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**Bottom Left:** It starts simply enough. A hike through the woods. Perhaps a Sunday stroll through the park with your kids. Maybe just picking up an old rake which had been propped against a tree. See Page 20 & 21. (Photo by Rich Creason)  
**Top Right:** Some Brookville Healthcare Center residents enjoyed an outing on Brookville Lake aboard a Harris Grand Mariner Pontoon boat provided by Parkside Marine and More. See Pages 15-18 (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

**Bottom Right:** Today I want to tell you about my fish camp. I know all of you can pull up a vision of a fish camp being anything from a tent or a rustic cabin without running water or electricity, to a spacious lodge with restaurant, pool, golf course and fishing waters. (Photo by Jim Behrman)  
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by Ray Dickerson

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### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO FINISH VETERAN INSPIRED MEMORIAL PROJECT AT WHITEWATER MEMORIAL STATE PARK

The Veteran Inspired Memorial (Carving by Dayle Lewis) will be placed in front of the Whitewater Memorial State Park Office. It will be dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2014 at the Whitewater Memorial State Park.

If you are unfamiliar with the Veteran Inspired



Scott Crossley (Property Manager at Whitewater Memorial State Park) and Melissa Browning (Executive Director of Union County Development Corporation) standing in front of the Whitewater Memorial State Park office near the entrance to the park. The construction behind them is where the Veteran Inspired Memorial (Wood Carving by Dayle Lewis) will be placed. The covered area is where the foundation project is already underway. See below for how you can help this project be completed. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Memorial and would like to know more about it, go to my website [www.thegadabout.com](http://www.thegadabout.com) and open the October 2014 Gad-a-bout, go to page 8 & 9. To see it in person travel to Liberty, IN, via US 27, SR 44 - take SR 101 south about one mile to Whitewater Memorial State Park, it will be on your right. Coming from Brookville take SR 101 north seventeen miles, the park will be on your left.

The Veteran Inspired Memorial (Carving by Dayle Lewis) is currently in the parking lot near the park office just inside the entrance on your right.

The expense of placing this Veteran Inspired Memorial on a foundation in front of the Whitewater Memorial State Park office has been paid for already by donations. However extra funds are needed to construct a sidewalk that will make the Memorial more accessible to the public. The estimated cost of the sidewalk construction is \$1200.

When I heard about the shortfall of available funds to complete this worthwhile project, I suggest-

ed to Melissa Browning (Executive Director of the Union County Development Corporation)(UCDC) that I could ask for donations to raise enough money to complete the sidewalk project in The Gad-a-bout

Melissa told me she would talk to Scott Crossley (Property Manager of the Brookville Lake/Whitewater Memorial State Park Complex) since it was her idea to give the Veteran Inspired Memorial to the park in the first place. She needed to see if was okay with Scott to seek the donations from the public to finish the project.

Since my conversation with Melissa, I have been told by both she and Scott that it is okay with them for me to ask for donations in The Gad-a-bout to help defray the costs of completing construction of the Veteran Inspired Memorial access sidewalk.

If anyone would like to help raise the needed funds to complete the Veteran Inspired Memorial sidewalk construction project, you can do so by

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## WHITETAILS UNLIMITED

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# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**  
Professional Fishing Guide



Top Photo: A look at Brookville Lake from a crop duster pilot's view. You can see Mound's beach at right, the Fairfield Causeway and Marina at left, Sagamore Resort in the distance and almost to the Dunlapsville Causeway. (Crop Duster Phil Roth's photo) Left Photo: Here is a nice walleye caught by Philip Roth who's from Tulsa Oklahoma. He is the crop duster who took above photo. (Author Photo)

## Fall Fishing in Brookville Lake

People ask me all the time where do your guide customer come from, and I reply they come from all over. Some of the countries I remember are Japan, Czech Republic, Mexico, Poland England, Germany. The bulk of the people come from right in this area of the United States, but I believe in the 17 years that I have been guiding I have taken somebody from ever state in the union. Another question people ask me how do they find you. I say I'm not sure, word of mouth I guess. Just the other day I had a guy call me and tell me he wanted to schedule a fishing trip. He said he had been in the area working for about a month and had been



with no wind I said reel them up we're moving.

We moved to the north end of the lake pretty close to Quaker town Marina and set up shop in about 5 foot of water. Phil said I got a picture of this area. I told him we had been catching walleye here to. Of course I told him that in the last spot also. We put away the heavy fishing poles and got out the 6' med. Light poles tied on 1/32 ounce guppy jig tipped it with a night crawler and went to work. Within a few minutes we had something, it was a rock, then a limb, then a rock again, but we kept working this one little area. What we did was change direction and speed up just a little bit, all of a sudden Phil said he had one I got the net and bam its a walleye. I think I said something like that comes from good clean living. I took a picture of Phil holding his 1st Indiana walleye and he promptly sent to his wife. We caught 7 walleye that day. I sure am glad we moved.

If your a fishermen you have to think in your mind the fish are feeding somewhere some how. Don't give up and say I guess their just not biting today. Use your depth/fish finder as 1 tool in your arsenal of tools. If you don't see fish on your finder think shallow.

Good luck Tag,

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watching me. I said what do you mean and he told me he flew an air tractor. I said what the hell is a air tractor, and he told me he was a crop duster. He had been working around the area and had been watching us fish the lake from the air as he would fly over the lake. He said he was wishing he could be on the lake fishing. I asked him if he wanted to trade, he laughed. After talking a bit I found out his name was Phil and he was from Tulsa Oklahoma.

We scheduled a walleye fishing trip for that Monday. Phil told me on the boat that he told his wife get the grease ready because he was bringing walleye home from Indiana. No pressure right. The first spot we went to I had caught walleye there for 2 days but wouldn't you know it, we bombed, not one bite. We were fishing a choked down area in the main lake using blade bait 45 feet deep. We would drop the bait clear to the bottom and rip it up and let it flutter back down just trying to land it short of the bottom. I told Phil we had been catching them that way for a couple of days but after about 1/2 hour we caught nothing. This is where I remembered Phil telling me he told his wife he was bringing home walleye. This particular day was unseasonably warm



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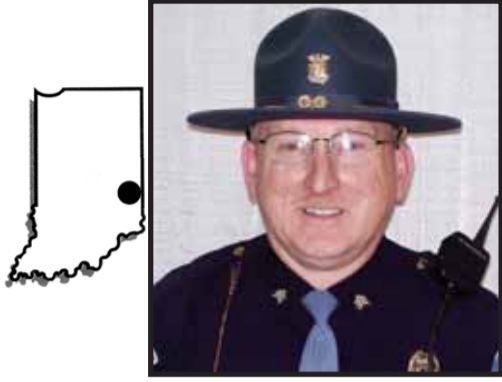
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## News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling  
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

### Indiana State Police Unveil New Electronic Firearms Application Process

The Indiana State Police unveiled a new electronic firearms application process that will be in effect beginning October 1st. The new process will remove the "paper" application and after October 1st only electronic applications will be accepted. Firearms permits issued after October 1st will also be hard plastic, as opposed to the paper permit currently issued. "The new electronic application is designed to streamline the application process for both the applicant and law enforcement officials" said Assistant Chief of Staff Major Mike White, Communication and Information Systems. "This system is designed to be user friendly and will make the process easier for all those involved." Persons already holding a firearms permit or those obtaining a firearms permit after October 1st will also be able to request a duplicate firearms license or request a change of address via the electronic version. Firearms permits already issued and persons holding firearms permits will not be affected. Those persons will utilize the electronic version when their permit expires if they do not possess a lifetime permit. For further information regarding the firearms permit process go to the Indiana State Police website at [www.in.gov](http://www.in.gov) and click on the link "Firearms Licensing."

### Delaware County #1 in the State...For Meth Labs

The Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Unit published the state wide numbers for Meth Labs dismantled in the state for the first half of the year. Through the end of July, Delaware County, located in the Pendleton District, had the dubious distinction of being number one in the state for Meth labs discovered and dismantled. There have been 75 labs dismantled in Delaware County through the end of July. Madison County, also in the Pendleton District,

is currently in ninth place in the state with 23 labs dismantled.

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

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

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

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

### Indiana State Police Announces Launch of Official YouTube Site

While many YouTube videos referencing the Indiana State Police may be found on the popular YouTube site, none of the footage posted has been officially placed on YouTube by the state police. That changed in August of 2014 when the official Indiana State Police Information Channel was launched. The site now has several videos posted for public viewing. The most recent addition to the channel is the Marion County 'We Always Get Out of Our Car' support video. When IMPD Officer Perry Renn

was shot and killed in the line of duty on July 5, 2014 a local Indianapolis TV news station personality reported the mother of the alleged murderer said "...the tragedy could have been avoided if Officer Renn would have stayed in his car; since he could see [the suspect] had a gun." Since the death of Officer Renn, police agencies across the nation have posted their own messages of support that they too will always get out of their police cars. Regardless of a law enforcement agency being city, county, state or federal; the taxpayers expect us to get out of our cars to confront the element of society engaged in criminal acts that threaten the fabric of our society. Please visit the Indiana State Police Information Channel at this site:

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### Indiana State Police Now Taking Applications Through 11/30

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# Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



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

## Indiana DNR Law Enforcement Div. becomes eighth agency to achieve national accreditation

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) announced that the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (Indiana DNR), Law Enforcement Division has become just the eighth agency in the country to meet the national standards of NASBLA's Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Program. The BOAT Program was created to ensure the readiness of law enforcement and emergency response boat crews throughout the country and is recognized by the United States Coast Guard as the national standard of training, typing and credentialing maritime law enforcement officers and emergency responders.

"Agencies who choose to adopt this national standard assure their ability to conduct missions on our nation's waterways safely and effectively, and operate seamlessly with their federal, state, county, tribal and local maritime partners," said Mark DuPont, director of Boat Operations and Training for NASBLA.

Through the accreditation process, Indiana

DNR's training plans, means of documentation, maintenance of files and currency of qualifications in the areas of Basic Crew Member, Boat Operator for Search and Rescue, and Tactical Operations were assessed and found to be in perfect compliance with the national standards outlined in the NASBLA BOAT Program Manual.

The agency will be formally recognized by the organization's entire membership during the 55th NASBLA Annual Conference in Bar Harbor, Maine, October 16-19, 2014.

"The IDNR Law Enforcement Division is honored to have participated and met the demands established by the NASBLA accreditation committee. We are humbled by our accomplishments, but are extremely proud of them as they have prepared us to better serve our Indiana Hoosiers, and all those who look to us for water safety measures", said Law Enforcement Division Director Danny East.

"The citizens of Indiana and of this country can be assured that this agency and its officers are true force multipliers and capable of interagency operations within our maritime homeland security and recreational boating safety framework," said DuPont. "This is a significant step for the state of Indiana, a step that truly enhances the safety and security of Indiana DNR conservation officers and their partners on the water. It is a warranted reflection of the commitment, dedication and professionalism of their organization."

"I could not be more proud of the efforts and skills of our officers, our training section, our Division and our Department", said Indiana State Boating Law Administrator Lt. Kenton Turner. "This was an accomplishment achieved by a total team effort."

### About NASBLA

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators is a national nonprofit organization that works to develop public policy for recreational boating safety. Representing the recreational boating authorities of all 50 states and the U.S. territories, NASBLA offers a variety of resources, including training, model acts, education standards and publi-

cations. Through a national network of thousands of professional educators, law enforcement officers and volunteers, the organization affects the lives of over 76 million American boaters. To learn more about how NASBLA continues to make the waterways safe, secure and enjoyable, visit <http://www.nasbla.org>. For more information on the BOAT Program, visit [www.nasbla.org/BOAT](http://www.nasbla.org/BOAT).

## Modification to Trail Creek Sea Lamprey Barrier May Improve Fall Salmon fishery

Fall fishing opportunities on Trail Creek in northwestern Indiana should improve thanks to a change in how the sea lamprey barrier on that stream operates. The seasonal modification to the LaPorte County barrier will make it easier for salmon and steelhead trout to move upstream, while still blocking the invasive sea lamprey, according to DNR Lake Michigan fisheries biologist Brian Breidert. "Anglers should be excited about this change," Breidert said. The change involves the lower end of the fishway, also known as a fish ladder. From roughly Sept. 1 to Dec. 1 each year, the lower end will operate as a pool and weir fishway, while the upper end still will be maintained as a vertical slot, with removable trapping equipment. The change was carried out by the Indiana DNR and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with cooperation from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, a Canadian/US treaty organization responsible for the sea lamprey control program. The change also will reduce the time spent by DNR staff to trap fish, evaluate them, and then transfer them back to the stream during the salmon run. Selective fall trapping still will be used as a management tool to collect biological data during fall and to help Lake Michigan fisheries staff gauge the strength and timing of salmon and steelhead runs. Trapping is also necessary during spring and summer to remove upstream migrating sea lamprey and to collect Skamania steelhead broodstock, which pro-

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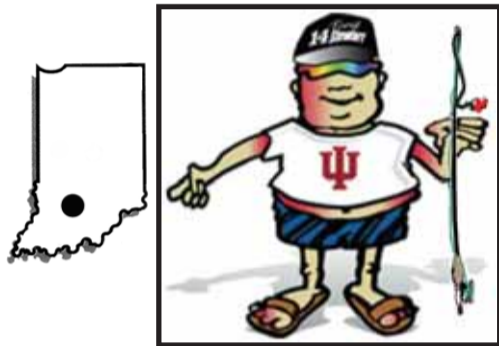


My fish camp is 77 feet long, 16 feet wide with a front and rear deck, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full kitchen, living area, washer, dryer, a roof top patio including dining area. (Author Photo)



The front deck is 16 feet wide and 12 feet deep with room enough to seat 7 or 8 people comfortably watch any sporting event on television on a 37-inch flat screen. (Author Photo)

## Vacationing In Southwest Indiana



by Jim Behrman

### Fish Camps Come in all Sizes and Accomodations

Today I want to tell you about my fish camp. I know all of you can pull up a vision of a fish camp being anything from a tent or a rustic cabin without running water or electricity, to a spacious lodge with restaurant, pool, golf course and fishing waters. They can be anyplace from right off the interstate on a small lake or river to a place only reachable by a fly in service. My fish camp is in the middle of these visions on a floating condo that I can move around the fishing waters any time or place I so desire.

The fish camp is 77 feet long and 16 feet wide with a front and rear deck, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full kitchen, living area, washer and dryer and a roof top patio including dining area. It is power by 2 V-6 Mercury engines and has a 15 kw Westerbeke generator that generates enough electricity to run the entire condo. The engines generate ample power to move the boat around the lake at a crawl or if in a hurry it can move at a hustling 9 or 10 mph. There is 300 gallon of water storage for use in cooking, cleaning, or bathing and 200 gallon of waste tanks to hold the waste created by eating those fresh fish just hauled out of the lake. Each meal in or on the condo can be like those shore lunches we all see on the fishing

shows and drool over. The name of my fish camp is "Dugdeep". The logo has my caricature you see on this article reaching into a bag of gold eagles labeled 401k. It signifies that I had to reach deep into my 401k to purchase this fish camp and find a bank that believed me when I said I would pay them back. (See picture "fish camp")

The front deck is 16 feet wide and 12 feet deep with room enough to seat 7 or 8 people comfortably and to watch any sporting event on television on a 37 inch flat screen. This is a combination of dining area when we are on the lake to take advantage of the 3 sides of windows with screens looking out on the water or shoreline to "dad's room" when in dock and dad wants to watch some football and the "best fishing buddy ever" mom, is not watching football. It has a canvas enclosure so rain or shine it is available for use and becomes a gathering place for friends. (See picture "front deck")

The living room and dining area are together in the front portion of the boat with a sliding glass door opening to the front porch and a sliding glass door to the stairway to the rooftop patio. As you can see in the picture it includes a couple of recliners, large fold out couch, entertainment center cabinet and fireplace. The biggest difference between fish camp living area and your home living area is a helm. This is the downstairs place to operate the boat from with controls for the engines, generator, marine radio and other systems all centered here. This living area is a very comfortable area to watch your favorite shows or movie and listen for the bell on your fishing pole to ring signifying you got a bite!!!! (See picture "living room")

The full kitchen has everything your home would have in the kitchen minus a dishwasher. The "best fishing buddy ever" usually takes care of the dishes using the sink and hot water and dish soap. Her best fishing buddy ( I hope) does most of the cooking either here in the kitchen or on the patio with the grill. There is a full electric stove, fridge with freezer, microwave, trash compactor, large cabinets and pantry, to store your supplies and utensils in. When on the lake the generator will power

your full kitchen and allow you to cook whatever you so desire. (See picture "full kitchen")

The master bedroom and bath are located in the back of the boat at the end of the hall past the washer and dryer and a guest bedroom and bath. There is a large sliding door opening to the back deck and giving an excellent view of the lake and or the marina. There are large storage drawers and two small closets for hanging clothes. Since most attire here is shorts, swimsuits, t shirts and sneakers there are only a few hanging clothes kept for a special occasion in town or visits off the lake. The queen size bed is slightly raised and drawer storage provided under the bed. The master bath has a full size shower, sink and mirror cabinet, and large closet to keep bath supplies in. (See picture "Master bedroom")

The back deck is enclosed like the front deck with



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The back deck is enclosed like the front deck with large zip out windows so they can be opened and screened. The fishing boat is tied here for easy access. (Author Photo)

large zip out windows so they can be opened and screened. The screens keep the bugs out and allow

the breezes from the lake to blow thru the condo. This is the storage area for cleaning supplies and fishing equipment and provide access to the engines and generator. Rod holders, large storage cabinets and a stairway to the roof top patio dominate this area. There are a couple of chairs to relax in with morning coffee and look out on the lake and a swim platform to allow easy access to the water for swimming and a place to set and hang your feet in the lake. This also allows easy access to the fishing boat tied there. You can smack the alarm, slide out of bed and into your fishing attire, grab a cup of coffee and a biscuit, step off into your fishing boat and be headed to your favorite hot spot in a couple of minutes. (See picture "Rear



The patio for our fish camp is on the roof. Here we have a large eating table, an area for eating and beverages and a flat screen television for watching, if so desired. (Author Photo)

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# Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

## I'll Trade You This For That

History has shown that in the olden days trading was a way of life for many. Indian tribes traded goods between themselves and when the first settlers began arriving, the Indians learned first hand the meaning of, "I tell you what I'm gonna do for you, 'ol friend. I'll trade you even, this handful of fine sea shells for that pile of moth eaten ragged 'ol beaver pelts." Of course the Indians had no way of knowing that furs were a high priced commodity on the east coast and that sea shells could be dredged by the ton off the beaches.

The settlers soon learned that value is in the eye of the beholder and began opening trading posts which soon became the frontier equivalent of today's pawn shops. Log shacks with signs that read "Cactus Jacks Trading Post" began springing up in the middle of nowhere and soon, ladies in New York were sporting fur coats while sea shells couldn't be found anywhere on the beaches. The art of becoming a shrewd trader expanded into other venues and continues to the present day. A prime example of the lineage of former frontier traders can be found on today's used car lots. One modern example involved me as I agreed to help a friend find a decent used motor scooter, one of those little things with a 50cc engine that makes a grown man look like an ostrich riding a skate board. Since I happen to have one of those magnificent machines, my friend decided to help me look like a demented old man and accompany me on my rides around the lake. A search through area towns had us standing in a used car lot looking at three examples of fine quality Chinese made transportation. Out came Happy Harry with a small mustache and a smile on his face.

"Good afternoon, gentlemen. How can I help you?" (I wondered if that was the typical approach by Cactus Jack to a band of Apache warriors back in frontier days. It

kinda made me wonder who really was getting scalped in those days.)

"What's your price on this one?" The thing looked like it had been run through a crusher and then hammered back into some semblance of a scooter.

"I'll let you have that little beauty today for only \$600."

If I had been an Apache warrior, his scalp would now be hanging on my lodge pole. After telling him we would charge him only five dollars to haul it away and dump it somewhere, he dismissed us as potential buyers and moved to another victim.

Trading has become a form of art with some people who apply it with cunning and finesse. Unfortunately, for every skilled trader there are dozens of apprentices who consider themselves shrewd enough to get the best of a deal. Even though I've practiced for a lifetime I never got any further than kindergarten. One of my big downfalls is in trading firearms. Somehow, in spite of all my training in not letting emotion get in the way of common sense I will get suckered into trading a Fox side-by-side, gold inlaid, limited edition shotgun for a How Wang Chung single shot, bolt action rifle that features a trigger pull of only twenty pounds.

It's now confession time. Some years ago a "friend" had a reproduction Colt 1851 Navy revolver that I felt I couldn't live without. In a prime example of total brain death I made an even trade with a Colt 1911 A1 .45 that my uncle had brought back from WW2 for what turned out to be a pistol hammered out in an obscure Italian tool shed. As a reminder of stupidity, the what's-its-name now hangs on a wall in my den as a reminder that I am an Apache who thinks a couple of sea shells is worth a truck load of mink skins. However, sometimes, things work out a little better. I think. Recently, another friend called to say he had made a two gun purchase and wanted to know if he had made a fair deal. Considering the price he had paid I informed him that, irregardless of what the other firearm was, he had made a good purchase on the one he described at the price he paid. When I asked about the other one he said he didn't know what it was and because of its size and type, he wasn't really interested in it. He had to buy it as a part of the deal. Both guns or none. The next day we met and it was immediately apparent that he had a well known high quality brand manufactured in 1947, with the original leather holster and overall in excellent condition. I expressed an interest and we soon worked out a trade deal that was satisfactory to both of us. Within a week he had sold the other one at a decent profit and I have what I consider to be a collectible example of fine craftsman-

ship from a time when quality was a prime goal.

Even though I sometimes wonder if I should keep my hands in my pockets and my mouth shut, I can't resist the allure of shiny things, much like a corn crib rodent that finds a penny and trades a silver dollar for it. By the way, anyone out there that would be willing to trade a Ford Edsel for a pontoon boat in very good condition. I'll even through in a fine Italian made 1851 Navy revolver on the deal. ■

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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

## MY ADVICE? EAT FISH

I ate the first salmon I caught from Lake Michigan in 1973. I was 24 years old at the time. I shared it with my wife who was of child bearing age (and eventually bore children.) Was I crazy?

Almost immediately after the introduction of salmon to the Great Lakes came the government, private groups and private citizens clamoring about how the fish in the lakes are "poisonous." I'd heard the clamor, I'd read Rachel Carson's epic book,



Fresh (or frozen) trimmed Lake Michigan salmon filets are healthy, safe to eat and extremely tasty.. (Author Photo)

Silent Spring. Still, I ate the fish.

I was young and indestructible. I smoked cigarettes at the time. I drove fast and didn't always buckle up. (I gave up cigarettes and became a faithful seat-belt user about 10 years later when my wife bore our first child.) I still ate salmon from the lake and fed it to my new son and later to my new daughter.

I'm considerably older now. I had grilled salmon caught in Lake Michigan for dinner last night. Despite the warnings I read and mostly ignored for the last four decades or so, I didn't die. Most of my teeth are still there. My diet of Lake Michigan salmon does seem to have changed the color of my mustache from brown to white, but I sort of like it that way. Gives me a sort of Colonel Sanders sort of look.

But still the government, private groups (now called NGOs - non-government organizations) and private citizens are clamoring about the "unsafe to eat" fish that come from Lake Michigan. Give me a break!

I'll be the first to admit, I don't like one bit of contaminant in the food I eat or the water I drink. If I could, all my drinking water would be melted out of glacial ice from Greenland that formed 10,000 years ago before DDT, Chlordane, pet-coke and Justin Bieber was invented. That's not going to happen. There's traces of "stuff" even on organically grown food. There's traces of "stuff" in the air at the North Pole and in the snow at the South Pole.

Back in the days when I was first eating Lake Michigan salmon, the contaminants were measured in parts per million. As PCBs and other chemicals were banned or phased out, those levels dropped precipitously. At the same time technology advanced

and pollutants could be measured in parts per billion (a thousand fold increase) and I've now seen measurements expressed as parts per trillion. That's a million times more sensitive than when I first enjoyed the flavor of Lake Michigan salmon.

Still, the stigma exists. Many people still regard eating fish from the Great Lakes as being as dangerous as tightrope walking across Niagara Falls. First bite, tastes good. Second bite, fall over dead.

The fact remains that what pollutants are in Great Lakes salmon and trout are concentrated in the fattier or oilier portions of their meat. It's easy to clean the fish in such a way that eliminating much or most of the fattier, oilier most contaminated portions gets trimmed away.

How much? It's been proven that a properly trimmed and skinned filet eliminates 85% of any accumulated toxins in the meat. So if you start with a fish that has to be scrutinized to parts per billion or trillion to find it contains nasty stuff, a few slices of the filet knife can whittle that down almost to zero.

First, look at the filet. See any fat? It's white the meat is pink or orange. Cut off the white stuff. Next, skin the filet. There's a fat layer between the meat and the skin. When you remove the skin, most of the fat stays with the skin. Finally, remove the lateral line layer on the skin side of the filet. It's fatty and has a bit of an off flavor, even on fresh fish. Freeze the fish for a month or two and the lateral line meat only gets nastier.

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Charlie and Paul Hildreth with their winning weight of 5.8 pounds to take home first place honors on September 13th. (Author Photo)



Mike and Jason Morrison with a weight of 3.83 pounds came in second place on September 13th. (Author Photo)

# Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing  
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

## BOZARTH CRAPPIE TOURNAMENTS

Closing out the year for the Bozarth Crappie Tournaments, we recently hosted our final two of the 2014 season. The third tournament of the season was held September 13th on the Salamonie Reservoir with a total of 14 teams. This tournament proved to be one in which there were many fish caught but one was very difficult to find the big ones. That didn't deter the team of Paul Hildreth and Charlie Hildreth as they were able to bring an impressive total weight of 5.8 pounds to the weigh-in table and take home top honors for total weight of seven fish. They also netted second place big fish honors with their top crappie weighing 1.27 pounds. As evidenced by the lack of bigger fish on the day and with a weight of almost two pounds less the champs, the team of Mike and Jason Morrison grabbed second place

honor with a weight of 3.83 pounds. Rounding out the top three was the team of Marvin Yeakle and Jeff Duncan with a weight of 3.79 pounds and they also took home the award for biggest fish with a crappie weighing in at 1.34 pounds.

Our final tournament of the season took place on a cold and windy day on October 4th. This tournament allowed our fishermen to choose to fish either the Salamonie or Mississinewa Reservoirs. We had a total of 12 teams entered for this tournament and it

proved to be a difficult day to be out on the lake. As mentioned above, the day got started off with the temperatures in the high 30's for a better part of the morning and to add to the conditions they had to deal with winds in excess of 30 mph to contend with as well. This time of year is also when the lakes begin to release water to lower the lakes to winter pool in order to help deal with potential flooding in the upcoming months. On this day the Salamonie Reservoir had been dropped about 5.5 feet and the Mississinewa had yet to

begin its draw down.

Even though the weather conditions were not perfect, our teams were still able to bring some impressive fish to the weigh in table. Fishing on the Mississinewa Reservoir and continuing to show their late season dominance the team of



Marvin Yeakle and Jeff Duncan with their Big Fish that weighed 1.34 pounds on September 13th. (Author Photo)

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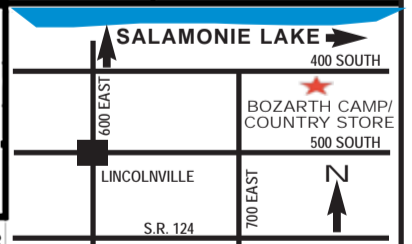
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Aaron Scott and David Pence with their winning weight of 4.54 pounds on October 4th. (Author Photo)



Myron Etchison and Jan Weber with their Big Fish and second place overall finish on October 4th. Total weight was 4.26 pounds and Big Fish was 14 3/4" and 1.52 pounds. (Author Photo)

Aaron Scott and David Pence defended their showing from last year and took home top honors once again this year with a total weight of 4.54 pounds. Fishing on the Salamonie Reservoir and coming in second place was the team of Myron Etchison and Jan Weber with a total weight of 4.26 pounds. They also landed the big fish of the day with a 14 3/4 inch crappie weighing 1.52 pounds. Then rounding out the top three and also fishing the Salamonie Reservoir was the team of Ed Sexton and Mark Jacob with a weight of 4.18 pounds. They also re-ceived second place big fish with a crappie weighing .93 pounds.

I would like to take a moment and thank everyone who took the time to participate in our tournaments this year and would like to invite everyone back again next year. Although these are competitive tournaments they have also turned into a great time for other fishermen to get to know each other and also a place to share and gain knowledge from other anglers. Our schedule for the 2015 season will be available during our annual Spring Fishing Tackle sale that takes place the first weekend of March and runs through the second Sunday. Be sure to mark your calendar as this is a great time to stock up and enjoy the best prices of the season here at Bozarth's Country Store. Once again, congratulations to all the teams that were able to finish on top this year and we hope to see you all back again next year. ■

## IDNR News

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vide for the future of the skamania fishery. Sea lampreys are a pest in the Great Lakes. They are native to the Atlantic Ocean and made their way into the Great Lakes in the early 1900s via the St. Lawrence Seaway. An adult sea lamprey can kill more than 40 pounds of fish in its lifetime. "Sea lampreys are incredibly destructive and must be controlled," said Bob Hecky, chairman of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. "The billion dollar Lake Michigan fishery depends on effective sea lamprey barriers like the one on Trail Creek." ■

a roof where we have lights and ceiling fans attached to assist in cooling and making the area more useful for us fish camp residents. (See picture "Patio")

That concludes the tour of fish camp. I hope it has enticed you to look at a fish camp in a different view than you did previously. Hopefully this will entice you to create your own fish camp by renting a houseboat for your vacation or purchasing your own floating fish camp and joining our group of friends here at Hoosier Hills Marina on Patoka Lake. ■

## Roaming The Outdoors

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**Editor's note:** I have visited the Whitewater Memorial State Park since 1952 enjoying swimming, fishing, picnic outings, hiking, horseback riding,  
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## Vacationing In SW Indiana

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desired. There is a small apt size fridge and ice maker under the bar. There is also a 2nd set of boat controls on the patio so we can cruise the lake from up here and enjoy the view. We have lounge chairs for relaxing, sunning, and a nap or two when desired. We grill many of our meals here and eat on the patio because of the lake breezes and the scenery surrounding us. The canvas top provides shade and

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# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## Teach your kids right when outdoors

One of the things I enjoy about deer season is the peace and quiet of being in the woods. Funny, isn't it then, that sometimes in Indiana, deer season can be the furthest thing from being peaceful and quiet.

As we sat in our two-man treestand Saturday afternoon enjoying the tranquil sights and sounds of the woodlands when the silence was broken by a few very close gun shots fired in quick succession. Hearing the occasional shot on neighboring properties is to be expected when you are hunting so that is not where my hang-up lies. The problem is that we heard at least a dozen shots that afternoon; all of which were very close to the property line and you could tell the hunter(s) were shooting in an erratic and irresponsible manner.

After the last volley of four of five consecutive shots rang out close to dark, Nicholas and I had had enough for the evening and descended from our stand and began heading back to the truck. On our way out, we saw the hunters on the fence row that separates the properties. We headed their way to introduce ourselves and to let them know that we were hunting next door. It was a father-son duo with the son looking about seventeen years old or so. They

seemed nice enough alright, but I would not say that they seemed very determined – or ethical – in the way they hunted.

I say this because of a few things. For starters, they did not seem all too interested in tracking the doe that the young hunter had just shot. Honestly, had Nicholas and I not been with them, I seriously doubt they would have looked for it at all. He shot the deer just as it stepped off of property they cannot hunt. The wounded deer retreated back onto the property from which it had come. The hunters then stated that they did not want to cross the property line to search for the animal. I offered to call the landowner and seek permission, but they declined my offer. I called anyway and we were granted permission to go look for the animal, and after a very brief attempt, the father of the hunter stated, "Well, looks like coyote bait," and they departed. They have made a habit of not looking for deer they had shot in years past, so this scenarios sadly came as no surprise. Shooting at animals right on the boundaries of properties they cannot hunt is not new for them either.

The young hunter also stated that many of the shots he fired throughout the afternoon were "pot shots," claiming that he knew the deer were too far and that he was merely shooting at them for the heck of it. So he is selfish enough to choose to compromise my sons hunt because he fails to take hunting, or his quarry, seriously enough? Nice.

These guys just choose to shoot at everything they see, regardless of whether the shots they are taking are ethical or not. They empty their guns each time a deer steps out in the field. Besides making it difficult for others, they have no idea that they are actually also making it much more difficult for themselves as well. They are simply educating the deer as to where to steer clear of. Heck, really, they have actually made it possible for Nick and I to take a couple of nice bucks in years past as the hunters drove their 4-wheel ATV's right to their stands, alerting any deer that may have been on their property to high-tail it out of there.

The poor young hunter doesn't know any better. He is only acting in a manner in which he is being raised. To him the way of taking short-cuts, being selfish and of lacking respect for

others and game animals doesn't seem wrong to him. It is easy to laugh at such buffoons and their less than mature behavior, but when they are allowed to function freely in society and in the woods in a recreation as serious as hunting, well, it is really just plain sad.



Making every attempt to recover your game animal is your responsibility. You owe it to the animal you pursue. Besides looking diligently for downed game, don't take unethical or ridiculous shots at game either. (Author Photo)

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L to R: Indiana Conservation Officer Travis Wooley (ICO), Dianna Koester (Co-owner Parkside Marine & More, Darren Miller (Boat Driver) and Pam Miller (Brookville Healthcare Center LPN).



Dianna Koester at left looks on as ICO Travis Wooley helps getting Life Jackets distributed and he, Pam Miller and Desirae Feedback help put the Life Jackets on the patients.

## An Outing on Brookville Lake

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

In some instances, "The Forgotten Few!"

Probably one of the most dreaded outlook an older person has in looking forward to is the possibility of having to live in a nursing home for the latter part of life. We as individuals become very comfortable with going and doing just about anything we want to, you know. I know many individuals who live in nursing homes, having visited them and spent some time with them. Some are fortunate to come and go, but others may never see the outside again unless an effort is made to provide them with an activity of some sort.

Which brings me to the heart of this article. I was delivering The Gad-a-bout to Parkside Marine and More last month, Delores Dobbs asked me if I was going to be busy on September 22nd. I looked at my pocket calendar and told her not that I knew of. She said that her daughter Dianna and husband Jeff was providing a pontoon boat for the outing on Brookville Lake for some residents of the Brookville Healthcare Center. I told her I would try to be there

if nothing came up preventing me from attending.

I asked her how the trip came about. She told me that one of the mechanic's who works at Parkside, Darren Miller, his wife Pam, who is a nurse, is employed at Brookville Healthcare Center and asked Dianna if they could help her find something for the residents to do. I told Delores I would see her on the September 22nd if possible, then I left to continue delivering October paper.

Later on I talked to Dianna Koester, Delores daughter, about the upcoming activity they had planned for the Brookville Healthcare Center.

Dianna said, "Pam Miller, Darren's wife who works at Brookville Healthcare Center wanted to do something outside the nursing home, for some of the residents, because she knew she couldn't accomplish it for all of the residents."

Their first thoughts was about maybe taking them fishing on the docks. So they contacted the DNR who said they would be happy to help in whatever way they could. Then they started talking about safety on the docks and the residents inability to maneuver to cast, catch fish, etc. Pam thought, given the age and some in wheel chairs, it would be very difficult for the residents to fish from the docks

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L to R: Indiana Conservation Officer Lt. William Beville, Dianna Koester and Indiana Conservation Officer Travis Wooley helped Brookville Healthcare residents enjoy the day.



L to R: Brookville Healthcare Center (BHC) group - Dennis Gault (BHC Bus Driver) from Brookville, Ed Dietzel from Laurel, Whitey Smith from Metamora, Desirae Feedback (BHC Staff) from Connersville, Lloyd Davidson from Brookville, Omer McAllister from Brookville, Pam Miller (BHC LPN) from Blooming Grove, Sydney Wood from Grand Rapids, MI and Jayn Laws (BHC Staff) from Connersville.

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In the front of the boat Left side seat - Desirae Feeback & Lloyd Davidson; Right side seat - Pam Miller, Whitey Smith and Omer McAllister. Patients have on their Life Jackets.



In the back of the boat with their back to camera L to R - Jayn Laws, Sydney Wood and Ed Dietzel. Facing the camera in back seat Dennis Gault. Patients have on their Life Jackets.



All loaded up, the first boat load of Brookville Healthcare Patients, driven by Darren Miller guides the Harris Pontoon boat towards the open water, heading south to the Dam and back.



For a surprise photo of the group I hastily drove to the Fairfield Causeway bridge to snap this photo from the bridge. Boat driver Darren Miller slowed down so everyone could wave at me.

Pam then asked if maybe they could rent a boat from Parkside. Dianna explained to her they weren't a boat rental, but given the circumstances, Parkside would be willing to provide a boat and take care of all the details for the residents to take a ride on Brookville Lake.

Dianna then set about making phone calls to work out the details for the boat ride. She first made contact with Conservation Officer Travis Wooley to see if they could have a C.O. there. Officer Wooley in turn contacted his supervisor, Lt. Bill Beville, who approved having one of his Conservation Officers there. Then she talked to Brookville Lake Property Manager Scott Crossley about the safest ramp to dock at for the safety of the Brookville Healthcare Center residents. Scott thought that for the safety of all involved Fairfield Marina would have the safest dock to load and unload, especially for the residents who would be in wheel chairs. Dianna said she was very happy with the excellent cooperation she got from Property Manager of the Brookville Lake/Whitewater Memorial State Park Complex, Scott Crossley and I.C.O. Lt. William J. Beville Commander, Versailles Enforcement District 9. All

was ready for the September 22, 2014 trip.

As September 22nd loomed on the horizon I got back with Delores Dobbs and told her I could attend the Brookville Lake outing, but needed to know more about when and where did I need to be that day. She told me the pontoon boat would be docked at the DNR Fairfield Marina located at the west end of the Fairfield Causeway. The first bus load would be there at 9:00 a.m. I told her I would be there a little bit before that.

Well as luck would have it, I was running late as I had to make a quick trip to Connersville and then head down SR 1 to Blooming Grove which would take me directly to the west end of the Fairfield Causeway. Fortunately for me as I was approaching Connersville I got a call from Delores telling me due to the chill in the air and crisp breeze that morning they had postponed the first bus to arrive at 10 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.

I thanked her for calling and was able to arrive at the Fairfield Marina at 9:45 a.m.

I grabbed my camera and tape recorder then walked briskly toward the dock. I could see Conservation Officer Travis Wooley standing by the dock, we aren't strangers. Travis is probably one of the most familiar

faces not only to me, but to many many others in the Brookville Lake area, he is what I would call an outstanding representative of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Enforcement Division.

Shortly Dianna Koester and two others joined us. I asked Dianna about the boat parked at the dock. She said it was a Grand Mariner Harris Flotebote, one of the top the line of their boats. It was Parkside's demo boat, they used it to show customers, employee activities and for type of activities like this outing on Brookville Lake.

I asked Dianna if I could get a photo of the four. I snapped a quick photo just as the first Brookville Healthcare Center bus arrived in the Fairfield Marina dock parking area, it was 10 a.m.

In short order the residents from the Brookville Healthcare Center was arriving at the boat. Pam and Darren Miller, Dianna Koester, Desarae Feeback, Jayn Laws and ICO Travis Wooley all helped get everyone on board, putting Life Jackets on them and a blanket if they wanted one.

At 10:11 a.m. I snapped a photo of Darren Miller backing the pontoon boat away from the dock and

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L to R: The second group from the Brookville Healthcare Center loaded and ready to leave the Fairfield Marina dock. Standing on dock at right is Delores Dobbs, Dianna Koester's mom.



Darren Miller (Parkside Marina Mechanic and Boat Driver) skillfully guides the Harris Grand Mariner pontoon boat from the dock heading north with his precious cargo.



L to R: Brookville Healthcare Center (BHC) group - Anna May Mariano from West Harrison, OH, Pam Miller (BHC LPN) from Blooming Grove, Candy Wallace from Anderson, Desirae Feedback (BHC Staff) from Connersville, Wilma Stallo from Brookville, Dennis Gault (BHC Bus Driver) from Brookville, Jim and Patsy Weilman from Brookville.

soon they were heading north just a bit to clear the other boats along the dock. Then Darren steered south toward their destination, the Brookville Lake Dam. Some of them waved as I snapped another photo.

I had approximately an hour or so to get something else done before they returned. I headed for my Van. As I got in, an idea flashed in my mind, I quickly headed toward the Fairfield Causeway, I wanted to beat them to the bridge and take a photo of them from above.

I made it with only a couple of minutes to spare. Darren saw me standing on the bridge and slowed the pontoon down. I quickly took two photos, the second was the best because by that time they all saw me and began waving. See the above photo, page 16.

I returned to the parking lot at the Fairfield Marina around 10:35 a.m. I got my binoculars out and started panning around the lake, every now and then looking towards the Fairfield Causeway bridge so I could get the first glimpse of Parkside's pontoon boat.

Prior to the return of the pontoon, Lt. Bill Beville

arrived. I had a nice talk with him, I hadn't seen him for quite some time and was pleasantly surprised when I saw that he had been promoted to Lieutenant.

The trip to the dam took a bit longer than anticipated, the Grand Mariner first came in sight at 11:28 a.m. and docked at 11:34.

I asked Pam Miller if I could get a photo of them standing by their bus. I could see they were all tired, but seemingly exhilarated and happy. (See page 15)

The second bus loaded with the residents, who were all in wheel chairs, arrived at 2 p.m. I walked over to where they parked and asked if I could take the group photo before they got away from the bus. Pam agreed, I told her I didn't think I would be there when they got back. I had another activity to go to that same day. (See their photo above)

At about 2:05 p.m. Delores Dobbs returned to the dock, she wanted to visit with some of the residents she knew.

Handling them with care Pam and Darren Miller, Desirae Feedback, ICO Travis Wooley, Dianna

Koester and Patsy Weilman got everyone aboard, put Life Jackets on them and blankets where needed.

Darren Miller backed the pontoon away from the dock at 2:12 p.m. They cleared the dock area at 2:16 p.m.

The only ones left on the dock was Delores and I. We talked a bit, I thanked her for inviting me, it was a good outing. I enjoyed myself tremendously.

I left the parking area again thinking that I would take a photo of the second group from the Fairfield Causeway bridge - wrong!

I saw Delores following me into the parking area next to the Fairfield Causeway. She got out of her car and said she thought they may have headed north instead of south.

They had pulled a fast one on me and headed straight north once they cleared the Fairfield Marina. I laughed, thanked Delores again and headed north myself, towards Liberty.

I think that Delores and Paul Dobbs, Dianna and

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Left Photo: This is the Brookville Healthcare Center, home for Anna, Candy, Wilma, Ed, Omer, Jim, Lloyd, Sydney and Whitey who enjoyed taking a boat ride on Brookville Lake September 22, 2014. Right Photo: This is the Brookville Healthcare Center staff (available for a photo) from left to right Front Row: Jayn Laws from Connersville, Lisa Wilkerson (Director of Nursing) from Brookville, Cindy Reed (Assistant Director of Nursing) from Brookville, Juanita Rosenberger from Brookville and Desirae Feedback from Connersville. Back Row: Jessica Ketcham (Activities Director) from Connersville, Jessica Moore from Brookville, Sharon Combs (Social Services Director) from Laurel, Pam Miller (Nurse Manager) from Brookville and Bonnie Walker from Brookville.

Jeff Koester, Darren and Pam Miller, Scott Crossley Property Manager of Brookville Lake, Lt. Bill Beville and ICO Travis Wooley all deserve a big round of applause for creating a partnership of professionals who care very much to go that extra mile to provide these residents who live in the Brookville Healthcare Center such a wonderful experience. I was told there was one resident in attendance that had never been out of the Brookville Healthcare Center building since he arrived.

Anyone reading this article, take a moment and ponder about this a bit. How would you like to live in a nursing home or other care facility, knowing you could leave, but never being able to leave unless your family, a friend or a good samaritan steps forward and provides the means for you to do so. I bet this thought would put a smile on your face and the resident (s) you helped also, for a very long time.

I'm smiling just thinking about what this Brookville Lake outing did for the residents of the Brookville Healthcare Center, who went out on the lake September 22, 2014.

In this case though, it was LPN Pam Miller who is the Nursing Manager at Brookville Healthcare Center who stepped forward to get the ball rolling towards the Brookville Lake outing. Her husband is a mechanic at Parkside Marine and More, Inc., the two of them talked to Jeff and Dianna Koester about the prospect of their helping Pam provide for an outing on Brookville Lake.

On Friday, October 10th I made an appointment to meet with Pam Miller at the Brookville Healthcare Center at 9:30 a.m. I wanted to find out more about her, their healthcare facility and take a photo or two.

After entering the building I looked for the office and sighted what looked like a nurses station up the

hall and headed in that direction. There was a lady sitting at the desk writing in a ledger. I waited until she looked up and asked if Pam Miller was available. The lady paged Pam, telling her someone wanted to see her.

Pam greeted me and asked what I wanted to know. I told her we didn't have time to talk at the lake and I wanted to know more about her and the Center.

I asked what she did at the Brookville Healthcare Center. She said she was an LPN and Nursing Manager, she had been there for five years. Her responsibilities included overseeing wounds and weights, working the floor a couple days a week, doing regular med passes and treatments.

I asked her about the Healthcare Center, about that time Lisa Wilkerson (Director of Nursing) came over and joined our conversation. I asked how many residents lived there. Lisa said currently 65 are in residence, their highest attendance was 96 - they have 100 beds in the facility.

I asked about activities and Pam said they had one special activity every month, in fact they were going to an apple orchard next. They also go on trips to local restaurants and lots of groups make appointments to visit the facility, especially church groups. They said lots of singing takes place in the Center.

I told them I wanted to take a photo outside of the building and asked if I could take a photo of the staff. Lisa said that would be okay. (See photo above)

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The crew of Parkside Marine and More, Inc. L to R, Front Row: Jeff Koester, Delores Dobbs, Paul Dobbs, Dianna Koester and Andy Bentz. Back Row: Darren Miller and Phil Hoff. Jeff and Dianna Koester own Parkside Marine and More, they provided the Harris Grand Mariner Pontoon boat. Dianna arranged to get safe access to the Brookville Lake for the Brookville Healthcare Center residents' outing on September 22, 2014. Darren Miller drove the boat and Delores assisted at the dock.

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Poison ivy will often completely cover a utility pole like this one. It will do the same to fence post, outbuildings, etc. (Author Photo)



This is wild grape vine growing on a pole. From a distance, it looks just like poison ivy. Up close, the leaves are much larger and not in clumps of three. (Author Photo)



Another pole with five-leaved ivy covering it. This ivy is not poison. It is the plant which grows on the outfield wall at some baseball fields. It turns a darker, reddish purple in the fall, unlike the bright red of the poison ivy. (Author Photo)

# Outdoors



With Rich Creason

## THE BIG ITCH

It starts simply enough. A hike through the woods. Perhaps a Sunday stroll through the park with your kids. Maybe just picking up an old rake which had been propped against a tree. Then, an unconscious scratch or two of that itch on the back of your hand. The next morning, your hand is itching more. A red rash with tiny bumps has appeared. The hand may also show some slight swelling. The back of your arm is starting to itch. The rash is also beginning there. There's no doubt now. Once again, you have the beginning symptoms of the dreaded poison ivy. The rash may spread, the bumps forming blisters with oozing fluid hardening to a yellow crust. Not a pretty sight.

What to do? What to do? Well, by now, it's too late to do anything except treat the discomfort and hope it goes away soon. The urushiol oil found in the poison ivy plant has already locked onto the proteins in your skin. This happens within an hour or two or

up to a day or more. The rash may continue to spread for 24-48 hours if any of the oil which has not already bonded to your skin is not removed or if you are being re-exposed.

Poison ivy, (scientific name *Toxicodendron radicans*), is found at elevations below 4,000 feet, in all states except Alaska, Hawaii, and for some reason, Nevada. It is found mostly in the eastern half of the United States. About 75% of people are allergic to the poison oil in varying degrees. If you are in the lucky 25%, you may handle it freely until that point in time when you actually start becoming allergic to it. When I was young, I spent hours in the woods without contracting the rash. Then, one time I had a large cut on my arm, and I guess it allowed the oil to react with my skin. Now, it seems like if I walk close to poison ivy, I catch it.

How can you keep from catching this dreaded rash? Well, the easiest way is to learn to identify the plant and avoid it whenever possible. The common phrase, "leaves of three, let it be", is somewhat misleading. Poison ivy leaves are actually three leaflets fastened together on a stem called a petiole. This cluster of three leaflets and one petiole actually forms one leaf. This petiole is then attached to a branch. The leaves are arranged alternately along the branch. Other plants which look similar from a distance and also grow on poles, buildings, etc. are five-leaved ivy, wild grape, and even honeysuckle. None of these are poisonous. Up close, the leaves are obviously different.

Each leaflet varies in shape, size, and margin. Usually, it is two to four inches long, tapering to a point. The edge of the leaflet is sometimes entire, meaning it has no lobes or teeth. Other times, it may have a few or several teeth along its border. It may be shiny or slightly pubescent (hairy) on its surface, with heavy veins. Shape alone is not usually a good

source of identification during the spring and summer. Poison ivy leaves turn a bright red and yellow in the fall. This ivy is one of the earliest plants to change colors and can often be spotted from a long distance before the other plants start changing colors.

The plant has aerial roots growing along the stem which allows it to attach itself to trees, fence posts, and buildings. While it starts as a tiny vine, it can grow as large as a man's arm, and continue growing to the top of the tree on which it is climbing. Its flowers are a yellow-green with five petals. The fruit, or drupe, form in a cluster of whitish, waxy coated, round, pea-size balls which come on in mid-summer. While these fruits are poisonous like the rest of the plant, they are often eaten by some birds.

If the poison ivy plant is closely observed (not necessarily a smart thing), its buds are pointed, white to tan, about a quarter of an inch long. These will be present along the sides of the branch where the leaf stem attaches, and on the very tip. During the winter, this is an easy way to identify these plants as both the buds and the aerial roots are highly visible after the leaves fall.

But, your main concern, probably, is how to avoid catching it. First, stay away from it. (Not always possible.) If you do come in contact, (or think you have), wash the area PROPERLY within two to eight hours. By properly, I mean with soap and FRICTION. You must get the urushiol oil off your skin. Use any kind of soap which is recommended to remove oil. (Dawn dishwashing detergent is one option.) Then, use a washcloth of some kind with which you can scrub the area. Do this three times. Be sure to vigorously scrub any area which may have come in contact with the poison ivy or which you may have touched and spread the oil on yourself. This process should remove all the urushiol before it

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TOP LEFT: This is poison ivy growing on a utility pole. Notice the bumps on the leaves in the bottom center. This is common with this plant. TOP RIGHT: Photo showing closeup of leaves. Poison ivy leaves vary greatly in size, shape, and margin. But, it always has three leaves growing on one leaf stem. MIDDLE LEFT: This is what the buds look like. They are located on the tip of the branch and at the base of each leaf stem. MIDDLE RIGHT: Poison ivy leaves turn a bright red or yellow much earlier than the trees do. This photo was taken in late September. You can see the bright color against a green background from a great distance. BOTTOM LEFT: Poison ivy showing the twisting vines and a large clump of aerial roots. The vines can get larger than a man's arm and the roots allow the ivy to cling to almost anything. BOTTOM RIGHT: This is a closeup of a five-leaved ivy. It has five leaves in a clump and turns a dark red in fall. This plant is not poisonous. It grows in similar places as poison ivy. (Author Photos)

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Myron and Jimmy finished 1st with 5.23lbs at Morse Reservoir tournament (Author Photo)



Parker Sikora fished with her dad Doug and partner Jim Raymer to take 2nd with 5.12 lbs (Author Photo)



Glenn Gill and Tom Hankins finished in 3rd with 5.06 lbs (Author Photo)

## Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

### Morse Tournament

Fall is finally upon us and temperatures are starting to drop, this brings my favorite time of the year for crappie fishing. The Army corp. of Engineers is starting the winter draw down on local reservoirs and it won't be long until crappies start feeding up for winter. When this starts I locate schools of bait fish near deep water or channels than look for structure in these areas preferably on adjacent flats. When all these come together along with water temps and pressure it is not uncommon to catch a limit of good fish in a couple of hours. One of the benefits of fishing the fall bite is hunting season has started and most outdoorsmen are setting in tree stands so you may have the lake to yourself most days. With little or no boat traffic baits set nice and still over your structure and entice even the fish that are not feeding. One of my favorite fall spots is a shallow flat that drops off into twelve feet of water on one side and is adjacent to a secondary channel that is sixteen to eighteen feet deep on the other side and works to a point where the deeper sides meet if that's not good enough the flat has stumps spread across it and the deep side of the ledge has scattered stumps and brush. It is not uncommon for me to catch a limit of crappie in two or three hours and usually I can get a couple 1 3/4 lb fish every fall. I have been fishing this area for the last six years and never take more than a two person limit off this area each year, I also never keep any fish over 12" I simply prefer to keep the smaller fish and leave the bigger fish to reproduce.

Fall is also when the tournament series hold their Classics, Crappie USA Classic is on Cumberland Lake this year and I will be leaving

soon to fish it with Tom Hankins. Upon returning the Indiana Slab Masters will be holding their two day Classic on Monroe October 25th and 26th look for big weights at both of these tournaments.

As for past Slab Master Tournament results we fished Morse Reservoir on September 13th and had good conditions for this tournament. This being one of the reservoirs that is really busy with recreational boaters, water can get very rough but with cooler temperatures this was never an issue for us.

Cataract the last points tournament was one by Glenn Gill and his young daughters Grace and Allison, the Morse tournament was one by Myron Etchison and Jimmy Kiritsis one of our senior teams, Myron is one of the most experienced tournament fishermen in our series and has teamed up with Jimmy whom had never Crappie fished prior to last year. Myron and Jimmy caught their fish spider rigging on the lower end of the lake in 8' of water they also had a 1.27 lb crappie which was good enough for big fish of the tournament, their winning seven fish weight was 5.23 lbs. a good weight for a tough day. Finishing in second was Doug and Parker Sikora fishing with Jim Raymer this team caught their fish around docks and vertical jigging structure (Parker won her age division at the kid's tournament at Prairie Creek this summer). They posted a total seven fish weight of 5.12 to claim second place. Tom Hankins and Glenn Gill finished third with 5.06 lbs and caught their fish spider rigging the upper end of the lake.

Morse is one of those lakes that can produce a surprising weight if conditions are right, this tournament water temps were a little warm and fish were still in a summer pattern which is one of the toughest patterns to fish we caught all our fish on structure if you got far off structure the bite really slowed but if you stayed tight to structure the bite was very quick we caught several decent fish two and three at a time. On this day we just never found the bigger fish, we ended the day with 4.34 lbs only good enough for seventh place.

Congratulations to Myron and Jimmy on their win hope to see you guys at the top again soon. The following is the top five at Morse you can visit the clubs website [www.indianaslabmasters.com](http://www.indianaslabmasters.com) to view the complete weigh in results.

- Etchison/Kiritsis.....5.23 lbs
- Sikora, Sikora/Raymer.....5.12 lbs

- Gill/Hankins.....5.06 lbs
- Millsaps/Riley.....5.05 lbs
- Hooser/Hooser.....4.49 lbs

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**Camping Here & Beyond**



by John and El McCory

**Camping Clubs in North America (2)**

The first of the camping clubs this month is the Good Sam RV and Campgrounds Club. It is the world's largest organization of recreational vehicle (RV) owners with over one million five hundred thousand members. There are also over fifteen hundred Good Sam Club Chapters for campgrounds, good times and community service. The United States and Canadian Provinces host gatherings called Samborees. They sponsor and provide help at Clean-up Day, Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-Highway, and Dogs for the Deaf. The National Office is in Englewood, Colorado and was formed in 1966.

Their sister organization is Camping World, America's largest retailer of RV supplies, accessories, services and new and used RVs. Members enjoy saving on health insurance, financing, roadside assistance, extended warranties and repairs. Members get 10% off the price of a regular nightly RV site at 2100 Good Sam RV parks and campgrounds and up to 50% off at Camper World Super Centers, save on fuel at Pilot and Flying J Travel Centers, hundreds of dollars' worth of Camping World coupons, four free issues of Motor Home or Trailer Life and a Highway Club inserter inside and save with Smile and Save partner discounts. This club is known across America as the Face of RVing.

One can compare the Good Sam Travel Assist benefits on line to other similar plans. They also provide Travel Guides and Campground Directions and some magazines may be purchased on line at a good discount to members.

Good Sam also provides a forum for RV owners and campers so they can ask questions and get answers to more questions than anyone could ever ask, called the Open Road Forum. Check the various articles on Good Sam/Camping Club on line for information.

The next club we'll discuss is the Escapees (SKP) club. The home office is in Livingston, Texas and was formed in 1978. One of the most important and most accepted functions of the SKPs is their mail forwarding service for full time and part time RVers. It is the largest and most economical mail service for RVers in the nation. Check out this service on line to see how personal and secure it is. They also send packages and certified mail. The SKPs also provide a commercial membership program.

Care is provided to those members with from broken bones to Alzheimer's while you live in a caring community next to Rainbow's End in Livingston, Texas. RV insurance is offered, banking and loans and 24 hour emergency road service, discount RV parking, and product and service dis-

counts. There are 50 chapters including Mexico and Canada and common interest groups from quilting to hikers and many volunteer opportunities while you travel.

The 2015 Escapade, the 35th, will be in Tucson, Arizona, March 8-13 with Boot Camp from March 5-7 with RV safety and operations as well as information about camping and your unit. It will be on the Pima County Fairgrounds with almost limitless parking but early registration is suggested for hookups. Discussion forums and testimonials will be a part of the program and this is a good way to help plan your trips. As with all other clubs the SKPs depend on this type of help from others.

In 1969 the founder of Loners on Wheels recognized that wherever she went tables were set for multiples of two, hotel and motel rooms were basically for couples, and cruises and travel packages were based on double occupancy. She had the insight and visualized a need for RVing similar to the other clubs but basically for singles. Meeting with a small group of eight in

Death Valley, California the Loners Club formed. They've recently had their 40th anniversary. Membership numbers around 2,000 and members are found in most states. Indiana is in need of a chapter of Loners on Wheels as none exists at present, and I've checked several resources. There is a movie of the 35th reunion on line, by just typing Loners on wheels on the Search at the top of your Home Page.

As do all the other camping clubs, Loners have chapter campouts and rallies all over North America. A monthly publication is sent out and Mail Call is a way for members to communicate with one another. In early times Loners used various person's rigs for headquarters, and most recently, by selling life memberships and by loans from members, in 1998 they purchased the LoW-HI RV Ranch (Loners on Wheels-Headquarters International RV Ranch) in Deming, New Mexico. They started with eight full hookups and now have over sixty-five and a large storage area. They have a bunkhouse where coffee is served, and where social hour and meetings are held. This also serves as the library, craft, games and TV room. A memory room features the history of the LoWs Club. There are regular activities and trips where everyone is invited to participate. You DO NOT need to be a member to visit or stay in the park. If you are interested, please check out the movie on their website of the 35th annual get together. Indiana needs a chapter.

The Loners feature camping tips and tricks, computer tips, tips on appliances, hot water heaters, refrigeration, electrical and tips on working with the exterior of your rig. Also they discuss camper bathroom and kitchen problems and other problems in the interior of your rig.

The last camping group for this month is the Camping Women Club. This club is for women from the age of eighteen on up who are interested in RVing. Most of the women have diverse backgrounds and viewpoints and hail from all over the U.S.A., Mexico, and Canada and even from other countries. One does not even need to own any type of camping unit.

The group provides information, networking and support to help the woman successfully join the RVing and camping community and lifestyle. They have a magazine, RVing Women, that addresses safety on the road, how-to articles,

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# Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

## Trapping News

Well, I had planned to write about the ISTA 53rd Convention and Rendezvous, but I have not been able to get all the information together that I wanted to put into that article. Suffice to say that it was a good time for those who wanted to enjoy it. I cannot thank enough our vendors that came out a filled the Building at the Tipton County fairgrounds and all of the members of the public that kept them busy on both days. As soon as I can, I will have an article online and possibly a Post-Convention Wrap-up for the members.

Next year's Convention will be back on the third weekend of September because there is no choice. The Hoosier Outdoor Experience (HOE) will be on that same weekend and hopefully we can have some of our members attend the HOE on Saturday, so that the public still gets an introduction to trapping. Where the Convention will be is yet to be determined. The ISTA Board will take up, and decide that October 25th.

In case you have not heard, the ISTA is now an official 501 (C) 3 with a designation of 509 (a) (2). This is all tax speak to me. DONATIONS to the ISTA are completely tax deductible. What else this designation means is still being determined by our Attorney and Accountant. This has been a big hurdle that has been 13 months in the coming. So let's hear three (3) cheers. Hip Hip Hooray. Hip Hip Hooray. Hip Hip Hooray.

Before the actual trapping season begins, there are a couple more trapping education classes left for this year. On November 1 & 2, 2014, there is a class at Rockville, IN at the Raccoon Lake Recreation area. On November 8 & 9, 2014, there is a class in Laporte, IN at the Kingsbury Fish and Wildlife Area. You can find more information about both of these classes at [www.indianatrappers.org](http://www.indianatrappers.org) under the calendar section. There is also a guide to how to enroll there, or you may visit [www.passitonindiana.com](http://www.passitonindiana.com) and then click on the trapping class icon. The last couple of classes that the ISTA has had this past year have been quite full. If you do not have Indiana's Green Trapper Education card, and you are interested in interacting with other trappers, this is where you start.

The first Trappers Education Class for next year has been set. It will be Bloomington, IN on April 4 & 5, 2014, the first weekend of April. More information will be coming on its location soon. Last year we got washed out of the North Fork Service Area and had to go to the Paynetown Recreation area. It was amazing how many people are out at that time of the year enjoying the great outdoors. Our use of

PVC rings saved us many pinched toes of family pets, while showing our trapping students that they had the basics down and ready to apply.

The current prediction on fur prices this year is very mixed. It sounds like there has been some clearance of last year's harvest, but demand is still a little slow. Muskrats have held their own. I have always enjoyed trapping muskrats and like most trappers, they were the first specie that I went after. If you have a pond full of muskrats, this is the time to find a trapper friend to take care of their excess numbers for you. Maybe a few raccoon will come along too, or maybe a fox yet. Coyotes will once again be tough. If they have any mange, are red, or dirty looking, they probably won't sell. You could always have them tanned for yourself, and with a little imagination, create many interesting things with their fur. Coyote numbers in Indiana are really becoming a problem, especially for those families living at the edge of civilization.

As I write this, the various hunting and trapping seasons are starting. If you are headed out, remember to play nice with those other outdoors people that you come across. We have to stick together if we want to see our various seasons continue, unimpeded. If you get the opportunity to take a kid with you, do it. They are our future. Impress upon them that trapping is the sport where you coerced a wild animal to place their paw on two (2) square inches of dirt, or to get caught in other kinds of sets. It may sound like there is nothing too it. But if you try it alone, and learn it as you go, you will quickly see that there is much more to trapping than just catching mounds of animals and making a true profit is really hard work. Enjoy the seasons. Good luck to all. See you soon.

Till then, watch your top knot. Keep your eyes along the skyline.

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM  
Pres. ISTA

## Outdoors with Rich Creason

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attaches to your skin.

If you want to practice this before you contact poison ivy, get some dirty grease off your car engine or lawnmower, etc. Rub some on your hands, arms, back of your neck, or anywhere else. Put the soap on a wet rag and begin scrubbing as outlined above. After the third wash, see if you have missed any grease. Try it another time using soap and water only, no washcloth. Did it all come off? It takes friction to remove it all.

Remember, the fluid from the blisters DO NOT spread the rash. If you are getting new spots after the first day or so, you are probably getting re-infected from touching something and picking up more oil. This can happen from the plant at any time of year. The oil even remains in dead plants for a year or more. It can remain on shovel or rake handles, clothing, even pets, until thoroughly cleaned. Even the smoke from burning poison ivy plants is especially poisonous

Don't be afraid to go out in the woods, or worry about contacting this plant anywhere else. Just remember to wash thoroughly and properly and enjoy the outdoors.

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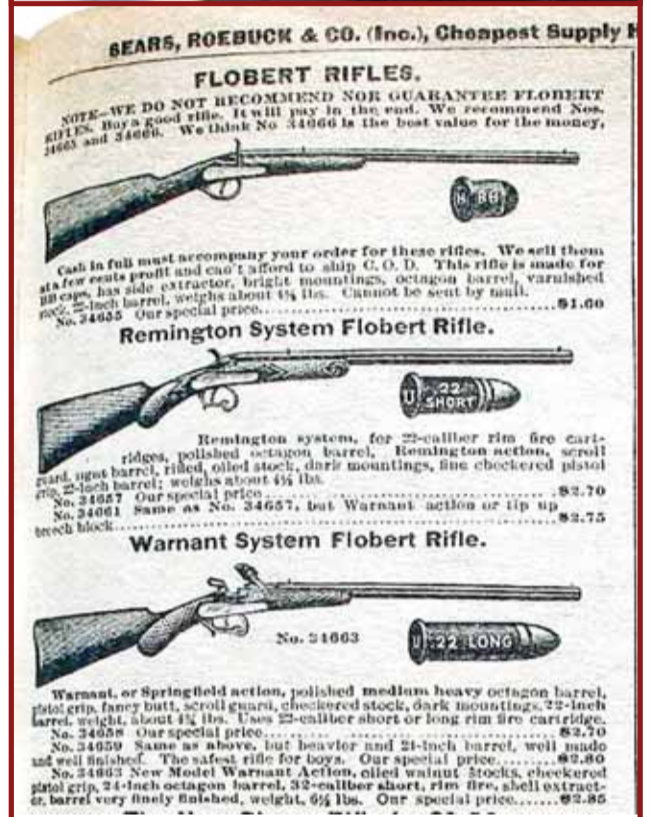
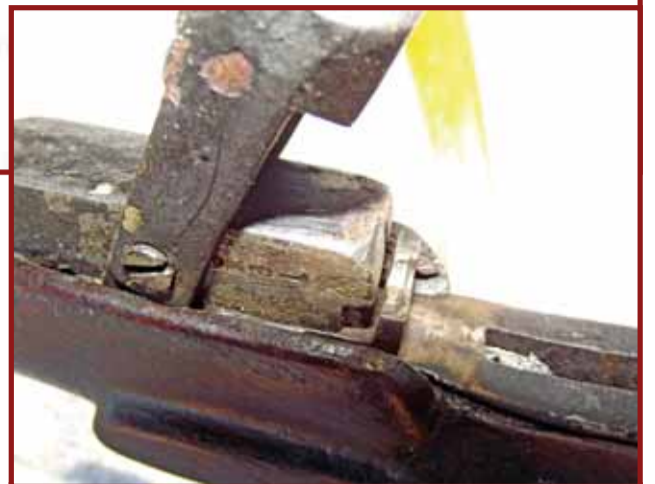


by Marshall Smith  
 Owner/Gunsmith

**The Parlor Rifle**

An old friend brought me his Flobert .22L rifle to repair a broken hammer. I thought it would make an interesting article being that many of you may never have heard of a "Parlor rifle" also called gallery guns, and smooth bore saloon guns. In 1845 French inventor, Louis Nicolas Flobert modified a percussion cap to hold a small lead bullet. He made the percussion cap with a rim to be fired from a small pistol or single shot rifle which he also developed. He intended the guns to be a toy. Its intended use was to entertain the rich with the ability to have a shooting gallery inside their large homes. The round did not contain powder and relied on the pressure produced by the exploding percussion cap charge to propel the bullet. Later rifles were to use a black powder .22 short. The Flobert Rifle had three variants, the original which depended on a heavy spring and the hammer to hold the BB-Cap in the chamber, a Remington model, and the final Warnant model which was a single shot rifle in .22L. The Warnant action which was similar to a rolling block action was basically a U-shaped block of metal with an internal firing pin in the piece. There was a small bolt handle on the right side of the block which raised the block up which also moved the bullet extractor to the rear pushing the bullet case out of the barrel. The rifle was also made in .32 rim fire.

Most of the guns were manufactured in Belgium from 1856 until 1920. Many were sold by Sears and Roebuck and local hardware stores and general goods stores of the era. The Sears catalog advertised the rifles in several styles shooting the BB Cap and the Remington models and Warnant model which would shoot the .22L or short rounds. In the Sears 1902 Catalog the Warnant model in .22L sold for \$2.85. My friend's rifle is the Warnant .22L model and was probably made sometime after 1895. The proof mark shows it was made in Liege Belgium sometime after July 9, 1893, according to Angus Laidlaw's article in the April 2006 issue of the American Rifleman. Those made before July 9, 1893, did not have the crown. Flobert rifles were chambered for .22 BB- or CB-Cap calibers and the later Warnant models in .22S and



Top Photo: The Warnant model Flobert parlor rifle. Note that the hammer is missing.

Middle Photo: The crown on the oval indicates the manufacture after July 9, 1893. Note the Bold is the raised piece and called a "tip up Breach Block" and operates the cartridge ejector as it moves up and down.

Bottom Photo: A page out of history, a Sears and Roebuck Catalog page from circa 1900. The Flobert Rifle sold for \$1.50 to \$2.85

.22L. Do not fire the current crop of smokeless powder .22 cartridges in Floberts even if they will chamber. The guns were made from soft iron and were for the black powder loaded rounds of the late 19th century and early 20th century. Even the BB- and CB-Caps of today are not safe to use in the old Flobert rifles. I doubt that modern day ammo would cause the barrels to fracture but the bolt doesn't seal the chamber and is only attached to the gun with thin soft metal which could easily break from the recoil and send the bolt back into the shooters face. Not Good.

There is not much interest in collecting the old Flobert gallery guns and the value has remained low. Those guns I found on auction sites that had sold were in the \$120 range and were in relatively good condition. The rifle in my shop has been painted with what looks to be a black oil based house paint. Some of which has chipped off and exposes some shiny metal but a lot of rusty metal is also present. The hammer had broken off and a replacement was

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# Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

## November & December

### Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

November and December are busy months in Metamora. If you love music and shopping then come on down and join us. November starts out with a concert by Chasing Blue on November 2. The show is from 7-9pm in the MPTA Barn at the corner of Hwy 52 and Pennington Rd. Five days later, on Nov 7, there will be a Dulcimer concert at the Blacksmith Shop at the corner of Clayborn and Columbia St sponsored by Mosaic. On November 8, Mosaic located on Main St, will be hosting an all day workshop for the dulcimer. This is a fun way to learn about playing the dulcimer and/or improving your skills. Mosaic obviously likes to keep busy because that evening they are co-sponsoring with the Cat and the Fiddle, 2 live comedy shows. The shows are at 6:30pm and 8:30pm. The cover charge is \$12 and includes dinner and the show. Reservations are strongly recommended so call the Cat and the Fiddle at 513-403-0672.

Whew, we've barely started November and its going strong. November 9 and Dec 14 there will be a photography club meeting from 2-3pm at Mosaic. This is a fun club for anyone interested in photography. It's free to join, just show up. This will be followed by group fiddle lessons from 3-4. The group fiddle lessons will be held Nov 9, 23, Dec 14 and 28. For more information call 317-213-1193.

Every year the Whitewater Valley Railroad brings the Polar Express Train to the Valley. This year the train will be running Nov14-December 14 Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This is a very popular train so if you're interested be sure to check out all the details and make reservations at <http://www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions/>.

Continuing on with more musical events, the MPTA Barn will be having a Bluegrass Concert featuring Tim Coffey and Elk Ridge on November 15 from 7-9pm. Food will be available to purchase. The following Saturday, November 22 is the 31st annual Metamora Christmas Tree Lighting starting at 6:30pm. Catrina and the Baggy Bottom Boys will be performing and leading the sing-along. There will also be a retelling of the Christmas story, free hot chocolate, coffee, cookies and more. November 28 from 7-9pm, there will be live music at the Blacksmith Shop at the corner of Columbia and Clayborn streets. Dean Phelps, Patchwork and friends will be playing together for one night only. Reservations are strongly recommended so call the Cat and the Fiddle at 513-403-0672.

November is the start of the Christmas season in

Metamora. The Whitewater Valley Railroad runs the Santa Claus Limited railroad for one day only, November 28. The train departs at 10am, 12pm and 2pm. Tickets are \$10 for ages 2 and up. This train is not affiliated with the Polar Express train. For more information call 765-825-2054 or go to <http://www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions/>.

Christmas walk is Nov28-30, Dec 5-7, 12-14, 19-21. Remember that shop opening hours are dependent on each individual shop owner. All the shops will be open Friday and Saturday until 10pm and Sunday until 5pm. The grist mill is open from noon-9pm. Finally the Santa house is open Friday and Saturday evenings from 5pm-9pm. The Whitewater Valley train is once again running its Metamora Holiday Express Train on Nov 28, 29, Dec 7, 14 and 21. The train leaves the Connersville station at 4pm and has a 3 1/2 hour layover in Metamora. Reservations are strongly encouraged since these trains sell out quickly. For more information call 765-825-2054 or go to <http://www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions/>.

November 29 from 5-8pm Kaleidosaurus Books and Toys will be hosting author Valerie Woebkenberg. She will be signing her book "The Story the Little Christmas Tree Told". The story is set in Laurel, Indiana not far from Metamora. The book was originally written in 1923 by an Indiana mother for her grandchildren. This heartwarming holiday story has been adapted by the author's great-granddaughters and vibrantly illustrated.

December 7 the United Methodist Church will be having a special music service hosted by Patchwork and other musical guests. Breakfast will be served at 9am with the service at 10am.

Mosaic will be having have events throughout the winter so be sure to check their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mosaicmetamora?fref=nf> for more information. So far ideas in the works are family game days, group fiddle lessons and more.

All good things must come to an end and as 2014 comes to a close so does the season in Metamora. The grist mill will close at 5pm on December 21. Many of the shops will close then as well and gradually open up in the spring. Thank you for visiting and have a happy holiday season.

Handicapped Travel Club, National Camping Traveler, (Masonic), and Recreation U.S.A.

If you have anything about camping you'd like us to research and discuss in a future Gad-A-Bout, please contact us at: 260-637-3524 or e-mail us at: [jmacnut@yahoo.com](mailto:jmacnut@yahoo.com). Have a good, warm winter and get busy and keep busy exploring this great country and creation, by travel, word in print, the internet, videos, etc. You won't get bored. Until next time.

John and El McCory

## Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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ordered. I examined the barrel and it appears the rifling was still good. The .22 shorts and longs of the early part of the century used a corrosive primer mixture. That primer mixture would destroy the rifling and the lining of the barrel rather quickly. I found some rusty spots in the bore but it still looked good overall. I don't have a bore scope to look down the bore of a .22 and relied on a good cleaning and what the patch looked like. Since very little rust was pulled out by the cleaning patch, and, the barrel appeared

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## Camping Here and Beyond

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women issues, health issues, money issues and personal-interest stories.

The membership is now over two thousand five hundred and RVing Woman is the only international support network for the woman RV enthusiast. Present member women range in age from the 20s to 90s with most in their 50s to 70s. Many are professional and more than a third are retired or semi-retired. Motor homes are the most owned with vans, 5th wheelers, travel trailers, tent trailers and campers in that order. Some members don't own units yet but are learning and planning on future purchase. Some have hung up their keys but are keeping in contact with other members by Facebook and e-mail. Some women have owned camping units for years and others are new to RVing. Some travel alone and other travel in groups.

The organization's headquarters is in Apache Junction, Arizona. To find out about chapters in the Midwest, go to RVing Women on line and on the home page it tells chapter locations and other information.

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Picture: L to R back row: Jimmy Berger, Brian Cheatham, Clay Smith, Brad Wildman, Randy Ballinger, Rodney Robertson, Kyle Jobe, Scott Crosley, Eric, Seibert, Jeremy Weber, Garry Sayne. Front row: Jodie Creek, Mike Waltz, Mary Jo Thomas, Suzie Latham, Sandy Cason, Karen Kahl, Derrick Mullins and Tyler Sayne. (REMC Photo)

## Indiana's Electric Cooperatives Participates in 50 Unique Service Projects

Submitted by Sandy Cason

Whitewater Valley Rural Electric Membership Corporation (REMC) participated in the inaugural 'Indiana's Electric Cooperative Community Day' on Friday, Oct. 10. Cooperative employees volunteered their time in Whitewater Memorial State Park cleaning up trash from trails and cutting back brush. Volunteers worked with co-op and park employees. All volunteers received a free lunch and no park pass was required if working on the community project that day.

Twenty-eight of Indiana's electric cooperatives completed a project that meets a specific need within their service area.

Working side-by-side, Indiana's electric cooperatives demonstrated one of the core cooperative principles: concern for community. Nearly 50 unique service projects were completed in a single day. This initiative provides the cooperatives the opportunity to use their time, skills and expertise to make a positive impact throughout the state of Indiana.

"Investing in the communities we serve is at the forefront of everything we do," said Mary Jo Thomas, chief executive officer of Whitewater

Valley REMC. "Indiana's Electric Cooperative Community Day provides us with the opportunity to work in tandem toward a single goal of making an impact on our state."

Each individual cooperative focused on a need in its community. Whitewater Valley REMC spent the day in Whitewater Memorial State Park.

"A cooperative's very reason for existing is to serve its community. Whitewater Valley REMC takes its responsibility as a trusted member of this community seriously and is committed to being a benefit to those we serve," said Mary Jo Thomas, CEO of Whitewater Valley REMC.

In addition to Community Day, Indiana's electric cooperatives are involved with philanthropic activities throughout the state of Indiana and beyond. In the summer of 2012, 28 electric cooperative linemen and two executives completed one of the largest international endeavors undertaken by U.S. electric cooperatives by constructing 20 miles of electric distribution line in a remote area of Guatemala. The lines constructed as part of the "Hoosiers Power the World" project now provide power to three commu-

nities.

Indiana's electric cooperatives have also been a proud supporter of the Ronald McDonald House since 2006. The cooperatives' commitment and long-standing tradition of giving back to the community is a cornerstone of their foundation. Cooperative's are currently participating in a campaign to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. For each new 'like' on the Whitewater Valley REMC Facebook page Oct. 1 – Nov. 21, 2014 Whitewater Valley REMC will donate \$1 to Ronald McDonald House.

Whitewater Valley REMC would like to thank Liberty Bell Restaurant, Pizza King, the Union County S.p.r.U.C.e. Group, Liberty Subway, and Whitewater Memorial State Park employees for their help in making the day a success.

Whitewater Valley REMC, located in Liberty, Ind., is an electric utility cooperative serving over 9,000 members in Dearborn, Union, Fayette, Franklin, Randolph and Wayne counties and maintains over 1,700 miles of line. For more information about the cooperative visit [www.wvwremc.com](http://www.wvwremc.com).

### RANDOM NOTES FROM PRAIRIE WOLF

smooth, I'll describe the condition of the barrel as good for its age.

I replaced the hammer with one purchased from Numrich's Gun Parts Corporation. Of course the condition of the hammer was used and in just as rough a shape as the gun. The hammer needed to be fitted to the gun and the sear re-cut to engage the trigger. I will suggest to my friend that he keep the gun as a wall hanger and not be tempted to fire the gun. He can take his time and remove the black paint and rust and do a cold blue on the barrel and it will make a nice addition to his den. Someday it may bring interest to some antique gun collectors or maybe to some interior decorators who find antiques in not so good condition and use them as decorative wall hangers in restaurants and taverns.

### Gun Rights

The gun grabbers are still out there, lurking in the details, and looking to pounce while you're not paying attention. Now they are going after the places you shop, Kroger's, Target, your local restaurants, and stores. They are trying to pressure or shame business owners into submission. Don't let them, let your business owner's in your area know how you feel, and that you are really on their side. Following the gun grabber's tactics will only make the business owners and their businesses less safe. Voice your opinion. It's Election time this month. Don't miss your only opportunity to really enforce your opinion. Your opinion matters, but only if you vote. Protect your Constitutional rights, exercise your voice to be heard, contact your Congressional Representative and Senator and express your opinion. Be Informed, Be Heard. Be

the squeaky wheel, demand your rights. Vote. Without the second amendment I couldn't write this column.

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

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In my quest to find out more about my father who was in the Seabees during WWII, Sherry and I traveled to Davisville, RI, to visit the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park on August 28, 2014. We found some Seabees there too. Left Photo: Richard (Dick) Caito, President of the Museum and Memorial Park. Right Photo L to R: Audrey Schwab, Seabee Robert Schwab and Seabee Don Reingardt. (Robert Schwab was the fellow who let us in the Museum.)(Photos by Ray Dickerson)

### Visiting the Davisville Rhode Island Seabee Museum & Memorial Park

I wanted to write about Sherry and I visiting Davisville, Rhode Island in last month's Gad-a-bout, but didn't have enough room. So here it is in this month's issue.

As it happened we found ourselves with an extra day to find something to do when we traveled to Worcester (Wooster), MA in August to visit our daughter who lives there. On this particular day we had wanted to visit our special friends who live near Belchertown, MA, Don and Phyllis Slessler. Some long time readers may know his name because of all the articles and visits Sherry and I have made to his house. They live on the Tailwater of the Quabbin Reservoir. Don and I was stationed at RAF Chelveston and RAF Alconbury together back in the early 1960's. We were both in Base Supply and also were members of the Chelveston and Alconbury pistol team. He and his wife Phyllis and five children lived at Hargrave Manor, a short distance from RAF Chelveston. I have great memories from England and visiting Don and Phyllis many times over the course of almost 3 years. Anyway we found out we couldn't visit them on this trip to Massachusetts.

On Tuesday evening, while looking at tourist pamphlets, I happened to be looking at a Rhode Island travel book when I spotted the name Davisville, the closer I looked I saw in small lettering, Davisville Seabee Museum.

I asked Sherry if we could go to Rhode Island on Wednesday, since we couldn't visit Don and Phyllis. She said it would be okay with her. I added that there was a Seabee Museum there, knowing she probably figured it had something to do with a military visit.

We left early on Wednesday needing to get back so we could visit with Amy and the grandkids that evening.

We made pretty good time driving, only had to make a couple turn-arounds. Our hardest time though was trying to find the Seabee Museum. I expected there to be a major road nearby, but I ended up taking a wrong turn, but was fortunate to do so, as we trav-

eled along we could see camouflaged quonset huts in a small group of trees. So we turned around and headed back the way we came, but still couldn't find a road leading where I thought I saw the buildings. Finally we found it behind a Shopping Mall. You had to drive into the Mall and take a side road back to the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park.

We parked and I got that feeling, I had finally stepped on hallowed ground, ground that my Dad, Raymond (Gene) Dickerson MMS 1/C had trod on back in 1944.

I started taking photos as we walked into the building are, mostly quonset huts similar to the one I lived in at RAF Chelveston, ours were a dark green, these were all painted with green and brown camouflage colors.

As we neared a walkway running between the huts I asked a guy who was just coming out of one of them if the Museum was open, he replied, "No."

I asked if he could let us in since we had driven a long way to get there. He said no again. Then I opened up my Dad's note book I had with me, the one I have been collecting all the material I have found out about his WWII years and showed it to him. I told him why we were there, we were from Centerville, Indiana and probably would never be able to return. He looked at the note book and opened one of the quonset huts for us. I thanked him.

We went inside. I really can't tell you how I felt walking through that building, but I had a strange feeling Dad was there too. In a way he was.

What a wonderful visit we had, well me anyway. Sherry is always a good sport when we get some place I really want to see, record and remember. She stayed with me through most of our visit. That is until I started talking to some local Seabees who were moving Seabee items from the smaller quonset huts to a new much larger quonset hut. See photos on next page. She told me she was going to go sit in the car. I acknowledged her statement and continued talking with Seabee Robert and Audrey Schwab, Don Reingardt and Richard (Dick) Caito, President of the Seabee Museum & Memorial Park. I thanked them and walked to our car, I asked Sherry if it was alright if I had a look back toward the back of the park. She said it was okay. So I headed over toward the Chapel

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Above Photo: Entrance to Davisville Seabee Museum & Memorial Park. The plaque in the stone reads, "Honoring the Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-1 Davisville, For preserving the "Can Do" Heritage by creating the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park." In the area near the flag pole this plaque rests,

"Lord, stand beside those who build. And give them courage, strength, and skill. O grant them peace of heart and mind, And comfort loved ones left behind. Lord, hear our prayers for all Seabees, Where'er they be on land or sea. R.J. Dietrich (1960)

Page 29 Photos, Top Row, Top Left: Ray Dickerson sitting on bench between sign that says, "Davisville Rhode Island, Original Home of the Seabees" and very large statue of the "Fighting Seabee." Top Right: Statue of the Fighting Seabee, my wife Sherry standing under it. A plaque on the side of it reads, 1942 - 1992, U.S. Navy Seabees, 50 Years of service, Original Home of The Seabees, Davisville, R.I.

2nd Row, Left: Chapel in the Pines with Bell and Anchor in front of it. 2nd Row, Middle: Sign near entrance to Museum. 2nd Row, Right: A Memorial Stone beneath the Fighting Seabee statue, it reads, In Honor of Frank J. lafrate, Creator of the "SEABEE" (I think I read he was contacted by an officer at Davisville to draw an image of what could represent the Seabees, he was a civilian at a civilian job. Later after designing the insignia he joined the Seabees.)

3rd Row, Left: Looking from the Bell and Anchor back through the camouflaged quonset huts, larger silver quonset hut will be the new Museum building.

3rd Row, Right: In the back row of the quonset huts sat this rusting hulk of probably a WWII road grader sitting on air strip matting.

4th Row, 1st: Inside the Museum, in a glass case a Seabee poster recruiting poster.

2nd: Seabees in battle dress carrying a rifle through the obstacle course.

3rd: Seabees in dress uniform marching.

4th: 3 Wooden plaques on left, Cloth bag and Front page of newspaper reads, Tokyo Broadcasts Says Japan Has Surrendered.



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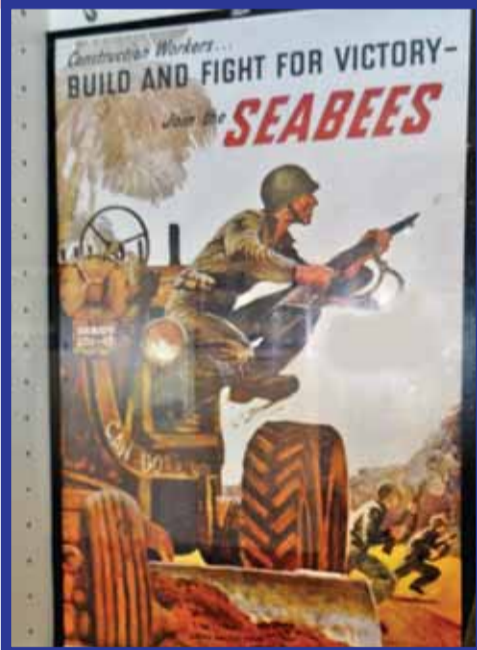
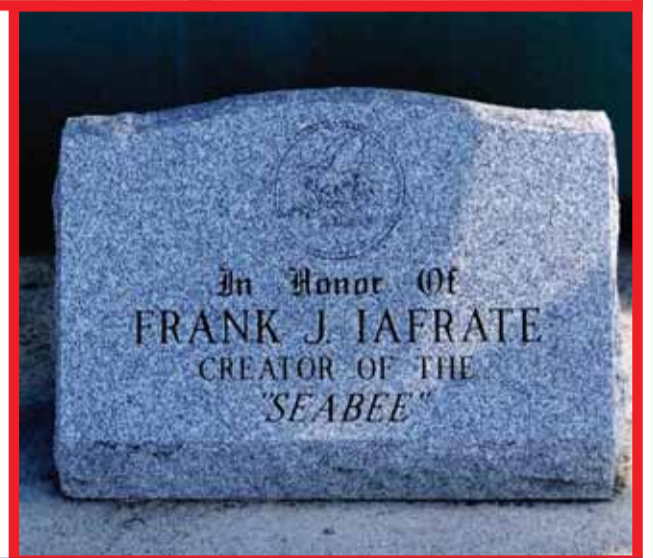
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Ray Terrel caught this 15 1/2 in crappie that weighed 1.88 pounds on the Salamonie Reservoir (Photo by Ryan Pershing Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Chase Bertsch took this 20 lb. Turkey the Spring of 2014 with a 12 ga shotgun in Wayne Co. It had a 1.5" beard. (Photo submitted by the Bertsch Family.)



Lucas Eaton took his first deer in Henry County. Lucas is 7 years old. (Photo sent in by Anita McFalls, owner of Gittin' Jiggy With It Bait & Tackle, Summit Lake, IN.)



My son got this great buck in Fayette Co. 9-28-14 during the youth weekend. It was his first deer. It weighed in field dressed at 210 pounds, and is an 8 pointer. Hunter is 11 years old. It took him three seasons to finally get one. (Submitted by his proud father, Rich Sturgeon)



Zachary Jessee from Modoc took this 12 point buck during the youth season. (Photo submitted by Anthony Wheatley.)



Tony Colgan caught this crappie on the Salamonie Reservoir (Photo by Ryan Pershing Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)

## Seabee Museum & Park

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in the Pines and found a walkway that led back further. I passed a couple of former ammo bunkers then came upon several memorial sites, probably about ten. Off to the right was another larger wooden likeness of the Fighting Seabee insignia. I then walked back through the hut area and found a possible WWII road grader sitting on top of the metal they built air strips of back then.

Then I headed back to the car, took one last look at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park and we headed back to Massachusetts.

It had been a wonderful day and a fulfilling one too, I found letters from mom to dad at Davisville.

I have been working on a new project since returning from our trip east. I've been scanning letters from mom to dad and from dad to mom from 1942 thru

1945. I have two different reasons for reading these letters. 1. To find out if there is anything in them that will answer some questions about where and when Dad was between 1942 and 1945. 2. To find out where and what I was doing back then. Now I've got copies of all of them and can return the originals to my sister, Kathy.

Like so many sons and daughters. All the times we hunted and fished together Dad and I never talked about his time in the service. The closest times the subject came up was once when I borrowed his Campaign hat (looked like a safari hat to me) to take on a scout trip to Lake Superior in 1958. One of the scouts threw dad's hat out in heavy traffic going through Chicago, lost forever. When we got home I had to tell Dad I lost it. He said, "I carried that hat all the way through the South Pacific and you lost it in Chicago!"

Since 2007 when my sister, Wilma and I attended the 79th NCB Seabee reunion in Lancaster, PA marked the beginning of my searching for Dad's

Seabee history.

The search will continue until.....

## Roaming The Outdoors

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boating and just enjoying the beautiful natural beauty of the park. One thing I do miss seeing on occasion is seeing deer in the park.

Getting back to the Veteran Inspired Memorial, I think that putting this Veteran carving, created by Dayle Lewis with his chain saw is a most fitting type of addition to the Whitewater Memorial State Park that has been added since the park was built.

If all goes well and we can raise the needed money to finish the sidewalk construction, then on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2014 the Veteran Inspired Memorial will be in place for the dedication for all in attendance to see. Right where it belongs!

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Ryan Alexander from Centerville, Ohio caught this really nice walleye in Brookville Lake October 10, 2014. (Jay's Midlake Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Jason and Kicker Howard caught this 41 pound snapping turtle on 5-30-14. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



Cayden Pennington shot this doe during the Youth Hunt (Photo by Ryan Pershing Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Veteran Inspired Memorial foundation footer being dug in front of Whitewater Memorial State Park office. Construction was paid for using donated funds. (Photo by Karen Schube)

**LAST ISSUE I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR SEVERAL THINGS, SO HERE THEY ARE, AT LEAST SOME OF THEM**



Naresh Kumar

I promised Naresh Kumar, the Motel 6 desk clerk that I would put his photo in The Gad-a-bout if he would send me the photo. On August 30th I got an e-mail from Naresh with the photo below. He said, "Hi, this is Naresh from Motel 6 Westborough, as I said I'm attaching my picture please find it. It's great meeting you. Regards, Naresh." (See his photo below left)

What a nice young man Naresh is, no I don't know much about him other than he is a very polite gentleman who took good care of us while we stayed at the Motel 6 located at 399 Boston Turnpike (Route 9) West in Westborough, Massachusetts. Phone: (508) 366-0202. If you are in that vicinity we highly recommend your calling ahead and staying at their motel.

**I GOT A REPLY FROM GOVERNOR PENCE**

I sent him an e-mail thanking him for backing the DNR on their decision to accept the Veteran Inspired

Memorial at Whitewater Memorial State Park. I also asked that he not run for President in 2016, that we need him here in Indiana for four more years as Governor of Indiana.

His reply: Dear Mr. Dickerson

Thank you for contacting me. It was a pleasure to hear from you.

I appreciate your kind words of encouragement. Please know that I will continue to represent the residents of Indiana in an honorable way.

Again, thank you for contacting me. It is an honor to serve as Governor and have the benefit of your advice. If you would like more information on this or any other issue, please visit my website at [www.in.gov/gov](http://www.in.gov/gov).

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