the drastically lower numbers of deer that many hunters say they saw. For instance, in 2012 the DNR instituted two new rule changes that have undoubtedly resulted in more deer being taken. Crossbows were legalized for use during the regular early archery seasons and the special late antlerless-only season was introduced, both in 2012. This is one reason that 2012 saw a record harvest, and is also a reason that 2013 saw a top ten harvest. The DNR has also greatly increased the number of antlerless bonus permits allowed in

most counties the last couple of years also. So, really, that is a third reason that the high harvest number seems inflated.

DNR deer biologist Chad Stewart also mentioned other possible reasons for the decrease. "At least two and possibly three factors contributed to the lower harvest - carryover from a widespread outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) in 2012 and more in 2013, a record antlerless harvest in 2012, and the second season of new hunting regulations aimed at lowering deer densities in some areas of the state." "We had a record antlerless harvest in 2012 on top of a major disease outbreak, which tells us there were a lot less deer going into the season," Stewart said. "It was pretty easy to predict the harvest would be down."

Stewart feels that it is less certain, however, as to how much of a role the new hunting regulations played. This comment leaves me a bit bewildered because in his report, it clearly states how many deer were taken via crossbow and during the late antlerless-only season. In the report, it states that 8% of the deer harvested in 2013 were taken with a crossbow while the late antlerless-only season accounted for 5% of the total harvest. This indicates that 13% of the yearly harvest can be attributed to those two specific rule changes, for the most part. This may not indicate those hunters who may have switched from traditional archery equipment to a crossbow, although I bet those numbers are extremely low.

I also cannot agree with Stewart's claim that they aimed to decrease deer numbers in certain areas. The regulation changes seem to aim at reducing the numbers across the board.

Speaking of antlerless deer, the harvest of 79,395 was 12% lower than the 90,312 harvested in 2012, while the harvest of antlered deer was not nearly as different from year to year, with 46,240 antlered deer being taken in 2013 compared to 45,936 taken in the 2012 season. Just shy of half of all deer taken in 2013 were either checked in online or by telephone, with just over half being taken to a state check-in station.

In a nutshell, the deer numbers are down, that's for sure, while the harvest was still one of the state's highest. But considering that a significant portion of the harvest came through the addition of seasons, weapons and increased antlerless quotas, it makes sense to assume then that the deer

population could certainly be quite a bit lower than the harvest numbers indicate. But in the end, no one really knows how much lower the numbers really are, and while I am not saying that they are alarmingly low, it also appears that the DNR does not intend to be at the point of wanting to stabilize our herd either. Only time will tell how well off Indiana's deer herd will fare.



Although the harvest numbers don't indicate it, Indiana's deer herd is decreasing. By how much is the real question. (Author Photo)

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This is my raised garden where my strawberry plants will go. We found we had to put a fence around this bed or our dog would eat all of the ripe strawberries. (Author Photo)



Gurney's Seed Planting Kit. 55 holes per tray. Hopefully, I'll get a bunch of pepper, tomato, and other seedlings from kit to garden. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason Spring is Here?

According to all of the calendars I have hanging on my computer, in the kitchen, and in my back pocket, Spring is here. According to the weatherman, it's not even close. Which should I believe?

A few days ago, the temperature was in the mid-sixties. The sun was out. I was out. We picked up all the sticks which had fallen from our large maple tree in the back yard. Then, I took the leaf blower and piled up all the leaves which had accumulated in the yard since I had cleaned them up last fall. They went on the garden to be tilled under. I put up my purple martin house hoping they would finally decide to visit it this year (the third year it has been up).

Today, it was cold and windy. High in the thirties. So I went to the garage and opened my Gurneys seed order which had arrived last week. Usually, I buy tomato and pepper plants (and other plants) at the New Horizon Church plant sale on 53rd street in Anderson (May 10, 9-2). They always have 20-30 vendors selling various items (other than plants), usually a Master Gardener to answer questions and other interesting booths. This year, I will be trying to get a Master Naturalist to attend and I may be setting up a metal detector display booth and talk to attendees about the hobby. While you may not be close to this area, many churches and other organizations

hold plant sales like this in the spring. Just look around.

This year, I thought I would try growing my plants from seed. I purchased two of Gurneys seed starting kits with 55 cells each. These kits include a plastic tray to hold water which will last seven to ten days so I don't have to worry about watering the seedlings while I'm away. Then, there is a styrofoam growing tray which has 55 holes in which to place the grow plugs of natural, biodegradable materials to hold the seeds. Each plug has a ready-made hole so I just drop the seed in.

Once I have planted my seeds, in this case colored pepper seeds and tomato seeds, I will fill the trays half full of water and put on the clear, plastic dome which holds the moisture, creating a warm, damp, environment to promote fast, early germination. The kit also came with a package of seedling boost fertilizer to aid in healthy cell wall development and compact growth. Hopefully, in six to eight weeks, my seedlings should be ready for transplanting to the garden. That's if the ground is thawed and not covered with snow.

So I'm not putting all my eggs in one basket, (or seeds in the starting tray), I also have numerous other seeds which will be planted directly into the garden if the time ever becomes right. I purchased Little Marvel Peas which are supposed to go out soon. Unfortunately, my garden always floods in the spring and I can't get anything in until at least mid-May. I will try peas in the spring and if they get drowned, I'll try another late crop in mid-August. Sometimes it works, sometimes not.

I have the same problem with beets which are supposed to go out early, but I plant them when I can. Last year, they did great planting in early June. We canned enough then, if they fail this year, we're still OK.

Provider bush beans take up a large part of our garden every year. I start as soon as the garden dries and plant three long rows. Ten days to two weeks later, three more rows. I do this for about a month. Sometimes the early rows flood, later ones dry out if we're not home to water daily, but we usually end up with ten to thirty quarts. (One year, everything was perfect and we canned 66

quarts.) Looking at the shelves in the garage, it seems like every other year is a bad one for our beans. Last year was good. In 2012, we didn't can a single bean.

My tomatoes always do well enough I tell the neighbors to come pick all they want. My wife doesn't eat them, and I just cut some up for sandwiches. I just grow them because they're easy. Same with zucchini.

Of course, every year, I plant a couple rows of sunflowers for the birds. I also have many volunteer plants come up all over the garden. The rest of the space goes to pumpkins and gourds because I like them. I always try various sizes and shapes. Then I give them to kids for Halloween. For several years, I grew large pumpkins which weighed from 100 to 125 pounds. Then we moved and the ground where we live now is not right for pumpkins and I can barely grow a twenty pounder.

I have a separate raised bed for growing strawberries. We cleaned out the old bed and put in new plants last year. Only 25 of the 75 plants lived. Gurneys said they would replace them free and would send 75 new plants this spring at the proper time for planting. I guess they thought the second day of spring was the right time because that's when I received them. Somehow, I will have to try to keep them alive for another month until it's warm enough to put them outside. Maybe they thought I lived in Florida.

Overall, I have had great luck with seeds, plants, and products from Gurneys for many years. If you don't already get their catalog, go to www.gurneys.com and order online or request a free catalog.

If I had one (or five or ten) acres of high ground with good soil, I would put out a much bigger garden, dwarf fruit trees, grape vines, raspberry, blueberry, and other fruit bushes, plus some plants for the butterflies and hummingbirds. If I were 40 years younger, I would try to supply my family with home grown fruit and vegetables, chicken, eggs, beef, pork, supplemented by deer, rabbit, squirrel, moose, elk, fish, and other wild game. Now, I just do what I can.

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From left to right: Stop by Blue River Arms and meet Timothy L. Higgins II, Timothy L. Higgins and his brother Anthony Higgins. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Blue River Arms, LLC is located at 2506 West Old Franklin road a short drive from Shelbyville, IN. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

FYI I got a call from Tim Higgins asking about advertising in The Gad-a-bout a couple weeks ago. On my way back from picking up the April issue I stopped and visited with them. Because I was in a hurry that day, delivering the April issues, I asked the owners if they could send me some information on how and when they got started. The first part is by Tim Higgins and the second part by Tim Higgins II.

Blue River Arms - Part 1 by Timothy L. Higgins

After spending 27 years in the Operators Union, (IUOE #103), and 31 years with Milestone Contractors, I felt it was time to start laying back a little and retired from IUOE. But after going to work all those years, and the passing of my wife a few years ago, I found that I needed something to keep me mentally and physically challenged.

I have always enjoyed hunting, fishing, and shooting. So a bait, tackle, and gun shop seemed to be the logical choice to keep active and off the couch. So I talked to my son to see if he would like to get involved in a little shop in his spare time, then talked also with my brother, Tony, who had retired from the US Postal Service after 33 years. ("He needed off the couch as much as I did.")



Timothy L Higgins III (yellow shirt) and his dad, Timothy L Higgins II. (Photo by Timothy L. Higgins)

So the three of us, along with my son's friend Scott Bassett, started to construct a new building to house, "Blue River Arms, LLC". Now we have my daughter, Tink, starting to help out with the day---to---day operations and sales. Hopefully as we grow, there will be grandkids, and even some great---grandkids, which I am proud to say we are expecting a boy and a girl this

summer, helping us someday! We are hoping to keep this a small family business that is more interested in fair, competitive pricing, good friendly service, and a small business atmosphere where you don't have to walk two city blocks to reach the counter.

So stop in and say hi to the family and shake paws with Remi!

Blue River Arms - Part 2 by Timothy L. Higgins II

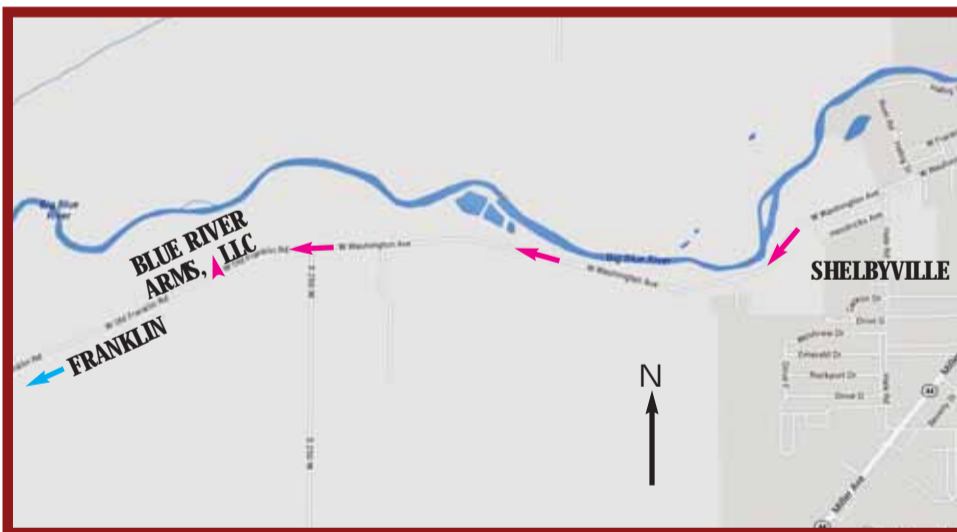
When my dad approached me in the fall of 2012 with the idea of opening a gun store, I really didn't know what to make of it. We have always enjoyed guns, hunting seasons, and fishing for many years. My father and uncles were always with us hunting rabbit, squirrel, and even deer, as I got older. But taking on a new retail business was something we had never done.

I had been an electrician for my entire career and had recently decided to pursue a career change. The years leading up to opening Blue River Arms, LLC, had seen me working towards a career in the nursing field. In the fall of 2012 I was accepted into the Nursing program at Ivy Tech. So as the store began to come together, my time began to be spread very thin between work, classes, and learning and helping get a

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From left to right: Girls of BRA, Wendy Barrett, Tonya Higgins, Madison Logsdon and Taylor Higgins. (Photo by Timothy L. Higgins II)



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Donnie Huber has been a member of Hanna's Creek Conservation Club since he was knee high to a grass hopper, maybe longer. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Hanna's Creek Conservation Club & (A Blast From The Past)

by Ray Dickerson & Donnie Huber

I've been going to the Hanna's Creek Conservation Club since the 1970's. My most active time with them was 1977 when I not only visited the club for their events, but also participated in night trials following the casts through many a woods. My equipment included a head mounted 'coon hunting light, camera w/flash and a very large tape recorder carried in a trap shooting type bag strapped around my waist, wheww!

Here in Donnie Huber's own words he will tell you about Hanna's Creek Conservation Club that he has been involved with for a very long time. He is still an officer of Hanna's Creek and is also President of the Hoosier Tree Dog Association. This article is to inform you of who we are and what we do.

Hanna's Creek Conservation Club I believe originated somewhere around the early 1940's. Freeman & Bessie Retherford donated the ground to the Club which is located at 751 N Retherford Rd. Liberty IN. Some of the founding members to the best of my knowledge were, Freeman Retherford, Oscar Huber, Howard (Fat) Huber, Lester Fogus, Gerald (Red) Hoppes, Lowell



Hanna's Creek Conservation Club was founded in the early 1940's on ground that was donated by Freeman and Bessie Retherford, it is located on Retherford Road just south of Liberty near Roseberg, Indiana. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



A Blast From The Past: "Who said dogs couldn't climb fences!" After the night trial members of our cast relax at right. From left to right Front row: Larry Dotson from Newport, KY; Gary Huesman from Goshen, OH; Jack Dulhanty from Marion, IN and friend; Back row: Donnie Huber from and Dayton Couch from Liberty, IN. Not shown were the stars of the hunt in same order as handlers: Lucky, Indiana Rowdy, Pop-up Paddy and Reuben. Donnie Huber was the cast judge. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Hoppes, Clayton Bond, Harry Anthony and Harry Mahoney, hopefully I didn't forget someone.

This is a not for profit organization which has been since it's beginning and to this very day has donated funds to several organizations around the community. Some of the local organizations are Liberty Fire Dept., Liberty Police, Union Co. Sheriffs Dept., Union Co. EMT, Union Co. School Corp., Historical Society, Liberty Lions Club and Tarum Shriners Org.

Originally most of the members were coon hunters, card players (Euchre, Pitch, etc.) , and still board shooters; which most of you will remember as (Turkey Shoots). Currently we have a variety of members, some of the functions we are still doing are Wild Coon Hunts, Beagle Trials, Still Board Shoots, Youth Education Days and Hunter Education Classes.

We have a very nice newly remodeled facility, with plenty of parking that is always available to the public for (Rental). To rent the Hanna's Creek Conservation building

contact Greg Hofer Ph. 765-220-2574.

We are going to have a booth at the Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival at Quakertown Recreational Area, that's the first weekend of May. This will be a FUNDRAISER for Hanna's Creek Conservation Club. We look forward to you stopping by our booth!

For more information contact me by calling 765-825-6561 or e-mail tree_dogs2003@yahoo.com .

The Blast from the past can be seen at right when I snapped a photo of a "Lucky" handled by Larry Dotson from Newport, KY climbed the fence and was ready to jump down.

It's probably a coincidence that just a few weeks ago I got a call from Ronald Dotson from Kentucky asking me if I recalled taking a photo of a dog climbing a fence back in the 70's. He told me that was his dog and wanted to know if I had a copy of that Gad-about. He was in luck I had just been sorting old Gad-about's that week and I sent him a copy. Hmmm. ■

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Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

ISTA May 2014 News

Now is the time to start planning for next year. As you hunt for those antler sheds and Morel mushrooms, keep your eyes open for sign. This is also the time of year to look for that new permission slip. Maybe you can get permission to hunt mushrooms in a farmer's woods, and you notice well worn raccoon paths extending into his fields. As you leave, giving him a portion of what you found as a **THANK YOU FOR THE USE OF YOUR WOODS**, you might casually mention what you saw and how you can help him with that next year. If he is hesitant, let it be for now, but check back the first of August. He may have noticed lots of crop damage by then and be more receptive to your suggestions. **BE RESPECTFUL.** If you get turned down, **THANK HIM ANYWAY**, and move on. Be sure to leave your number with him as he may still change his mind. If you are trapping raccoon, and see beaver damage also, you might want to learn how to trap the beaver also. What better place to do that than at a National Rendezvous.

The Fur Takers of America will be having their National Convention and Rendezvous June 19 - 21, 2014 in Washington, PA in association with the Pennsylvania Trappers Association Convention and Rendezvous. Talk about a big shindig coming! This is set to happen at the Washington County Fairgrounds, 2151 N. Main St., Washington, PA 15301. This is six (6) hours +/- east on Hwy 70 from Indianapolis. The organizers note that there is a lot of construction going on in the area and that Hotels are putting all the workers up. Get onto the FTA website for more information and recommended Hotels. Their website is www.furtakersofamerica.org.

On July 24 - 27, 2014, the National Trappers Association will be holding its National Convention and Rendezvous in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Specifically, it will be at the Upper Peninsula State Fairgrounds, 2401 12th Avenue, North, Escanaba, MI 49829. This is more

like 11 hours from Indiana-polis and one will end up driving through Chicago for the shortest route. Beware of rush hour. More information may be found at www.nationaltrappers.com.



In between and all around those times in Indiana will be Trapper Education (TE) Classes, here, there, and yonder. To check on a TE class, or to register for one, you need to go to www.passionindiana.com and choose the trapping education site you wish to attend. If you forget this, go to the ISTA website, www.indianatrappers.org, and look in the Calendar section. The first item lists how to get signed up. Further information on all of the coming TE classes may also be found at either website or in the March 2014 Gad-A-Bout, available on line at www.thegadabout.com, or in the Spring 2014 ISTA Newsletter that went out to members in March, or any other of a number of publications that support the State Trapping Associations by printing their Calendar information for free. With last year's fur prices, there is liable to be lots of new interest in Trapping. If you wish to attend a TE class, be getting signed up now.

I will be at the Cabela's Kids Day in Hammond, IN on May 3, 2014. Drop in and say high and see what all State organizations are represented. There is usually a dozen or so there. Of course, our Otter will be there. You otter be there too. Ha! Ha!

Oh, one other note, the 53rd ISTA Convention and Rendezvous will be Sept. 12 - 13, 2014 at the Tipton County 4-H Fairgrounds located at 1200 S. main St. (SR19), Tipton, IN 46072. Paul Waldman will be the Boosway for this event and he may be contacted at **765.867.3581** or indianared77@gmail.com. We have had a lot of interest in this Rendezvous with several new vendors calling and getting information. Indoor tables will be available for \$20 per table on a first reserved, first filled basis. Tailgating will be available for a 20' spot for \$10 for one day, and \$15 for two (2) days, on a first come, first served basis. Set up will begin Thursday at noon with final clean up Sunday am. Primitive camping is also available. Please check in at the Fairground office and pay any camping fee that they may charge. There is usually an evening campfire for everyone to get together who wishes to be social. I look forward to seeing you there.

Well that is it for now, so as you go, watch your top knot, keep your eyes along the skyline.

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Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

May Activities

Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

Spring is finally here and Metamora is full of fun things to see and do. The Canal Boat rides start on May 1. As a reminder, the Ben Franklin III runs Wednesday-Sunday 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$2 for children, and free for children under 3.

The State Historic Site is sponsoring two events this month. The first is May 10th from 1-4pm. The WEBE-LO Scouts are invited to spend the afternoon in Metamora. The cost is \$5 per scout and reservations are required by May 5th. For more information contact the State Historic Site at 765-647-6512.

If you love to run or just take a nice walk on a spring day, then be sure to join us for the Towpath 10K Dash, 5K Fun Run and Walk on May 17th. This is a sanctioned 10K run. The cost is \$25 and if you sign up by May 1 you will receive a free T-Shirt. For more information contact the State Historic Site at 765-647-6512.

There are several music shows and one comedy shows this month. The first is Jammin on the Mill Porch (gristmill) May 4 from 1-4pm. This is proving to be a fun and popular activity in Metamora. Can't make it this month? This is a free concert happens the first Sunday afternoon of each month April-September.

May 16th the Metamora Performing Arts and the Metamora Music Café are sponsoring a concert by Kevin Milner. This will be held at the Metamora United Methodist Church, Wynn Street from 7:00pm-9:00pm. There will be a freewill offering.

May 17th brings Comedy on the Canal at The Cat and the Fiddle, 19049 Clayborn St. This is a fun show of family friendly comedy. All the comedy shows are rated PG13. There is a \$12 cover charge which includes dinner and a drink. There will be 2 shows at 6:30pm and 8:30pm. The shows fill up fast so be sure to call for reservations at 513-403-0672.

Finally on May 30th is Acoustic Final Friday. This is an open mic and a chance to show off your acoustic skills. Sign up is at 6:30 and the show starts at 7pm. With the warm weather, Acoustic Final Friday has moved to the outdoor music stage on Lover's Lane.

Metamora loves trains and there are special trains every weekend. Just for May, the train will be running Thursday-Sunday. The Thursday and Friday trains depart the Connersville station at 10am with a 2 hour lay-over in Metamora. The Saturday and Sunday trains depart Connersville at noon. This is a fun way to see the countryside and enjoy Metamora. The cost for a round trip train ride is \$22 for adults and \$16 for children.

On May 2 and 16 the Twilight Train to Dinner departs the Connersville station at 6pm and travels to the Laurel Hotel for Dinner. Cost is \$29 for adults and \$15 for children and includes dinner, round trip train ride, tax and tip. Reservations are required. For reservations and schedule call: (765) 825-2054 (Prices may change without notice.

May 10th is National Train Day and there will be a special running of The Statesman with Abraham Lincoln. If you haven't been on the train with Mr. Lincoln you are in for a treat. This is your chance to ask the Mr. Lincoln questions, have your photo taken with him and listen as he gives a rousing speech before returning to Connersville.

If you haven't any ideas on what to get your mother for Mother's Day how about a fun train trip to Metamora? May 11th is Mother's Day and the Valley Flyer will have live music inboard.

May 17th brings us the Overland Limited Train -Wild West Train. This is of course one of the more popular trains with bandits, marshals, fancy and not so fancy ladies aboard for the ride. The fun continues in the Duck Creek section of Metamora with a shootout.

Finally on May 26th, Memorial Day there will be a special running of the Valley Flyer. This is the train that leaves Connersville at noon with a 2 hour layover in Metamora.

Of course I would remiss if I didn't remind everyone of the special Memorial Day service on Sunday May 25th from 2-3pm on the car bridge. This is one of the oldest Memorial Day services in the state of Indiana, having been celebrated over 100 years. There will be music, speeches and finally floating flowers down the Canal.

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

News From The Indiana State Police

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The camps always include demonstrations by our ERT (SWAT), Explosive Ordinance Disposal, Scuba and other specialty teams. Troopers volunteer to put on demonstrations on a variety of topics. The camp staffs are handpicked law enforcement personnel who dedicate their time to preparing youth for their futures.

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- CAREER CAMPS: (Grades 9-12)**
- Vincennes University July 13-18
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- Mounds State Park..... July 9-13

- Lincoln State Park June 23-27
- New Harmony State Park... July 7-11
- Potato Creek State Park.....July 7-11

My good friend ISP Sergeant Ray Poole does a lot of hard work the year around planning and staffing the camps. If you have any questions or know of a child that's interested, you may contact the Indiana Troopers Youth Services at 1-800-671-9851. To check the cost and to register online just go to <http://www.trooper.org/>

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

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original tags present which may be attached in a manner which interfere with any adjustment needed on the buckles or belts. If a life jacket cannot be picked up and correctly put on with all buckles or belts secured as designed, it is not accessible.

Life Jackets do need to be kept accessible to occupants while underway but never store them in the bilge areas of a motorboat. Any exposure to gasoline and/or oils can lead to damage and deterioration. Allow PFDs to air dry before storing. Mildew also leads to degradation.

PFDs should not be used as seat-padding or to kneel upon as this can damage to buoyancy. I know there is a big temptation to do this. I have been guilty of this myself. Some materials used to provide a PFD with buoyancy take these stressors better than others but the rule of thumb is to not make this a habit. Likewise, PFDs are not constructed to be used as boat fenders. Being misused once in this manner can damage the PFD beyond repair.

Once on the water, an excellent habit to make part of a pre-cruise check list is having all occupants don their PFD and fasten all closures. This accomplishes several things. It allows a check of the appropriateness of size and fit for all occupants. Life jackets are available in a wide range of sizes and the PFDs

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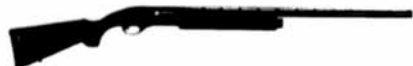
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onboard must be of appropriate fit for each occupant. Putting the PFD on prior to any outing also allows all onboard to know how to properly wear their PFD, providing familiarity in the event they must quickly put it on. It also lets all know where the PFDs are onboard the vessel in the event they are not being worn while underway. Please, PLEASE don't neglect to have a life jacket of the proper fit for any and all infants or small children onboard. Without relaying any horror stories, please trust me; these must be worn attached at all times.

Just as many birds migrate, so do life jackets. They can grow wings and soar from a boat while rushing along the highway; they can grow legs and be borrowed by a family member or neighbor to use; they sometimes travel with the family for usage during vacations. A number of boaters checked on our waters will swear they have more than enough PFD and while searching for them suddenly realize they had removed their PFDs from the watercraft some time previously for different event. There is one definite thing worse than not having the proper life jackets onboard when being checked by an officer and that is the need for one quickly in a life or death situation. **'Wear It Indiana'**.

As always, additional boating information along with a link to Indiana boating laws, can be found at: www.in.gov/dnr. Stay safe Indiana.

JEFF & SCOTT WIN MWC IL OPENER

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Walleye Trail as a pro and co-angler, use of a 600 series Ranger boat, travel stipends and more.

Cabela's, the World's Foremost Outfitter for hunting, fishing and outdoor gear, is in its 12th season as title sponsor of the MWC. Official sponsors include: Berkley Gulp!, Lowe Equipment Attachments, Lowrance Electronics, Mercury Marine, MotorGuide, Ranger Boats, The Walleye Federation and Zippo Outdoor Brands. Associate sponsors include: Berkley Trilene, Church Tackle, Lindy Legendary Fishing Tackle, Optima Batteries, Rockstar Hitch Mounted Mud Flaps, T-H Marine and Sea Grant.

Entry fees are \$650 per tournament, of which more than 100 percent is returned to anglers at the qualifiers, World Championship and Team of the Year races. Registration remains open through 10 a.m. Monday prior to each tournament. For more information, visit masterswalleyecircuit.com, email info@masterswalleyecircuit.com, or call (580) 765-9031.

Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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By this time I was beginning to worry about the aluminum receiver's anodized coating. I had read that too much time in the ultrasonic bath solution would damage the finish on blued, parkerized, or anodized finishes. However, I put the receiver back into the bath for another 20 minutes and when pulled out it was finally clean but the finished had been damaged. So now I have another refinishing job that I hadn't counted on. So far the only bright spot was that the bolt did clean up on the first round of cleaning. The down side was that it took a lot of heat and an hour to clean the

trigger group. The receiver needed to be brushed and scraped and an hour and twenty minutes at high heat to get it clean but resulted in damage to the finish. The length of time required and the resulting damage was certainly disappointing. The amount of time to clean the parts was much longer than the time it would have taken me to clean the parts in the traditional method.

Next I put nickel coated brass and brass cases in the solution and set it for 30 minutes with heat and degassing. I was surprised when done and the brass had been cleaned of most of the carbon on the inside and outside of the cases. {Picture 3} I observed that some of the rifle cases had changed color and were more of a bronze color than brass. {Picture 4} Some of the brass had darkened slightly and some had brightened. All in all though I was satisfied with the cleaning, but I wasn't done yet.

I remembered an article in Popular Science Magazine many years ago, like maybe in the 70's or so, about a fella in Japan that had designed an ultrasonic washing machine. It was so successful in cleaning that it was believed that it would revolutionize the washing machine industry. It was reported that it did not require any detergent to do its cleaning, only clear water. It wasn't the detergent or chemicals that did the cleaning, it was the small microscopic oxygen gas bubbles. So OK, I emptied the RCBS of its cleaning solution and replaced it with hot tap water. I loaded up the basket with more .45 acp brass and set it for 20 minutes with heat and degassing. When done I could see that the brass was clean and brighter than the brass cleaned in the cleaning solution with no color change. The brass still needed to be cleaned or polished in a tumbler with a corn cob media or walnut chips to polish the brass to like new, but the carbon deposits were gone.

Conclusion, I will not be buying an ultrasonic cleaner for the shop. It takes way to long to clean parts and guns and can cause damage to a fine gun or its parts if not very careful. Just the need to refinish the anodized receiver has reduced the profit on the rebluing job to nearly zero. The expense of the unit and the cost of a cleaning solution, along with the amount of time required to clean a part makes the overall cost of the unit and cleaning solution, to high and not cost effective. I'll stick with my Hoppe's No. 9. That's my opinion.

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

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

Camping Here and Beyond

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like what you think you would. Rent the camping unit first, don't pay for a whole summer or for a three month stay. If you decide this unit or this amount of time is not for you, read the fine print on purchases or time rentals. There may not be a refund, or very little.

No matter into which category you find yourself, there will be "bugs" you'll want to correct before too much time passes. We've heard of improperly positioned toilets, refrigerators not made for the unit that was purchased, and, most recently the first time the owner took a shower in a brand new fifth wheel, the water came out through the shower walls. Not a fun experience. Have everything checked out and have an experienced technician go through the whole unit with you and try all water, electric and sewer systems out so bigger problems don't jump out at you when you're on your first outing. Some dealers even have you camp a day or two on their lot so they can run through the whole set up of the machine with you. This even includes hot water heater, how to winterize, etc. Take notes and videos.

All the trade magazines, camping clubs, state recreation departments, etc., are predicting a large increase in campers and nights and weekends out because of the increase of manufacturing of units in most of the companies. There is a new generation of campers out there who will challenge the old time campers for spots so you need to get your schedules and reservations done early. If you went to any of the camper shows in Indy, Ft. Wayne, Richmond, Hershey, PA, Tampa, Sarasota and Orlando or anywhere in between or even dealers who rent fairground facilities to show off their wares, you will have seen a myriad of younger couples getting ready to start camping and getting their kids in to this great outdoor experience.

If you come up with anything along the camping line you'd like us to research and write about just call us at: 260-637-3524 or e-mail: jmacnut@yahoo.com. Happy camping.

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The 21st Reunion of the 1953 "Most Winning Basketball Team ever" in the history of Centerville High School. Sixty-one years later on Wednesday April 2, 2014. I barely made it in time to eat and snap this photo. I was late due to a previous meeting with VFW. Front row from left to right: Les Slinker '53 Teams Head Coach, Barbara Widau, Sally Cook, Mary Lou "Loudy" Wickersham '53 Teams Cheer Leader and Dale Temple '53 Teams #55. Second row: Keith Castelluccio '53 Team Coach, Pete Widau '53 Teams #22, Ron Harris '53 Teams #22 and Bill Harrison '53 Teams #44. Third Row: Bill Burriss '53 Teams #51, Don Cook and Don Jobe. Claude Soper and Don Higbie, Sr. had to leave before I was able to get this photo. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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antique quilts are placed on a bed and turned individually with a description and history given. The Hoffman Challenge Quilt national traveling exhibit; and various quilting and crafting demonstrations throughout the show. Quilters are invited to enter an item in the shows

Batik challenge category. This item must be made by the exhibitor of at least 50% batik fabric and be no larger than 54" by 54". These quilts must be turned in at the Extension Office by May 5, 2014 and will be judged by a panel of independent judges with monetary prizes being awarded.

Eight other categories of quilts, including a new youth category, will be judged by visitors to the show and Viewers Choice awards will be given. Antique quilts, featured in the bed turning, should be accompanied by their "story" to be shared during the event. These quilts will not be judged.

The quilt show is sponsored by Franklin County Extension Homemakers and Quilt Batts Quilt Guild. Admission is \$5. Entry forms can be accessed at www.extension.purdue.edu/franklin. Other ques-

tions may be directed to 765-647-6360, 765-647-0797 or 765-647-5661. You can also visit Facebook @ Quilt Batts of Franklin County.

Information for this Quilt Show submitted by Jane Kerr and Dotti Roleson.

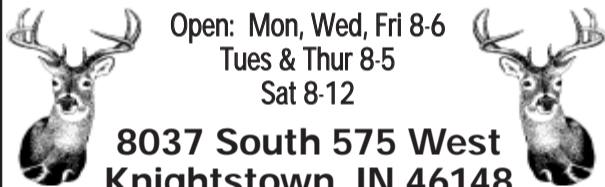
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The 21st Semi-Annual Reunion of the 1953 Centerville Basketball Team was attended by both coaches, Les Slinker and Keith Castelluccio. Team members (and wife) Bill Burriss, Ron Harris, Bill Harrison, Dale Temple and Pete and Barbara Widau. Cheer Leader Mary Lou Wickersham. Friends attending was Don and Sally Cook, Don Jobe, Claude Soper, Don Higbie, Sr. and Ray Dickerson. See above photo.

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new business off of the ground. In the beginning, it was manageable but as we decided to build a new building for the store, there just wasn't enough time in a day.

As I looked back on growing up around family and friends and remembering losing many of them, including my father's wife and wonderful stepmother, the choice was very clear to me. I can go to school for the rest of my life. But I can only spend time with my father for the rest of his.

I withdrew from school and along with my Uncle Tony, close friend Scott Bassett, and dad; we decided to start the new building! Always in the construction field, once the design was set, working with them was truly a lot of fun. Don't get me wrong, we had a "design squabble" now and then, but spending the time together with all of them was truly a blessing in disguise. As all of us grow up and have our own families, we just don't have the time to spend with each that we often wish we did. The building allowed us to spend the time, work together, share many stories and be proud of a unique gun store like no other around.

With a metal pole---building look on the outside, it has Michigan white---pine logs on the inside, which gives it a lodge feel and helps to accent our inventory

of guns, live---bait, tackle, and ammo. We have several mounts on display, some of which were taken by us, others on loan from family and friends. Everything inside the building was designed and constructed by us to help make it feel like the small family business we strive to promote. Our goal from day one has been to offer consistently fair pricing, earn the customer's business, and make everyone feel welcome in our store.

As we learn the ropes of retail and the patience of growing a new business, we are looking forward to the arrival of my daughter Taylor's first child, Eleanor and also my son's first child. He is expecting a boy and we are awaiting the name choice still. The gun store has brought us many challenges but the one thing it has given all of us is time. Time to spend together after the loss of someone so central in all of our lives. Like the giving person she always was, she continues to give to all of us today. I am completely humbled to be a part of such a wonderful family. The support I have been given from not only them, but also from my girlfriend, Wendy Barrett, as we spend many hours doing what we love, has been overwhelming.

We look forward to everyone stopping in to say hello. From the young kids looking for a pretzel, the serious gun enthusiast, to the retiree just wanting to "shoot the bull" we enjoy all of them. So if you get a chance, just stop by and say hi. Whether we sell you a gun or a bobber, we now can call you a friend of Blue River Arms! ■

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Jaron Underhill from Doolittle Mills with his Wall Hanger 14 point Buck. (Poor Boys Country Store Photo, Patoka Lake, IN)



John Brennan took this 7 point, 160 pound Buck on 11-29-13. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Jason Moore caught this 24 3/4" Walleye this Spring fishing with Tracey "Jig Head" Schmidt. (Schmidt Guide Service Photo, Brookville, IN)



Reece Fromme, First Buck 2013 from Jasper, IN, 8 point Buck. Reece you are the man! (Poor Boys Country Store Photo, Patoka Lake, IN)



Tracey "Jig Head" Schmidt caught this 28" Walleye in the Spring of 2012. (Schmidt Guide Service Photo, Brookville, IN)



Carolyn Gardner took this 8 point, 160 pound Buck in Wayne County in 2013. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN) I bet Gale's proud of her!



Daniel Nicholson took this 12 point Buck on 11-23-14. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Debra Nicholson took this 8 point, 160 pound Buck on 11-17-13 (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)

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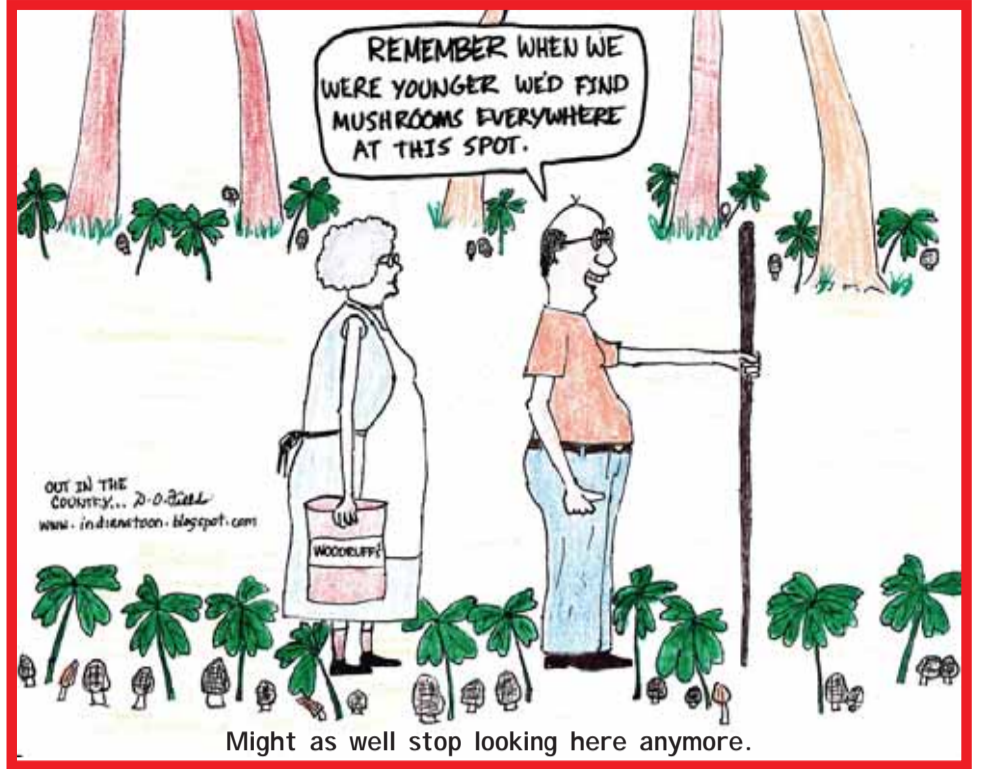
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Laken Belcher with his First Deer taken in Crawford County with his Grandpa "Goose" (Poor Boys Country Store Photo, Patoka Lake, IN)



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I didn't receive Golden Eagle's article this month and he hasn't answered my e-mail messages. I assume he is still taking those tests he told us about last month and is unable to send anything until they are finished. I will check with Triple Creek where he lives and bring you up to date in the next issue.

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