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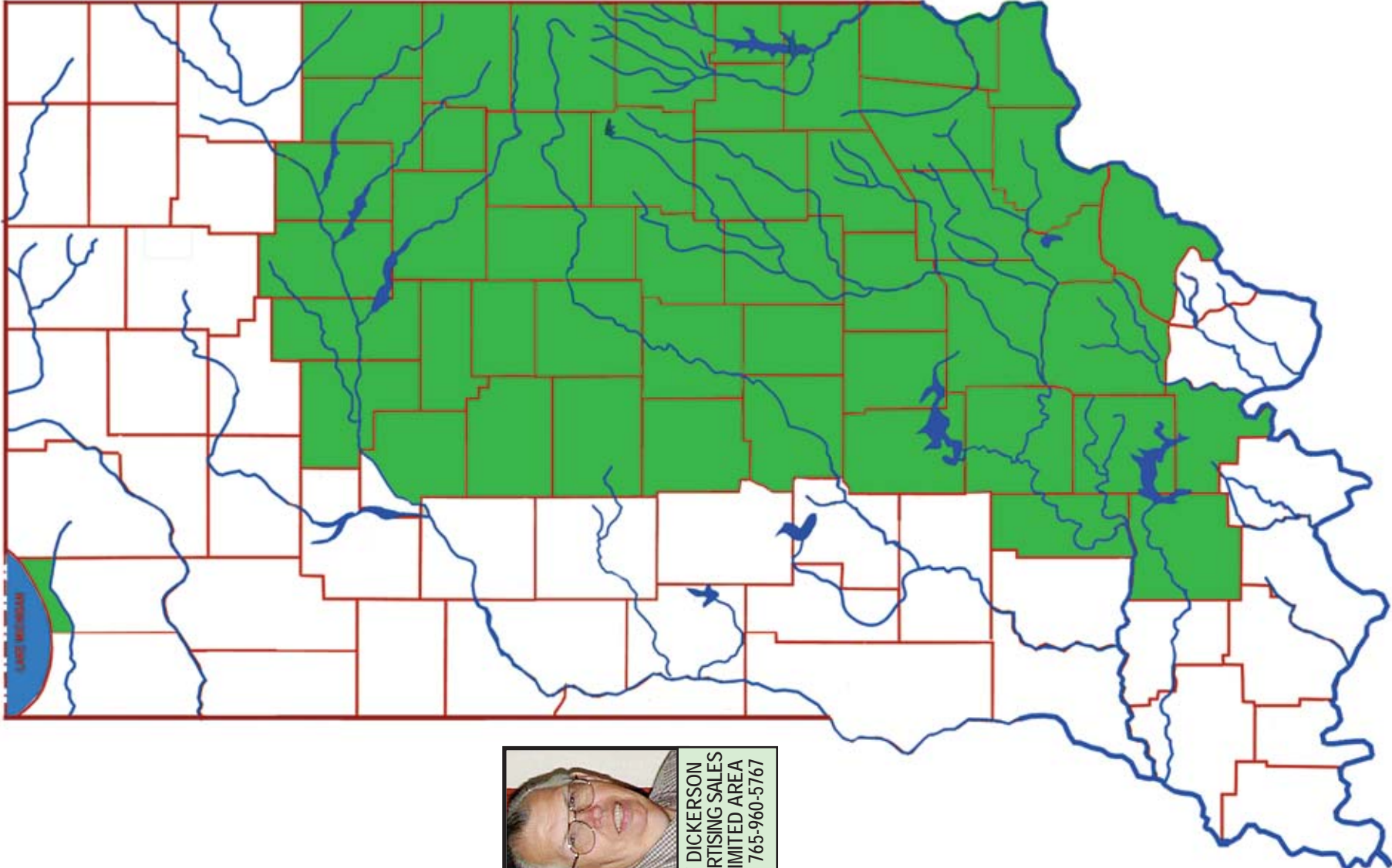
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**Top Right:** Will the spring of 2015 reward us with finding morel mushrooms like these. The past few years have left me high and dry finding any mushrooms. Years ago I found them almost every year, but our last three springs, winter hasn't wanted to let go until almost summer time. (File Photo)

**Bottom Left:** The Navy Seabee Veterans of America are having a Joint Convention and Reunion hosted by NSVA Island X-4 Toledo, OH and NSVA Island X-4 New Castle, IN. The Department of Ohio NSVA is handling all the details. See Page 5 for details and a Registration Form. All Veteran Seabees invited. (Navy Seabee Veterans of America insignia)

**Bottom Right:** Frontier Days was 3 days of activities. One of the activities taking place randomly was a Duel of Honor. These pre-1840 re-enactors are already

exchanging heated words. On the left is Russell Tarter and on the right is Dave Mason. These two honed their performance into an almost award winning gun duel. Usually the argument began over Russell's interest in Dave's wife. Before fisticuffs began a stranger (standing nearby) comes forward and suggests they settle the situation with a Duel and by chance the stranger happens to have two dueling flintlock pistols, charged with black powder. He acts as the second, having Russell and Dave standing back to back holding their flintlock ready to fire. He tells them to step off 10 steps, turn and fire. He warns them if one turns to fire early, he will shoot him dead. He cocks his long gun ready to shoot one of them if they fight unfairly. The two step away from one another, at ten steps they turn and fire. Normally Russell falls to the ground in a performance that would make John Wayne proud. (Our friend Russell Tarter passed away on May 2, 2013)

Another activity that was a real crowd pleaser was the Shotgun Wedding, except for the unlucky guy picked from the audience. But that's another story. See Pages 15-18, 29 & 30. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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by Ray Dickerson

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### THE WEATHER KEPT ME AWAY FROM FINDING THE LOCATION OF AG SCHOOL AT THE FORKS OF THE WABASH

It's going on 3 months now since trying to locate the location where the Quakers of Baltimore assisted Miami Chief Little Turtle and William Wells build the Agriculture School for the Indian tribes of 1804 when Indiana was a part of the Northwest Territory. In my February issue I told about finding the Little Turtle Waterway in Logansport at the Forks of the Wabash where the Eel River and Wabash join.

On February 6th I got an e-mail from Laura Whiteleather who is a Interpretive Naturalist at Salamonies Reservoir. Her e-mail said "I just read your article in the February Gad-A-Bout about your search for the Little Turtle Agriculture School. I believe the Forks of the Wabash is referring to the point where the Little River and the Wabash River come together just outside Huntington on US 24. We have an Indian Village map that we bought some years ago from I don't remember where. It does show a site called "Little Turtle's Farm School" just west of the forks. There is a historical center at the Forks and also one of Chief Little Turtle's houses. Unfortunately, the center is only open on special occasions. However, I believe they have a website. It is a completely volunteer organization.

Since her e-mail, there was a message on my phone from a guy who gave me the same location except he told about a chimney in an alfalfa field on a different road might be the remains of the school.

I looked up the website for the Forks of the Wabash Historic Park, which is a nice site. However the many websites about the Forks of the Wabash all tell about the area in the 1840's. The agriculture school I am looking for was built in 1804.

Hopefully when I am delivering the April Gad-a-bout up in that area I will finally get to that site and see what I can find.

The facts about how the building of this farm school happened will be in a future Gad-a-bout in my Frontier Days narration. The Narration for this issue begins on page 15.

**GREENSBURG COUNTRY MART MANAGER MARVIN GOODPASTER HAS A NEW SON**

See above in next column.....



This is baby Ernest Wilson Goodpaster 6lbs 6oz 19 inches long, born January 20, 2015. His very proud dad is Marvin Goodpaster, Manager of Premier Ag Country Store located at 766 W. Main St., Greensburg, Indiana.

Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Goodpaster from all of us here at The Gad-a-bout.

### JOHN & EL McCORY WHO HAVE BEEN WRITING CAMPING HERE & BEYOND SINCE 2009 APPEAR FOR THE LAST TIME

I got an e-mail from John and El McCory recently telling me their article this month will be their last. They have purchased a home in Florida and want to just rest and enjoy life. Their last article appears on page 22 in this issue.

If there is an aspiring camping enthusiast who would like to write about their camping experiences in The Gad-a-bout contact me by calling 765-960-5767, e-mail to [raythegadabout@gmail.com](mailto:raythegadabout@gmail.com) or send an inquiry from [www.thegadabout.com](http://www.thegadabout.com).

### NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA INDIANA & OHIO JOINT ANNUAL CONVENTION & REUNION MAY 1-3, 2015

This is a reminder to all those who I have contacted, you need to see the next page. Fill out the Registration Form and send it in no later than April 24th if you want to attend. Be sure to tell the Holiday Inn there in Perrysburg, OH you are with the Seabees to get the Seabee rate.

I've been authorized to invite Seabee Veterans who I've met since 2007 when I began searching for 79th NCB, CBMU #624 Seabees who might have served with my dad. Since 2007 I've only found one who actually knew dad. But in the process I've met a swell bunch of Seabees and Honeybees along the way. I can't think of any time in my life time I've met a more interesting group of American, patriots one and all. It sure would be swell to see you again and hopefully meet some Seabee families I've yet to meet. God Bless all of you.

### NEW ALSACE CONSERVATION CLUB 27TH ANNUAL FISHING DERBY SAT MAY 2, 2015

Dale Back sent this about the New Alsace Conservation Club's 27th Annual Fishing Derby that is being held on Saturday, May 2nd from 7 A.M. to 5 P.M. at Lake In The Pines just west of New Alsace. Our derby is designed to encourage adults and children alike to enjoy fishing, the outdoors and practice water safety. The New Alsace Conservation Club is

a non-profit organization in our 33rd year of operation. We would like to invite all to join us in celebrating our 27th derby anniversary.

At our 27th Annual Fishing Derby we will be giving away derby prizes and door prizes valued at \$1500 or more to those who are registered. The derby is open to the public with an entry fee for adults and children 12 years and older of \$18.00. Children under 12 are free. The derby will run from 7am until 5pm. Rain or shine. Registration will begin at 6am on derby day and continue throughout. It should be noted that participants are not required to possess an Indiana fishing license, since they will

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Dan Wells, Commander of Seabee Veterans of America New Castle's Island X-4 contacted me asking if I could help notify Seabee Veterans of an upcoming Annual Convention and Reunion.

The event is a joint Convention and Reunion for NSVA Island X-4 Toledo, Ohio and NSVA Island X-4 New Castle, Indiana. The Department of Ohio NSVA is handling all the details.

**This reunion is open to all Seabee Veterans.**

This issue is available on line at [www.thegadabout.com](http://www.thegadabout.com) and at advertiser locations beginning March 16th, see page 2 for a list of all the advertisers in this issue.

The Reunion will be held in Perrysburg, Ohio, approximately 5 miles south of Toledo on I-75. Contact the Holiday Inn, Perrysburg - French Quarter at 419-874-3111 for room reservations. The NSVA rate is \$95.00 a night, please mention you are with the Seabees. **Hotel address is 10630 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551.**

Fill out Registration Form at right and send as soon as possible. I'm looking forward to meeting Seabees I know and those I've yet to meet.



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For more information call Lake In The Pines at 812-623-2136 or Dale Back at 812-623-2431 or E-mail: [backdale@gmail.com](mailto:backdale@gmail.com). Check out our web-

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**61ST ANNUAL DEER, TURKEY & WATER-FOWL EXPO INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS FEB 26-MAR 1, 2015**

Anyone ready for some nicer weather. Well out of the 4 days I was set up at the 61st Annual Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis we had 3 pretty good days - Thursday thru Saturday. Sunday left a lot to be desired weather-wise as it took me 3 1/2 hours to drive from Centerville to Indianapolis, normally a hour and a half trip. However most of us were surprised at the number of brave souls who ventured out to the fairgrounds that day. It was probably one of the best attendance days for Sunday since I began

setting up at Renfro's Sport Show a long time ago. I think people were bound and determined to get out of the house and go look at all the outdoor equipment and listen to some really good fishing and hunting seminars.

We all got some disheartening news when Kevin Renfro told us the Coliseum wouldn't be available to them for the Sport Show anymore. Evidently the State Fair Board wants to only rent it out for sporting events - hockey, basketball, etc. Most of us have great memories of being in the Pepsi Coliseum as it was called prior to 2013.

I visited about every booth in the show this year. Met some really nice people. I told the Kitterman

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# News from the Indiana State Police



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

## Happy Anniversary, Gad-a-bout!

I just wanted to take a paragraph or two and congratulate Ray and Sherry on 25 years of publishing the Gad-A-Bout. I'm amazed sometimes at how many folks this paper reaches around the state. I've had people approach me from all over that say they read the paper.

I grew up in Centerville, so I've known Ray and Sherry a long time. I know that Ray has dedicated a large portion of his life to this publication, and it shows, as there is nothing else like it out there. Ray, I thank you and your wife for your dedication and hard work, and for allowing the Indiana State Police to contribute. Happy Anniversary for 25 years of the Gad-A-Bout!

## Indiana State Police Summer Youth Camps

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

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

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

The camps always include demonstrations by our ERT (SWAT), Explosive Ordinance Disposal, Scuba and other specialty teams. Troopers volunteer to put

on demonstrations on a variety of topics. The camp staffs are hand-picked law enforcement personnel who dedicate their time to preparing youth for their futures.

### Respect for Law Camps

These three-day camps are an exciting look at law enforcement for students entering 5th and 6th grades. Police officers staff the co-ed camps and programs include spectacular demonstrations by Emergency Response Team members, Bomb Squads, Underwater Search and Rescue Teams and police dogs. Campers participate in recreational activities, make new friends and go home with a new respect for themselves and others.

These leadership camps are co-sponsored by the Indiana District Optimists and scholarships are available.

Watch this YouTube video from ISP's Respect for Law Camp.

### Law Camps

Law Camps give students entering the 7th and 8th grades a behind the scenes look at the criminal justice system.

The four-day co-ed camps offer a more advanced look at law enforcement through field trips, exciting demonstrations and motivating programs. Campers meet peers from around the state, participate in recreational activities and leave with a greater understanding of the police field.

These leadership camps are co-sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Indiana and scholarships are available.

### Career Camps

Similar to the Indiana State Police Academy, Career Camps give high school students an in-depth look at law enforcement. Campers conduct their own crime scene investigations, hear from defense attorneys, judges, and other experts in the criminal justice field, and watch exciting police demonstrations during the week long camps. Camps allow students to make friends from around the state, participate in recreational activities and experience what the police academy is like.

These leadership camps are co-sponsored by



Indiana State Troopers and Summer Youth Camp attendee. (ISP File Photo)

Kiwanis International and scholarships are available. **Junior Pioneer Campouts**

Unlike the leadership camps, the Junior Pioneer Campouts are designed specifically for students between 11 and 14 who need a structured program with close supervision. For this camp, campers must be recommended by group homes, welfare departments, law enforcement agencies, probation departments or school counselors must recommend young people for the campouts.

These co-ed campouts are held at state parks and allow campers to prepare their own meals, set up campsites and explore the outdoors. Additionally, campers receive one-on-one time with law enforcement officers, who help them develop a more positive outlook for their futures.

The campouts are co-sponsored by the Jaycees in association with the Indiana National Guard. Scholarships are also available.

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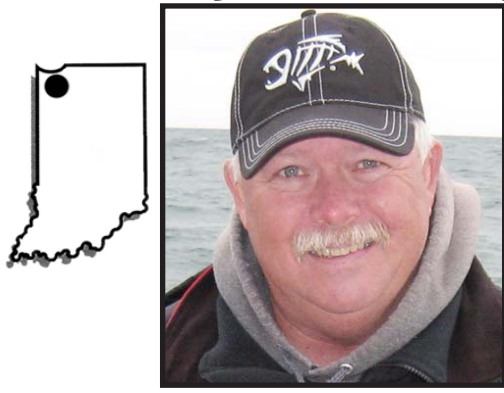


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## Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

### WHERE'S THE MEAT?

Remember the popular saying made famous on the fast-food hamburger commercial several years ago, "Where's the Beef?" There's a similar saying being heard more and more around Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes.

#### "Where's the Meat?"

In this case the meat isn't a fast food burger, it's a whole herring or the filet off a herring which is rigged up on a hook and sent down into the lake as bait to tempt a salmon or trout onto the line.

Is this a new or novel approach to catching salmon or trout? Not by a long shot. On the west coast (where our salmon and steelhead originated) live, or more often, cut bait has been the standard practice since hook and line fishing started. It just took a long time for the practice to come to the Great Lakes.

On a friendly wager more than 20 years ago, a group of west coast anglers came to Lake Michigan to match their saltwater cut bait tactics against the spoons, plugs, dodgers and flies the pros on the freshwater seas used daily. The result of that wager was a sound defeat for the "meat" men.

Sure they caught some fish, but the real bait didn't stack up against the lures pulled by the local experts. Fair test? Who knows, but for the next 2 decades no one heard, "Where's the beef (or meat)," on the Great Lakes.

Things have changed since then. The lake is cleaner, the forage base has changed, we've been through the BKD years, the EMS years. Sure there are days a fisherman can head out with a pair of downriggers and the same silver spoons and chrome J-Plugs which have worked since salmon were first put in the Great Lakes and still make a decent catch. But, look what is working these days. Leadcore line is hot. Copper line is on some boats. Diving planers are standard gear and the lures sport gaudy, glow patterns. Don't forget then rotating flashers and even electrically charged dodgers in the arsenal of Great Lakes pros.

#### And there's meat.

A meat "purest" takes a fresh or frozen herring and expertly whacks off the little fish's head at a rakish angle and stabs a hook through the carcass. Then he puts it down into the water to see if it spins in the proper



More and more anglers are using half lure - half bait rigs for Great Lakes salmon. (Author Photo)

corkscrew motion as it trolls along. A chunk of herring which merely drags through the water isn't very appealing to most salmon, nor is one which spins rapidly. The trick is to adjust the position of the fish just so on the hook to make it twirl invitingly as it pulls through the water.

To make getting the right spin on the meat simpler, several manufacturers have devised plastic bait heads to hold the herring. The angle of the head or fins molded onto the head make it easier to get the correct action, though some bait users still bend the heads or stick toothpicks into the "meat" to modify the look to suit their idea of what will better suit the fish.

In almost all cases in the Great Lakes, meat rigs are run behind a dodger or more commonly, a rotating flasher. Some bait users rely on the same dodgers or flashers they have used for years to pull trolling flies or squids. Others select larger sized flashers—up to 20 inches—to put ahead of their meat.

The smaller sized dodgers and flashers used with flies and plastic squids serve a dual role. They attract salmon and trout, and they also impart the action to the lures to incite the fish to bite. Since the bait heads or the cut of the herring impart the action to the bait, the flasher only has to attract the fish. The bait is usually run about 4 feet behind the flasher.

One other twist bait users have started using is called a twinkie rig. No it's not a creme filled desert to go with the meat, it's a string of small, hookless streamer flies which are positioned about a foot apart on the leader between the flasher and the meat rig. I suppose it's simulating a school of baitfish. It does work.

As with all Great Lakes lures, baitheads, twinkies and flashers come in a variety of colors and patterns which may or may not be important on a day to day basis. Stick with the same colors and patterns which you use in

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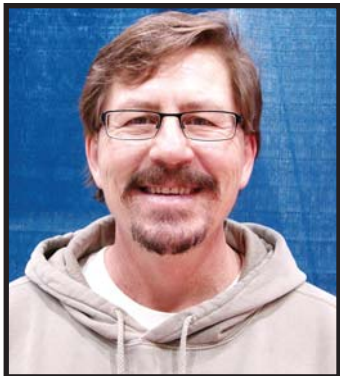
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Top Left Photo: There are 11 launching ramps on Brookville Lake. Top Right Photo: Traveling too fast in an idle zone can end badly. Bottom Left Photo: Brookville Lake at winter pool, 8 feet below summer pool. Bottom Right Photo: Brookville Lake Dam was built specifically for flood control. (Author Photos)

# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**

Professional Fishing Guide

## What Ramp should I use?

The best way to fish Brookville lake is from a boat. The lake has multiple boat ramps from the dam all the way to the river that feeds the lake. If you want a short boat ride to where you want to fish pick a boat ramp closest to that area. If your fishing out of a canoe pick a boat ramp back in one of the idle zones. The choice is up to you. To launch a boat on Brookville lake you have to have a lake use permit. You can purchase this at the Department of Natural Resources Mounds Office building located on State Road 101, about 7 miles north of the town of

Brookville.

Brookville lake is a unlimited horse power lake, so what ever you own you can use. There are four pretty good size idle zones on the lake. From the north end of the lake to Hanna creek then in Wolf creek, and in Templeton creek or Garr Hill.

There are 4 boat ramps at the north end of the lake. Treaty Line ramp is in the East Fork of the Whitewater River that feeds the lake. This ramp is a great place for a canoe or a small boat. There is one located inside Whitewater State Park, Silver Creek ramp. This ramp is a good one if you are camping at that facility. There is another one just north of Dunlapville Causeway on the east side of the lake. The fourth one is situated between Quakertown Beach and Quakertown Marina on the west side of the lake. (See Brookville Lake map on page 9).

The Hanna Creek idle zone has two boat ramps and a crane for putting sail boats in the water. You can only use the most westerly boat ramp (Hanna Creek ramp) though the other one to the east is strictly for sail boats.

There are two boat ramps in Templeton Creek and Garr Hill. The Templeton Creek ramp is within the Mounds state park. There is a restriction on this particular boat ramp. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day you can only use it if your camping at the Mounds State Campground. Before and after these holidays you can use it regardless. The only other issue is it's inside the state park so there is an additional entrance fee. Garr Hill boat ramp is called a

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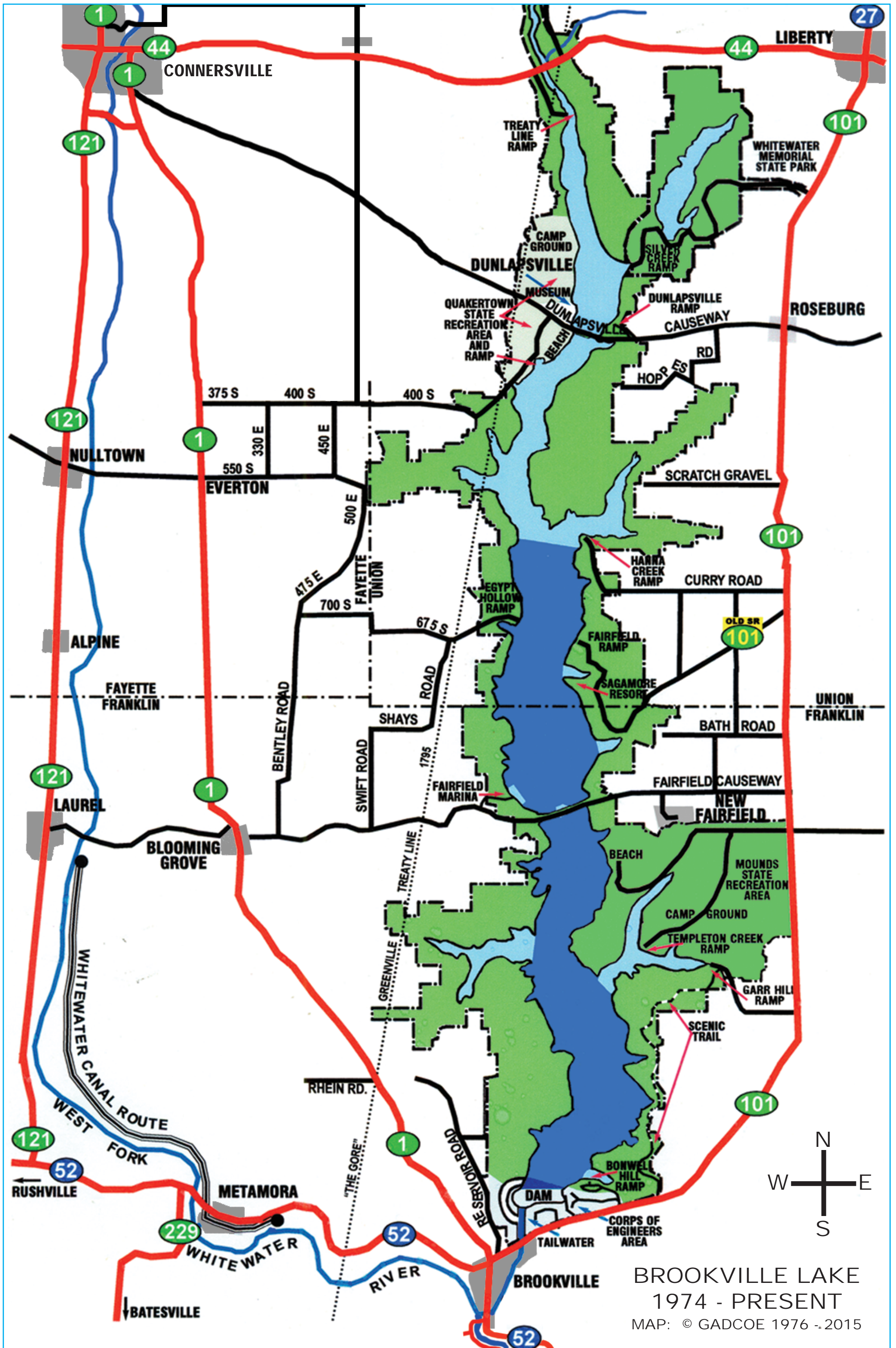
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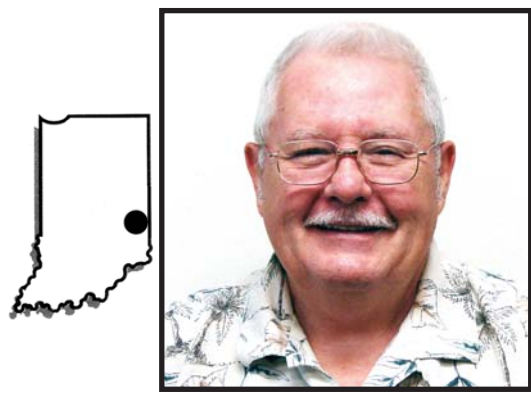
FIGURE 1. COMPARISON CHART: M855 AND M855A1 EPR

Characteristic	M855	M855A1 EPR
Cartridge Length	2.248 in	No Change
Bullet Weight and Length	62gr	No Change
Tip ID	Green	Bronze from Corrosion Protection
Slug	Lead	Copper
Cup/Jacket	Copper	No Change
Penetrator	Steel	Steel Arrow Head
Corrosion Resistance	None	Yes
Propellant	WC-844	SMP-842
Flash Suppressant	No	Yes
De-Coppering Agent	No	Yes
Velocity	3,113 ft/sec	Increased
Chamber Pressure	M855 Spec	Increased
Penetration	3/8" Mild Steel @ 160m	3/8" Mild Steel @ 350m
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Left Photo: Comparison chart.jpg [This chart compares the M855 most often used by sportsmen and women for target shooting, with the newer M855A1 currently being used by the U.S. Army as it is "Environmentally Friendly". (Photo courtesy of www.en.wikipedia.org) Right Photo: Ammunition\_Belt\_5.56mm.jpg [The green tip ammo in this ammo belt is the M855 designated 5.56x45 NATO rounds that the BATFE is planning on banning. There are several articles on why the ammo should not be banned as it is not a "Armour Piercing" bullet by definition. (Photo courtesy of www.en.wikipedia.org)

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



by **Marshall Smith**  
Owner/Gunsmith

in June of 2010 to replace the M855. It contains a copper slug and an arrow shaped steel tip and has increased velocity and energy and is reported to pierce 3/8" mild steel up to 350 meters. The bullet is almost an 1/8" longer than the M855 to maintain the same bullet weight and has a bronze colored corrosion protected tip.

I have mixed feelings about the use of the M855 ammo and now the M855A1 that the BATFE is currently planning on banning. Okay, now that I know of the ballistics, I am concerned that it could be used to kill our law enforcement officers. Not from a AR-15 or other rifle made for sporting purposes, but from handguns made to specifically use the M855 or A1 ammunition. These handguns are large but concealable and fall under the Single shot handguns that use rifle calibers are exempted from the BATFE rule. It is the manufacturers that have developed the AR-15 pistol and the AK pistol that has brought this to the attention of the BATFE and opened the door for the administration to outlaw common ammunition and essentially the guns. Action has already been taken as this ban was announced after the deadline for the last edition of the Gad-A-Bout and the comment time will probably close before this edition reaches the readers. As of this writing, it was announced that 238 members of the House of Representatives had signed a letter to the BATFE opposing the ban. My feelings? I'm a strong proponent of the 2nd amendment. I'm also a retired law enforcement officer and have two sons who are law enforcement officers. Back in the "old days", when I was in uniform, I worried about the Uzi in the hands of gang members and criminals wanting to kill police. Well that worry has now transferred to my sons. They both wear the best soft body armor available. The vests are intended to stop most handgun calibers but not designed to stop the M855 or M855A1. The vests won't stop most rifle calibers that exceed 2,000 fps. The vests offer the officer a chance against most common handguns carried by criminals. Like the Uzi of the 70s the criminals and gang members will be arming themselves but the most powerful guns they can steal. I don't think that banning the ammo is the answer. I'm more for banning the criminals from life that use them. Wow, did I just

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Mixed feelings on use of ammo that BATFE planning to ban

April is the month we want to get out to the range to practice our target shooting skills and improve our chances this year when we go hunting. If the current administration has its way target shooting and hunting with a gun may soon be a thing of the past. With the administration disregarding the 2nd amendment and using its pen and Blackberry to "change" the law and our constitutional rights, we must push our Congressional Representatives and Senators and Judicial branches to step in and stop this administration's blatant disregard of the peoples rights. The cable news and the Internet is full of news stories concerning the latest challenge to our rights by banning the M855 223/5.56x45mm NATO ammo commonly used by sports men and women in the most popular rifle in the United States. The AR-15.

The M855 bullet was designed with a lead slug core and steel penetrator tip covered by a copper jacket with the tip painted green. Its purpose was to give the .223 bullet the ability to pierce the helmets and light armor (up to 3/8" mild steel at 160 meters) of Soviet troops during the cold war should the war become hot. The muzzle velocity is listed at 3,113 fps. The next generation is the M855A1 which is an environment friendly bullet with no lead. The U.S. Army adopted the M855A1

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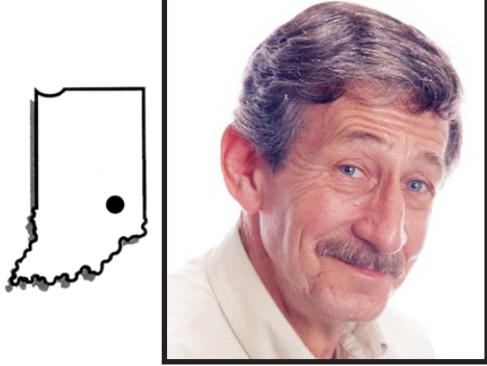
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# Misfires & Snags



by **Dan Graves**

## Don't Give A Kid a Fishing Rod

No matter what endeavors one indulges in, there is always someone who has also indulged therein, only with better results. This is true in everything from tiddly winks to solving the mysteries of the universe. We seem to be always in competition with each other, not only in our professions but our recreation as well. I'm sure that even in pre-historic times the scene was no different. Oog claims to have invented the first wheel. Uug calls Oog a liar, saying that he has the patent rights. After settling the matter out of court with clubs they would let bygones be bygones until they both claim to having bagged the biggest mastodon. Since tape measures weren't yet available, the matter would again be settled with clubs. The next argument would arise from which had the biggest club lumps and so on and so on. Modern homo sapien has fortunately discarded the club in favor of nuclear bombs as the preferred method of settling such disputes. Since atomic bombs are in short supply at the local Walmart, we have resorted to the next best thing to conquer our antagonists. Lie, or in other words, stretch the truth.

Two so-called recreational pastimes seem to evoke more truth stretching than any other in history. Fishing and golf. If Nero had been armed with a fishing rod or a set of golf clubs instead of a fiddle, Rome would have been spared the indignity of being subjected to "Turkey In The Straw" as it went up in flames. He would have been engaged in boring the locals with tales of the big one that got away or the 300 yard drive, uphill. One of the mysteries that has plagued science for years is the ability of fish to increase in size after being lifted from the water. What starts as a common bluegill transforms into a monster that eventually has to be subdued with a canoe paddle and transported home in a pick-up truck. Not surprising though, proof seldom exists since the angler either released the prize after naming it 'Ol Jake or took it home and quickly ate it. I've heard stories of fish so big that I've asked the location of the body of water just so I can stay at least fifty miles from it and thus avoid being caught on the other end of the stick.

As a kid I was reluctant to venture onto White River in Bedford in a boat without a shotgun after hearing stories of fish big enough to eat a horse, saddle and all. Dad used to be very selective of the size of fish he wished to catch. For the smaller variety he would string one worm on the hook. If he decided to go for the really big ones the hook would look like a ball of living yarn. Personally, I

would hope that anything big enough to swallow that mess would have already eaten for the day and save me the trouble of standing in the back of the boat screaming at dad to shoot it just one more time to be sure it was dead. I was never able to understand why all the fuss over bigger and bigger fish. Everyone claimed they taste lousy, take up a lot of room in the trunk and smell to high heaven after a few days of hauling around to show to fellow liars.

Having been exposed to everything but using chewing tobacco as bait, I decided to take up the gentleman's sport of fly fishing. I figured that any fish stupid enough to attack a bait made of cork, chicken feathers, small pieces of rubber bands and day-glo green paint deserved to be pan fried. However, learning to use a whippy eight foot rod with a small hook infested missile attached to the line proved to be very interesting. A not uncommon sight was me standing with thirty feet of line wrapped around my head while staring cross-eyed at the fly dangling in front of my nose. Soon enough, with a lot of practicing in the front yard, I had the knack of it (I thought). It was time to take a shot at the real thing. Now, fly fishing requires as much obstacle free area behind the fisherman as the length of the cast in front. I soon learned that while the fish didn't seem interested, a number of trees and bushes behind were striking regularly. Over time, a number of things including blades of grass, leaves, hats, and one time a piece of an earlobe whistled by my head while attached to the fly. I soon learned to carry a hatchet to retrieve those flies caught in something higher than eight feet off the ground. Another lesson learned was that as fish grow larger they get smarter. By the time they're three inches long they can recognize the difference between the real thing and the hilarious concoctions I was presenting to them. Subsequently, most of the ones I caught were beginners and too small to keep. In desperation and to prove to the doubting Thomas' I could actually catch something, I decided to keep one batch. Threaded on the stringer they were too small to droop and stuck straight out looking like an oversized pipe cleaner. No one was impressed and trying to clean them was like scaling gold fish. So, I decided to fish strictly for sport and let the local supermarket supply the necessary protein.

Finally getting discouraged, I considered returning to dynamite taped to rocks and lying about my methods. After all, if others thought I was gullible enough to believe in four foot bass, why shouldn't I turn the tables? Then, my son expressed a desire to learn to use the fly rod. Even though it would be the blind leading the blind, I was delighted to teach him something besides cussing. On our first trip to a farm pond, my grandson, who had never fished, went along. It would be a doubly delightful trip. Armed to the teeth with the latest fishing technology, we went to work. After giving my grandson a brief course in casting and a warning that the bass in the pond were big enough to wear coveralls, I instructed him to stay on one side of the pond while we beat the other side into a froth with the fly rods. Lines whipped and whistled as I showed my son how to respond verbally to a fly caught in a tree too high to reach. Meanwhile, my grandson, oblivious to our gentleman's approach to fishing calmly announced that he thought he had one. With our pride in our pockets we helped him land a husky bass wearing coveralls, his first fish. So much for the finesse of fly fishing. ■



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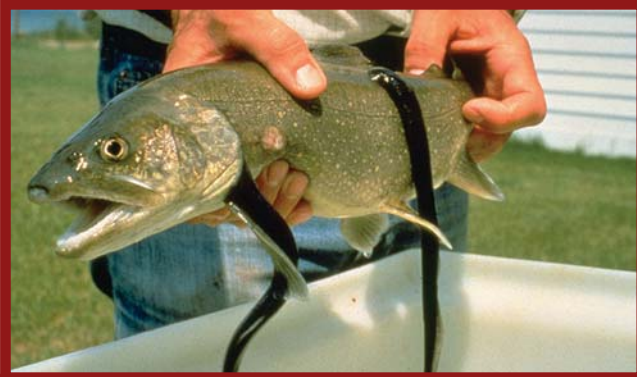
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Top Left: Sea lampreys an eel-like invasive parasite attached to a lake trout. Top Right: A round goby invasive fish. Middle Left: A Eurasian ruffe invasive fish. Middle Right: Hydrilla an invasive aquatic plant. Bottom Left: Curlyleaf pondweed an invasive aquatic plant. Bottom Right: Zebra mussel an invasive aquatic invertebrate. (Photos courtesy of Wikipedia.org)

food. They can also live in fresh or salt water.

But alien fish are not the only problems in the Great Lakes fishery. Aquatic plants, while not actually invasives of the Lakes themselves, are major players in the waters around this area. Wetlands, ponds, ditches, shorelines, creeks, and slow moving rivers in the Midwest contain many alien plants. Hydrilla, pondweed, and watermilfoil are the most commonly encountered by fishermen, boaters, and other water enthusiasts.

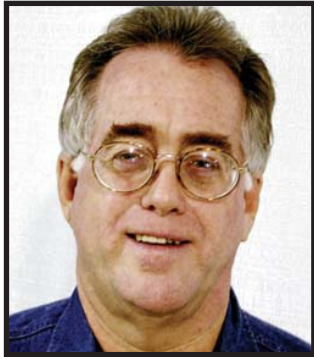
Hydrilla is probably the most troublesome aquatic plant in the country. It can clog lakes and ponds to the point where recreation is impossible. It tangles in the propellers on boats, crowds out native plants, prevents swimming and fishing and can lower the oxygen content of the water. It is easily spread by small plant parts which are caught on boats, trailers, and fishing equipment, then, transferred to other waters to begin growing.

Curlyleaf pondweed is another aquatic which forms dense mats near docks and shorelines and is a major problem in spring and summer by blocking access to the water. Later in the season, the pondweed dies off and forms decaying piles along the water's edge or on beaches. It blocks sunlight to the native plants and lowers oxygen levels in the water, endangering fish. This invasive species is a big problem in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and upper Michigan.

Another alien plant to the Great Lakes area is Eurasian watermilfoil. Like hydrilla and pondweed, this species spreads rapidly, taking over shallow areas, crowding out native plant species, and even creating breeding grounds for mosquitoes. It is spread by broken plant pieces called "fragmentation". These pieces then hitchhike on boat equipment, boots, fishing tackle, and are carried to other waters if the equipment is not cleaned properly.

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## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### Alien Species Invade the Great Lakes

The Great Lakes have been around for thousands of years. Many generations have relied on these waters to provide their livelihood, their recreation, and often, much of their food supply. But, alien invaders have threatened these areas for the last hundred years.

Assorted species of fish, plants, and invertebrates brought in from foreign places are on the verge of disrupting the fragile ecosystem of part or all of these important resources. It's up to all of us who enjoy using any of these lakes to learn how to protect them from these aliens.

One of the first major invasive species in the Great Lakes was the sea lamprey. Entering Lake

Erie from the North Atlantic Ocean, through the Welland Canal in 1921, the lamprey spread to the other four lakes by 1938. These eel-like parasites were one of the main causes of the almost complete destruction of the lake trout population in all the Lakes except Superior in the 1940's and 50's. A successful control program has been in place since the late 1950's, but control does not mean elimination.

Another invasive fish which is causing problems in the Great Lakes is the round goby. They were first introduced from Eastern Europe in ballast water and discovered in 1990 near Detroit. Five years later, they were in all five of the Lakes.

Gobies eat fish eggs and may cause a decline in smallmouth bass. Anglers often catch them when fishing near the bottom for perch or walleye. They aggressively compete with native fish and have been linked to botulism in waterfowl. Very productive, a goby may spawn up to six times a summer.

The Eurasian ruffe came from Central Europe and was also released in ballast water into the Duluth, Minnesota harbor around 1985. This fish, which resembles a small sauger, spread to bays and rivers in Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Huron. They mature quickly, reproduce rapidly, and live in a variety of areas. The ruffe will compete with native fish and often displace them when establishing new areas.

While not yet established in all of the Great Lakes, the threespine stickleback was native off both the east and west coast of the United States, and also in Lake Ontario, they have spread to Lake Michigan and maybe elsewhere. While only four inches long, it is an aggressive species which eats the eggs and larva of native fish while competing for habitat and

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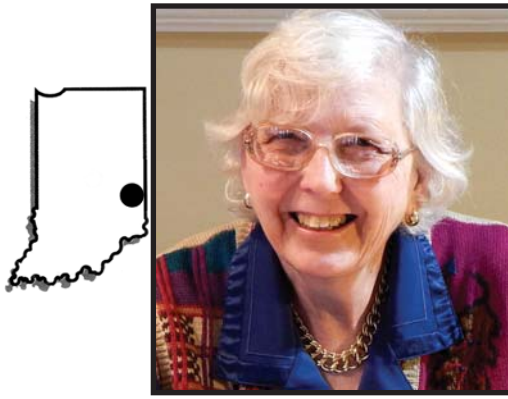
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Diamond is the hardest substance known to man, 10 on the Moh's hardness scale of 1-10. Only another diamond can cut it, but diamonds can be nicked, chipped or cleaved by a hard blow along the "grain" of the gem. This "grain" is the orientation of rows of atoms that comprise the diamond. Otherwise, no diamond could be cut or faceted.

Modern day mining uses large earth moving machinery to open large pits to quarry diamonds from the host rock. Tons of rock is crushed , then washed across a greased ladder wash board. The diamond crystals, being heavier than the rock, get stuck in the grease . It takes 250 tons of Kimberlite rock, crushed and washed to produce a single 1 carat uncut diamond.

Some diamonds are found in alluvial deposits along stream beds, where they washed down from erosion of the original pipes of Kimberlite rock. Using low tech methods of mining, small quantities can be recovered in stream beds by panning and washing. Using this method, several diamonds have been recovered near Murfreesboro, Arkansas at the Crater of Diamonds National Park.

India was the sole source of diamonds from 800BC to the mid 1800's. The next important discovery was a large source found in Brazil in the early 18th Century. By the mid 19th Century a huge diamond discovery was made in South Africa in several areas. Africa became the largest producer in the world.

In the last 50 years, large deposits of diamonds have been discovered in the Ural Mountains of Russia, the Northern Canadian Provinces, and a huge open pit mine called Argyle in Australia. The Russian and Canadian mines are coveted for their near colorless gems. The Argyle mine is known for the Champagne (light to deep yellow & brown) diamonds, as well as the rare pink shades of diamonds. Interestingly, the chemical anomalies that produce rare pink colors are usually found in areas of brown diamond production. However, the majority of the production from the Argyle is the poorer quality, "industrial" diamonds, used for drills, lathes and industrial applications.



Diamond profile. (Author Photo)



Rough diamond crystals. (Author Photo)

Famous diamonds include the stunning 44.5 carat sapphire blue "Hope Diamond" on display at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC. Found is 1642 in Southwest India, it has been considered a unlucky diamond, as its previous owners Marie Antoinette and Louis XIV both died tragically.

The "Orloff" diamond is a rare 194.75 carat beauty given to Catherine the Great by Count Gregory Orloff of Russia. It was stolen from a statue of a Hindu God by a French soldier in the mid 18th century. The Orloff resides in the Emperor's Scepter of the Russian Crown Jewels.

The "Kohinoor", called the "Mountain of Light" was discovered in India over 2,000 years ago and the product of many legends. The original gem weight is unknown, it was recut from a 186 carat oval to a spectacular 109 carat round gem. It was believed, who owns the Koohinor ,rules the World. After numerous owners over the centuries, the Koohinor now resides in the large cross in Queen Elizabeth's Crown and is on display in the Tower of London Museum in London, England.

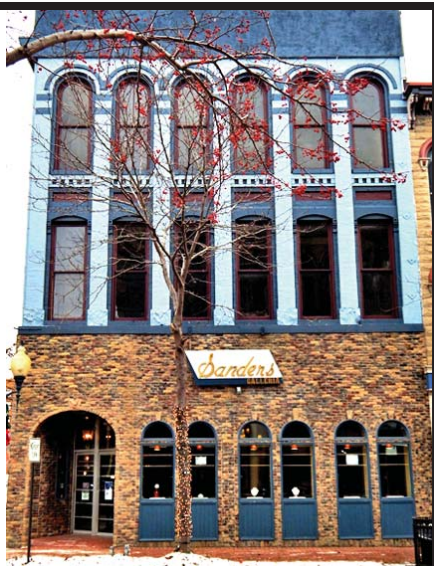
The largest diamond ever found,"The Cullinan I",named for the President of the Premier Mining Company, Mr.Thomas Cullinan, was discovered in 1905. It remains the Worlds largest diamond, weighed in at a whopping 3,106 carats . The gem was purchased as a gift to King Edward VII in 1907. It was cut into 9 remarkable gems and 100 smaller diamonds. The largest cut diamond from this enormous crystal , is a pear shaped gem ,that was renamed "Star of Africa",by King George V and weighs 530.20 carat. It is a near flawless pear shaped gem. A second gem called Cullinan II ,is a 317 carat brilliant; the Cullinan III is another pear shaped gem weighing 95 carats, and the Cullinan IV, a square cut gem, weighs 63.7 carats. Five more diamonds weigh

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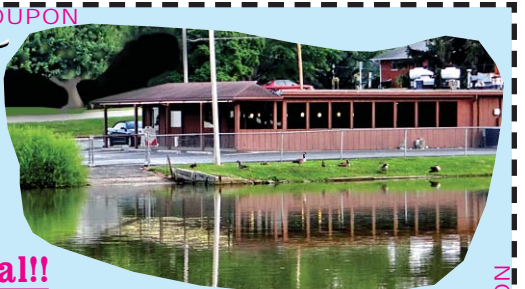
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Top Left Photo: The Turkey Fan set up and ready for use. Top Right Photo: The back side of The Turkey Fan. Bottom Right Photo: When completely folded up, it is a breeze to pack along on your hunt. (Author Photos)

## Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

### The Turkey Fan is sure to be a hit this spring for hunters

New product hits the mark for turkey hunters.

As soon as I saw it at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show this past weekend, I knew I had to have it. I firmly believe that this new product is going to be a hit. I am confident of that.

With the almost overwhelming amount of outdoor products to hit the market each year, the fact that I felt as I did about this one is actually pretty rare. But past experience has led me to believe that The Turkey Fan by 27:3 Outdoors is one of the best new products available to turkey hunters out there. It takes decoying to an entirely new level.

The Turkey Fan Will change the way you hunt. And a hunt from a few years back is how I know.

A buddy and I were slipping through the woods en route to try another spot when we noticed a few gobblers out in the field a couple hundred yards out. As we crept up to the edge of the timber, he reached back and pulled a turkey fan out of his vest. Upon seeing that, I knew what he was going to do, but in all of my years of hunting, the idea had never entered my mind until that moment.

As we got as close to the edge of the field as I thought we dared, my buddy took the fan and put it in front of his face as he snuck out a few yards into the field and set up a decoy.

I was taken aback. I mean, I just saw him sneak into the field and set up a decoy in full view of the gobblers. A while later, one of those gobblers got to take a ride in the back of my buddy's truck. I learned right then that there are times when a turkey fan could make the difference in a hunt.

There are a few ways that The Turkey Fan differs from a tail fan from an actual bird. The most noticeable is in size. The Turkey Fan is quite a bit larger than the real thing, which helps because it means you do not have to get down and belly crawl like we did in order to try to half-way hide behind the real thing. Its size also makes it more visible than a real fan.

Another notable upside to The Turkey Fan is that it is built on an umbrella frame. You might be thinking that makes it easily packable, which it does, but it also enables you to open and close the fan – accurately mimicking a real-life strutter breaking into and out of strut. A huge option if you ask me.

A really cool feature of The Turkey Fan is that it has a built-in smart phone pocket so that you can use your phone to record your hunt. A spare bracket is also available that attaches to a Tactacam or other type of camera, enabling you to film your adventure.

Think about it; how many times have you crested a hill, snuck out of a drainage, etc. and noticed a gobbler out in an open field and only wished that you could somehow get a decoy set up? If this thing works like I think it will, The Turkey Fan will solve this dilemma and will put you in the driver's seat when in this situation.

It is a new product so I obviously have not had a chance to use mine yet, I certainly cannot wait to



give it a try this spring. Like I said, experience has made me a firm believer in the concept. I just think that The Turkey Fan will take it to the next level.

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1992 Re-enactors from Left to Right, Front Row: Todd Saylor, Gladys Fannin, Kathy Wootten (Frances Slocum Narrator), Laura Zauss, Emily Zauss, Jenny Brunzman, Allyson Jackson, Red Moon, Melanie Starkey and Pappy Lawhorn. Second Row: Betsy Gardner, Levi Stout, Jeanne Sipahigil, Rebecca Stewart and Diane Thomas. Third Row: Ray Dickerson (Narrator), Amy Dickerson, Audry Strobel, Tom Wildman, Eugene Fannin, Louise Jennings, William Yarbrough, Nicholas Walter, Darrell Drew, Maurice Strobel, Slow Walker and Jon Starkey. Several of re-enactors missed the photo session due to other commitments. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

## 1991 FRONTIER DAYS NARRATION Part 2

### American's General Harmer

#### Part 1 Recap

Last month we learned that Frances Slocum was captured by Delaware Indians in 1778 near what is now Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania and was taken to Kekionga a major trading center where the St. Marys, St. Joseph and Maumee rivers met. She first met Little Turtle at his village Turtletown on the Eel river. In September 1790 the Americans sent word to the British Commandant at Detroit telling them an American force would be attacking Kekionga. The British sent word to Kekionga of the impending attack. The Indians, including Frances buried food and set fire to dwellings before leaving their beloved Kekionga.

Chief Little Turtle, son of the Turtle (Mishikinaswa) defeated Colonel Augustin Mottin de La Balme near Kekionga on November 5, 1780. The little known Miami Chief Little Turtle was brought to the fore front in a determined conflict with the white intruders of their lands. So serious was the conflict between the Indians and pioneer settlers President George Washington directed Governor St. Clair to send an expeditionary force to capture Kekionga. St. Clair chose General Josiah Harmer to lead the expedition.

Fourteen year old William Wells lived in Kentucky with a relative. He and two other boys were captured

by Indians while they were hunting. Two of the boys were left at Muncee Town, William was taken to Turtletown, he was adopted by Chief Porcupine. While at Turtletown he met another white captive, Frances Slocum. The two both had red hair and were both looked on by the Indians as good medicine.

#### Day 1 - September 5, 1992 (Continued) The Life & Times of Miami Chief Little Turtle, William Wells & Frances Slocum

\*\* (Ray - Narration) \*\*

General Josiah Harmer, who was picked to lead the first expeditionary force into Indian country, entered the Continental Army in 1776 and rose to General -in-Chief of the United States Army before the end of the Revolutionary War. He carried the final treaty to France. Upon his return he entered at once in Washington's plans for the pacification of the western tribes.

On the 4th of Oct 1790, Harmer's army left Fort Washington for the Miami towns at the junction of the three rivers known as Kekionga. He was instructed to show the Indians that the new American Government was a force to be reckoned with. His force was made up of 1,133 Kentucky militiamen, 320 regulars, 3 light brass cannon, and a battalion of Pa. infantrymen. His force suffered though with the lack of any battle hardened men. Major Ebenezer Denny remarked that one-half of the militia from Kentucky could do no more than swell the size of the

army, they were a deplorable lot. And the Colonels, Hardin and Trotter disputed about who was in command. Most of the regulars favored Trotter over Hardin.

Two of the officers kept daily records of the engagement and their record is related here (Capt. John Armstrong and Major Denny).

On the Oct 14th, the army reached the St. Mary's, where Colonel John Hardin, with a company of regulars and 600 militia was detached from the main body and pushed ahead to give battle with the Indians who were reported to be evacuating their villages.

Harmer's army reached the deserted village of Kekionga at the junction of the two rivers on Oct 17th, Colonel Hardin had arrived two days earlier on the 15th. Harmer's first action was to destroy the village including 184 log cabins and a great number of wig wags. He also burned approximately 20,000 bushels of corn ready for harvest.

On the 18th scouts found tracks of the departing Indians, so Harmer ordered Colonel Trotter to pursue them. Trotter was provisioned for three days to find them and bring them to battle. Trotter left with officers Major Hall, Ray and McMullen with a force of 300 men including 30 regulars, 40 light horse, and 230 riflemen.

After traveling away from the village for about a mile they discovered a lone Indian, they pursued and killed him. They soon discovered another Indian,

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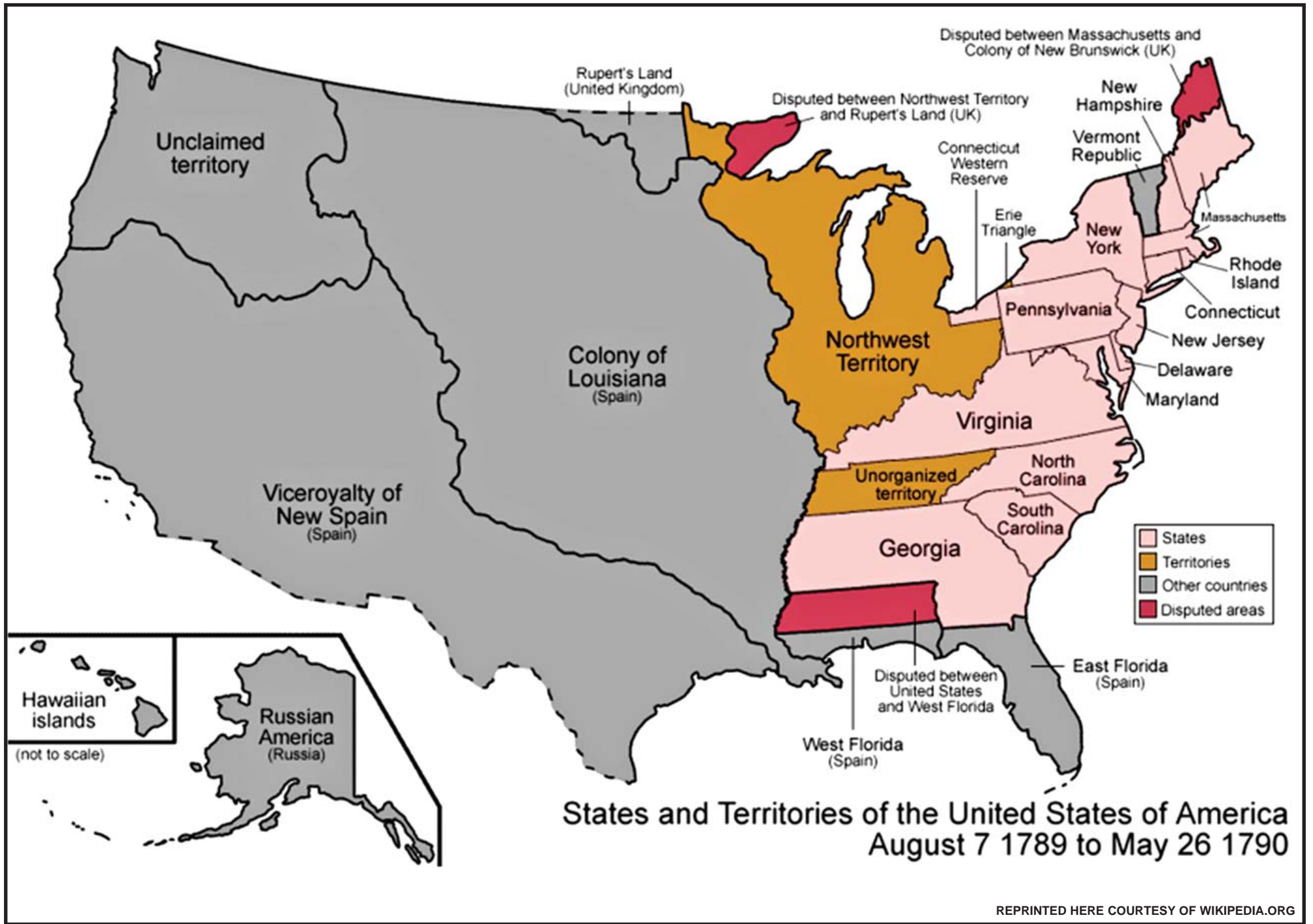
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who wounded one of the light horsemen, he was quickly killed. A third Indian rode towards the detachment, stopped and rode back into a nearby woods. The army didn't follow. Unknown to Trotter, the third Indian was a decoy sent out by Little Turtle to lead him into a ambush.

Colonel Trotter then changed the direction of the detachment and marched in various directions until nightfall, when he returned to the main camp at Kekionga.

General Harmer was quite displeased with Colonel Trotter. Trotter had been ordered to reconnoiter for 3 days. Colonel John Hardin asked permission to finish Trotter's assignment, Harmer concurred.

On the morning of the 19th Colonel Hardin left the camp to find the Indians. The men were reluctant to follow Hardin's orders, they didn't care for him. Hardin was handicapped with the thought that the Indians wouldn't attack a force such as the one he commanded. Through a blunder on his part, he failed to order Capt. Faulkner's company forward with the rest of the army. The rest of the army advanced for about three miles before he became aware of the missing company. At the same time they discovered two Indians on foot, who threw off their packs and fled into the thick underbrush. Hardin ordered Major

Fontaine to take part of his calvary back to find Faulkner.

Captain Armstrong, who commanded the regulars, told Hardin that a gun had been fired in front of them and that he had seen the a horse come down the trail and return to the thicket. He said there were campfires of the Indians in the distance. He told Hardin they should be cautious upon entering the thicket. Hardin paid him no heed and rode headlong into the thicket exclaiming the Indians wouldn't fire on him. When Hardin's troops were well along the trail leading into the thicket, the trail crossed the Eel River and a fusillade of musketry fired on the troops from behind the fires and underbrush from both sides. The militiamen dropped their rifles and retreated without firing a shot. The regulars under Armstrong held their ground and most were killed where they stood. The Eel River ran blood red that day, at the sight where the ambush took place is known today as "Heller's Corner." Capt. Armstrong jumped into a nearby swamp and stayed there long into the night waiting for the moment when he could escape unnoticed. He watched in horror as the Indians finished off the wounded troops and celebrated their victory over the American army. Little Turtles plan of attack had produced fruit again.

By night fall all the detachment had returned to the main body of the army except for Capt.

Armstrong and one ensign, they returned well into the night from their hiding places.

Manner blamed the failure on the militiamen who retreated throwing down their guns and never fired a shot. On the morning of the 19th he ordered them to move south to the Shawnee village of Chillicothe two miles away. Once there he ordered all the area villages and food destroyed. Afterwards he was determined to make a swift retreat back to Fort Washington.

Accordingly, on the morning of Oct. 21, the army moved south to a point about 7 miles southeast of Kekionga, where they set up a camp.

As the American army settled in, Colonel Hardin sought an interview with General Harmer. He told Harmer of his plan to bring a victory out of the defeat and accomplish the object of the expedition. He would take a force back to the village and inflict a severe and final punishment to the Indians.

Harmer was reluctant to go along with Hardin, but Hardin pleaded for the chance to hand pick his army and restore the honor of the men and retrieve his own reputation in the process. Harmer consented in sending a detachment of 400 men to the village, the balance would remain in camp.

Late in the night of the Oct. 21st Hardin picked his men totaling 340 militiamen and 60 regular troops under the command of Major John P. Wyllys.

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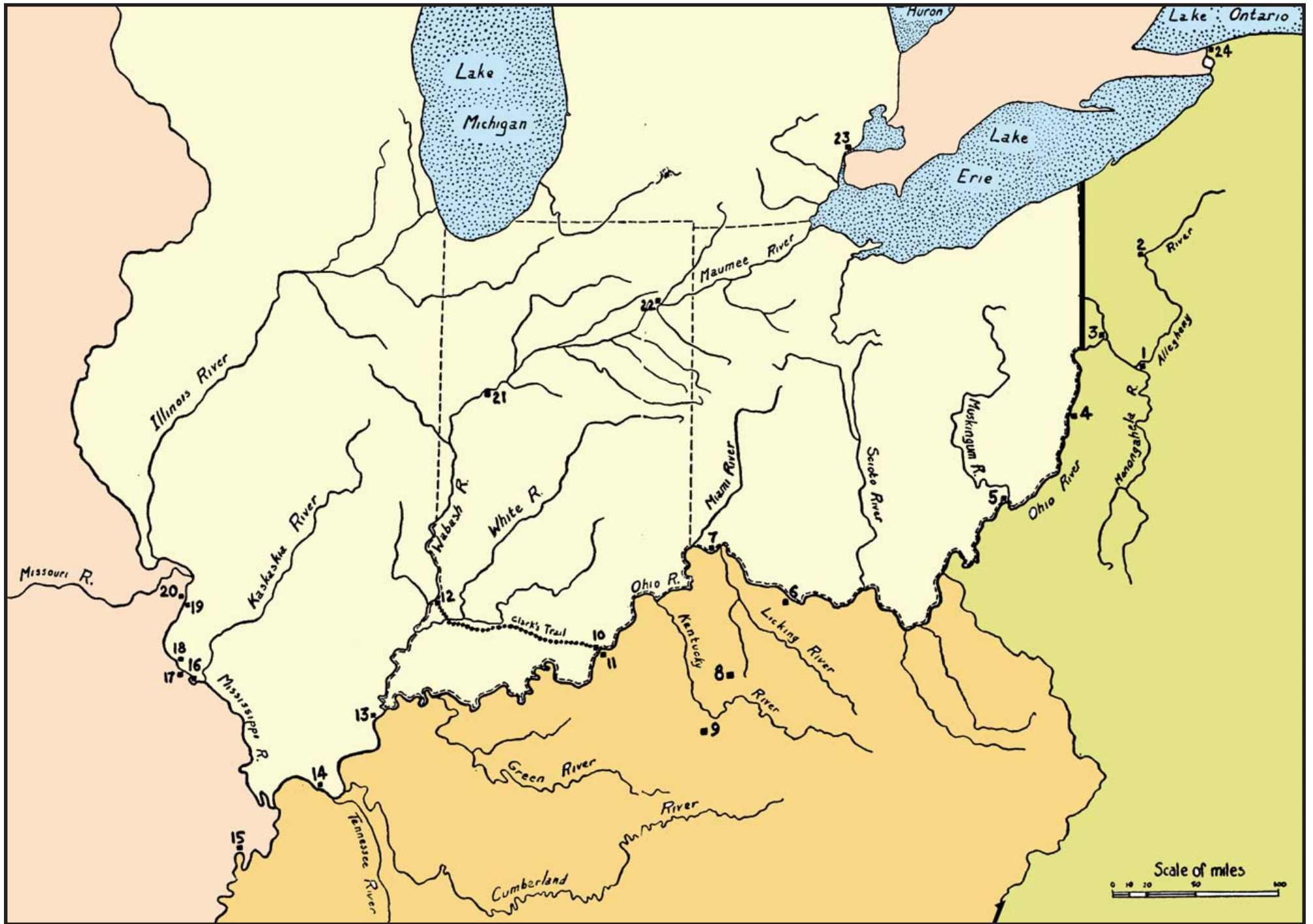


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# Northwest Territory 1785 - 1795



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The small army left immediately so as to gain the vicinity of the Miami village before daybreak and surprise any Indians that might be there.

Major Hall was to take his regulars around the bend of the Maumee River, cross the St. Marys and stay to the rear of the Indian village and wait for Major McMullens to begin the attack driving the Indians into a cross-fire. Major Fontaine's calvary was to accompany Major Wyllys regulars as they crossed the Maumee at the common fording place.

It was the intention of Wyllys and Hardin to surround the Indian encampment, but one of Major Hall's men disobeyed orders and fired on a lone Indian before the action commenced. Several small groups of Indians appeared and Major Fontaine and McMullen's troops disobeyed their orders and pursued the Indians leaving Major Wyllys unsupported. A superior force of Indians attacked Major Wyllys's troops. Wyllys and a greater part of his corps fell in the attack.

Major Fontaine at the head of the calvary charge was hit and fell as did a number of his followers, the remainder of his troops dispersed. Meanwhile the main body of Indians under the command of Little Turtle engaged the main body of the American troops

near the confluence of the rivers St. Marys and St. Joseph. After the defeat of the regular troops, most of the militia retreated on a route to the main army. The Indians who suffered a major loss did not pursue them. A lone horseman reached the Harmer's army camped south of Kekionga and told of the defeat. Harmer immediately ordered Major Ray to march with his battalion to the assistance of Hardin.

But the confusion was so great with the retreating militia that only thirty men could be induced to leave the main army. When Colonel Hardin arrived in the camp he tried to convince Manner to move his army on the Indian camp, Harmer had lost all of his confidence in the militia and the regulars had lost too many troops to be effective.

At 8 a.m. on the morning of Oct. 23rd Harmer's army marched toward Fort Washington arriving there on Nov. 4th. Of the 400 who left on the expedition 183 were killed and 31 wounded. The Indians lost an equal amount of warriors according to army reports.

President Washington waited in anticipation of news of victory, but didn't receive word about Harmer's defeat until late in November. A court of inquiry exonerated Harmer and he was put in com-

mand of the Pennsylvania troops in which he served well in sending troops to both St. Clair and Anthony Wayne.

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### American's General St. Clair Part 2

#### Opening Scene 2nd Expedition Planned for Kekionga from Fort Washington 1791

Shortly after Harmer's Defeat news traveled far and wide about the disaster among the white settlers throughout the Ohio River Valley. Land developers and influential people demanded protection from the infant American Government. General Rufus Putnam wrote President Washington about several massacres and skirmishes along the Ohio River and its tributaries. He said the Indians had renewed

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Top Left Photo: Miami Chief Little Turtle receives word from the British that General Josiah Harmer was preparing to attack Kekionga. Top Right Photo: General Josiah Harmer attacking Kekionga on October 17, 1790. After several attempts to defeat the Indians Harmer retreated towards Fort Washington on October 23, 1790. Bottom Left Photo: The Eel River ran blood red as Captain Armstrong's regulars were killed where they stood. The battle site today is called "Heller's Corner." Armstrong jumped into a nearby swamp and watched in horror as the Indians finished off the wounded troops and celebrated their victory. Bottom Right Photo: The Indian Grand Council met at the Maumee Rapids in July of 1791 to receive their annual presents from the British. Attending also was British sympathizer, Simon Girty and British Indian Agent, Alexander McKee. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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enthusiasm since the Harmer incident. Representatives from Ohio, Virginia and Pennsylvania, the frontier states demanded something to be done about the wholesale murders being perpetrated against the white settlers on the frontier.

President George Washington summoned Gov. St. Clair to Philadelphia to discuss the forming of another expedition, except this time St. Clair himself would lead the force. Washington believed that if his army could control the headwaters of the Maumee, pacifying the Northwest Territory would be a simpler matter.

St. Clair began recruiting his army as he traveled west towards Fort Washington. As a diversion he ordered Brigadier General Charles Scott and Colonel James Wilkinson to take an army up the Wabash and destroy the Indian towns along it, beginning at Ouiatenon.

On the morning of May 23, 1791, General Scott with a force of 800 Kentucky Calvary crossed the Ohio River at the mouth of the Kentucky River and headed toward Ouiatenon, arriving there on June 1, 1791. The fast moving army destroyed Ouiatenon, a Kickapoo village, and Kithtippecanuck (Petit

Piconne). The latter village was a Piankashaw Miami village, with its destruction it also severed the last tie of the western Miami to Kekionga. Scott's army arrived back in Kentucky on June 14th.

St. Clair was to leave Fort Washington on July 10th for Kekionga, but he hadn't raised his army and was having problems with provision delivery.

On July 25, 1791, St. Clair ordered Brigadier General James Wilkinson to take a force of 500 calvary and attack Kenapecomoco as another diversionary tactic. Wilkinson made a feint towards Kekionga then went directly to Kenapecomoco.

Indian scouts told of a force heading for Kekionga and all the warriors were summoned there leaving Kenapecomoco with only a small defense.

The Indian Grand Council met at the Maumee Rapids in July of 1791 to receive their annual presents from the British. In attendance was Little Turtle, Apekonit, Buckongahelas, and Blue Jacket, who were actively engaged in organizing a confederacy of Indian tribes to drive the white settlers from the northern side of the Ohio River. Attending the council were members of the Miami, Delaware, Shawnee, Wyandot, Kickapoo, Pottawattamie, Ottawa, Chippewa and a few smaller northern tribes.

Attending also was British sympathizer, Simon Girty and British Indian Agent, Alexander McKee.

Meanwhile General St. Clair was having his problems raising an army, many of the Kentucky militia refused to join his force due to their just returning from Scott's and Wilinsons campaign. Of an original army of 4,000 it was scaled down to 2,300 troops.

He received recruits from New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. He requested 1,150 Kentucky militia and received 418. Many of the Kentucky militia were "levies", men collected from the streets and prisons of the city. The recruits were miserably paid and had various times of enlistments which started to run out before St. Clair could move. In order to keep his army intact he moved it to Ludlow's Station, about 6 miles north of Fort Washington (Present day Cincinnati, Ohio.)

As St. Clair's army sat poised to enter Indian Country it was ill-equipped for such an endeavor, provisions were scarce, it was too late in the season for an army of its size to travel north. The lack of forage for the animals and the deplorable condition of his troops spelled disaster, plus St. Clair himself was suffering from the gout. The cold wet weather only

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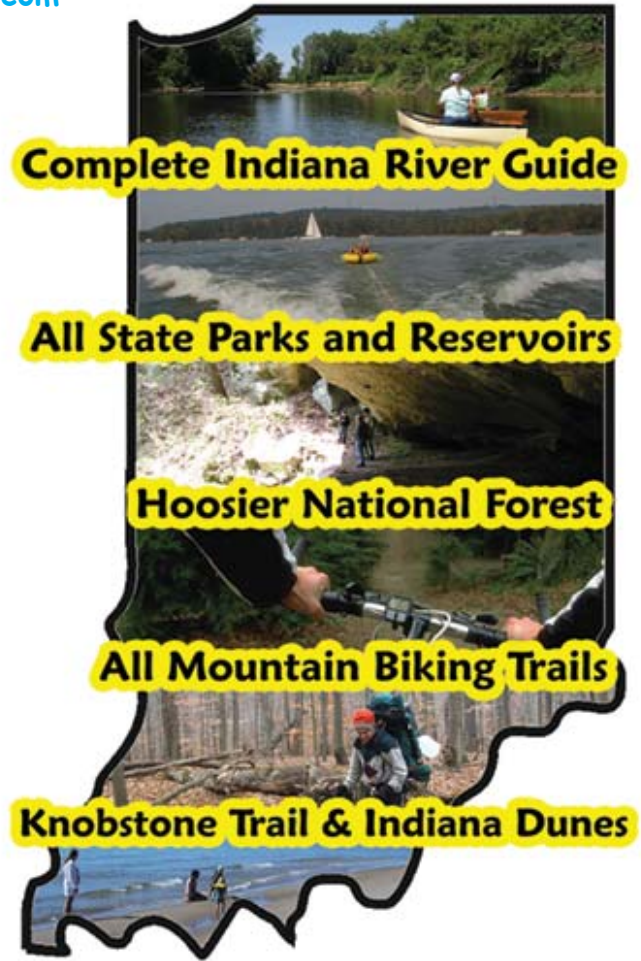
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# Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

## Changes

Throughout the winter I always look forward to March which typically means Ice out on Indiana waters, this year looks to be the same just a little later than last year. For the last month I have been following the results of the southern tournaments waiting to get back on the water. Since February we have kept busy with Seminars and promoting the club at events around the state. Most recently the Ford Boat sport and travel show where some of the nation's most respected crappie fisherman held seminars to explain tactics they use to catch crappie. Russ Bailey from the video series Brush pile fishing was on hand explaining his favorite technique Dock Shooting along with 8 times national champion Ronnie Capps who held a question and answer session on spider rigging or crappie fishing in general. 2015 Crappie Masters Florida State champion and Indiana's own Matt Morgan also held a seminar to help local crappie fishermen better understand crappie fishing a river. Matt and his partner Kent Watson won the Crappie Masters event on the ST Johns River in Deland FL. in February of this year then followed that up with a 3rd place finish on Harris Chain of Lakes in Tavares FL. Combining the total of the two events gave them enough points to win the Florida State Championship.

For the past two years I have participated in and wrote about the Indiana Slab Masters tournaments and only missed a couple of their scheduled tournaments throughout the clubs inception in 2011. The 2015 season is a new beginning for my Partner Damon and me. We have given it a lot of thought and have been contemplating fishing at a national level for some time and for 2015 we have finally committed to fishing enough Crappie Masters tournaments to qualify for the National Championship as well as the Crappie USA Classic. Our decision will leave us little time to fish the Indiana Slab Masters tournaments and with some regret we may not qualify for the Slab Masters Classic this year. With our new endeavors come a lot of possibilities this year, it leaves Damon enough time to finally get his crappie guide service up and running (GTN outdoors is now booking trips for 2015) as for myself I still plan to fish a few of the Indiana Slab Masters tournaments and hopefully a few Crappie USA tournaments and might



Left Photo: Russ Bailey from Brush Pile Fishing explains his favorite technique for Dock Shooting. Right Photo: Eight time National Champion Ronnie Capps answered questions on crappie fishing. (Author Photos)

even take my wife on vacation this year. I still plan on writing articles about crappie fishing and the Slab Masters; they might be a little different than in the past but with a little help from some of my friends in the club I can still get you the results and techniques used to win the tournaments.

As I look out the window at the melting snow I know spring and our first tournament is only days away. I look with anticipation to the 2015 season and all the opportunities it will bring. Damon and I have accepted pro staff positions this year with Crappie Crazy.com and look forward to working with them to promote their website and online tackle store. They have offered us a lot of support and a chance to experience new things with crappie fishing. Please take the time to visit their website at [www.crappiecrazy.com](http://www.crappiecrazy.com) this is an informative website and if you want to know something about crappie fishing you can find it there.

Our first national qualifier will be on Lake Washington March 14th this is an oxbow lake located just minutes from the Mississippi River and only a few miles from Greenville Mississippi. Although we will be slow trolling on this lake it is not the type of spider rigging we typically do, Lake Washington in the spring means constantly moving searching for slight contour changes that could produce huge crappie, unlike our style which is setting on structure and bumping baits into stumps, brush piles and stake beds. Although not an average size, 3lb crappie are not out of the norm on this lake and with my biggest crappie to date being 2.48 lbs leads me to believe there is a good chance that could be beat in the upcoming days. Fishing Mississippi and catching a 3lb crappie has been on my list of things to accomplish for the last few years and this year I will at least have my first opportunity to make it happen.

Although I will not be fishing all the Slab Masters tournaments I still plan to fish some of my favorite tourna-

ment lakes such as Brookville, Monroe, Mississinewa and Morse all of which I have caught big crappie on. We will also be fishing the Crappie USA Salamonie tourney to qualify for the Crappie USA Classic which is to be held on Patoka Lake this year. As always if you want to learn about crappie fishing you can stop by one of the tournament weigh ins and ask questions or just listen to the top finishing teams they will tell how they caught their fish during their interview at the awards presentation.

2015 promises to be a great year and a new learning experience for Damon and I. Good luck to all the Indiana Slab Masters teams this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at Brookville.

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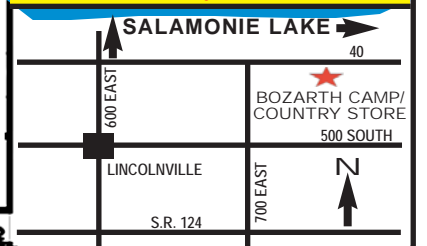
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by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

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To maintain our privilege of trapping, several trapping organizations work hard, every day, to monitor and influence legislation at the National, State, and Local levels, as well as disseminate information on trapping in general. The best known, but not the only ones, are the National Trappers Association, the Fur Takers of America, and your State Association, which in Indiana is the Indiana State Trappers Association. Finally, the US Sportsmen's Alliance works to keep all of the outdoor sports alive and well. I hope you belong to at least one of these organizations, and hopefully to all of them. Now is the time to join, before that fur check is gone on gas, traps, accessories, and the household budget. Do not forget to take your significant other out for a "Thank you dinner". Their patience allows you to trap and still have a home to come home to.

The Indiana State Trappers Association (ISTA) may be found on-line at [www.indianatrappers.org](http://www.indianatrappers.org). There, you will find a current listing of Officers and area Representatives, and their contact information. Under the document section / members, you will find a current membership application that may be downloaded and printed out. Send it in with your dues to our Treasurer, Georgia Gifford 921 S. Locke St., Kokomo, IN 46901. A full membership gets you a bimonthly copy of the Trapper's Post magazine. The Calendar section lists the trapping related events that we are aware of, including Conventions and Trapper Education Classes. By no means is it a complete list. You only have to keep searching to find even more. Within the pages of the Trapper's Post is a good place to begin your search for anything involving trapping.

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the fight for many years.

The Fur Takers of America (FTA) have an office in Buckley, Illinois. Their address is **FTA Business Office, PO Box 3, Buckley, IL. 60918**. The FTA's website is [www.furtakersofamerica.com](http://www.furtakersofamerica.com). A membership with the FTA comes with a whole host of benefits, along with a subscription to the Fur Takers Magazine.

Dave Hastings, the magazine's editor, plays a monthly game of "Find the Fox" with his readers. It is not always as easy to find the fox as you think that it would be. The FTA also puts on a Trapper's College each year up in LaGrange, IN. This is a complete week of over 12 hour days that immerses a student in trapping. Lodging and meals are included in the cost of \$1200, but while many local Trapper Education Courses are free, this is the mother of all courses and there are costs involved. The tuition is

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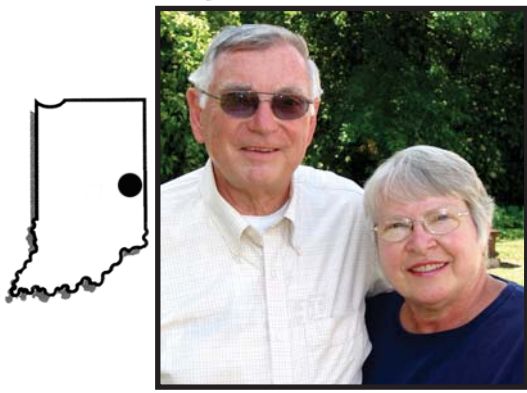
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# Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

## Spring is Just Round the Corner

At this time of the year (hopefully post-winter and pre-spring) many people are transitioning from staying in and keeping warm away from the late snowstorms and bone-chilling cold winter weather to planting seeds indoors and growing plants they can replant later when the weather is more conducive to gardening. No one likes to run a tiller over frozen soil and plants would rather wait inside until it is warmer outside.

The snowbirds are tired of the warmer weather in the South and Southwest (ha) and have pages of to-do lists to work on when they get back home in the northlands. Especially is this true in the farming communities after the farmers have spent some valuable relaxing time in the southern states, they get back home and are sometimes met with conditions not allowing them the luxury of getting their crops in on schedule. Trying to dodge the ever-present threat of too much rain during planting season sometimes has not been conducive some recent years to on-time planting and this has resulted in much lower crop yield. But, because of the continuous research going on in our agricultural universities and other chemical research companies, a lot is being done to develop more drought resistant and/or more too much water tolerable plant seeds. Those of us who only have small gardens can, of course, water our little crops, while farmers having hundreds or thousands of acres to till, plant and harvest are finding ways to pay for expensive seed, fertilizer and pre-emergent weedicides. They depend on thousands of hours of research by hundreds of teams of agricultural researchers trying to compound seeds that can be planted in increasingly dry areas of the earth. As we see cities and towns throughout the world bulging out into the desert and forest areas, one doesn't see how we can keep the food supplies available to burgeoning populations.

Sometimes our kids, who get degrees in various disciplines of agriculture from the many agriculture universities, go into the Third World countries and

try to help them with food production. Sometimes they are accepted and sometimes not. So, with that agriculture degree, they're ahead by studying and getting proficient in various languages and in several of the dialects to be able to converse with the local people of these local villages.

Being a bio-geologist with some background in meteorology and climatology, earth and space science, and in environmental science, I am not a believer in the types of climate change and global warming being proposed by some scientists and most of the media. I believe the climate is cyclical and because of various changes in the universe with or without the sun's activity, such as the sun spots etc., changes can take place for long or short periods of time. Atmospheric pressure changes affect the wind directions and speed, the differences in heating and cooling the land and water areas, and the causative effects of the various changes in the oceanic current, directions, drift and speeds, a lot of which is caused by the gravitational attraction of the moon along with some of the other effects above.

What we most often hear about are the clouds of carbon dioxide and ozone gases hovering over vast sections of the earth. If we weren't clearing the forests and denuding the land of vegetation to build more suburban communities and expanding outward with industrial parks, we would have the vegetation to assimilate the carbon dioxide for photosynthesis for the vegetation and for the vegetation to produce more much needed oxygen for humanity and animal life. Volcanism has always had a lot to do with the rising amounts of sulfur oxides and other gases in the atmosphere, so don't blame the atmospheric conditions on just the activities of mankind. Remember that natural activities in the atmosphere have always taken place and have had a hand in changing climate. Fix up the rotting cities, rebuild them and use them instead of expanding out over the countryside.

We're going to need to be able to cope with these cyclical (a few months to a few year) changes here on earth. I don't believe these cycles will last for long periods of time, and we can expect every few years to have winters like we've just experienced, not only in the northern states but also in the south and southwest, and then summers that are sometimes hot and humid and sometimes very dry.

A lot of the snowbirds nesting in the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee during winter are now seeking places further south. If you've followed reports in the newspapers, on television and on the internet, you've noticed winter condos and apartments being advertised right now for next year so they can quickly sign up people before they go north for the summer. We're sure many of the condos, apartments and camping resorts and campgrounds are being rented up for next year much more quickly than in previous years. This year has

been a strike out season for buyers and a home run boon to sellers as home, condo and apartment prices have gone up 15 to 40 percent. We've been in contact with snowbirds seeking 6 months in the north and 6 months in the south, finding prices really rising if they wait too long. For one reason or another a lot of northerners are looking to obtain winter dwellings of some type in the south or southwest. Age is probably not the only reason and we've heard of such things as not wanting to burden their kids to have to drive them south in the fall then back to the north in the spring. Some really don't want to drive back and forth pulling a camper or fly back and forth themselves. This might be the causative effect of deciding to purchase homes or mobile homes and staying much of the year south, at least until the weather gets unbearably hot and muggy.

This brings us to this last gasp of conversations on Camping Here and Beyond from the Fort Wayne McCory's. We, too have purchased a home in Florida (and, as of now, by the time this edition with the last of our articles is published we hope our 39 foot, 2012 5th wheel camper is sold). Just before we sent Ray this article we e-mailed him our intentions. We would like to publically thank Ray Dickerson for letting us write about our little world of camping experiences, thank those of you who have graciously made suggestions and have stuck with us since mid-2009. We'll still be camping in our high top conversion van with bed, TV, etc. as long as we can find camping grounds that will allow us to camp within walking distance of a restroom.

We know Ray will find someone to replace us as we believe a camping article has a definite place in the Gad-a-Bout. Enjoy the great outdoors in the Great U.S. of A. and beyond. Thanks for reading our column.

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# Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

## April 2015 Activities

### Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

Metamora is finally waking up from its winter sleep. The grist mill reopens for the season. Spring flowers start to reappear around the town. Starting out the calendar for April is the Whitewater Valley train. On Saturday, **April 4th** the Whitewater Valley Express will be having the 15th running of the Easter Bunny Express. The train leaves the Connersville station and goes to the Easter Egg

Patch 2 miles away. The Easter Bunny will be there and kids can search for his golden egg. This is for ages 8 and under, cost \$10. The train will be running at 10am, noon, 2:30pm and 4:15pm. Reservations are strongly recommended, call **765-825-2054** to sign up by phone or sign up online at <https://www.dynamicticketsolutions.com/wvrr/> and go to the April calendar page. Be sure to bring your basket.

The Cat and the Fiddle Event Center at the Blacksmith Shop, 10104 Columbia St, is having several events this month. On **April 4th** Comedy on the Canal will be hosting Dwight Simmons. There will be 2 shows, 6pm and 8pm. **April 11th** is Girls Night In with Mariah Haven Lawson at 7pm. Girls Night In is a showcase for the best in up and coming female performers. Catrina will be cooking for all shows and reservations are strongly suggested. For more information, price and to make reservations call Catrina at **513-403-6172**. Finally on **April 24th** is the Acoustic Final Friday from 7-10pm. This is a free event. Signup for performers starts at 6:30pm or you can come and enjoy the show.

Mosaic, 19054 S Main St, has several club meetings, a book signing as well as a class. To start with on **April 11th**, Richard Propes will be having a book signing. He's known for the Tenderness Tour, his tour of Northern Indiana in 2014 to raise awareness of Child Abuse. At 2pm on the 11th, Holly will be giving a Free Intro to Fiddle Lesson. On **April 12th** Jammin' at the Gristmill is tentatively planned from 1-4pm. This is happening a little later this month. If it's nice enough outdoors, they may move down to the Gristmill. The Photography Club meets at 2pm on the 12th. This is a great club, every month they have a small proj-

ect to photograph, and then they meet to discuss the pictures they took, go out and shoot photos together and decide on a new project. You don't need a fancy camera, a smartphone will do. **April 18th** is the Breakfast Jam at 10am. Bring an instrument, a breakfast dish and come ready to jam. At 5pm is Game Night. Bring a favorite game or play one of the ones available at Mosaic. It's a great way to try out a new game, introduce someone to one of your favorites and make some new friends. **April 19th** brings the Songwriter's Roundtable at 2pm. This is open to anyone who enjoys writing songs.

Finally **April 25th** is the Chili Cook off. Cooking starts at 9am at the MPA barn at 19189 Pennington Street. Judging will be at noon as well as tasting for the general public. The cost to enter is \$10 per team. Entrance forms are available at <http://www.metamorampa.org/#!/chili-cookoff/c1me>, all George's Pharmacies and some Metamora Shops. There will be cash prizes, a people's choice award and best booth decorations award given at 3pm. Judging and tasting will be at noon. George's Pharmacy in Brookville is sponsoring live music from 11am-3pm. Starting at 11am local Metamora artists will be playing followed by The Beatniks and finally My Brother the Bear. More information is available at **765-698-2255**. This is a fund raiser for Metamora Performing Arts.

Before coming to Metamora, be sure to check the calendar at

[MetamoraIndiana.com](http://MetamoraIndiana.com), [MosaicMetamora.com](http://MosaicMetamora.com) or their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/mosaicmetamora>. Things do get canceled due to the weather. And as always, if you're looking for a fun day trip be sure to stop by and see us in Metamora. ■



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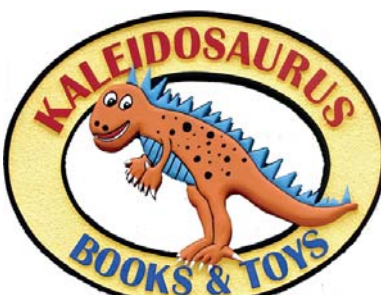


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I'll have camp dates, times and costs for this year's camps in next month's article.

### Delaware County Led the State In 2014 For Meth Labs

The Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Section has published the state wide numbers for Meth Labs dismantled in the state for 2014. Delaware County, where the city of Muncie is located, had the dubious distinction of being number one in the state with 148 Meth Labs dismantled last year.

The Pendleton District Meth Suppression team dismantled a total of 212 Meth Labs last year, which was second in the state behind the Fort Wayne District's 244 labs dismantled. Last year Pendleton District Meth Suppression Troopers dismantled 232 labs, with 109 of those in Delaware County.

According to Meth Suppression Section statistics, law enforcement agencies across the state dismantled a total of 1,488 labs in 2014 compared to 1808 in 2013.

Methamphetamine is a highly addictive and

destructive drug. Information regarding statewide meth statistics, meth lab cleanup, educational videos and materials about meth manufacturing and addiction can be found on the Meth Investigation System, or IMIS, at [www.meth.in.gov](http://www.meth.in.gov).

Anyone with information about illegal drug use is encouraged to 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.

### Crash Causation Factors for 2014

A TV station recently did a story on the top causes for crashes in Indiana last year. As expected, the top three crash causation factors for 2014 were following too closely, failure to yield and speed too fast for existing weather or traffic conditions. To any of us that drive this is no secret.

As their report demonstrated, every morning folks are following each other too closely at highway speeds, not giving themselves a chance to stop or react if something suddenly goes wrong ahead. There are some easy rules to follow to help keep you out of a crash.

As a general rule, you should have a three second gap between you and the vehicle in front of you, or a count of "one thousand one, one thousand two, and one thousand three." If the weather is bad, say ice, snow or even rain, you should increase that to a five

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Top Left: Ken Rushton group from Glenwood, IN caught 42 walleye, 231 lbs. Top Right: Bill Hohman group from Marietta, OH. They caught 33 walleye, 132 lbs., 1 Fish Ohio Walleye. Bottom Left: Vernon Sloan group from St. Paris, OH. They caught the walleye limit, 158 lbs., 1 Fish Ohio Walleye. Bottom Right: Jim Hammer group from Akron, OH. Their walleye catch included 2 Fish Ohio Walleye. (Bob Boytim Photos)



Bob Boytim, Charter Captain, Lake Erie

### Boytim Lake Erie Charter Service

February 21, 2015

Dear Ray:

Hope things are going well. We're all doing fine here in Marblehead except for the cold and snow. We've had plenty of both. You are probably dealing with the same kind of winter. Can not wait for spring.

Looking forward to taking you out for your first fishing trip on Lake Erie in June this year.

We had a nice 2014 season. The highlight of our walleye fishing was the size of the fish. We



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Bethanne - 32' BHM

had a number of limit catches of 100 pounds or more. One of our boats also had 41 Fish Ohio Walleye (28 inches or more) which are more than usual. These large fish are the result of the 2003 hatch and we should be catching them again this summer.

The late summer perch fishing was excellent. We caught limits most of the time and were able to stay in Ohio in the western and central basins. The size of the perch was also very good. As in the past, whenever possible, we finished off the perch trips by walleye fishing. A couple of times we caught 10 plus walleye.

Bass fishing was good, especially on the Canadian side around Pelee Island in August and September. We fished the reefs with soft craws. We also caught some walleye on those trips.

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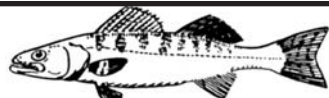
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## The Franklin County Antique Machinery Club Swap Meet

Submitted by  
Deborah Andrews

Here we are again. Another year gone by and another Swap Meet is up on us, on **April 4, 2015** at the **Franklin County Fair Grounds**. Gates open at 7:00 AM and runs until 3:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 per person and children under 12 free. Parking is free for the duration of your stay.

It may be cold with snow on the ground but that will not stop us. We just work harder to make it a pleasant experience for all the vendors and everyone attending. Besides, who knows maybe by April Mother Nature will see that we have some nice warm weather.

Come and look over the merchandise. You may want to buy, sell, trade or just look around to see what or who is there attending this year. You may not find what you need but you may find more than you were expecting. You may find that one piece that you have been looking for ever or that one piece that is worth everything to you. Besides, wouldn't it be nice to walk around and run into a friend from years past? It could happen and it has happened in past years. One thing you will find is friendliness from the members of the club.

There will be food of all kinds for the enjoyment of all. The ladies of the machinery club serve a hot breakfast and some delicious sweets along with coffee. If you are looking for sweets, you better get there early, they go first. Then stick around and have a nice hot sandwich with some soup for lunch. Then the deserts are excellent.

The Swap Meet has been around since 1998. Every year it gets larger with more vendors offering

their deals. There are all kinds of agricultural equipment to look over. Motorized, horse drawn and man powered. If you purchase a piece of equipment and need help loading it, we have heavy equipment to load the item.

The vendors come from everywhere. Not only from Indiana but also from the surrounding states.

Everyone is welcome to come with or without your family. There are all sorts of fun times for all. Be sure to mark your calendar for the **Antique Tractor pull on Saturday, July 11, 2015** during the Franklin County Fair week.

For more information, contact **Chuck Van Meter at 765-2652883** or **Keith Van Meter at 765-265-3658**. And mark your calendar day, September 24, 2015 to Sunday, September 27, 2015. For more information call **Dale Hertel at 765-220-1615** or for vendor space call **Roger Pettit at 513-385-1615**.

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## Against All Odds

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### LAST APRIL WITH THE HELP OF SOME AIR FORCE FRIENDS WE WERE ABLE TO VISIT LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE

Ever since leaving the Air Force, especially in recent years it has been a quest of mine to visit a former Air Force Base I was stationed at from 1959 thru 1963. Unfortunately most of those bases have closed, Amarillo AFB, RAF Chelveston and Stewart AFB. The only ones still open are RAF Alconbury in England (British now) and Lackland AFB in Texas. It wasn't easy to get onto Lackland AFB, in fact without the help of current active duty Air Force



TSgt Ronald Hariston took Sherry, Raul and I on a tour of Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, TX on Wednesday, April 16th in this Air Force van. (Photo by Raul Alvarado)

personnel who went above and beyond the call of duty to assist me, they accomplished their mission.

On April 16, 2014 TSgt Ronald Hariston took Sherry, Raul and I on a tour of Lackland Air Force Base in an Air Force van. I was in 7th heaven. TSgt Hariston took us on a grand tour of what was left of the area I was at in 1959 and the new areas.

(Personal note: I wonder why the U.S. Air Force makes it so hard for former Airmen to visit their former bases? We aren't terrorists, we served our time willingly and as we get older we cherish that time, all the memories of buddies, T.I.'s, Officers and every

day service life on and near the bases. I've talked to a lot of servicemen (including other armed forces) over the years who have tried to visit their former base (s) only to be turned away because their not having a proper military I.D. A Seabee wife from Georgia told me she and another wife traveled to Gulfport, Mississippi to visit the Seabee Museum to see if a plaque her WWII Seabee husband, Howard now deceased, gave to the museum only to be turned away because the museum was on Navy property and they didn't have a proper military I.D. I think that the sacrifice made especially by WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afganistan Veterans and their families have made for America should give them a special regard by the United States Military that their prior service should give them access to former bases if the Veteran or his family have a desire to visit their former base, ship or other place they were trained, based or docked. I may be wrong, but the Veterans shouldn't have to risk their lives a second time to visit a former base, ship or post they served their country. As the service man or woman ages they attend reunions and the like, traveling far and wide to be with former friends who served with them. I think this matter should be addressed and dealt with at the earliest convenience of the Joint Chief of Staffs in all the military branches. I went to great lengths to access Lackland Air Force Base for my visit in April 2014, even jeopardizing the careers of friends that I had no business doing. But I was determined in my effort to visit Lackland. I know other Veterans have an equal desire and we shouldn't have to beg, borrow and fling to do so.)

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Donna Schroeder

Dressed for a Tourism Bureau cemetery tour.

## Million Dollar Question How to entice visitors?

by Donna Schroeder

President of the Fayette County Tourism Bureau

I recently became president of the Fayette County Tourism Bureau. That's a real mouth full, huh? It's a pretty impressive title for a volunteer position. This is my second year as part of a five member board that is hoping to bring visitors to our county.

How can we accomplish the task? It's a question I ask myself a couple of times a day. How can we describe the majesty of the forest at the Shrader-Weaver Nature Preserve in the northern part of the county? How can we entice others to visit the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary in the southern part? Would it interest them to know that Alice Gray, wife of Congressman Finly Gray, bequeathed the land to the Audubon Society in memory of her beloved little girl – a child who contracted a dreaded childhood disease from which she never recovered?

Would others share the feeling of stepping back in time that I get every time I walk into the Canal House? It's an 1842 Greek Revival structure, constructed as the headquarters of the Whitewater Canal Company. Later it was the home of Congressman and Mrs. Gray, and it houses many of their possessions, including several of Alice's paintings and little Mary's china dolls. (It might interest you country folk to know that Finly was one of the strongest supporters of rural electrification under FDR.)

In its heyday, Connersville was a bustling center of commerce and industry. How do we bring people to see the Connersville built vehicles at the museum? Horse drawn and motorized – we got 'em. The gem of the collection is the McFarlan touring car, built like a tank and more luxurious than the Cadillacs of its day.

The exquisite murals, recently discovered and restored, on the ceiling of the courtroom in our courthouse; the little brick Hose House – the remaining example of the city's three 1870 fire houses; WPA stonework at Roberts Park; the Whitewater Valley Railroad; and Elmhurst – home of Caleb Blood Smith, Lincoln's Secretary of the Interior – so many sites and stories that have fascinated me since childhood. (Caleb's burial place is unknown. His remains were interred in an undisclosed location to save them from desecration by Southern sympathizers.)

And, speaking of burials, would people come to pay homage to the Civil War soldiers buried around the cannon in the Veterans' Circle at City Cemetery? Would they visit the grave of little Vivian Allison whose father built the doll house that marks her final resting place?

Genealogy information abounds at the library and the museum, and our Pioneer Cemetery Commission carefully tends the tiny cemeteries throughout the county that might otherwise have been lost to time.

My family came here from Virginia and South Carolina as soon as land was made available for purchase, and here we stayed. Maybe I'm too much in love with Fayette County to be objective, but I can't imagine not wanting to visit, can you?

For information on things to do and places to see, email us at [info@tourconnersville.com](mailto:info@tourconnersville.com) or call me at (765)825-0946. We would love to see you soon!



Finding a matched pair of shed antlers is very rare, I doubt I will ever find another pair laying side-by-side. (Author Photo)

(Editor note: Antlers were found further apart I repositioned them to fit in article space.)

## A Rare Find

by Bill Keaton

The arrival of February in Indiana marks the beginning of deer shed hunting. One can actually hunt sheds all year, but the longer a shed is on the ground, the more likely it is to be damaged or completely eaten by squirrels and other critters. A few years ago, I found a nice, heavy 8-point shed on one of the hilltops while mowing in late July. Unfortunately, it was found with a rear tractor tire which was ruined by the sidewall puncture.

I love to hunt sheds; but in a sense, it is like looking for a needle in a haystack. I have been hunting sheds for twenty years. I am to able to hunt 135 acres of prime deer woods in Southeastern Indiana surrounded by about 1,000 acres of lightly hunted prime deer habitat. Typically, five or six very good bucks show up on my game cameras every year before and during the hunting season. Only my son and I hunt this property, and there is very little hunting pressure on the land around us. Our hunting rule is that we only shoot a buck if it is bigger than any we have shot before. As a consequence of implementing this rule twenty years ago and the neighboring landowners following good management practices, there is a good population of big bucks.

If you hunt, you will generally know the areas frequented by big bucks, and that is where you should shed hunt. I always take my dog with me when I shed hunt, and she covers a lot more ground than I ever could. She knows what an antler is, and will generally either stop and spend some time smelling it or pick one up and carry it around as her prize when she finds one. (Unfortunately, she doesn't bring it to me; but I usually see when she finds one; and she will drop it on command.) Despite my best efforts, it is a good year if I find one or two nice antlers. Some years I don't find any despite covering many acres of woods.

Sometimes the Lord just blesses you with a gift. I was up early on Saturday morning, the last day of January; so by sunrise, I had already had breakfast, coffee, and I was dressed to go out and finish splitting the rest of the firewood I had cut. It was a clear, crisp morning at about 20 degrees, but there was no wind and a good frost on the ground. I drove my tractor with the splitter to the place where I had my tree cut and ready to split. As I turned to walk back to the barn to get my 4-wheeler and trailer for the wood, something up a mowed trail caught my eye and made me take a second look. When I looked back, about 30 yards up the trail, I saw what I thought might be an antler. As I got closer, I could see two antlers

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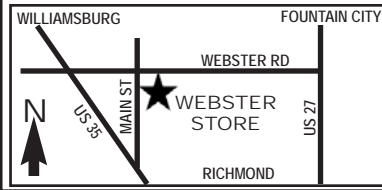
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Left Photo: Brent Wheat's brand new publication "WildIndiana." (Cover reprinted here with permission of Brent Wheat)  
Right Photo: At left Don Cranfell and at right Brent Wheat, publisher and owner of WildIndiana. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

## WildIndiana Magazine Publisher's First Issue

Indiana's newest outdoor magazine is now available.

WildIndiana Magazine hit stores throughout central Indiana on Friday, February 13, 2015. The magazine is a free, full-color advertiser-supported publication that focuses on outdoor adventure in Central Indiana.

"I'm really excited about this project," said Publisher Brent T. Wheat. "As a long-time outdoor writer in the Indianapolis area, I've seen a need for this kind of magazine that covers all the great outdoor recreation opportunities in the central third of the state," he said. "On the other hand, though we focus on central Indiana, you'll definitely see articles from every corner of the state," he added.

The name comes from Wheat's long-time website of the same name. "When we were talking about publishing a print magazine, we did all sorts of research and focus group polling to come up with a name. In the end, after all that discussion, we decided that WildIndiana was really the phrase that explained what we are about: the untamed areas and adventures of Indiana," he said.

The magazine, which publishes every two months, has a strong emphasis on hunting and fishing but covers other outdoor activities. "I have a short attention span," Wheat quipped, "so anything that happens outdoors in the center of the state might find its way into the magazine. Our first issue covered ice fishing, hiking, maple-syrup-making and even sledding. I hope to keep that unique article mix in every issue," he said.

The next issue hits stores on April 1.

Readers can visit <http://www.wildindiana.com> for a map of locations where the magazine is distributed and find other special content. The magazine also has an active Facebook page, Youtube Channel and Twitter feed.

Wheat also has plans to have an active presence at local events. The magazine recently manned a booth for all ten days of the Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show and is making plans to likewise have a booth at the upcoming Morel Festival in Brown County.

"At this point, the sky is the limit," Wheat said. "There is definitely a buzz; folks are excited about this project and I hope that we are out in the field every week of the coming year either covering events or taking part in them. The magazine staff and I have a bunch of plans to make this not just a publication or website but a virtual community of outdoor enthusiasts who love the wild places of Indiana."

Editor's Note: I've known Brent Wheat for some time, we are both members of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers Association (H.O.W). We talked for quite a bit of time at the Indianapolis Sport Show. He and I both had booths at the show, he was set up in Tackle Town and I was in the Exposition Hall at the Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Show. I didn't know about Brent's new publication until I set up at the sport show. Brent is retiring from the Lebanon Police Department where he has worked for the past 26 years. I got a kick out of reading his first "Editor Column" he said, "You hold in your hands the first edition of WildIndiana magazine; let me welcome you to my nightmare. Sorry, I



meant dream."

I like that, it means he is not only looking at the prospect of stepping off into the unknown, but willing to do whatever it takes to achieve his dream.

He thinks like I do, the internet is okay for some, but paper publications are better. Ray

## A Rare Find

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laying in a mirror image. Right there in the trail were two freshly shed 10-point antlers, side-by-side, laying just the reverse of the way they would have been on the deer. They were so fresh that there was still fresh blood on the stump! If you look closely at the picture, you can clearly see the fresh blood on the skull end of the antler.

It is pretty hard to find a single antler. I will probably never again find a matched pair laying side-by-side! This was a very rare find indeed!

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count or more.

Failure to yield, or folks not stopping, has become quite a phenomenon over the last five years of my career. I've had people roll through stop signs while I'm sitting across from them waiting to pull out. I stopped a guy on my way to the post just this morning that barely slowed down and rolled right through the stop sign on a side road out in front of me onto a state road.

As I told him, obviously he wasn't looking or he would've seen a fully marked police car coming right at him. A lady I recently stopped said she did see me sitting at the stop sign, and that she did "almost stop" before pulling out in front of me. I guess she thought "almost stopping" was supposed to make it legal. (She thought wrong.)

Stopping means your wheels quit turning and your car physically sits for 2-3 seconds before you pull out. That gives you time to check each direction at least twice before moving on. Never assume the approaching car will stop at his stop sign or stop light, as crash statistics will tell you they might not.

Why have people picked up such bad driving habits? I wish I knew. Maybe everyone is more distracted nowadays with all the electronic devices we have at our disposal? Maybe it's a lack of new drivers taking driver education courses, whether due to expense or other reasons.

Maybe it's a lack of standardized curriculum for driver education courses, as every driving school seems to be teaching different things, and you have to wonder if the basic core of safe driving is being covered.

The driver education courses I speak to in our area seem, for the most part, to all be on the same page, but with online driver education classes now available, I've got to wonder how well things are being taught and covered. In general people are in a bigger hurry nowadays, but I don't think we can blame all of the poor driving we're seeing on just that.

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For whatever variety of reasons, people are simply following too closely and failing to stop at stop signs and stoplights. Protect yourself and your family by obeying the simple rules I've offered above, and always watch the other guy. Thanks for reading this month's installment and for allowing all of us to serve all of you. Stay safe and we'll talk again next month. ■

## Fishing Lake Michigan

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conventional gear.

Salmon will bite meat rigs anytime, but for me and my friends, they really shine during the midday hours when the normal spoons and flies are being snubbed. That alone makes them a valuable tool.

Whole herring and strips are sold in many bait shops catering to Great Lake fishermen. The store-bought meat is tough and will hold up to at least a couple hours of trolling. Others have tried other kinds of fish—alewives and smelt—and have found they work, but don't seem to last as long. I've even pinned Berkley Gulp Minnows into a bait head and have caught fish on them.

Where's the beef? It's in the lake, these days.

The END ■

## So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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fishermen access boat ramp. I'm not sure why though, I see plenty of pleasure boats putting in at this ramp all the time. Garr Hill (Franklin Creek) and Templeton Creek enter the main lake together, so when you come back into this idle zone from the main lake on the left its Templeton creek. If you go to the right its Garr Hill (Franklin Creek), but the idle zone is one in the same.

Wolf creek idle zone has no boat ramp accessing it so you have to put in at any boat ramp and travel across the main body of the lake to get to it. This is not really a problem unless your in a small boat or a canoe. It can be done, but it will be a little tricky if there is a lot of boat traffic on the lake.

These idle zone are great place to fish, swim, eat your lunch, or just relax and get some sun.

When you enter these idle zones be very careful there are tree tops everywhere just under the surface. Back when the lake was built and flooded all the trees back in these coves were left for fish habitat.

I will let you in on a little secret if wood stays dry it won't rot. If wood stay wet it won't rot. If wood gets wet and dry it will rot. Most of the trees back in these idle zones have succumbed to this wet and dry rot. The top part of the tree is gone but the part that's just under the surface is still there. If you idle slow you will just kind of bounce off these unsuspecting trees, but if you are going too fast you can get stuck on top of these trees, put a hole in your boat or flip your boat over. Just go at a slow idle, keep your eyes peeled and you should be fine, I do it every day.

If you have a bigger boat with plenty of horse power, the lake offers boat ramps that dump you right into the main lake. These are Bonwell hill boat ramp, Fairfield boat ramp and Egypt Hollow boat ramp. Bonwell boat ramp is at the south end of the lake by the dam. Fairfield boat ramp is north of Fairfield causeway just above Kent's Harbor on the east side of the lake and Egypt hollow boat ramp is on the west side right across from Fairfield boat ramp. It is accessed from west side of Fairfield Causeway or from Everton.

This lake is a flood control reservoir. In the winter is is 8 feet lower then it is in the summer to help with flooding in the spring. Everything around the lake is built for the lake to be at summer pool, not winter pool. Some of the boat ramps I talked about in this article are not use able in the winter, but the ones that dump into the main lake can be used year round, weather permitting.

Good luck have fun and try to make it a great day

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## Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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say that?

This is a very complicated issue and not one that the BATFE should rush to judgment on as it is doing. The comment period ends March 16, 2015. Sadly, with the urging by the Obama Administration the ban will probably go into effect very soon. Already the price of the ammo has increased substantially as the proposed rule exempts currently owned ammo from the ban. The ban would stop the manufacture and importation of that type of ammo in the future. If this ban goes through the chances of other ammunition being banned for similar reasons would increase and I fear that soon the only ammunition available will be air gun pellets. This could very well be the best way for the administration to disarm America and join the socialistic governments suppressing the free will of their people (minions).

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 [PrairieWolfGuns@gmail.com](mailto:PrairieWolfGuns@gmail.com). I'll answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column.

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

Marshall Smith

Gunsmith

Prairie Wolf Gun Repair ■

## GEM - WISE

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between 18.8 carat and 4.5 carat. All of these gems are set in the Crown Jewels. The Star of Africa/Cullian 1 is set in the Royal Sceptre, the remainder in the State Crown with the Koohinor diamond.

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## Outdoors with Rich Creason

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Aquatic invertebrates, if not native, can also cause many problems. Two of these are the quagga mussel and the zebra mussel. Both are currently present in all five Great Lakes. The quagga forms extensive mats which filter plankton which are necessary for the growth of native fish species. Their sharp shells can cause injury to swimmers on beaches and the mussels may cause botulism in fish and wildlife.

The zebra mussel causes all the problems of the quagga. The cost of control and prevention of this species is estimated to exceed a half billion dollars a year.

The best way you can help prevent the spread of these species and other invasive intruders is to Clean, Drain, and Dry. When leaving a body of water, make sure your watercraft and other equipment don't carry any of these species with them.

If you can clean with hot water, it may kill some of small organisms you can't see. Pick off plant fragments. Rinse equipment well, making sure to remove all visible mud which could carry eggs, plant pieces, etc. Clean buckets, boots, and clothing.

Drain all water from your boat bilge, motor, and livewell. Empty bait buckets, waders, or any other container which might contain invasive species.

Dry everything at least five days before moving it to any other body of water. If you can't wait that long, wash and rinse equipment with a high-pressure hose and/or hot water.

Many docks and marinas now have all of these procedures posted at or near boat docks. Many states and provinces require these steps to prevent the spread of these current and future invaders of the Great Lakes.

For more information on these and other species affecting our waters, go to [www.adventurepublications.net](http://www.adventurepublications.net) and find the book "Invaders of the Great Lakes". For only \$6.95, this is an outstanding book for anyone who spends time boating or fishing.

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## Indiana State Trappers Association

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well worth it and comes with 70 college contact hours from Purdue University.

Lastly, the **US Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA)** is an umbrella corporation that brings together all of the outdoor sports that it can. It watches for legislation that will adversely affect outdoor sports and actively lobbies for legislation that will keep outdoor sports safe. It does this with memberships from both groups and individuals. The USSA's website is [www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org). Their offices are located at **801 Kingsmill Parkway, Columbus, OH. 43229**. The USSA sponsors a Trailblazer Adventure Program that introduces young, and old, people to all of the outdoor sports and adventures. Visit their website to find a Trailblazer Adventure Program going on near you. Membership with the USSA comes with a monthly newsletter and legislative alerts as they are needed.

In Indiana, there were 5500 trapping licenses sold this last year. Yet, fewer than 10 % appear to be a member in at least one of the organizations listed above. Some are members in more than one, but too many do not belong to a single one. If this statistic holds true throughout the country, there are a lot of trappers and outdoors people, men and women, who are relying on someone else to be sure that their sports' privileges continue to exist. Maine recently fought off a ballot proposition that would have banned bear hunting and trapping had it passed. The Humane Society of America paid 97% of the cost of fielding the Proposition. Only 3% came from Mainers. This was a big anti-animal use group trying to enforce their will on a local population that did not want them there. Maine sports men and women would have had a much harder time defeating this Proposition without the support of sports men and women groups across the country. You need to belong if you want the privilege there for your children.

Please be a part of maintaining our outdoor privileges. JOIN at least one of the groups listed above. Join them all if your fur check was large enough. After all, next year you want to do it again. Fur will shine again. It always does.

Watch your top knot. Keep your eyes along the skyline.

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM

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added to his misery.

Meanwhile at the grand council Little Turtle told of the new army that was being formed at Fort Washington by St. Clair to march on the Indian villages at the head of the Maumee, Kekionga. A main topic was who would lead the confederacy against St. Clairs army. Buckongahelas was the favorite, but he told them that he was too old, that they needed a younger war chief, he recommended Little Turtle.

Buckongahelas was reported to have given the following speech before the council, "The Walam Olum is the record of the Delaware people since the beginning of time. These painted sticks tell how Manito created the earth and the Delaware people, they tell of our people when they lived by the sea and the East people came out of the sea to rob us of our lands. Starving wretches! They came with smiles, but soon became snakes! They were all received and fed with corn; but no land was ever sold to them; we never sold any land. They were allowed to dwell with us, to build houses and plant corn, as friends, and allies. Because they were hungry and we thought them children of the sun land, and not serpents. They were traders, bringing fine new tools, and weapons, and cloth, and beads, for which we gave them skins, and shells, and corn. And we liked them and the things they brought, for we thought them good and made by the sun land. But they brought also fire-guns, and fire-waters, which burned and killed, also baubles and trinkets of no use, for we had better ones before. After them came the sons of King George who said more land, more land we must have, and no limit could be put on their steps. And they took Canada from us! We moved west again. Then they killed our chief at the Wyoming Valley so we moved west again. Then they killed our brothers at the Tuscarawas. We went to the White River to be farther from them; but they follow us everywhere. We must stop them once and for all!"

After Chief Buckongahelas spoke his passionate speech Little Turtle stood and told the gathering that he would lead a thousand braves and defeat the invading white army.

When General Wilkinson invaded Kenapecomoco on Aug. 7, 1791, six older Indians were killed and 34 women and children taken captive. Among the captives was William Wells Wea Miami wife and daughter and Chief Porcupine's wife. He destroyed the village and all the crops growing nearby.

Between Scott and Wilkinson's raids they destroyed most of the food crops of the Wabash Indians that summer except near Kekionga. And St. Clair was to accomplish that task.

Shortly after Little Turtle and Apekonit returned from the Grand Council William married Sweet

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Breeze, daughter of Little Turtle. It was not unusual for an Indian to take a second wife, especially since Williams first wife was taken captive at Kenapecomoco and her fate was not known. The marriage between Sweet Breeze (Wanangepeth) and Apekonit (William Wells) produced four children: Ann Wells (Ahpezzahquah) born in 1793, Rebecca Wells (Pemesahquah) born in 1795, William Wayne Wells (Wapemongah) born in 1797 and named for Anthony Wayne he died on Dec. 15, 1796, and Mary Wells (Ahmahquauzahquah) was born on May 10, 1800.

On Sept 6, 1791 St. Clair's rag-tag army embarked on its fatal mission. Seven hundred of his army deserted him within the first few days. When two artillerymen were caught trying to desert and were hung in full view of the army, the deserting slowed.

They marched 23 miles and stopped to build Fort Hamilton on the bank of the Great Miami River 23 miles north of Ft. Washington. They resumed their march on Oct. 4 and continued until the 12th when they stopped and built Fort Jefferson 42 miles north of Fort Washington. They resumed their march on Oct. 24, 1791. Following is a brief description of the daily events leading up to the battle.

25th, Rained very hard, low on provisions, march halted, news arrived of 1300 pounds of flour to arrive on 27th.

26th, Militia encountered small band of Indians, no battle.

27th, Major Denny recorded in his diary, "The season so far advanced it will be impracticable to continue the campaign. Forage entirely destroyed; horses failing and cannot be kept up; provisions from hand to mouth."

28th, Indian action, one levy killed, two militia killed, no Indians killed.

30th, Army moved about 7 miles, having left considerable part of tents by the way; provisions not adequate; three days flour issued to men.

31st, 60 militia deserted and swore they would intercept provisions. St. Clair ordered Major Hamtramck, the most experienced Indian fighters in the whole army to go after them. St Clair instructed him to return after he had secured the provisions.

Nov. 1st, army halted for road cutters to gain distance ahead, from St. Clair's journal, "I am this day considerably recovered and hope that it will turn out what I at first expected it would be, a friendly fit of the gout come to relieve me from every other complaint."

Nov. 3rd, The army count was down to about 1,400 effective men, it was late when the army camped on the headwaters of the Wabash. There was a light covering of snow on the ground. The main army set up on a elevated meadow. The militia camped across the stream about 300 yards in advance of them.

St. Clair mistakenly believed the army to be just 15 miles from Kekionga, when in fact he is 50 miles south on the spot that Fort Recovery would be built. The right wing was under the command of Major General Butler, St. Clair's second in command, and rival. Clark and Patterson's battalions was stationed there too. The left wing consisted of Bedinger's and Gaither's battalions, the Second United States Regiment of Regulars under the command of Col. William Darke formed the second line. St. Clair thought that his flank was secure with the stream along it, which was bordered by a steep bank. Faulkner's corps, some calvary and their picquets covered the left flank. No works was thrown up to protect the army while their night fires illuminated their every position.

Nearly about 1,400 Indians lay in waiting for the opportunity to strike under the leadership of Little Turtle.

General Butler sent out an intelligence officer and small party to reconnoiter the area. When they returned, Capt. Slough reported their sightings of several Indians to Butler, but the intelligence report never reached St. Clair.

At a half hour before sunrise on Nov. 4th the army was at parade. The soldiers were dismissed to eat and prepare to continue to their objective.

Before the troops barely had time to sit down the

shots rang out in massed bursts. The militia gave up their position and ran into the camp causing mass confusion. The Indians deadly fire seemed to pinpoint all the officers as most of them were shot down in the first few minutes of the fight. The cannon was most feared by Little Turtle, but he had put his son-in-law Apekonit in charge of some 300 warriors who were placed behind logs and trees immediately under the knoll on which the artillery stood. They picked off the artillerymen one by one until a huge pile of corpses lay about the gun wheels. Only one artilleryman lived through the melee.

St. Clair tried to mount his horse which was shot through the head, he tried to mount a second, but that horse too was killed, a third horse was given to him but he continued the battle hobbling on his feet, fearing to get on another horse. As the bodies mounted many of the militia quit their posts and gathered in the middle of the camp, dropping their guns and cowering in a group. No matter of force could get them to fight. St. Clair realizing his predicament ordered a retreat. The survivors run head long along the trail back towards Fort Jefferson, it was more of a rout than a retreat. The Indians only gave chase for about four miles then returned to the battle area to gather the spoils of the battle. Since they had no way of moving the artillery pieces, they buried them

Dirt and clay was forced into the eyes and throats of the soldiers as a symbol of the whites wanting to take the Indian land.

After the battle William Wells worried that he may have killed some of his kin. He related to some of his friends that in the frenzy of the battle he became tired of lifting his tomahawk killing the enemy. Unknown to him his brother Samuel was with St. Clair, but was unhurt and returned to Louisville safely.

The two officers who had in their knowledge that the Indians were close, both died, General Butler and Col. Oldham. All total 39 officers and 593 men were killed or missing. Twenty-two officers and 240 men were wounded. Of the 250 women who accompanied the army most were killed or captured. Although hard to account for it is believed that the Indians only had 150 injured or killed. Supplies valued at \$33,000 were lost.

St. Clair's battlefield has become known as the bloodiest battlefield of American pioneer history.

St. Clair was exonerated of any wrong doing, the private contractors bore most of the blame due to late provisioning of supplies. He retained the confidence of Washington to the last of his days. He died in 1818 in relative poverty.

From the battlefield Little Turtle led his warriors back to Kekionga and they celebrated the victory for days. The army supplies and cattle more than made up for the loss of grain by Mariner's army the year before.

The warriors from other tribes returned to their own villages and for a time activities returned to normal. Raiding party's continued along the Ohio and into the Ohio territory. The Indians were more confident and brazen in their attacks.

The defeat of St. Clair army alarmed the settlers throughout the frontier. The tide of pioneers slowed for a short time. Renewed pressure was brought to bear on the American government to do something about the Indians.

President George Washington began a search for the right man to lead his third army against the Miami stronghold at Kekionga. He still believed that if they could defeat the Miami at Kekionga and build a string of forts from there to Fort Washington they would be able to pacify all of the Indians in the Northwest Territory.

In February, four months after St. Clair's defeat, the Congress of the United States passed legislation creating a Legion of the United States. The Legion would have 291 officers and 4,272 enlisted men. It would be made up of four sub legions of infantry, plus dragoons and artillery.

Although there were several good candidates for the General of the new Legion, President Washington picked "Mad" Anthony Wayne for the job. Wayne had an impressive war record in the Revolutionary War, he was known as the General who never sleeps, he believed in strict discipline and was liked by all who served with him. Wayne was appointed as General of the Legion on April 12, 1792.

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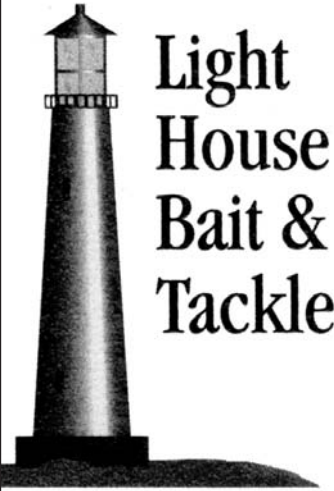
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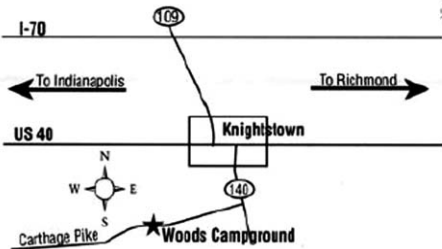
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