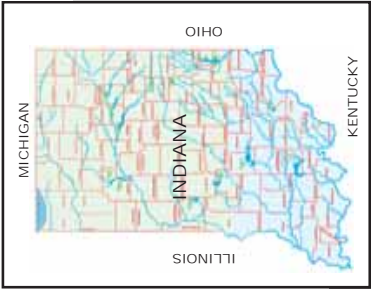


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Top Left: The 79th Naval Construction Battalion (NCB) is having a reunion in 2015 in Ephrata, PA hosted by Lenore and Fred Hummel. I've wrote about the reunion in this to see if I can reach out to as many 79th Seabees as possible to encourage them to attend this reunion. The World War II Seabee ranks, just like all the other Veterans are shrinking year by year and those who are still with use can't travel as easily as when they were a bit younger. I will be sending The Gad-a-bout to all Seabees I have addresses for including CBMU 624. See page 23. (Official Insignia for the Navy Seabees)
Top Right: The Archway Days 2015 planning is well under way thanks to Anthony Smith, Chairman of Archway Days, Phil Bedel, who is taking care of the Vendors and Josh Minnix who is handling the Waterball and Parade this year. Archway days will be held on August 21-22, 2015. Archway Days will be held in and near the Maplewood Park in Centerville. There is a 4 page pullout in this issue with info, maps, schedule and photos. See pages 1,15,16,17 & 18 (Photo by

Anthony Smith, Archway Days Chairman)
Bottom: Earlier this year I was invited by Bob Boytim, owner of Boytim Charter Service to fish with him on Lake Erie. We set the date for June 21, 2015
Skippers Bob, Lyle and Ned Boytim operate Boytim Charter Service. They are lifelong residents of Marblehead, each is a longtime holder of a U.S.C.G. Operator's License. Bob is 85, he is the eldest, followed closely by Lyle. Ned is the youngest, the business is listed in his name.
The Boytim's have three fishing boats: Bob's is the "Anna" a 28 ft Bertram, Lyle's is the Bethanne" a 32 ft BHM and Ned's is the Emily K a 32 ft BHM fishing boat. Our fishing trip would be on Lyle's Bethanne, with Lyle at the helm. That way Bob could spend more time taking care of his guests every need. It worked out great, what a day we had fishing in Lake Erie. See pages 8,9,26 & 27 (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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I just heard on the news that Secretary of State John Kerry and friends have signed an agreement with Iran on their nuclear ambitions.

My message to John Kerry is, "John please read the above paragraph and answer my two questions, do you get Samuel Adams point he is making in this statement?" Then why would you sign the Iranian Nuclear Arms Treaty?

Lord have mercy on all of us, the day of judgement is at hand!

COMING EVENTS IN NEXT FEW MONTHS

The closest upcoming event is the Fayette County Free Fair it begins on July 25 and ends on August 1st.

Check out the 4-H activities on page 15 & 18 in my July Gad-a-bout online: www.thegadabout.com.

Jul 25 Open Class Shows/ Fine Arts 10:30 am; Culinary/Canning 11:30 am; Extension Homemakers 11:30 am; Needle Craft 11:30 am; Garden Tractor Pull 1:00 pm; Swine Show 1:00 pm

Jul 26 Parade; Midway opens 2:00 pm; rides open 5:00 pm; Concert-Sean Lamb and Blue River Band 6:30 pm (Amphitheater)

Jul 27 Open Class/ Flower Show; Fruit & Vegetables; Harness Racing 11:00 am; Pig Wrestling 7:00 pm; Free Stage- Country Music 6:00 pm

Jul 28 Harness Racing 11:00 am; Two Can Tuesday 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm (bring 2 cans of food and get \$3.00 off an armband); Free Stage- Gospel Music 6:00 pm; Flat Drags 7:00 pm

July 29 - Wednesday
Country Showdown (Amphitheater)

July 30 - Thursday
Free Stage- Local talent and Rock-N-Roll Music 6:00 pm; Baby Show (Miller Building) 6:15 pm; Moto Cross 7:00pm

July 31 - Friday
Pacer Fan Van 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Demo Derby 7:00 pm

August 1 Tractor Pull 7:00 pm
John & Susan Roell will have a booth at several of the upcoming county fairs including the Franklin County Fair July 13-17, 2015 followed by the Randolph County Fair July 18-22, 2015 followed by the Mooreland Free Fair August 10-15, 2015 and Levi Coffin Days September 19-20, 2015. The Roell's sell The Holland Grill (see their ad on this page). They also will have a rack full of Gad-a-bouts for their visitors to pick up for free.

Archway Days August 21-22 see pages 15-18 in this issue. A special pull-out with all the information you need to enjoy the 27th Annual Archway Days in Centerville, IN with most activities centered near Maplewood Park, Crown Creek Blvd and Water Street.

The 2015 Farmer's Pike Festival is next with their huge "Acres of Treasures" and wide variety of Live Entertainment will be happening on Labor Day Weekend September 4-7th. See page 2 of this issue to see that they have on tap for this year. In the September Gad-a-bout there will be a full page of information including their line-up of bands and musical acts. See ad for contact information.

The Fall Creek Heritage Fair in Pendleton is September 11-12, 2015, see their ad on page 2. This year they will have over 185 craft and food booths, craft auction and the picturesque falls of Falls Park to enjoy. This event is sponsored and produced in cooperation with Century & a Half Club, Inc.

Van & Rose Wimmer will be at the Indiana State Fairgrounds October 2-4, 2015 for their

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**
Professional Fishing Guide

August Fishing Brookville Lake

Summer time fishing on Brookville Lake can be as good as it is in the spring. You just have to do it in different places then you did in the spring. What happens in the early spring is a select few fish are spawning on the banks they are blue gill shad and carp. So while the blue gill shad and carp deposit their eggs on the banks the other fish like bass, walleye, and catfish move in for a high protein diet of fish eggs, this will hold these fish on the banks till the bluegill shad and carp are done spawning. But when that's over all the fish have no reason to stay on the banks.

From here the water starts to get hotter so the fish move to their summer time homes, so if you want to

continue to catch walleye, catfish, bass, bluegill etc. you have to move with them. A lot of people I talk to tell me they can go to a farm pond and catch all the fish they want, but when they go to the lake they can't catch anything. Well in a farm pond you have a captive audience they can only be there. But in the lake they can be anywhere. You have to look at Brookville Lake like its a lot of farm ponds all hooked together. The trick is moving around the lake till you find the particular pond their living in on that particular day. It could be at the head of the lake at the dam or any place in between.

Some of the things that dictate where they will be are temperature oxygen water clarity and food. You may go fishing one day and their feeding on crawl dads the next it could be shad. So you have to constantly adjust the way you fish everyday. I will say one thing though most all the fish I catch outside of striped bass and crappie all summer come from 12 ft of water or less. So when I say move to the middle of the lake I don't mean move out to 80 ft of water you have to find the shallow places out in the middle of the lake.

I have also found that color makes a big difference when fishing, weather it be a jig or crank bait. But you have to experiment to find out which color they want it's a lot of trial and error. Weather to fish a crank bait or a jig really depends on how you like to fish you can catch fish either way. If you are going to fish crank bait I would suggest you troll. This way you can cover a lot of water and your crank bait is in the strike zone 100 % of the time. The only problem with a crank baits is that you can go broke trying to have the right one. To shorten your search stick with crank baits that resemble a shad or a crawl dad. If you fish a jig I would suggest a 1/32 or 1/16 ounce jig and have a lot of different colors. You have two things you have to do, first you have to find the fish, and then figure out how to catch those fish.

Good Luck Tag Nobbe

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by Sergeant John D. Bowling
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All of these man power needs are coordinated by the Special Operations. Here are just some of the events we provide security for; Indiana Boat and Travel; Indy Grand Prix in May along with all the Indy 500 pre-race and race day activities; The Brick Yard pre race and race day activities; The Indianapolis MOTO GP race; Indiana Black Expo; Three weeks of the Indiana State Fair and the National Drags on Labor Day weekend are just some of the events we cover.

This is not even a complete list as there are other events we cover throughout the year as well. It can be a daunting task bringing troopers from all over the state to one location to cover a special event-but it's what we do. Sergeants Bill Dalton and Terry Treon do a great job coordinating guys from all over the state to cover all the special events.

Speaking of special events, if you're at the state fair this year, I'll be in the north information booth the second half of the fair. Make sure you stop by and say hello.

New Laws Start July 1

Every year we are briefed on new criminal and traffic laws prior to them taking effect on July 1st. Of course everyone was talking about the new "Left Lane" traffic law. It's really nothing new; it's just been put into its own code for the interstate. The law that used to apply now only applies to two lane roads.

Simply stated, the new law, 9-21-5-9 (c) says that "Except as provided in subsection (c), a person who knows, or should reasonably know, that another vehicle is overtaking from the rear the vehicle that the person is operating may not continue to operate

the vehicle in the left most lane."

In other words, the left lane is for passing, not cruising. Once you get past the vehicle(s) in the right lane, get over to the right lane, or as it used to be called, the driving lane, for driving. I don't know if it's not getting taught in driver education classes or what, but people seem to want to drive in the passing lane, even when there is no vehicle in the driving (right) lane next to them. This law should help remedy that.

Of course there is a list of exceptions, but basically all you need to know is when on the interstate, use the left lane for passing and the right lane for driving. The law doesn't apply if the far-left lane is a designated carpool lane, is exiting the road to the left, paying a toll at a toll plaza, if another traffic law requires them to be in that lane at the time, or if a driver is in the left lane due to traffic congestion or inclement weather.

We've all been behind two vehicles, driving side by side below the posted speed for miles, holding back the flow of traffic. Hopefully this will help educate those who seem to be confused about what lane to drive in. If you're driving along in the passing (left) lane, below the posted speed, then you can be cited. The fine for the violation is the same as any moving traffic violation.

Also new is an addition to the "Move Over Law," 9-21-8-35(b) which applies to emergency vehicles, tow trucks and road side service vehicles. Now that law also applies to trash trucks. So when approaching a trash truck you must slow down and or move over to give them room to work.

Safe Summer Holiday Travel

The summer vacation season is in full swing, and the Indiana State Police would like to offer the following safe travel tips to help keep you and your family safe this summer.

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


- Leave early. Allow extra time to get to your destination.
- Don't use cruise control in heavy traffic.
- Always signal lane changes.
- Use headlights even during daylight hours.
- Reduce your speed in rain and **NEVER DRIVE INTO WATER FLOWING OVER THE ROADWAY.**
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- Make sure you are well rested. A fatigued driver is as dangerous as an impaired driver.
- Increase the distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you, especially in construction zones.
- Don't forget to watch for slow moving farm equipment on county and state roads.
- Watch attentively for motorcycles. Check blind spots before changing lanes and look twice at intersections before you turn or pull out into traffic.
- Anticipate hazards that may confront a motorcyclist like large pot holes, debris, or other hazardous road conditions.
- Allow at least two seconds of following distance between your vehicle and a motorcycle.
- Be cautious and observant when turning left. A primary cause of crashes between vehicles and motorcycles is when a vehicle turns left in front of an oncoming motorcycle.
- Remember, motorcycles are entitled to operate in a full lane.
- Obey all traffic laws and never drive impaired.

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by Lt. Bill Browne

Indiana's toughest school

Hello again everyone! I hope that everyone is finding time to enjoy the outdoors during your summer. Indiana Conservation Officers have been busy this summer on boat patrol and foot patrol of our reservoirs, streams and rivers. Please remember to wear your safety equipment when boating and riding an ATV this summer.

Many people have asked about the training that an Indiana Conservation Officer must go through to earn this career and I thought I would take this opportunity to explain our recruit school and train-

Top Left Photo: Conservation Officer recruits marching at the recruit school. Top Right Photo: A CO recruit doing push-ups as the Drill Instructor yells at him. Middle Right Photo: Recruits carrying a large block of wood. Bottom Right Photo: The recruits running, running, running. (Author Photos)

ing process to you. We began our hiring process about 7 months ago seeking to hire 15 new Indiana Conservation Officers. During this process we conducted written tests, physical agility tests, application reviews, background checks, polygraphs and interviews to narrow our field of applicants down to 20 worthy candidates. Those 20 candidates earned the opportunity to be invited to our 35th recruit school.

As of this writing, our recruits are currently finishing up their 3rd week of our 4 week recruit school which is held at Atterbury military base and have been whittled down to 16. Most CO's will tell you that our recruit school is the toughest thing they have ever endured in their lifetime. I have fielded some recent questions asking why we train our recruits the way we do and I would like to answer some of them in this article.

The duties of an Indiana Conservation Officer are wide ranging. They stem from fish and wildlife enforcement, boating, DNR property rule enforcement, Off road vehicle enforcement and they carry on to drug enforcement, DUI detection, domestic disturbance, battery, murder, rape and a host of other criminal violations. A CO must also learn to operate a 4 wheel drive vehicle, a jon boat, a lake boat, an ATV and in some cases a snowmo-





bile or an airboat. CO's pick up specialties such as Search and Rescue Diving, K-9 handler, Cave Rescue and River Rescue, which are done on top of the normal patrol duties. Because we only have 214 officers to cover this entire state (when we are fully staffed) many of our officers have multiple specialties. There is no doubt that an Indiana Conservation must be disciplined and perform admirably under high duress, which leads me back to the purpose of our recruit school training.

I have been blessed to serve as an Indiana Conservation Officer for nearly 28 years and still, to this day, I remember the lessons I learned while in recruit school. The push-ups, the sit-ups, the running, the yelling, the "thrashing", the tearing up

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Left: As we left the dock on Lake Erie for Canadian waters the sun rose slowly toward the east. Right: Returning from a successful day of walleye fishing from left to right are Roger Steidel from Medina, OH, Jay Bickley from Lakeshore, OH, Skippers Lyle and Bob Boytim and Ray Steidel from Willowick, OH.

Fishing on Lake Erie With Skippers Bob & Lyle Boytim

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

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Earlier this year I was invited by Bob Boytim, owner of Boytim Charter Service to fish with him on Lake Erie. We set the date for June 21, 2015

If you have been reading The Gad-a-bout for a while you will have read several articles about Boytim Charter Service that I and Rich Creason have written and included photos of their success of catching walleye on Lake Erie. They also fish for small-mouth bass and perch by season or preference.

Skippers Bob, Lyle and Ned Boytim operate Boytim Charter Service. They are lifelong residents of Marblehead, each is a longtime holder of a U.S.C.G Operator's License. Bob is 85, he is the eldest, followed closely by Lyle. Ned is the youngest, the business is listed in his name. See at the end of this article complete information on how to contact and find them.

The Boytim's have three fishing boats: Bob's is the "Anna" a 28 ft Bertram, Lyle's is the Bethanne" a 32 ft BHM and Ned's is the Emily K a 32 ft BHM fishing boat. Our fishing trip would be on Lyle's Bethanne, with Lyle at the helm. That way Bob could spend more time taking care of his guests every need. It worked out great, what a day we had fishing in Lake Erie.

I arrived in Marblehead, Ohio on Saturday afternoon at check in time at the Lighthouse Resort located on SR 163 a short distance from the Marblehead Lighthouse State Park. I wanted to arrive early enough to locate Shrock's Marina (8725 E. Northshore Blvd., Marblehead, Ohio) where Bob, Lyle and Ned Boytim keep their boats docked. Bob told me to meet them at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, Father's


Day at Schrock's dock, and I didn't want to be searching for their dock at 6 a.m. that morning. Bob gave me directions and I also checked the location online. Bob's directions were accurate, the online directions proved to be inaccurate sending me on a wild goose chase trying to find a couple of roads that don't exist. I found Schrock's docks easily following Bob's directions: From the Lighthouse Resort I took OH-163 west, turning right onto Erie Beach Road, then turned left onto North Shore Blvd, I looked for Schrock's sign on the right, also watching for a big boat propeller near the corner and turned right there, following Schrock's road past the large building on my left, going to the end of docks. The Bethanne was in the last berth on my left. (Side note: if you were traveling from the west on OH-163 you would turn left onto Erie Beach Road, then follow same directions to Boytim's docks.)

I then returned to the Lighthouse Resort Hotel. It was supper time so I ate at their restaurant having BBQ ribs, French fries and a diet coke looking out over Lake Erie. There were a lot of boats coming and going, it was kind of rough, waves were crashing onto the rocks along the shore. Across the bay I could see Cedar Point Amusement Park, barely through my camera lens. After supper I walked down to the Marblehead Lighthouse State Park which was very interesting, I took lots of photos. The only thing that wasn't enjoyable was the "in your face gnats" that wanted to get close and personal.

I returned to the hotel and settled in for the night. As I was preparing for bed I realized I had left my alarm clock at home, uh-oh! I never forget my alarm clock! But I did. I asked the desk clerk for a wake up call. Not feeling too comfortable about that, I called Sherry (wife). When she answered she said, "I know, you forgot to take your alarm clock." I asked her if she could give me a call at 5 a.m. to wake me (I know that was a terrible thing to ask on her day off from work), she said no. I went back to the desk clerk who was a real nice guy, he told me I should have my cell phone call me at 5 a.m. He helped me set it up, because I had no idea how to do it. At 5 a.m. my cell phone rang, I quickly answered it, it was Sherry calling to wake me up. She wished me a happy Father's Day and to enjoy my fishing day on Lake Erie. I thanked her, what a wonderful wife I have! Seconds



I caught the first fish at 7:48 am, a sheephead, also called a Canadian Flounder I'm told. Caught 3 and released them back into the lake for you to catch.

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Left: Bob Boytim caught this walleye at 12:56 p.m.



Middle: Skipper Lyle Boytim caught this walleye (being held by Jay Bickley) at 12:28 p.m.



Right: Ray Steidel caught his walleye at 12:14 p.m.

I'm not sure what type of rig these fella's used, but they all used nite crawlers to help entice the bite.



Left: Jay Bickley caught this walleye at 3:33 p.m., he caught his first walleye at 11:38 a.m. and the last at 4:04 p.m.



Right: Roger Steidel caught the first walleye of the day at 8:37 a.m., he caught this walleye at 1:57 p.m.

Jay and Roger caught the most walleye.



Left: The Bethanne provided a lot of fishing space for five fishermen to fish at the same time.



Right: Lyle kept in constant contact with his brother, Skipper Ned Boytim by radio. Here Ned arrives on the scene toward the end of the day aboard the Emily K. We arrived back at Shrock's Marina at 5:12 p.m.

later my cell phone rang again, no one was there, it must have been its wake up call. Then the room phone rang, it was my room wake up call. I was wide awake, dressed, prepared my food and drink, put it in my small cooler and headed for Boytim's dock arriving there well before 6:30 a.m. It was just getting light when I parked my van and walked to the boat.

I met Lyle Boytim first, he was on board his boat, the Bethanne. Bob was just arriving, I had never met him before. Lyle introduced me to his brother, Bob. I knew his voice immediately, as he set about to help Lyle prepare the boat for our fishing trip.

Since I couldn't find anyone to go to Lake Erie with me Bob invited three fishermen to accompany us on our fishing trip. They were twin brothers, Ray

and Roger Steidel and Jay Bickley, we all met at the dock.

Lyle Boytim backed the boat out of her berth and we headed toward Canadian waters.

Prior to leaving home in a telephone conversation, Bob told me to go online and get a one-day Canadian Fishing license as we would be fishing in Canada. I

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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

The Flood of 2015

Lots have changed here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash River since my last article as we have witnessed record lake levels across the three Reservoir properties due to massive amounts of rain. As a result of the continual downpours we received, the Roush and Salamonie Reservoirs reached their peak flood levels and the Mississinewa was stressed to its limits. The high lake levels have closed both state park properties at the Mississinewa and Salamonie properties and have halted all other summer activities. This couldn't have happened at any worse time of the year as this is typically the peak of the summer vacationing season and has resulted in many families scrambling to make last minute schedule changes.

Although the three lakes are at or near peak levels and have resulted in the loss of recreational activities, we can all be thankful for the job the dams are performing in preventing further flood damage downstream. We have to remember the purpose of the three properties being built was first for flood control then second for recreational use. Even though many people and businesses have been affected by the high water levels, the amount of water they have held back



This is what a discharge of 9500 cfs (cubic feet per second) looks like coming out of the dam at the Salamonie Reservoir. This was the fastest they have ever released the water and according to the Indiana DNR Law District 1 Facebook page that meant there was enough water to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool every nine seconds! (Author Photo)



Top Left: This is Jim Paul with 2 of his winning crappie for total weight. He and his son, Dan, had 3.2 pounds for seven fish to win our June 6th Tournament. Top Right: This is a photo taken of the Salamonie Dam tower. The lake level reached a record high of over 38 feet above summer pool level and even made its way into the emergency spillway. (Author Photos)



has helped saved millions of dollars in flood damage to all the homes and cities downstream. We can only cross our fingers and hope the rainfall slows down to help ease the lake levels back down to their summer levels which would allow for recreational activities to resume at these properties.

With the torrential amount of rainfall we have seen it has resulted in many new records being recorded for high water. Here on the Salamonie Reservoir we witnessed the emergency spillway being put to use for the first time ever as the water reached its highest point (over 38 feet above summer pool level) since the dam was erected. Due to both the Salamonie and Roush Lakes being at their capacities it left no other option for the Army Corps of Engineers then to open the gates and try to control the output the best they could. At times the Salamonie Dam was releasing water at a rate of 9,500 cfs (cubic feet per second) and according to the Indiana DNR Law District 1 Facebook

page that meant there was enough water to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool every nine seconds! Of course with the height of the lake and the amount of water being discharged it led to many spectators lining the Salamonie Dam road to witness the record highs and obtain pictures and videos of something never witnessed before here at the Salamonie property.

One event we were able to squeeze in prior to high lake levels was the 2nd of 4 Bozarth Crappie Tourney's on June 6th. We had a total of eleven teams show up to compete and it turned out being a tournament in which whoever could land a few fish above the average 10 inch sized crappie would be

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This is Gary Reed and Blake Morris showing off their second place crappie for total weight. They also nabbed honors for big fish with a crappie that weighed .66 pounds. (Author Photo)



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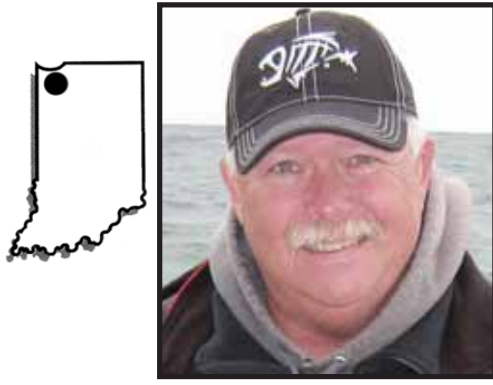
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW

I was at the fish cleaning station and another troller came up to see the fish we'd caught. The usual, where'd you fish, how deep, and what lure questions were asked. I don't blame him. I've done the same thing, myself, plenty of times.

"Spin Doctors and flies caught most of the fish," I told the quiz-master.

"Looks like I'm going to have to break down and get some of those, now," he said. "It's always something new, isn't it?"

He's right, and it's always been that way. When salmon were first introduced to the Great Lakes, anglers setting out to catch them mostly used what lures they had available. Rapalas, Daredevil spoons, Mepps Spinners and other bass, pike and walleye lures were tossed out behind the boat to tempt the newcomers.

They worked—at least to some degree—then someone imported J-Plugs to the Great Lakes. I don't know if it's an urban legend or the gospel truth, but stories are still heard that tackle shops around Manistee, Michigan were renting J-Plugs and demanding a high-dollar deposit fee to prevent unscrupulous fishermen from running off with the lure or to discourage them from using too light of line and breaking it off.

Soon, Great Lake tackle boxes were stuffed with Js. Now, there are probably salmon fishermen out there who don't even own a J-Plug. (I do, however. I have good success with them in the spring, when kings follow spawning alewives near shore and they are one of my go-to offerings when the kings stage off the river mouths' in preparation for their spawning run.)

What would happen if we all went back to using the same Daredevils and Rapalas used by the Great Lakes salmon hopefuls? Would we still catch the fish?

A friend of mine, a Great Lakes veteran, says lures and lure-types run in 3 or 4 year cycles and



The best lures to use to catch salmon in the Great Lakes seems to vary year by year. (Author Photo)

that's because cohos live 3 years and kings live 4 years. According to his theory, Spin Doctors—the hot lure these days—will be duds in the next couple fishing seasons. He also says that's the reason color preferences change.

Remember back a few years when if it wasn't a "cracked ice" color spoon or perhaps a "watermelon" pattern, it was an also-ran? How long has it been since you tied a Kevorkian to your leadcore? Are you catching as many fish on "dolphin" spoons as you did the last couple years?

He's right that lures and tactics evolve over time. I really doubt it's because each generation of salmon pass on information to their progeny about which lures to avoid, thus changing our tackle boxes full of hot baits to a lure coffin filled with dead-duds over time.

A lure's job is simple. All it has to do is convince a fish that it's something it should want to put in its mouth. Usually, that's because the fish mistakes the lure for something to eat. Sometimes, I'm sure, it's curiosity. Fall salmon strike out of meanness, anger, perhaps frustration.

I think the reason why certain lures or colors come and go (and perhaps come back again) is a factor of environmental conditions and where the salmon are located in the water column. Many of the "new" things are an evolution, rather than a revolution. A Kevorkian spoon looks different at 60 feet than it does at 90 feet.

Are the Spin Doctors which caught most of the fish that one day revolutionary? Nope, they are simply attractors designed to pull fish close enough to see the fly stationed a couple feet behind. Dodgers, the "original" Great Lakes attractor, Coyote Flashers, Bechold Fishcatchers, and the rest serve the same purpose. Spin Doctors are just the latest. Perhaps they do the job better, perhaps any of the others would have accounted for just as many salmon at the fish cleaning station.

I'll let you know more 3 or 4 years from now when the fish are all wised up to the old stuff.

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by Marshall Smith
Owner/Gunsmith

1906 Winchester .22 S,L,LR Rifle

Last month I said I would write on restoring a Winchester model 1906 pump action .22 rifle. The 1906 Model was the second in a series of Slide-Action rifles that Winchester produced. John and Mathew Browning designed the rifle, the Winchester Model 1890 in the late 1880s to replace the Model 1873 rim fire model rifle which never attained much success. The Winchester 1873 in center fire calibers was a great success and was "the gun that won the west". The 1890 was chambered in either .22 short or .22 long. The .22 long version didn't seem to be nearly as accurate as the .22 short version and soon the 1890 was chambered for the .22 WRF which made a good small game rifle. The 1890 in .22 Short was sold in large numbers and became the standard for use in shooting galleries, hence the moniker "gallery" gun. The 1890, 1906, and later the 62 and 62A series of rifles were produced up through 1941. The rifles were even used at Disney's Frontier Land in California.

Then after the turn of the century the 1906 was produced as a lower cost version to the 1890 Model, selling for about 30% less than the cost of the 1890. All guns were of the take-down variety. The 1906 Model was chambered initially for .22 short (up to serial # 113,000). But after a couple of years, the guns were upgraded and produced to chamber the short, long, and long rifle cartridges assuring the continued success of the 1906. The Winchester Model 1906 was produced from 1906 to 1932 with over 800,000 guns sold.

The 1906 came into the shop in really rough condition. It had apparently spent many years hanging in a barn, neglected. The gun had been passed down through the family and this owner now wanted to restore the rifle to hang in their home as a remembrance. The pictures I've included show the gun as it was when it entered the shop and when it left. Several issues had to be resolved. The yellow bands around the magazine tube and barrel are old trash bag ties holding the magazine tube to the barrel. The dove tailed slots to which the mag tube rings attached had long ago been so damaged that the magazine tube rings would not hold. Rust had taken over the slide action making it difficult to work the slide action. The hammer and trigger groups seemed in good working order. The barrel and receiver were heavily pitted from the rust. The stock was black with ground in dirt and grease and had several nicks and gouges in it. The rust on the tang had nearly overtaken the Winchester Model 1906 stamping. Luckily, the serial number was



Here it is as it came into the shop with trash bag ties and all. (Author's Photo)



A closer view of the rifle as it came in showing much of the rust and pitting. (Author Photo)



The old bluing and much of the rust has been removed. The extent of the pitting in the receiver is more evident. (Author Photo)



A look at the bolt before it is stripped, filed, sanded, polished and blued. (Author Photo)



Now a look at the finished bolt. (Author Photo)



The magazine rings dove tails were repaired and the barrel finished. (Author Photo)



The receiver turned out very well. (Author Photo)



The stock took some time to clean and remove the oil, dirt, and grease built up over the many years in the barn but once finished the beauty of the old walnut shines through. (Author Photo)



Restoration completed. Not only is the Winchester 1906 now fully functional, it is now as beautiful a gun as when new. (Author's Photo)

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The rifle barrel had been removed at one time and the gouges in the metal looked like a pipe

wrench had been used to twist it off. That was going to take a work to make the barrel look better. As it turned out a couple of the gouges could not be completely removed or smoothed out. They were located near the bottom side of the barrel and the magazine tube hid them pretty well. The barrel had not been reinstalled correctly and once the magazine tube and action slide were removed the barrel easily unscrewed by hand without tools.

As you can see by the photos, once all the filing was done and the rust pits removed from the barrel, the receiver, and the bolt the cold bluing process proceeded nicely. I use a mix of particularly good cold blue chemicals which results in a nice blue black finish. The slide forearm and the stock were stripped, sanded, filled, sanded, filled, sanded, filled, and so on and then a hand rubbed oil finish was applied. Once done this old rifle has new life. The memories this rifle brings back are priceless. I still marvel that many guns out there are never given the chance to again be the beautiful pieces of history they once were from fear that the restoration will ruin its monetary value. A rusty old gun is just

a hunk of rusted metal until someone takes the time to restore it. You wouldn't leave that 1948 Ford rust away to nothing, would you? Those guns are not different. Preserve the history.

Quote of the Month

"I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery." - *Thomas Jefferson*

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

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News From The Indiana State Police
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Motorists are encouraged to report suspected impaired drivers by calling 9-1-1. Give a vehicle description, location, and direction of travel. Never follow an impaired driver.

All too often we first responders (police, fire, and ambulance) go about our daily job and like anything else, tend to take each other for granted. So, out of the ordinary, I would like to take a moment to compliment a couple of my local fire departments. I was recently driving my personal vehicle in Cambridge City when a house fire occurred.

Although it was a genuine "hot call," I was glad to see the Dublin Fire Truck slowing to a near stop as he entered intersections, and pointing to let us know which direction he was going, before continuing on through the intersection. Cambridge City Fire vehicles for the most part all did the same.

As a member of the public, 9-21-8-35 states "upon the approach of an authorized emergency vehicle a person who drives another vehicle shall yield the right of way, immediately drive to a position parallel to and as close as to the right hand edge or curb of the highway, stop and remain until the emergency vehicle has passed."

The law requires first responders to operate with "Due Regard," meaning taking into consideration public safety before making a maneuver that may

normally be a traffic violation. Any experienced first responder knows the public doesn't always see or hear us, and can't read our mind as to where we want to go. That's why it's important for us to give a turn signal, hand signal or both to make sure folks not only see us but know which direction we're going to go.

Dublin and Cambridge, I thank you for the countless scenes you've responded to over my 24 year career to help myself and other law enforcement officers out. But more importantly, I thank you for taking the time to teach your firefighters the correct and safe way to respond to a scene, and the correct way to park once you get there, practicing the IN-Time principles of leaving the road open if at all possible.

As an old troop told me early on in my career, "You won't do anybody any good if you crash or cause somebody else to crash before you get there." Some wise words spoken by a training officer who had "been there and done that."

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

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After much deliberation I finally concluded that I've been wasting my time, efforts, and most importantly, money on past hunting and fishing ventures. In spite of the satisfaction of bagging a quail with a perfect cross shot or snagging the lunger, there is no profit in it. Why suffer the hardships of bashing through prickly underbrush while trying to keep track of a thousand dollar dog, all for a two dollar quail, not to mention a shotgun that cost the equivalent of two semesters for your kid in an exclusive university. Or, how about a thirty five thousand dollar boat and motor equipped with all the latest in fishing technology and enough gear that Walmart calls occasionally to ask if you would sell them this or that because they happen to be temporarily out of stock. Admittedly, a rat terrier makes a lousy bird dog and my shotgun was apparently used by the previous owner to shoot hand loads of small nails and pea gravel. As for my fishing gear, most of it looks and operates about like you would expect to be used by a cave man from the Jurassic period. It's time for a change.

I know that hunting and fishing for profit isn't as simple as declaring yourself as a professional and hanging out a shingle. First and foremost, the pro must learn to think like his adversary. Since it's difficult to crowd two people on a tree stand for deer hunting, it's best to concentrate on the smaller local varieties of game. Take squirrels, for instance. To guide a successful hunt one must spend hours studying the habitat and habits of this species, to finally be able to think like a squirrel in order to guarantee results for a client. What do they eat? What trees do they prefer for nesting? What time do they get up in the morning and when do they go to bed? Preliminary studies have shown that they prefer an assortment of nuts, preferably hickory and beech and whatever is available in back yard bird feeders. Occasionally, they tackle a walnut, but from what I've seen they might as well be gnawing on a billiard ball. Since baiting is illegal (I think), I plan to leave certain foods, such as raw hot dogs and slices of 13 grain bread around the woods for observation purposes only. If a client decides to use a bait, I'll simply direct them to a good spot and wait in the car. Hopefully, I can avoid arrest as an accomplice. Unfortunately, squirrels have a habit of arousing at the crack of dawn, where I normally fall out of bed at 8:30 to 9:00. My clients will have to be late risers.

So far, studying the feeding and movement habits of rabbits has proven futile. Apparently, a

rabbit doesn't know where it is or where it's going. It seems to be a vegetarian preferring young growths of clover and tender young shoots in a garden. The only feasible plan is to introduce a client to a beagle hound, give him a shotgun and wait in the car. Personally, I can't see the rationality of a professional guide having to wade through briar patches and hoards of chiggers for no reason other than assuring a client that missing his seventh shot is the fault of the shotgun. But, it might be necessary on occasions to calm the nerves of the dog and assure it that not all Wall Street bankers are as dangerous with a scattergun.

A good fishing guide can be a valuable asset for someone unfamiliar with strange waters. A guide needs to study the area fish population to familiarize himself with habitat, water conditions, bottom topography and feeding habits of each species. This requires an extensive collection of data, not only from personal experience but from the results of other fishermen in the area. Not only that, but a proficient guide thinks like the fish he or she is going after. To be effective for a client, the guide should know what goes through a crappie's mind under certain conditions. A guide knows that a crappie spends very little time thinking and tends to make snap decisions on the color of a jig, where a bass will snub one color and attack another. A catfish, on the other hand, will snap up anything that seems to be moving under its own power and in some cases, something that is as dead as Jobs goat. Professionals make no attempt to determine what a catfish is thinking. They, like the rabbit, have no idea where they are or what they're doing there, nor do they care.

A good guide in trout fishing knows that he or she is out-smarted from the beginning, so it's best to lead the client to a good trout stream, give a few basic instructions and wait in the car. It's advisable to study The Trout Fishing Guides Handbook to memorize as many excuses as possible when the client returns empty handed. Nothing destroys a guide/client relationship faster than, "Duh, I don't know. They were hitting like crazy yesterday."

Being a professional sporting guide can be both financially and personally rewarding. However, it should be established at the beginning that there will be no guarantees or warranties expressed or otherwise implied and there is a no money back plan in case the client is skunked. In the case of a hunting expedition it can be a little touchy if the client is still in possession of a shotgun, so I plan to be a little liberal on fixed policies under those circumstances.

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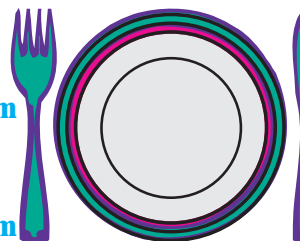
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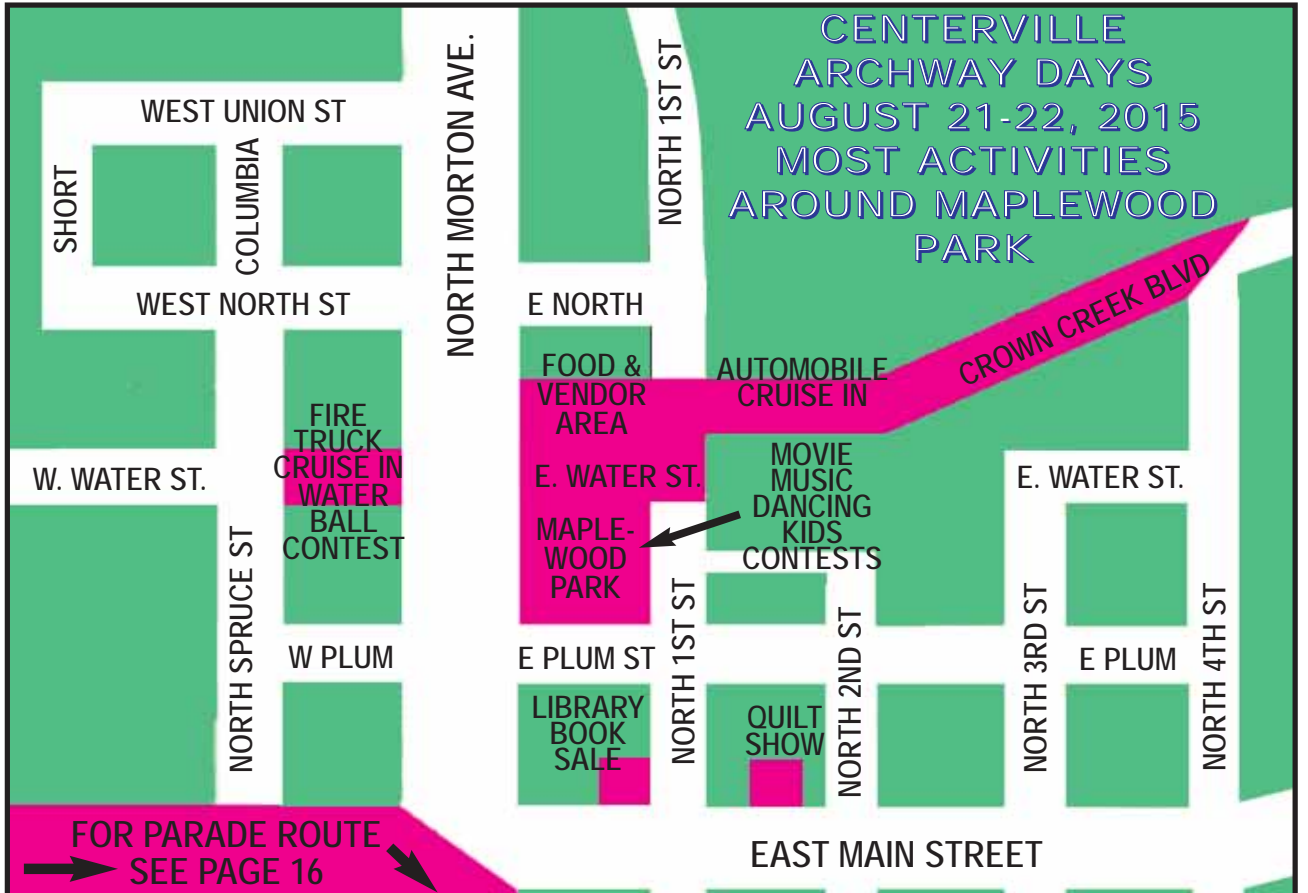
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See Activity List on this page for more information about Centerville's 27th Annual Archway Days Festival. The above map gives the locations of the major activities for times see activity list.

Centerville Archway Days Festival

August 21-22, 2015

by Ray Dickerson
Assisted by Anthony Smith
Chairman of Archway Days

The Archway Days 2015 planning is well under way thanks to Anthony Smith, Chairman of Archway Days, Phil Bedel, who is taking care of the Vendors and Josh Minnix who is handling the Waterball and Parade this year.

I've been in constant contact with Anthony Smith ever since I found out they had a really good activity schedule for Archway Days this year. Their activity schedule appears on this page.

This 4-page pull-out for Archway Days 2015 has been made possible by the Advertisers who appear on page 15,16 & 17 that have location codes in the bottom left hand corner of their advertisement. You can easily find them on the Centerville Map on page 16 & 17 by finding their location code (same number) as appears on their ad.

Following is taken from the Archway Days Festival Schedule of activities for 2015.

The 27th Annual Archway Days in Historic Centerville will begin at 5:00 pm on 8/21/15 at Maplewood Park, located just east of North Morton Ave. Along with food & vendors, you'll find Firefighter Waterball, a Car and Fire Truck Cruise-In and games for the kids; including the annual favorite, Money Pit! Bring a chair, sit back and enjoy performances by Tyler Stroh, Shawn Lamb and the CHS Choir.

27TH ANNUAL CENTERVILLE ARCHWAY DAYS AUGUST 21-22, 2015

FRIDAY 8-21-2015

- 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
- 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

- Food & Vendors Open
- Vespers & Christian Music (Dodge Family Singers)
- Outdoor Movie of the Wizard of Oz (Provided by Muzic Mazterz) (Bring a blanket or lawn chair)

SATURDAY 8-21-2015

- 9:00 am - 11:00 pm
- 10:00 am
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- 11:00 am - 11:30 am
- 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
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- 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- 6:30 pm
- 8:00 pm

- Food & Vendors Open
- Automobile Cruise-In (Crown Creek Blvd & N 1st St.)
- Pedal Tractor Pull
- Centerville Police Department K-9 Demonstration
- Fire Truck Cruise In (Morton & W. Water St.)
- Corn Hole Tournament (Registration begins at 9:00 am)
- Money Pit
- Firefighter Waterball Tournament (Morton & W. Water St)
- Cookie Decorating, Chalk Art & Watermelon Eating & Seed Spitting Contest
- The Spirit of OZ Costumed Characters
- Stage Performances featuring: Tyler Stroh, Shawn Lamb & the CHS Choir
- Money Pit
- Kids Pie Eating Contest
- Parade on Main Street (See Map on page 16 for Parade Route)
- DJ Music and Dancing

Most activities are held around Maplewood Park, east of North Morton Ave. between E. Plum St. and Crown Creek Blvd.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- All Day Friday & Saturday Centerville Police & Fire Department Food Drive
- Sat 7:00 am - 10:30 am Boy Scout Troop 16 Pancake Breakfast at the Methodist Church (South Morton Ave. West Side)
- Fri/Sat 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Quilt/Needlework Show & Flea Market at the Mansion House
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- Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook @ Centerville Archways Day Festival
- Questions, e-mail us at archwaydays@gmail.com

For Information Contact the following: Anthony Smith (Chairman of Archway Days) 765-993-6964
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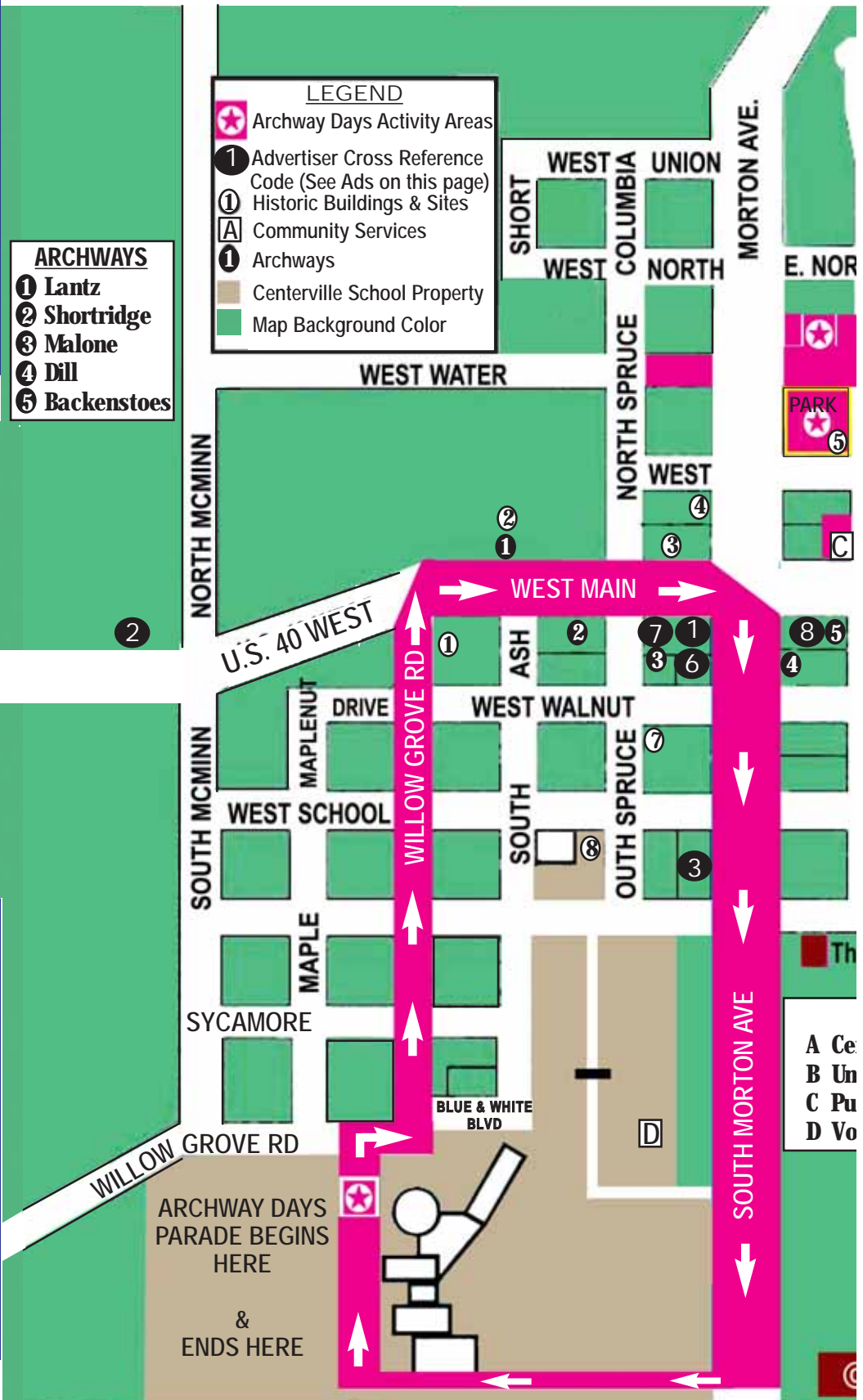


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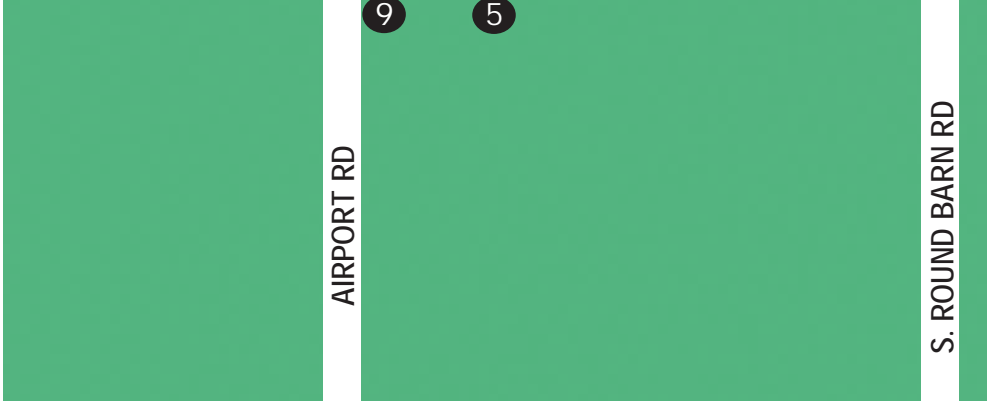
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Maplewood Park (See large layout of park on page 15 for activity locations), this is where most of Archway Days 2015 happens. In the foreground is Crown Creek Blvd. The next pavement is the Bike trail and Walking path, beyond that is East Water Street. There are 3 shelters near the center of the park. At the left is the Performance shelter and the two at the right are Lion's Club shelters that are used for many of the activities here on August 21-22. The red building at the right is restrooms (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

See the map on pages 16 & 17 there is a legend at the top left showing you the different things to see and visit which includes the following: Archway activity areas (See page 15 for Maplewood Park large layout), Advertiser Location Code, Historic Buildings & Sites, Community Services, Archways & Centerville School property. Centerville is a nice town, it may be small in size, but it can offer you big opportunities if you want to explore the possibilities.

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Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Pre Fishing Research

Whether you are fishing a lake for the first time or pre fishing for a tournament, there's a lot of research you can do to turn the odds in your favor before you ever leave. When I decide I am going to fish a tournament I start researching the lake at least a week or two ahead of my departure. The first place I turn is the tournament series websites to see when the last tournament was fished on this lake and the winning weight. Also, if you look back through the archives from past tournaments, the top finishers will tell what areas of the lake they fished as well as water depths. Combine this with what time of the year they fished, and other info given such as structure fished and baits used.

When researching a lake, a contour map is imperative and usually can be accessed online. Use these maps just as you would a hot map or other paper maps to look for contour changes, flats and general areas of the lake.

The internet has a wealth of information on almost any lake you want to fish. Just google the name of species and Lake Name together and a barrage of information will be available. For example, prior to fishing Cave Run Lake, I simple googled: Crappie fishing, Cave Run Lake, several sites came up. One was a video of a local tournament Pro catching nice crappie off brush piles located along main lake breaks. Combine this with the information from the tournament sites, and the contour maps, and I have accumulated the following information in about 30 minutes of searching.

From the tournament site I can see the average size of fish caught in the last few tournaments, as well as which areas of the lake produced these fish. From the video I knew what type of structure I wanted to look for as well as what contours held this structure, combining this with the maps and I could see the main lake breaks and water depths, the only thing left is locating the structure I want to fish.

Yes, if you continue to research and it will take a little more digging but if you are relentless in your pursuit you can find maps which will show structure placement in some lakes. These maps are out there for the public. Every state is different in trying to obtain these maps due to different rules and policies in placing structure. Here in Indiana I have never seen an online map showing where structure is placed. However, if you go to the Indiana Department of Resources office governing the property, and ask for a map showing the coordinates of structure placed in the lake, most Property offices have these maps if man made structure has been placed in the lake with permits. Kentucky lakes are a bit easier. Simply go to the Kentucky Department of



Two tournament winning fish from a spot I found before arriving at the lake (Photo by Crappie USA)

fish and wildlife Resources website and do a search for lakes with fish attractors, a complete list of lakes will be available to choose from, pick the lake you wish to fish and the map will appear with structure placement around the lake, simply hold your cursor on the structure and a pop-up with coordinates for that structure will open on your screen making it very easy to locate the structure on your GPS.

Even if all these options are not available for the lake you wish to fish, there is enough information available to give you a good start. Once I arrive at the lake I usually know exactly where my first spot is and head straight there. If this spot holds fish and I do well there then I know I should have a few other spots with the same depth, structure and contour. If it does not hold fish but has great structure I will not rule out all structure like this until I have fished at least one more area similar to this, however I will be looking strongly at changing water depths, contour and different structure to locate fish. If you have done enough research you should have plenty of different areas already loaded into your GPS. It is just a matter of determining which one is holding fish.

In most tournaments that I have placed well in, I've had a designated plan on what area of the lake I intended to fish and typically found tournament quality fish the first day of pre fishing. In one case we started in the back of a large creek and within minutes caught small crappie, but knowing we needed better, we started our excursion to the mouth of the creek. We stopped along the way to fish a large flat loaded with stumps. After a short period we had not marked any fish on this 12' deep flat-so we worked our way shallow, thinking they may have moved-up. We soon caught a nice fish off a small drop where the hillside drained into the lake. We got on the internet via phone and pulled up a satellite view of the area and found two of these ditches running into the lake within feet of one another. After a quick boat ride to the area and setting up, it was only a matter of minutes before we had netted two quality fish. We won the tournament from a place we had found in only four hours of pre fishing.

My last win I fished solo and I fished the entire tournament from an area that I located information as above. It was the first spot I went to upon arriving at the lake. I set up, got lines in the water and caught a good fish in seconds, quickly followed by a second good fish. I spent some time searching for areas exactly like the first and found another spot if need-

ed. On tournament day, I never had to leave the first area because the crappie bite got better as the day went on. From experience I can tell you that pre tournament research does pay off and will put you on better fish. I also strongly suggest you use the internet to your advantage as one of your fishing tools, you will be glad you did. ■



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Shawneecreek Ramblings



by Vivian Sanders-Himelick

Victory Junction Camp

In late summer 2003 my daughter Heather received a phone call about donating her retired Appaloosa show gelding to a facility called Victory Junction. The call was made by a friend, and former client Montgomery Lee Petty. She explained to Heather the gelding would be well cared for and her dad, Kyle Petty and grandparents Richard & Lynda Petty was starting a therapeutic riding facility for handicapped and ill children. Although our gelding was not suitable for the program, he had developed chronic COPD, we later learned the rest of the story.

Montgomery Lees brother Adam, age 19, had been tragically killed in a stock car racing accident in 2000, at the New Hampshire Raceway. Prior to his death he had attended a charity ride in 1999 at Camp Boogey Creek in Florida started by Paul Newman's "Hole in the Wall Camps". Adam decided that he wanted to help children with a similar camp at his home in North Carolina, and started saving for it. After his death a few months later and to honor his memory, his granddad Richard donated land in Randleman, NC to start Victory Junction Camp. With the help of good friends



Left Photo: Young boy at Victory Junction Camp with horse. (Photos courtesy of Victory Junction Camp)



Right Photo: Another young boy with a donkey. (Photos courtesy of Victory Junction Camp)

and corporate sponsors that dream has become a reality with a Nascar themed 84 acre park, that opened Father's Day, June 20, 2004. The camp is devoted to helping children with life threatening illness and chronic conditions.

The camp features four day summer camping, and weekend family camping events. Victory Camp can accommodate 128 "campers" per session, and 32 families per weekend. Children are age 6-16 and there is no charge for the camping experience. Individuals donate handmade quilts and afghans that are placed on their camp beds, and then given to the children to take home.

The children can relax and play in a safe, climate controlled facility. They can learn about their own abilities, and what they can individually excel at. Sporting activities include baseball, climbing and repelling, archery, bowling, kickball, fishing, swimming, kayak and canoeing. There is a tree house, and an animal farm with llamas, donkeys and sheep. There is horse back riding, mostly walk and trot at "Jessies Horsepower Garage". Evening entertainment nightly at the "Western Town Amphitheater" and great dining. A Spiritual Center and state of the art Medical Center is manned 24 hrs a day. There are 75 full time staff and hundreds of volunteers.

Victory Junction Camp has been so successful, that a second camp in Kansas City, Kansas was started in 2009. Over 10,000 children have attended the first Victory Junction Camp.

Of course donations are always needed, and since that first call to us in 2003, horse donations are still considered. The horse needs to be quiet, friendly and safe with children. Show horses preferred. Only sound horses are considered between the ages of 10 to 20, and height of 15-17 h. Montgomery Lee got several great donations for Victory Junction Camp, Magnolia Zip, an 18 year old gelding, World and Congress Champion

and Black Diamond Chip are a few notable donations.

The American Quarter Horse Association has a program called "Americas Horse Cares". It's a special program to sponsor donations for organizations that use Quarter Horses for special needs individuals.

Victory Junction Camp is accredited by the American Camping Association. Learn more about Victory Junction Camp on their website, www.victoryjunction.org

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Left Photo: Rich and guide Brad Whitehead with one of many nice crappie we caught on Wilson Lake. Almost all were this size. (Photo by Susie Creason) Right Photo: Susie holding another nice crappie which was fooled by the lures hanging from her B'n'M pole. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Day Two on Alabama Mountain Lakes

After a day catching over 100 pounds of catfish with Captain Brian Barton (www.brianbartonoutdoors.com), we drove through downtown Tuscumbia. We stopped at the local sewing shop to pick up some items for my wife and then went to the corner bookstore and bought a couple books which I always do while in this town. We had a leisurely dinner, then returned to the Coldwater Inn where we always stay while in Tuscumbia to get some rest before tomorrow's outing. (www.coldwater-inn.com).

The second day in Colbert County found us meeting with Captain Brad Whitehead, (bradwhitehead-fishing@aol.com). He would be taking us out on Wilson Lake for crappie. He also guides for bass fishermen. Captain Whitehead is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed guide and has been doing this for over 15 years. He has top of the line equipment, using the best rods from B'n'M poles, (www.bnmpoles.com), as does almost everyone else down here, a super outfitted boat from War Eagle, great lures from Charlie Brewer and Road Runner, and he knows how to put these items together for a quality trip.

Captain Brad pulled his bright green boat to the dock and helped us get our gear aboard. Comfortable chairs and lots of space were the first things I noticed. Lots of heavy fog on the lake was the second. As we motored towards our fishing spot, we viewed many mansions along the shoreline. The fog was lifting, and the sun left beautiful reflections of these houses in the water. Huge, two-story docks were at the waterline. The total square footage of some of these wooden structures was probably more

than our house.

Brad eased the boat into a back bay and began setting the gear to entice some crappie to join us. Nine B'n'M poles, eight feet long, outfitted with Shakespeare reels, were placed in rod holders, all on one side of the boat. His trolling motor was on the other side. This allowed our guide to slowly troll sideways with all the lines facing one direction so everyone could see the action at all times. His transducer was mounted on the side of the boat so his fish locator screen would show the fish just before they got to the lures.

It wasn't long before we got our first bite. Susie brought in a nice crappie to start our day. We weren't taking any home with us, so we would just keep a few for photos. We caught more crappie out of this location, then moved on to another of Brad's favorite hotspots. This quiet little bay looked a lot like the last one. Multiple double-decker docks, some with boats moored underneath, others empty, stuck out in the water making great structure for crappie and other game fish to hide under.

I enjoyed talking to Captain Whitehead while we were fishing. It turns out he is interested in many of the outdoor pursuits we enjoy. Drawing on my degree in Wildlife Management, I kept testing him with questions about the local flora and fauna. I found he knew the correct answer to almost everything I asked. I also found out his wife was a science teacher and, like me, had a skull collection. I told him we would have to do some trading for species of animals we didn't already have. Alabama has armadillo, and I would really like an armadillo skull.

After a few hours of catching and releasing nice size crappie, our guide asked if we would like to get some pictures of sights around Wilson Lake. We said that would be great. He guided the boat in and out of coves and backwaters, showing us huge mansions on the hillside and telling us stories about the owners.

We began heading back for the boat ramp and Brad wanted to know if we would be interested in taking the boat for a close-up of the dam. I said "Sure" but Susie wasn't so happy about it. I just told her to close her eyes. He eased the boat up within a few feet of the huge dam. We could look over the edge down to where we were catching catfish the day before. A little scary, but I got several pictures before I told him to back off. On one end of the dam is the largest single lock in the world. Barges and other large craft can go down from Wilson Lake into Pickwick, or come up from the lower level to the top.

Colbert County has a lot of other attractions for the whole family. We have hiked Cane Creek Canyon

Nature Preserve several times, photographing the wildflowers, small creeks, and other scenic areas. If you have ever owned a coon dog, or any dog for that matter, you should visit the Coon Dog Cemetery, www.coondogcemetery.com. Over 150 coon dogs are buried there, most with exotic or elaborate headstones. It's well worth the short trip outside town to see. The nearby home of Helen Keller is open for viewing. We have been through this historic site twice. Stop at the Colbert County Tourism Bureau for information on all the local attractions, shopping, and dining. (www.colbertcountytourism.org). Right next door is the Alabama Music Hall of Fame (www.alamhof.org). This is an outstanding attraction.

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Searching, Finding, Remembering and Hoping You Will Come

It seems like a long time since I began my search for finding where my father was during World War II. We never talked about his war experience when we spent our time fishing and hunting, the subject never came up. He had given me his Cruise Book for when he was stationed in Alaska before he passed away June 28, 1992. He was in the Navy and was a Seabee. So I knew quite a bit about what he did there. What I didn't know was how he got there nor what he did after he left Alaska. I knew he went to the South Pacific from my mom and brother, Bob. When growing up I played with his metal helmet's liner. The steel pot as War Veterans called the outer shell was too heavy for me to keep it above my eyes when playing war with friends.

My sister, Wilma, helped me begin my search in earnest in 2007 when she contacted me by phone on her way back from the state of Washington. She was killing time at an airport and found the website for the 79th Construction Battalion (Seabees). She wanted to know if I wanted their website. I told her to e-mail it to me.

After I received Wilma's e-mail and about that same time I was cleaning out the garage, home of The Gad-a-bout Newspaper, when I found a Centerville Crusader (former local newspaper) it had an interview of Dad by Carol Rhodes, dated June 28, 1990 about his World War II experiences. I hit pay dirt.

At about the same time I had, at the invitation of Jeannie Winter, webmaster for the 79th Battalion, sent



79th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Seabees (World War II) from left to right, Front Row: Joe Acetta, Fred Hummel, Bill Burke, Jack Taggart, Daniel Moriarty (deceased), and Charles Sarahan. Back Row: Leroy Gamble (deceased), Conrad Shoup, Robert Huls (deceased), John Serra, Lindy Lindruff, Guy Large and Vern Siekman. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

a brief story of what I knew about Dad that I had learned from his 79th NCB experiences from his Cruise Book and a couple of photos from the same book. I got an e-mail back from Jeannie inviting myself and Wilma to the 79th's next reunion to be held in Lancaster, PA October 7-11, 2007.

I contacted Wilma telling her about the invitation and we both attended the reunion, but just for a couple of the days due to our schedule. We had a very nice time, made so by the way we were treated by the Seabee's and their Queenbee wives. You would have thought we were long lost family members. There was 13 Seabees there, plus 12 Queenbees, 2 Seabee daughters (1 was Wilma) and 1 Seabee son (me). We were lucky to have attended that reunion due to it was the best attended 79th Seabee reunion I've had the good fortune to attend since 2007.

It was at that reunion I had the good fortune of meeting Lenore Hummel. One of her classmates in high school was a Marine General in WWII. I was able to contact him through her and received information from Quantico, VA and Port Hueneme, CA. on where Dad was in the South Pacific.

At the 2007 Seabee reunion Jeannie Winters had muster lists for the 79th aboard LST's they traveled on to Saipan, then Okinawa, Dad wasn't on any of them. Through Lenore's help I found out that Dad was assigned to CBMU 624 after returning from Davisville, RI. He went to Davisville after returning

from Alaska. From Davisville he went to Port Hueneme, CA then left with Task Force 58 for a 63 day all expenses paid trip from Camp Parks to Okinawa. Many CBMU and Battalion units landed on Okinawa April 1, 1945 with the Marines, including CBMU 624. Since then I've found a lot more about Dad's travels.

In August Sherry and I will be attending what could be the last 79th NCB reunion, this one is being hosted by Lenore and Fred Hummel in Ephrata, PA. I am talking about World War II Seabees who are not getting any younger and due to health, age and family obligations, very few may be attending this one. I could be wrong, but I've talked to several I have been able to reach by phone and only a few are coming. There's an old saying, "old soldiers never die, they just fade away!"

We've already reserved a room for the reunion. If you are reading this and can make it for what could be the final "Hurrah" please contact Lenore and Fred Hummel at their new phone number 717-625-2301. Make reservations at the Ephrata Hampton Inn & Suites, 380 E. Main St., Ephrata, PA 17522, 717-733-0661 or www.ephratamountainspirngssuites.hamptoninn.com or 1-800-HAMPTON no later than July 23rd to receive the Special Seabee room rate.

The last 79th NCB reunion I attended was in 2013 which by coincidence was hosted by Lenore and Fred Hummel. We had a great time, the Hampton Inn there in Ephrata is very comfortable and the staff treated us like family too. I look forward to seeing them. ■

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Youth fishing gaining steam in Indiana

Author's son is perfect example of the benefits

A chance encounter at an outdoor show got the ball rolling for my son Nicholas to get involved in the Indiana Bass Federation (IBF) Youth organization.

For the last few years, we have been trying to find some information on how to get him involved in the competitive fishing scene, but running across such stuff is easier said than done.

Happening across a booth for the IBF Youth at this past winter's show proved to be a good thing. Nick has since fished in a few of the IBF Youth tournaments and is making friends and learning a lot about the bass fishing tournament scene.

"Youth Fishing in Indiana is really starting to take off," says IBF Youth Director Brad Zellers of Winamac. Zellers adds that, "you know, I can remember when I got involved with youth fishing, there might have been four or five boats in the tournaments. The first year I took over as Director, we gained about ten or twelve boats, and it grew to the point where we had twenty or more boats each tournament. Now, we have over 60 kids involved in IBF Youth, resulting in thirty or so boats per tournament."

That increase in interest is a Godsend for sure as it gets kids interested in the type of things they ought to be interested in. If there has to be a down-side, it is that currently the tournaments are held on smaller natural lakes for the most part, giving the kids their best chance at catching fish.



Top Left, Right & Above: The IBF Youth, B.A.S.S and other organizations are to be appreciated for providing bass fishing tournament opportunities for young anglers. Here are some photos from the last IBF Youth event held on Hamilton Lake. (Photos courtesy of IBF Youth) Lower Photo at Right: My son Nick with his 2.42 lb. bass he weighed in at the last IBF Youth tournament held on Hamilton Lake. (Author Photo)



As the organization grows, it may mean having more of them take place on reservoirs in order to accommodate the number of boats, ramp access, etc. But let's not put the cart before the horse. Even if that happens, the kids will be alright. I have witnessed the caliber of boat captains that volunteer their time and equipment in order to take these kids out, and they do a wonderful job of putting these kids on fish.

I can tell you that it has been a blessing for Nicholas. He has had the opportunity to gain vast amounts of fishing knowledge in a short amount of time and has been fortunate to make several new friends from around Indiana.

The Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) is another organization that puts on tournaments for kids, and they are predominately in the southern tier of our state, while IBF Youth focuses on the northern half. But any child is open to fish either. There are also organizations in most other states that will welcome your child to participate in their tournaments if that is in your plans. But be ready; many other states have a much larger presence, sometimes having one-hundred plus boats per event!

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by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

Trapline Danger

The first few Trapper Education (TE) Classes are already history for the year. Bloomington (TE) was on April 11 & 12, 2015. Carthage TE was on May 30 & 31, 2015. The Bloomington Trapper Education Class was held at the Paynetown SRA Garage. High water at the North Fork Service Area once again forced the relocation. As the rain continued through the month, Carthage almost got washed away too. Both of these classes made me think about the dangers of trapping around water, alone. On Saturday afternoon, in Bloomington, Tom Morelock showed us his take on trapping beaver from a steep bank. He has about 30 feet of 1/4" welded link chain attached to a large coil spring trap. He secures the anchor end around a tree near the edge of the bank, and then lowers himself onto the water's edge, using the chain for support. There he stomps out a trap bed, and places his trap under eight (8) to 12 inches of water, maybe even as deep as 18 inches. At the water's edge, and above the trap he places a castor based lure. He then uses the trap chain to pull himself back up the bank. A beaver, smelling the castor, just has to



Left Photo: Tom Morlock fleshing a beaver for the Bloomington students April 12, 2015. Right Photo: Jesse Melton demonstrates a coyote dirt hole set for the Carthage Trappers Education class May 30th, 2015. (Author Photo)



Some of the students from the Carthage Trappers Education showing their Thanks to Duke Trap Company for providing them a free trap. (Author Photo)

investigate and in doing so, they settle their hind feet right into the trap. Once they are caught, they tend to hang out in the water awaiting their fate. Whoa be the trapper who catches themselves in such a place, or loses their grip on the chain coming out. Water is an obvious danger and needs, even demands your respect. A dunking in cold water may lead to hypothermia quicker than you can empty your waders out. I have had to lie down on the bank and face myself downhill more than once to get the water out of my waders. Fortunately, I have never been too far from my truck and dry clothes in a warm cab. Something else that you have to think about when you are in water is what is its source? The water of Lake Monroe may be pretty safe most of the year, but I still would not suggest that you drink it straight out of the lake without first treating it in some way. Water in ditches, especially standing, stagnant, water is much more hazardous. There is a good

chance in Indiana, that that water is truly contaminated with feedlot or septic tank runoff. A simple splash, that wets your face may expose you to all sorts of nasty things. That water will have bacteria like Salmonella sp., Escherichia (E.coli) sp., Campylobacter sp., and others in it. Near beaver huts and activity, Giardia sp. Protozoans (the cause of Montezuma's revenge in Mexico) will be present. Any one of these organisms, and others that I have not listed, may get together to cause you great intestinal distress. Do not underestimate the power of these organisms and be sure to tell your Doctor about your hobby if you find it necessary to visit them.

Be safe on your trapline. Watch your step and pay attention. You do not want to make unnecessary slashes, but you also do not want to hurt yourself in other ways. A few years back, I stepped in a low place covered with snow, and tore the medial muscle in my left calf. Within minutes, my heart rate was over 145 as blood pooled into the traumatized area. Had I not realized that something was wrong, and took steps to lower my heart rate, I may not have been around to write this article today. When you are out and about, getting above average exercise, pay attention to what your body is telling

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Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

August 2015 Activities

Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

Metamora has a busy schedule lined up for August. There are various venues in Metamora so if you don't see your favorite one listed it could be because their schedule wasn't available at time of publication. The best place to check the schedule is MetamoraIndiana.com.

The first weekend of August starts off with a bang. Back by popular demand is the **Hee Haw Tribute Show** on **August 1st** and **August 2nd** at 6pm at the Opry Barn. The cost is \$6 at the door. It promises to be a fun night of skits, music and more. **August 2nd** the **Grist Mill Jam** is from 1-4pm. This is a free event, just bring an instrument or stop by and listen for a while.

The weekend of **August 7-9** is quite busy. If you love the **Twilight Limited dinner train**, it will be running on **August 7th**. This is the usual ride leaving the Connersville station at 6pm and going to the Laurel Hotel for dinner. Reservations are required. For reservations and schedule be sure to call: **(765) 825-2054**.

Right before school starts the state historic site always hosts Kid's Discount Day. This year it's **August 8th**. For every adult or senior admission, children's admissions will be half price to ride the **Ben Franklin III**. Not to be left out, the Whitewater Valley Railroad will be sponsoring Mr. Abraham Lincoln on the noon train from Connersville. Mr. Lincoln only visits Metamora four times each season, so if you love Civil War history, don't miss this train. Mosaic is also sponsoring three gatherings this weekend. On Saturday they will be having a **Grassroots Music jam** at 10am. At 2pm is a Free Intro to Fiddle class complete with fiddles to borrow if you don't have your own. On Sunday, **August 9th** is the **Photography club** at 2pm. All classes and gatherings at Mosaic are free of charge and open to anyone interested in attending.

The weekend of **August 15th** brings several fun things to do in Metamora. On **August 15th**, Mosaic will be hosting a breakfast jam at 10am. This is open to anyone who loves to jam. Just

bring a breakfast dish to share and your instrument. The Whitewater Valley Railroad is running the Overland Limited Train. Join the Circle D Rangers as they protect the Metamora bound train. As always there are marshals, fancy and not so fancy ladies, robber barons and more. It's always a fun train. If you're making a day of it the evening brings Bluegrass Night at the Opry Barn. This month the featured artist is My Brother's Keeper. Doors open at 5:30pm, the show starts at 6pm and admission is \$6 at the door. On Sunday, **August 16th**, Mosaic will be hosting the songwriter's workshop at 2pm. Bring a song you've written or one in progress to receive positive feedback.

As school gets started around the state, the schedule in Metamora seems to get quieter as well. The weekend of **August 22nd-23rd** brings a couple of musical acts to the **Opry Barn**. **August 22nd** the Willow Tree Carolers from Cincinnati bring their own version of Americana music to the Opry Barn. Doors open at 6pm, the show starts at 6:30pm and admission is \$6. **August 23rd** is **Blues and BBQ** with Brian Wallen at the Opry Barn. Doors open at 6pm, the show starts at 6:30pm and admission is \$6. Pulled pork BBQ as well as other food will be available for purchase.

The month wraps up with the **Wild West Train to Dinner** on Friday, **August 28th**. The Circle D Rangers will be providing the entertainment. The train will be leaving the Connersville station at 6pm. Tickets are on sale online at <https://www.dynamicticketsolutions.com/wvrr> or by calling the Whitewater Valley Railroad's Grand Central Station at **(765) 825-2054**. It's also the final Friday of the month and that means **Acoustic Final Friday** at the Lover's Lane Stage in Metamora. Sign up is at 6:30pm with the show starting at 7pm. In case of rain, the show will be held at the **Opry Barn**.

Finally Saturday, **August 29th**, brings a couple of fun things to do. The Whitewater Valley Railroad will be hosting the **American Limited Civil War Train**. Be in the middle of the action as a Union Army detachment protects the US Government Payroll from Morgan's Raiders. Saturday evening the Opry barn will be hosting the Clodhopper Trio. They will be in town playing their own unique blend of music. The doors open at 6pm, show starts at 6:30pm and admission is \$6.

This has definitely been a busy month. And as always, if you're looking for a fun trip be sure to stop by and visit us in Metamora. ■

Lake Erie Fishing Trip

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did so, it was the first time I have ever bought a license online. Another thing he suggested was for me to buy some Dramamine (seasick pills). He said Lake Erie was shallow where we would be fishing and could be rough at times. I told him I had never taken it before, but just in case though I took two Dramamine pills a half hour before leaving the dock, just to be on the safe side. Did the boat rock? Yes, it was quite windy from time to time, it would come and go. I thought as Lyle steered Bethanne into the open water, maybe it would be calmer when we got to the fishing area, wrong! The wind blew most of the day, our fishing trip was to be 8 hours long or shorter if we caught our limit early.

The day before Bob said they limited out early and we would be fishing in that same location.

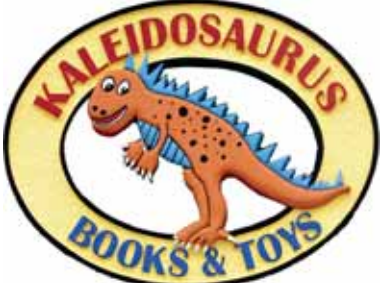
We were cruising along when Bob yelled over to me (the noise of the diesel engine was very loud as we plied our way north), Ray, "we're in Canada now." I asked him how he could tell, he replied, "didn't you see the two-yellow stripes as we crossed the border, just a while ago in the water? That was the border." He started laughing as I looked at him. I replied, "yeah, right."

Shortly Lyle slowed and cut the engine, we began drifting with the wind, which was blowing quite steadily at that time. I think he said we were in 15 feet of water over a reef.

As the boat continued to rise and fall continually for a while, this land lubber was very happy he took the Dramamine. My biggest fear was falling overboard, as I have gotten older I'm not as steady on my feet and the sudden wave action as the wind rose and fell, even with the boat drifting, caused me to feel safer sitting on the very large cooler towards the back of the boat. Bob, Lyle, Jay, Roger and Ray must have brought their sea-legs with them as they fished standing up, I forgot mine, so I sat and fished most of the day sitting on that very large cooler where we would put all the fish caught.

I didn't have any tackle to bring, so Bob loaned me an open faced reel rig. I held the rod and reel, Bob had even put a nite crawler and jig on it, I was ready to fish. No, it had been 14 years since I fished and I couldn't remember how to use an open face reel. I had one, but I always used closed face spinning reels. I felt like a fish out of water and really embarrassed to admit I didn't remember how to throw out the bait with that reel.

Bob showed me how to hold the line with my finger, open the bale, toss the bait, releasing the line



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toward the end of the throw. After a few casts I got the hang of it, again.

In defense of myself when I was younger I caught my share of fish from rivers. But I've always felt like a fish out of water, fishing in lakes. I won the Bent Hook award in 1990 at Brookville Lake. It is a rather large piece of wood with a huge hook on it with the hook bent with the inscription Hoosier Outdoor Writers Open Creel at Brookville Lake in 1990, Dull Hook Award.

As luck would have it though, on this fishing trip I caught the first fish (if you want to call it a fish) at 7:48 a.m. in 15 feet of water. It felt like I had a real good one until I got it up where Ray Steidel, who was fishing on my left, could see it was a Sheephead or Canadian Flounder as he called it. I had him hold it while I took a photo of it. It was a nice sized fish, but it went back into the lake. **See photo.**

In the following paragraphs I will be telling some of the times the fish were caught, I took photos of just about every fish caught, the time the photos were taken is recorded on each photo (what I didn't know until I began writing this article my camera was a hour off - didn't change it in March. We were all using nice juicy nite crawlers for bait hooked onto a myriad of jigs and lures. I probably spent more time taking photos than fishing. I will admit though that this fishing trip on Lake Erie was more fun than most of my lake fishing trips, ever before. I remember fishing back home, years ago, casting the bait out, feeling the line go taut and bringing the fish in. Bob, Lyle, Jay, Roger and Ray did the catching on Father's Day 2015 and I did what I do best, reporting it.

At 8:37 a.m. Roger Steidel, who was fishing at the back end of the boat caught the first walleye, it was a keeper.

(Side note Lyle Boytim had told me earlier, the best catching would be at the back of the boat, he was right by the end of the day, most of the walleye were caught there.)

Ray Steidel caught the biggest Sheephead of the day at 9:02 a.m. It put up a huge fight before being subdued and lifted aboard, it was released back into the lake.

I caught my second sheephead shortly after Ray's. I turned and asked Bob Boytim, "where's the walleye?" He turned to me and said, "in the water." I caught another sheephead, but didn't record it, that was my last catch for the day - 3 sheephead or Canadian Flounders. I found out something since that day, I wasn't fishing the right way to catch walleye. I was fishing the way I use to catch bass. All the guys gave me pointers throughout the day on the boat.

At 9:27 a.m. Roger who was fishing at the back of

the boat yelled, fish on as his rod bent down, Bob grabbed a net and placed it under the walleye as Roger reeled it in. This one was a big walleye.

On the other side of the boat, Jay Bickley, caught a really nice catfish at 9:28 a.m. Bob assisted in getting the hook out of it. It was released back into the lake.

At 10:56 a.m. Bob Boytim hooked a fish, a catfish. He released it back into the lake.

Roger Steidel still fishing at the back of the boat caught another walleye at 11:15 a.m., it was a bit short so it was released back into the lake.

Jay Bickley fishing on the left side of the boat caught a real nice walleye at 11:38 a.m.

Roger Steidel caught another keeper walleye at 11:47 a.m.

The walleye were beginning to be caught. Bob was right when he told me the walleye were in the water.

I remember one time I, Herb McAdams and another guy from Adam H. Bartels (in Richmond) was fishing in a pond south of Richmond. All three of us were using the same lure, black jitterbugs standing pretty close to one another, I was in the middle. They caught several largemouth bass in short order, I didn't catch a one. Explain that to me!

Ray Steidel caught his first walleye at 12:14 p.m., this time on the right side, but near to the back corner of the boat. **See photo.**

The large cooler I sat on during most of the trip was being opened more often and walleye dropped into it.

Lyle Boytim caught his first walleye at 12:28 p.m., he was fishing from his seat near the boat steering wheel, out a door on the starboard side. It was a real nice walleye. **See photo.**

Not to be out done by his brother Lyle, Bob Boytim caught a real nice walleye at 12:56 p.m. fishing on the starboard side back on the rear deck. **See photo.**

Ray Steidel caught a catfish at 12.56 p.m., he released it back into the lake.

Jay Bickley caught a walleye at 1:50 p.m., it was released back into the lake, when measured it wasn't big enough to keep.

Roger Steidel still fishing at the rear of the boat hooked into a big walleye at 1:57 p.m.. Jay grabbed a net and got the walleye in it as he hefted it into the back of the boat. **See photo.**

Someone caught a white bass at 1:59 p.m. My photo only showed the fish laying on the side of the boat prior to it being released back in the lake. I was busy taking another photo at the time it was caught.

Jay caught a walleye at 2:10 p.m. it was a keeper.

Jay Bickley caught another walleye at 2:55 p.m. fishing at the back end of the boat.

At 2:56 p.m. Ned Boytim, Bob and Lyle's brother, came in sight of my camera, he had a group of fishermen on the Emily K, also a 32 foot BHM fishing boat similar to the one we were on. All day long I could hear Lyle talking to Ned and other fishermen on the radio passing along information and receiving it on the days fishing. The most common talk though was about the fishing not being too good this day, but was terrific the day before in that same location. (Side note: What a difference a day can make.)

I wasn't there the day before, but Lyle, Bob, Roger, Ray and Jay seemed to be doing pretty good, catching fish on this day. I learned one thing about taking photos in the back of a boat, it's almost impossible getting a really good picture. I had complained to a couple of writers who had sent me not too good photos of their fishing experience on big lakes. I

could now understand their problem, especially when the boat took a sudden surge up or down when you snapped the photo.

At 3:01 p.m. Jay caught a nice white bass, he released it back into the lake.

Jay landed a real nice walleye at 3:27 p.m. fishing at the rear of the boat.

Lyle caught his second walleye at 3:29 p.m. still fishing from his seat at the steering wheel. Lyle spent a lot of his time moving the boat back to where we started drifting earlier, then telling us about the depth of water, depth the fish were being located and the numbers of fish on the depth finder screen, that was located near his seat. From time to time he would tell us to pull our lines in that he was moving to another location. I began to see how important a radio was to have when you have friends fishing there too.

At 3:33 p.m. Jay hooked another walleye, Ray Steidel grabbed a net and helped Jay bring his walleye on board. **See photo.**

We were nearing the end of our fishing day, but Lyle wanted to try one more spot, we brought in our fishing lines. By this time I had found my sea legs that was hidden away. I was standing, but still holding onto the door frame of the boat cabin, just in case.

Lyle cut the diesel engine and we began drifting again. Everyone threw out their lines.

The first one to catch a fish in the new location was Lyle at 3:51 p.m., it was a real nice white bass, he released it back into the lake.

While I was taking a photo of Lyle and his white bass someone caught a walleye in the rear of the boat at 3:54 p.m. Roger was removing it from the net sitting between Bob and Ray. I think it was Ray because in the next photo he was picking it up from the deck. It was a real nice walleye.

At 4:04 p.m. Jay hooked another fish and was having a time getting it to the boat. Roger grabbed the net and lifted the really nice walleye into the boat. Jay caught it fishing at the back of the boat.

Lyle had pegged it when he told me the best place to fish was the back of the boat. However, he done alright fishing from where he had been most of the day. He only got to fish in the back of the boat occasionally.

It was 4:06 p.m. when Ned Boytim came in closer to us with the Emily K, telling Lyle on the radio he was heading into port. Lyle told us to bring in the fishing lines as he would be following Ned back to Shrock's Marina.

As we headed south I walked to the front of the boat so I could look out the the front windows. Bob came up next to me and pointed out some things on the nearby islands as we passed them. After a while I asked him if we were back in Ohio yet, I told him I hadn't seen the two yellow stripes in the water indicating the border yet. He laughed and told me we were back in Ohio.

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able to take home top honors. After seeing the same cookie cutter size fish continually come through the weigh in line we finally had a team show up that had just a "few" of those fish and that helped propel them to take top honors. That team was the father son duo of Dan and Jim Paul. They managed to bring a total weight of 3.2 pounds for seven fish to the weigh in station and claim first place. Not only did they win total weight overall they also took home second place in big fish with a crappie weighing .65 pounds, a mere hundredth of a pound away from first place in that category. Congratulations to Team Paul on a job well done on a day in which the "bigger fish" were hard to find.

Taking second place was the tandem of Gary Reed and grandson, Blake Morris, with a total weight of 3.10 pounds. They also took the top honors for Big Fish by a hundredth of an ounce with a crappie weighing .66 pounds. Rounding out the top three was the team of Allen Reed and Brian Justice with a total weight of 2.96 pounds. As you can tell this tournament was one in which a lot of fish were caught but was a challenge to locate the bigger slabs we have become accustomed to seeing. Our next tournament is scheduled for August 29th and we wrap up the year with our final tourney on September 26th. For more information contact us at (765) 981-4522. ■

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Mountain Lakes area (northern third of Alabama) eight or ten times. We always find new attractions to view, new waters to fish, and new places to assuage our hunger. Of course, we return to some of our favorites over and over. We will be back to this area again this fall.

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plus a State Championship tournament where the top 5 points leaders from the previous tournaments will compete. The winner of the State Championship advances to the World Championship held in a different state each year. Make it far enough and some serious college scholarship money is up for grabs.

Trust me, finding information on youth fishing opportunities can be tough, so if you are interested, contact Brad Zellers at bzellers784@hotmail.com to become involved in IBF Youth, either to enter your child or if you would like to volunteer.

Also search up Indiana Bass Federation Youth on Facebook.

The final tournament of the season will be held on Lake Freeman on July 25th with a 2:30 p.m. weigh in at the Tall Timbers Marina ramp. Zellers encourages anyone who is interested to come on out and see what the IBF Youth is about. ■

Indiana State Trappers Association

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you. If you are panting hard, beginning to sweat, slow down. If you feel dizzy, and have a dry mouth, drink some water, preferably from your clean water bottle, but understand that your body is trying to tell you something. In other words, use common sense to keep yourself in good shape. I ended up having an employee and her boyfriend pull my traps that next day, because I could hardly walk. Oh, I also spent several thousands of dollars on hospitals, Doctors, and rehab for a one (1) muskrat catch that year. My wife wanted to have that muskrat mounted and gold plated for me to remember my trapping adventure for that year. I was already dreaming about the next year of trapping.

In ending, I want to thank the Duke Trap company for donating new Duke 1.5 coil spring traps that we hand out to our younger TE students. I sent a picture with this article that shows some of those students on the porch at Carthage. Coming Trapper Education classes may be found on the ISTA website under the Calendar section. Go to www.indianatrappers.org to start your search. To sign up for the classes, go to PassItOnIndiana.com and click on the Trapper Education button located on the right side bottom.

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

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM

1991 FRONTIER DAYS NARRATION (Written by Ray Dickerson)

Part 6

America's

General "Mad" Anthony Wayne

Part 5 Recap

Last month I didn't have enough room to even do a segment in my July Gad-a-bout.

I finished up the final page telling about General Wayne saying, "I now take the hatchet out of your heads, and with a strong arm, throw it into the center of the great ocean, where no mortal man can ever find it and I now deliver to you the wide and straight path to the fifteen fires, to be used by you and your posterity, forever."

He then read the articles of the Treaty again.

The last to sign the treaty was Little Turtle, who remarked to Wayne, "I am the last to sign the treaty, I will be the last to break it!"

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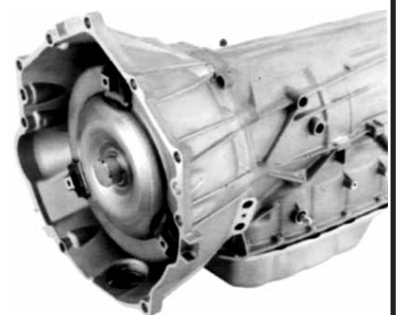
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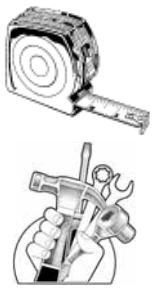
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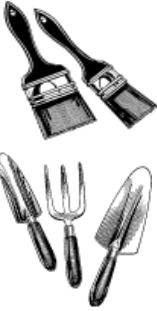
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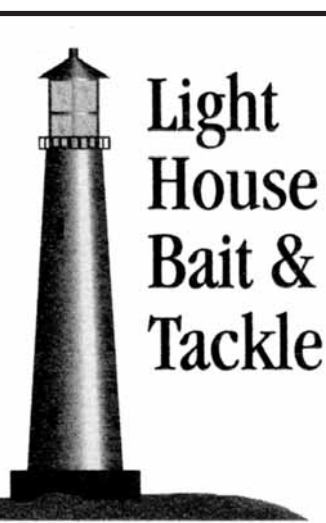


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General Wayne was to travel back to Pittsburgh to establish his headquarters; but enroute he made a stop at Fort Presqu'ile (Erie) in mid-November. Once there he had a severe case of the gout and died on Dec. 15, 1796.

Before he died, Wayne had recommended Wells for a pension due to the injury to his wrist prior to Fallen Timbers, for which it was granted for the sum of \$20 per month.

Most historians agree that if Wayne had lived, William Wells and Little Turtle may have been more successful with their civilization program for the Miami's. As it was they seemed to be the only ones interested in bettering the life of the Miami Indians.

On Nov. 29, 1796, Little Turtle and William Wells had a special audience with George Washington. Washington admired the courageous Little Turtle, he presented him with a medal and a sword. He also arranged for Gilbert Sullivan, a noted portrait artist of the time to do a painting of Little Turtle. The painting was placed in the Capitol Building. Unfortunately when the British burned the Capitol during the War of 1812 the painting was lost in the fire. Turtle met with many influential people of the time. He became good friends with Dr. James McHenry, the Secretary of War until 1800. He met and dined with McHenry on several trips to the Capitol as historic records have indicated even after McHenry left the post of Secretary of War.

A year later Little Turtle and William Wells returned to Philadelphia and met with the new President, John Adams. On this trip Little Turtle was lionized for three months in the capitol. Wells had wanted to return to the Capitol to find out about payment for his role as agent at Fort Wayne. He was being paid as an interpreter for the government, but in 1796 he was asked to take on the duties as Indian Agent until the position was formerly created. He had signed an agreement dated Dec. 9, 1796 in Philadelphia, "I promise for what I have received and for what I may receive to promote to the extent of my power the interest of the United States with the Northwestern Indians." But Wells received no satisfaction to his inquiry. He remained unpaid for his services as agent until he was officially appointed to the job in 1799.

Between 1798 and 1800 Little Turtle became convinced that the Miami would never succeed in making the transition to a settled agricultural way of life unless they were prevented from obtaining whiskey. Since the Greenville Treaty all the Indian tribes had received an annual annuity from the United States government. The stronger tribes received \$1,000 and the lesser \$500.00 per year. Many of the tribe members used their portion of this money to buy alcohol and not things of value such as equipment to better their lives. The Indians had been introduced to liquor by the French who had traded wine and brandy for their goods. Under the English they obtained rum and port wine. With the Americans in control they got increasing quantities of rye whiskey from Pa and Ky. At that time white settlers paid about 25 cents a gallon, but the Indians had to pay double. Under the influence of drink the white man was prone to commit a crime when he was drunk, an Indian was almost certain to do it. The Indians when able to acquire a great deal of liquor would end up maiming and killing one another.

Little Turtle was not a teetotaler, but he was never reported to have been publicly drunk as was Blue Jacket, Brant, Le Gris, Tarhe, and other chiefs of the time. This fact is not hard to understand, the British

were known to have intentionally gotten the chiefs drunk at their council meetings so they would go along with them in their unethical quest to turn the Indians against the Americans. Also at the Greenville Treaty 4th of July celebration it was noted that several chiefs in attendance became quite drunk and had to be physically subdued for their own protection.

Little Turtle realized that he and Paeon, the head chief, were among the few Miami that didn't drink to excess. He had gotten the Miami the greatest amount of Annuity allowable from the American government only to find his beloved people turning into a nation of drunkards. Both the Indian men and women drank, the women to a lesser degree due to the lack of it being available to them.

Wells too, was a moderate drinker, but he agreed with Little Turtle something had to be done about the sale of liquor to the Indians.

In 1799 Wells was made Indian Agent at Fort Wayne and remained in that capacity until 1809.

William Henry Harrison served under General Wayne at the battle of Fallen Timbers. After that he was appointed as Secretary of the Northwest Territory., in 1799 he resigned that post and took a seat in congress as a representative from the Northwest Territory. On the 4th of July 1800, the territory of Indiana came into existence, with Harrison as its governor, he was also made Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Vincennes was the new Capitol of the Indiana Territory.

At the end of 1801 Little Turtle, William Wells, Chief Five Medals of the Potawatomi and several other chiefs traveled to Washington, D.C., which had replaced Philadelphia as the seat of government.

Little Turtle and Wells met with Jefferson on several occasions while in Washington. Jefferson had a keen interest in the Indian language. He had Turtle meet with William Thornton on Jan. 11, 1802 to compile a vocabulary of Miami words. William Wells acted as interpreter and supplied most of the words.

On Jan. 4, 1802 the chiefs met with Jefferson, Turtle gave the principal speech. He told Jefferson of the desire of the Indians to abide by the Greenville Treaty and its provisions, but he noted that the white settlers were settling beyond that boundary. He also asked that a government trading house be established in the Indian country, preferably at Fort Wayne. He noted that the British traders were still in the area and charging high prices. He asked that a blacksmith be sent to Fort Wayne and agricultural equipment be placed in the hands of agent William Wells so they could be distributed to the Indians. And he asked that a council house be constructed at Fort Wayne for the use of the tribes when they met for their annual annuities distribution.

Little Turtle emphasized that none of his prior requests would be of any value unless the sale of liquor to the Indians was stopped. He said, "Father, your children are not wanting in industry, but it is the introduction of this fatal poison, which keeps them poor. Your children have not the command over themselves that you have, therefore before anything can be done to advantage this evil must be remedied."

He also spoke about the Quakers who had professed a desire to help them. He related to a visit that he and Wells had made with them a week or so before.

Next Month we begin what I have felt is the real tragedy for Indians, when William Henry Harrison became Governor of the new Indiana Territory.

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Robert Pottes took this 24.5 lb Turkey on 4-23-15, it had a 9" beard and 23mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Zeppelin Perry took this 175 lb 8 point Buck on 11-21-14. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Ryan Chapman found this monster 12 inch mushroom while hunting one of his secret spots in Wabash County. This one definitely caught everyone's attention!(Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



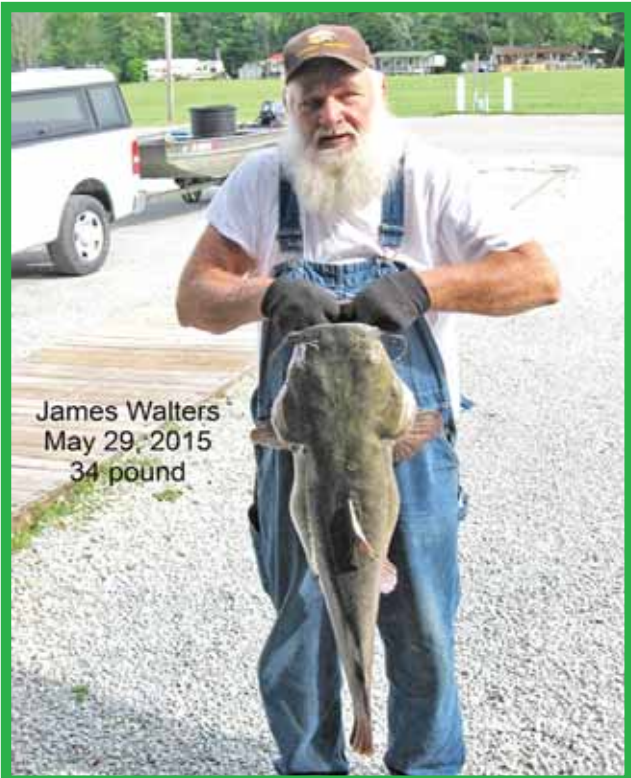
Travis Hammock took this 19 lb. Turkey on 4-22-15, it had 23mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



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Ray Newsome caught this 15 inch crappie that weighed 1.96 pounds. He caught it while fishing the bank on the Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



James Walters
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34 pound

This 34 pound flathead was just one of many giants that James has caught over the last several years while fishing on the Salamonie Reservoir. He knows where they are and how to catch the big ones! (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Skylar Johnson caught this 15 pound catfish while fishing with his friend in the Salamonie Reservoir. He has been trying for some time to make a catch so he could make our wall of fame...needless to say he got his picture posted! (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Matt Peters (L) took his 24 lb. Turkey, it had 25mm spurs. Luke Peters (R) took his 23 lb. Turkey, it had 34mm spurs. Both took their turkeys in Randolph County. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)

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Lara Wagner took this 18 lb. Turkey on 5-6-15, it had 10mm spurs. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



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