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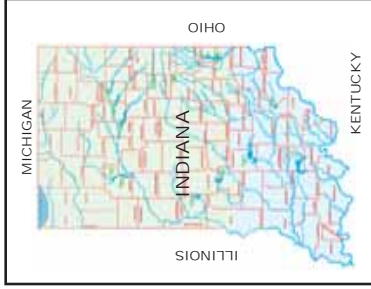
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Top Right: Ten year old Luke Czerniak took this 8 point buck with a 450 bushmaster at 115 yards. He took it on the second morning of the youth season. He passed on a few smaller bucks, his patience paid off, he made a perfect shot, the deer only went 10 yards and dropped. Luke was hunting with his father Jim Czerniak, they live in Oldenburg, IN. (Photo by Jim Czerniak)

Bottom Left: Seven year old Chase Sivulich caught this Silver Salmon (Coho) while fishing in the Little Susitna River with his father, Scott, they in Wasilla, Alaska. See pages 22-23 for the whole story. (Photo by Joe Martino)

Bottom Right: The Union County Drug Free Coalition sponsored Red Ribbon Week October 14, 2015 in Liberty, IN. in Frames Outdoor Archery Range building. All the leaders in law enforcement including the Union County Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff's Department, State Police, Excise Officers, Conservation Officers, National Guard, Fire Department and parents do their best to make the 275 fourth and fifth grade students from the Union County grade schools aware to just say no to drugs. (Photo by Richard Pruitt)

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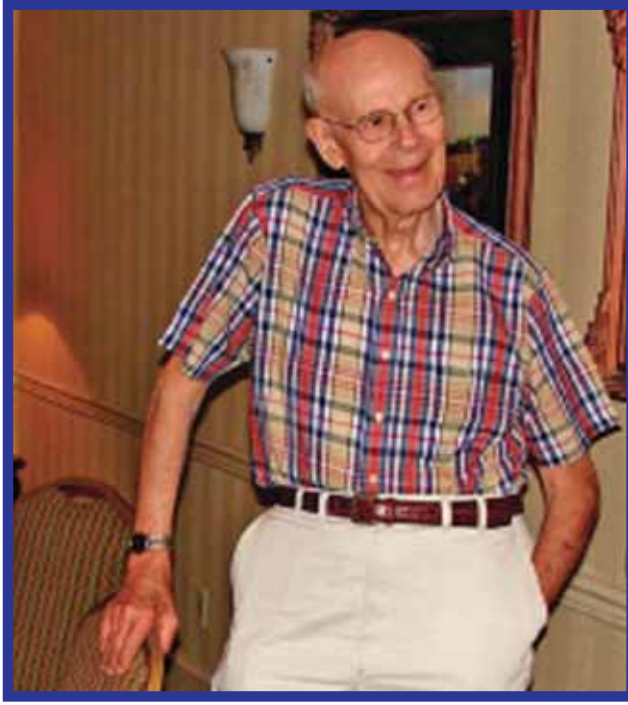
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FOR THIS ISSUE I MET SOME VERY INTERESTING PEOPLE

On page 22-23 you can read about my interview with Cathe Rhodes, her son Scott Sivulich and grandson Chase Sivulich. Cathe's mom, Carrol Rhodes lives here in Centerville. Cathe, Scott and Chase live in Wassila, Alaska. And of course most of the contributing writers have some very interesting subjects too. I'm sitting here getting ready to send this issue to the printer, but something keeps nagging at me that I'm forgetting something. I'll probably remember after I send it.

79TH NCB VETERAN JOHN SERRA PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

I got an e-mail from Jeannie Winter on October 18th. She wrote: It is with sadness that I have been asked to inform the 79th Veterans and families that 79th Veteran John Serra passed away on September 16, 2015 in West Orange, New Jersey. John Serra was one of the original group who were stationed in the Aleutians during the Battalion's first tour and continued on to serve with the 79th on Saipan and Okinawa. He and his wife were very active in attending the annual reunions for some years. Heartfelt prayers go out to his family and ask the Lord to graciously receive him into His loving arms.



John J. Serra

The very first 79th NCB reunion I attended was in Lancaster, PA, I met John Serra and his wife Isabelle there along with many others who served with my father in Alaska May 10, 1943 to September 1944. John was a Seabee with the 79th Battalion on Kodiak Island Alaska, Company "A" - Platoon 2.

John was a steamfitter for 41 years, retiring in 1998 as foreman in charge of plant operations on the campus of Caldwell University for John J. Joyce Contracting Co. He was a member of Steamfitters Union Local 475, the Old Guard of Caldwell, the Knights of Columbus Council 2561, the St. Aloysius Senior Citizens, and West Caldwell Senior Citizens.

I know he is missed by all his friends and shipmates from the Navy.

The one thing that stays with us for the rest of our lives is the wonderful memories of all those we have met along the way.

MY NARRATION FROM FRONTIER DAYS WILL BE IN NEXT MONTH

I seem to have a hard time finding room in my publication for things I would like to put in it. I won-

der if anyone is actually reading it. I might just be wasting a lot of time and space. Should I continue putting it in until it's finished?

14 INDIANA STATE PARKS TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY FOR DEER REDUCTIONS

Select Indiana state parks will close temporarily to allow for controlled deer reductions in the coming weeks.

The dates for the temporary closings are Nov. 16 and 17, and Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

The state parks affected are Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Shakamak, Tippecanoe, Turkey Run and Whitewater Memorial.

These state parks will close to the general public the evening before each of the two efforts and reopen the morning after each two-day reduction.

Only individual hunters drawn last September and those hunters they listed on their applications may participate in the hunts. There will be no standby drawings this year.

DNR biologists evaluate which parks require a reduction each year based on habitat recovery and previous harvest rates at each park. The state parks are home to more than 32 state-endangered plants and numerous significant natural communities. The reductions help control browsing by deer to a level that helps maintain habitat throughout the state parks

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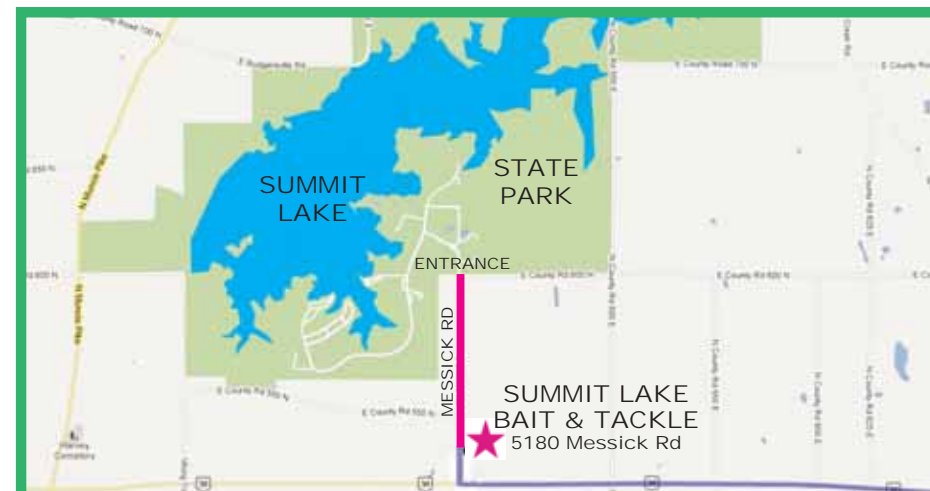
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by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

December Fishing Brookville Lake

If you think November fishing is crazy, you should be here in December.

As far as fishing from a boat goes this is about it though due to snow and ice. When you go to the lake in the winter time things are different. Most likely your gonna be the only person there except me. So unless you have my cell phone number your going out on the water all by yourself.

Some things you need to think of before you leave the house are is the lake frozen, or is the boat ramp covered with snow. These are two things that will definitely keep you off the water. What you want to watch for is if it starts snowing while your out fishing or freezing rain. I have been caught out on the

lake in both of these and it was a stupid mistake. Always let somebody know where your going and when you will be back. Take a small propane heater with you and an extra set of coveralls just in case.

Its really not to bad fishing in the winter as long as the wind isn't blowing. What your doing is mostly fishing straight up and down. In the winter the water is extremely cold. This makes the fishes metabolism slow way down, they mainly just sit in one spot usually close to he bottom. What your looking for is fish on your depth finder, not just any fish though your looking for fish on the bottom. There are times when you'll see fish suspended but those are not feeding fish, unless there suspended against something like a tree or a pillar. Bait fish stay suspended most of the time trying to stay in a ball trying to look like 1 big mass, to big to be eaten. The predator fish lay under them waiting for 1 to get week and fall to the bottom.

This is where we as fishermen come into play. There are two reasons you don't want it to be windy in the winter one is because it makes it colder on us, and two it makes it hard for boat control. Once you find the fish you have to stay over top the fish that are 50 plus feet down. There are just a couple of ways to fish for them, either a jig and minnow or a spoon. Either way staying directly over top of them is essential to catching them. I'm not sure what triggers a fish to bite 50 feet deep in the winter time whether its sound smell or site but the erratic action of a spoon is hard to beat. I think you need to keep it in front of there face long enough to entice them to take a swipe at it. I normally just fish with a spoon and catch fish just fine. But for those times when you see fish on the bottom and they just won't hit your spoon try tipping it with a minnow or just the head of a minnow. Another good option is a jigging rapala or a blade bait. The jigging rapala has a different fall. When you left the bait straight up it will fall like a pendulum do to the heavy nose and the fin on the back of the bait. A blade bait is a flat blade with two treble hooks on it. The line is tied in the middle of the bait, so when you pull it straight up you will fill it vibrate in your hand. I think on the spoon the fish is triggered to bite by the flutter down. When using the jigging rapala the bite is triggered by the pendulum fall and the blade bait the strike comes from the vibrating action when it is pulled up after it falls

There is no place off limits when winter fishing on Brookville Lake. In the summer the lake develops a thermocline and there is no oxygen below the thermocline so if the thermocline is 30 feet deep there is no fish below 30 feet, due to no oxygen. In the fall as



Two nice walleye caught on a jigging spoon by Mike Brenner while fishing with me. (Author Photo)

the water on the surface gets colder then the deep water, it gets heavier and falls through the thermocline causing a mixing affect called fall turn over. What this does is re oxygenates the deep water all the way to the deepest parts of the lake enabling the fish to go any where they want.

Now there are some fish like striped bass that thrive in cold water. I have just this week caught 15 pound striped bass 45 feet deep on a spoon then turn right around and caught one using a surface bait. Just so you know a striped bass is really a land locked ocean fish. They have totally different ways of feeding and mowing around in the water column then

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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Pendleton Trooper Receives Life Saving Award

Indianapolis – Pendleton District Trooper Michael Lee Tinch was recently recognized by Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter, at a ceremony held in the Indiana Government Center South Auditorium on October 9th. Tinch was given a Life Saving Award for his off duty actions at a crash scene on December 12th, 2014.

Around 5:40 p.m. last December 12th, Trooper Tinch was driving with his wife in their personal car when he drove up on a car crash that had just occurred at SR32 and Delaware County Road 650E in Muncie. The body of a young man was lying in the west bound lanes of SR 32.

Despite not having any first aid equipment, Trooper Tinch immediately stopped and administered first aid to the victim in the roadway, 17 year old Gunner Walburn. Mr. Walburn's family credits the off duty trooper's quick actions with Gunner's survival of the crash.

Jennifer Morgan, mother of the crash victim, stated in a letter to Lieutenant Tom Dujmovich, Commander of the Pendleton Post, "I will be forever grateful and would like for my son and I to meet you (Trooper Tinch) one day. God Bless you. You honored your job that day. A service job, that can be defined as a State Trooper, but a job that was called upon you that moment for a much greater purpose."

If asked about his actions that night, Trooper Tinch, a three year member of the State Police, would likely say what any trooper would say, that being "I was just doing my job." This incident serves as a reminder that being an Indiana State Trooper is not just a job, or even a career, it's a way of life. Troopers are on call for public service twenty four hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year.

Sometimes I forget how far reaching this publication is, until I get a call or email from somebody from around the state who say they read the paper. Most folks say they like my occasional stories from the road, so I've included one this month.

One summer many years ago, I was on a day off and had to run to Meijer in Richmond. I was driv-



TROOPER MICHAEL LEE TINCH

ing in my unmarked police car up Salisbury Road, with my then teenage son in the car, when we drove past three folks walking down the side of the road carrying duffel bags and suit cases just south of the fairgrounds.

One guy, a short man approximately 35 years old, glared at me as we drove by, dropping his suitcase and popping out his chest as if to take a "tough guy" posture. It was so obvious that my son even noticed, asking me if I knew the guy. I told him I'd never seen him before, and that maybe he was a carnival worker who had been fired and was angry.

So began the saga of the man we began to call the "Ten Speed Bandit." He terrorized the Richmond area for most of one summer, committing burglaries at homes while the home owners were outside mowing. He would occasionally break in, but mostly went through garage doors left up by homeowners as they mowed.

He took a ten speed bike hanging in a garage during one of his burglaries and used it to make his getaway. The police spotted him and gave chase, but somehow he started riding between houses and escaped, thus the name "Ten Speed Bandit."

I got called one morning to take a burglary report from an 82 year old woman who lived just outside the Richmond City limits. She had been mowing in here back yard when someone had broken out a window next to her front door, reached in and unlocked the door to gain entry. The thief had taken money from her purse and several old silver coins that had belonged to her recently deceased husband.

One of our detectives heard the call, and showed up along with a Wayne County Sheriff's Detective as I took the report. I had been looking at some of the broken glass and thought I could see some sort

of print on one of the shards. The two men dusted the glass for me and lifted a very nice palm print. Now most states don't take palm prints when folks are arrested, but we submitted it to the system just in case.

A neighbor gave a description of a man they had seen earlier in the neighborhood, a guy with scraggly long hair, mid to late 30's, riding a bike. This guy kept breaking into senior citizens homes, and now several agencies were looking for him. I caught a break when I got a hit on the print, with the name of a guy who had been arrested out west for burglary and down south for burglary and child molest.

He was known to be a transient, often working for carnivals. In checking with the carnival that had been in Richmond, they confirmed they had fired him during the Wayne County Fair. A picture from one of his out of state arrests confirmed to me that he was indeed the guy who had glared at me as I had driven by on Salisbury Road. Yes, it is a small world we live in! My case was submitted to the prosecutor and a felony warrant for his arrest was issued.

We began to get tips off and on, as he was staying at various houses, sometimes sleeping in backyards. I got so close once that I found he had fled from a backyard just minutes before my arrival. I looked the yard around and found a coin purse with several silver coins in it that he had taken from my victim's home. She was very happy to get some of them back.

After that incident a female acquaintance of his told me he was going back to New York State, where he was from, as it was "getting too hot for him around here." A month or so later I received word he had been arrested in the State of New York, after being caught in the act of burglary by a homeowner.

After serving a year or so in New York he was brought back to Indiana and given many years here as a habitual offender. Now you know why I'm always reminding you to lower your garage or barn doors when you're outside working! This one little guy wreaked a lot of havoc due to people leaving their garage doors up.

Just a reminder, if you're out driving and find yourself in stopped traffic due to a crash or construction, to leave a car length between you and the vehicle in front of you. Be sure to watch approaching traffic in your mirror and take evasive action if the traffic is coming up too fast to stop. Always watch the "other guy."


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

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Above is the Goodwin House, built in 1850, it is the Welcome Center of the Franklin County Recreation, Convention and Visitors Center and Gift Shoppe. Both Kim Vonder Meulen and Mikel Davis - Beck's offices are in this building at 813 Main St., in Brookville, IN.

Franklin County Indiana Is Thriving Thanks To The Handy Work of Kim & Mikel

by Ray Dickerson

I want to introduce you to a dynamic duo who have blazed a trail in Franklin County Indiana bringing visitors, new business and best of all a smile on everyone who has come in contact with Kim Vonder Meulen, Executive Director of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and Mikel M. Beck Coordinator of the Franklin County Convention, Recreation and Visitors Commission.

I asked the two of them to send me a narrative of themselves to put in The Gad-a-bout so all my readers can learn more about them.

Don't hesitate to contact them if you want to learn more about Franklin County.

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Kim Vonder Meulen, Executive Director

I grew up in Preble County on a small farm outside of Camden, Ohio. I attended Miami University where I received a BS in Elementary Education, a Master's Degree in Reading Education, and a minor in Early Childhood Education. I taught school in the Union County school District for 30 years.

I have been coming to the lake for many years and have always loved the Franklin County area. I moved to Brookville in 2003 when I met and married my husband Don. I have two stepsons who attended Franklin County High School and went on to college.

Upon retiring in 2014, I began working as the Executive Director for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. My hope is that as Director of the Chamber, my board and I can promote a favorable business climate, improve the quality of life, and support the growth and development of our county.

In my spare time, I volunteer at the Cincinnati Zoo. I help to care for the animals in the research building, I am the new production editor for the newsletter, I make enrichment toys for the animals, and I am in the process of becoming a volunteer educator. I also love spending time with my new grandson.

If you would like to have more information about the Chamber or if you are interested in joining, you can contact me at 765-647-3177 or send an email to info@fcchamber.net. You can also find us on our website at www.fcchamber.net or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

Franklin County Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission also doing business as Experience Franklin County, Indiana Mikel M. Beck, Coordinator

I am originally from Shelby County, Indiana. I graduated from Morristown Jr. / Sr. High School and from Indiana State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Disorders. I am married to Hans Beck. Hans and I fell in love with Franklin County and knew that is where we wanted our children to grow up. We both had family that used to live and still live in Franklin County. We built a home in a small subdivision outside of Brookville. We have 2 children that attend Franklin County Community School Corporations. After having our 2nd child and being a stay at home mom I wanted to do something that would help my community. I saw an ad for the Franklin County Tourism position in 2011 and knew that this is what I wanted to do. I love Franklin County and all it has to offer not just to visitors but to the locals. I can honestly say I love what I do. I get to meet new people every day and tell everyone all the great things there are to do around the county. I pride myself in always having an upbeat attitude and try to smile at every situation. I think what this board has done is prove that we are doing great things for the community. My job is to bring people to Franklin County and let them EXPERIENCE all we have to offer. If you want information about everything that we have to offer here in Franklin County call or email me and I will be happy to send you information. 765-647-6522 or info@franklincountyin.com.

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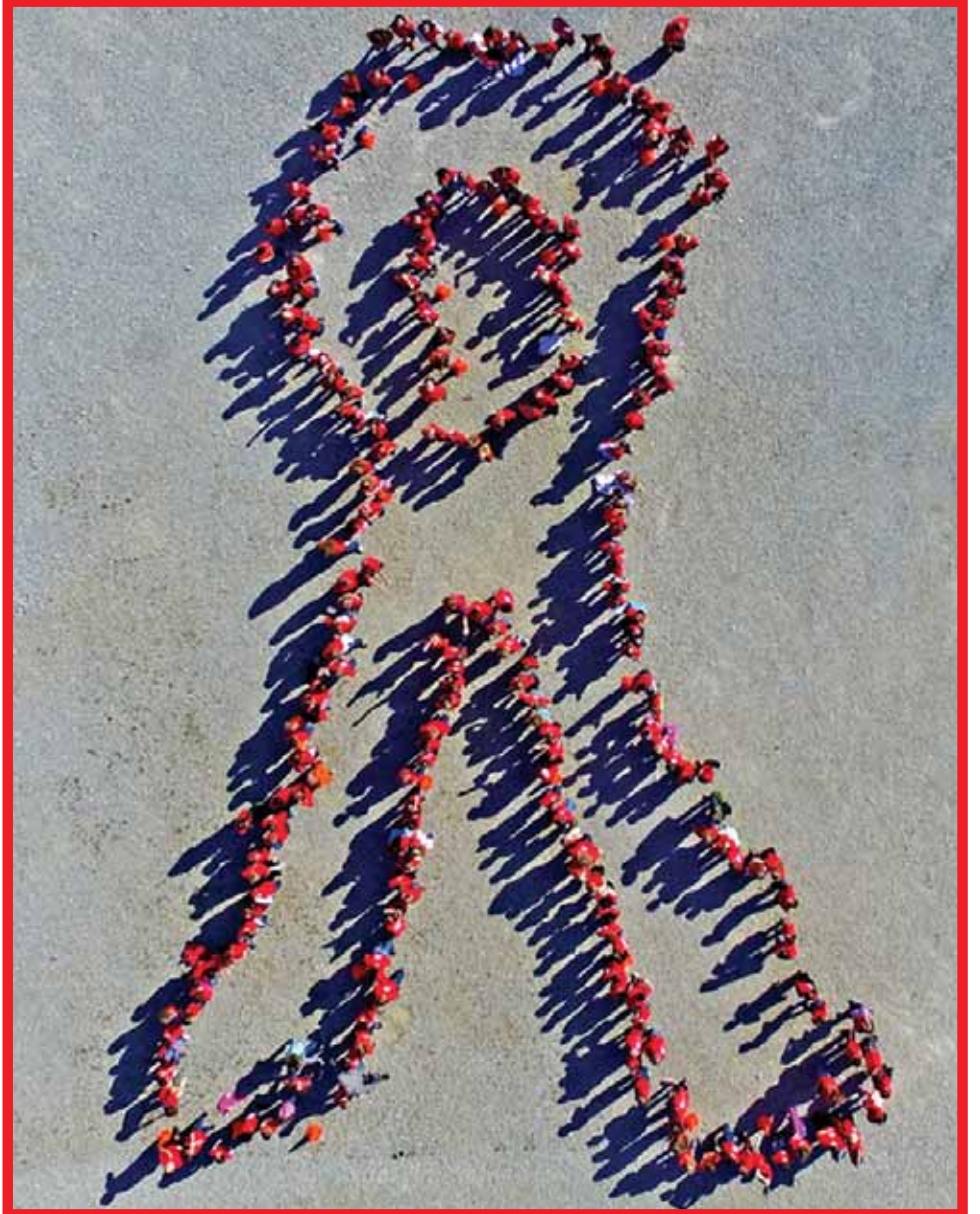
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Top Left Photo: The people who worked hard to put this program together from left to right, Myra Frame, Jeff Frame, Lynn Browning, Brenda Paxton and Union County Deputy Sheriff Alvin Day. (Photo by Ray Dickerson) Bottom Left Photo: Union County Judge Matthew R. Cox talking to U.C. fourth and fifth graders.. (Photo by Ray Dickerson) Right Photo: 275 Union County fourth and fifth grade students form the human bright Red Ribbon Week symbol. (Aerial Photo by Richard Pruitt from his drone)

Red Ribbon Week October 14, 2015

by Ray Dickerson

Union County Deputy Sheriff Alvin Day is the Coordinator for the Union County Drug Free Coalition who oversees making the Red Ribbon Week happen. The Coalition's Vision Statement reads: Through a working community partnership we want to achieve a drug free Union County, where our families intentionally and voluntarily exercise a healthy, substance-free lifestyle.

I think the Coalition believes Drug prevention in schools begins with interaction between the students, law enforcement officers, firemen, parents and anyone else who can sit down together with our youth, tell them the real facts about what happens to them if they do drugs.

Well, when I attended the Red Ribbon Day, October 14, 2015 program at Frame's Outdoor, no one held back telling the students the real facts of substance abuse. Jeff Frame hosted the event, in their Archery Range building located just south of Liberty on SR 101 S. In fact Red Ribbon Week came into being after Jeff talked to Alvin Day about an incident that happened in their shop. Frame said he witnessed

a little boy who came into Frame's Outdoors when a few local police officers were in the shop, and the boy was scared of the officers.

Frames partnered with the UC Drug Free Coalition to hold the Red Ribbon event at the Frames indoor archery range for the past two years.



Aerial photograph of the youth's Bright Red Ribbon was taken by this drone. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Top Left Photo: Union County Prosecutor A. J. Bryson talking about drugs to students. Top Right Photo: Indiana State Trooper Rusty Slater telling students about Meth and what it can do to them. Bottom Left Photo: Jeff Mathews, retired Navy Submariner talking to students about what happens if they do drugs. Bottom Right Photo: Conservation Officer Corey Norrod, with K-9 "Libby," talking to the students about the important role he and Libby have in law enforcement. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

I arrived almost on time, but not quite. When I entered the building I asked Jeff about how many students were there. He told me he wasn't sure, maybe around 275, all fourth and fifth graders from Liberty and West College Corner schools. I told him I would stay as long as I could. I taped as much of the program

as possible, but due to the acoustics I didn't get much. Here is what I could hear and remember.

I entered the room just as Union County Judge Mathew R. Cox began talking to the students. Judge Cox held nothing back telling the students if they did drugs they would be facing him in his court room. He asked all the students to take a pledge that they wouldn't do drugs. Every student in the room, all 275 had their right hand raised and repeated the pledge after him. It was an awe inspiring moment. (See above photo)

Next on the podium to speak was Union County Prosecutor A. J. Bryson. He presented his case to the students exactly like Judge Cox, stern, no holds

barred, if they used drugs. He told them they would be brought before him first, he would prosecute their case, then they would go before Judge Cox. Taking drugs is a serious violation and has serious consequences. (See above photo)

Next Indiana State Trooper Rusty Slater talked to the students about the serious side of using Meth. He showed photos of before and after its use, young before, haggard afterwards with rotting teeth and open sores on the body. He talked about the dangers of finding "meth trash" left for innocent people to find and possibly be burned or killed by the meth trash. (See above photo)

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Top Left Photo: "Different sizes of pellets. The pointed .177 lead pellets are 8 grains, the middle flat .177 lead pellet is 6 gr and the right .22 lead pellet is 14 grs." (Author's Photo) Top Right Photo: "Still going strong, this old 880 still holds the power and it a great curve ball thrower." (Author's photo) Bottom Left Photo: "Picture of Winchester's MP 4 CO2 repeating pellet/BB rifle." (Photo From their catalog) Bottom Right Photo: "Winchester M 14 CO2 repeating pellet/BB rifle." (Photo from their catalog)

Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by **Marshall Smith**
Owner/Gunsmith

Use of Air Rifles for Hunting

This is an updated version of the October 2013 article on the use of air rifles for hunting.

Squirrel season opened August 15th and closes January 31st, 2016. When I was a young boy I hunted squirrels with a shotgun. That was pretty certain to bring a squirrel down but the number of buckshot in the meat was bothersome when eating a deliciously cook squirrel and bite into a pellet. Later I graduated to using a Winchester single shot .22 S, L, or LR with iron sights. That took care of the buckshot problem for me but my father continued to use his 12 gauge. He was concerned with the .22 caliber bullet endangering others in the area if he missed the squirrel and the bullet came down in a crowded area. Today many use .22's with a scope for more accurate shot placement. Shots to the head of a squirrel are preferred as the wound doesn't damage the edible meat like a shotgun blast tends to do. Like my father before me I'm still concerned with the stray bullet getting away from the wooded area and causing harm to people or animals in the immediate area. I found that an alternative to the faithful .22 short, long, or LR is a pellet air rifle shooting .177 pointed hunting pellets. Air guns have become more popular for hunting small game in the last few years after being spotlighted on some of the outdoor sportsman channels. Some break barrel air rifles do produce muzzle velocities

around 1000 fps or greater with the .177 pellet. The .177 variety of pellets, both hunting and target styles, weigh about 8 gn (grains) for the pointed hunting pellets and 6 gn for the flat nosed target pellets. The .22 caliber pellet tends to carry more energy further than the .177 pellet but I believe either will do the job within their effective range. By effective range I'm considering a distance of no more than 10 meters or 33 feet for the .177 pellet. That's the distance used in air rifle competitions. Hunters have reported successful shots of 25 yards.

The accuracy of many of the quality air guns on the market make hunting with them more feasible. If you have never hunted with an air rifle then this would be a new challenge for many hunters as they are a single shot rifle. Hitting a squirrel in the head with an air rifle means that the shooter will have to be well aware of the limitations of his air rifle. The shot placement will have to be within a quarter sized target to successfully take down a squirrel with a head shot. Even a heart/lung shot will have to be within a target area of a half dollar or at most a silver dollar. Now I know some of you youngsters haven't seen a silver dollar but it is about 1.5 inches in diameter while the quarter is about 1 inch in diameter. I have an old Daisy Powerline 880 .177 cal pellet/BB air rifle with a 4x Tasco scope. Its advertised muzzle velocity with ten pumps was right around 715 fps. I used it to make some tests on the accuracy of the air rifle to see if a cheaper old air rifle would be reasonably accurate and take down a squirrel. I tested both the pointed pellet and the flat nosed target pellet. At 30 feet both styles stayed within a 1" square with only an occasional flier. I increased the range distance and checked both again and found the pointed pellets did reasonably well at staying within 1 1/2 " spread. The flat nosed pellets were inconsistent and had spreads up to 4". Now keep in mind that was with an air rifle that has only a hint of rifling that may help the accuracy. Rifling in a BB/Pellet gun doesn't help a round BB fly straighter. Rifling in a BB gun just adds and additional spin on an already unstable projectile and like a well thrown curve ball, the BB will curve. Newer break barrel air rifles have good rifling and are much more accurate. But overall I feel that even with my old Daisy air rifle I could be successful in a squirrel hunt. I can attest that my

Daisy Powerline 880 has successfully dropped pesky rodents at distances around 30 yards.

Most CO2 powered rifles and pistols are not considered to have sufficient power to hunt small game. The .25 cal air rifles are becoming popular and there are several models of repeaters in all calibers on the market. If you get out with your air rifle and harvest a few squirrels let me know. Send me an email with your results and I'll include it in an upcoming article.

Winchester has introduced a series of military style CO2 repeating pellet rifles. There is an Winchester MP4 style and an M14 style that reports about 700 fps muzzle velocities with BB's or .177 pellets. They also have on the high end, the 1400CS, a break barrel air rifle that reports a 1400 fps muzzle velocities with .177 alloy pellets. That would be good for hunting. There are many good air rifles on the market at this time and can give

a lot of enjoyable evenings in the backyard shooting sports. Remember that safety always comes first and handle an air gun as if it is loaded. Keep it pointed in a safe direction when loading. Keep your finger off the trigger until your ready to fire.

Quote of the Month

"No law ever prevented a crime." - Anonymous

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

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

BIRD SAVERS

Bird lovers often cry outrage when man-made things such as windmills, oil wells, tall buildings, sewage lagoons and more cross paths with our feathered friends. Often, the birds come out on the losing end. The biggest "bird trap" in our area for many species isn't man-made. It's Lake Michigan. Bait the trap with fog and it becomes deadly.

Fog can happen anytime of the year, but sadly, it's especially prevalent when warm, moist spring air covers the cool waters of the lake. Those same spring warming trends are what trigger the northward migration for many birds such as warblers.

Imagine the scenario from a bird's point of view. A bubble of warm, humid air trigger's your mood to desert your winter home on the Gulf Coast. You've been flying most of the night, following the celestial star map that guides your path back to your northwoods breeding ground. As the sun starts to brighten the sky, your energy reserves are tapped. Time to descend, find an inviting tree branch for a nap, then maybe forage for a few bugs to refuel for the remaining journey.

So you fly ever lower, only to find out there are no trees below. Only water. You circle once, twice, still no trees, no sign of anything. What to do?

Continuing to circle makes no sense, but with the dense fog, picking a specific direction and staying on that course is tough. Even then, flying straight makes sense only if that direction is back toward land. What if luck takes you farther from shore? How much longer, how much farther can you fly?

The birds have one thing going for them. The foggiest days are often the days with the lightest winds. Light winds mean small waves and a calm weather forecast inevitably lures Great Lake fishermen to their boats and out into the fog. Many boats have radar to "see" in the fog and almost all boats are at least GPS equipped to allow navigating out and back as well as to stay on fish.

So when the bird life is most vulnerable, Great Lake fishermen are often their salvation.



This warbler sat on my collar for the boat ride back to shore. (Author Photo)

I was reminded of this yesterday as small bird started circling the boat.

It's happened many times and the game usually plays out similarly. A bird appears out of the fog and flies directly towards the boat. Most don't just head straight in and come on board. As soon as they see people on the boat, they start to circle, warily. The redwing black bird that found my boat last spring must have circled 10 times before it made the choice between increasing fatigue and fear, eventually landing on one of the downrigger rods positioned on the stern.

Often, especially with warblers that come on board, they almost instantly fall asleep. In 20 minutes or so, their bird nap is over and once they awaken, it's as though they realize if us fishermen haven't gobbled them up by now, we probably aren't hungry.

Their thoughts turn to food. Bugs on the deck or dashboard are easy targets and apparently tasty. No bugs? With some coaxing, pinches of bread or a bit of salami from a sandwich seems just as appetizing.

Once fed, the little guests often get as curious about us as we are of them. Caution aside, expect them to investigate your lap, shoulders or sit on your head. A pine warbler on board one day would perch on any extended finger offered.

At the end of a trip one foggy morning I had 5 of the little refugees on board. Still out of sight of land, I was worried the birds would abandon ship once we powered up so I made sure another boat was near enough to see before advancing the throttle.

Two of our guests left, one found a spot out of the wind near the bow. A second climbed inside the open glove box at my helm station. The last one perched on the collar of my sweatshirt for the 20 minute ride to the harbor.

One can only guess how many thousands of birds don't find a friendly fisherman when lost over the lakes. If you are a bird lover, it makes a good excuse to go fishing.

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Larry Yates and Doug Allen with some of their 1st place fish. (Indiana Slab Masters Photo)



Myron Etchison and Jim Kiritsis and their 2nd place fish. (Indiana Slab Masters Photo)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Indiana Slab Masters 2015 Classic

The Indiana Slab Masters fished their last tournament of the 2015 season on October 24th and 25th as they held the 2015 Classic on Cataract and Raccoon Lake. This is the club's fifth Classic and was the closest finish in club history. While the weights were not what Monroe produced in 2014 they were respectable weight for the conditions the competitors had to endure throughout the two day event.

Day one saw the teams on Cataract Lake enduring rain with sustained 10mph winds and 20mph gusts through most of the day making for tough conditions. While Cataract is not known for quality fish it is known for quantity and it is rare for teams not to fill their seven fish limits, however on this day only 13 teams had seven fish limits testifying to the tough conditions these teams underwent on day one.

By the end of day one it was again certain the team to beat would be Larry Yates and Doug

Allen this team has used their tried and true methods of swimming jigs and throwing cork and jigs to surpass other teams to take the lead at the end of Day One. The second day did prove to be a little better with winds dying down a little but a much tougher bite with only four teams coming to the scales with a seven fish limit. Myron Etchison and Jim Kiritsis certainly made it interesting and were by far the most consistent team finishing second to Larry and Doug by only two one hundredths of an ounce.

Larry and Doug targeted wood in shallow water both days, on Cataract they swam jigs and used bobbers on shallow cover when they could find it, they also vertical jigged deep stumps in 8'-20' of water. On Day two at Raccoon they used similar techniques swimming jigs and jigs and bobbers on shallow lay downs 2'-6' deep to catch their fish. The majorities of their weigh fish came from 4' of water and were caught on Southern Pro tubes in Black/Chartreuse and Orange/Chartreuse or Bobby Garland Baby Shad in Monkey Milk or Cajun Cricket. Congratulations guys on your Classic win.

Myron Etchison and Jim Kiritsis spider rigged both days using 2.5" bass minnows on Kentucky rigs and modified Capps and Coleman rigs finding that as the wind picked up their fish moved from 4 feet of water into six feet of water on day one. Myron was able to use Power Poles to anchor the boat in the high winds. They also used Outlaw Crappie rods which

were more stable and easy to detect the light bites in rough conditions. At Raccoon Lake they targeted lay downs and vertical wood in 4' of water along the top edge of a creek channel that dropped into 8' of water. Myron and Jim targeted Black Crappie on Raccoon downsizing two 2" Bass minnows to provoke a strike from aggressive Black Crappie.

While struggling slightly on day one Brett Cunningham and Keith Lucas stepped up on day two and boated over thirty keepers on a day when most teams did not scrape together seven keepers. Day one saw them spider rigging 6'-16' of water most of the day catching mostly smaller fish switching to vertical jigging halfway thru day to catch their bigger fish and keep them in the hunt for day two. Starting the second day in 13th place shallow water was to be the target, working lay downs in 6' of water to start and when this didn't produce they quickly moved to 3' of water to start catching better quality fish. Brett and Keith used 1/16 oz Nothead Feather jigs in chartreuse/orange and pink/chartreuse in the heaviest cover they could find. They ended up with five spots that produced fish making circles slowly from one to the other upgrading all day.

Phil Grater and Bill Rairden Spider rigged 20 feet of water 10'-14' deep using 2 1/2" Curly tails to catch Big fish 1.13lbs on day one while Jim Kiritsis land-



2015 BnM points champions Larry Yates and Doug Allen. (Indiana Slab Masters Photo)

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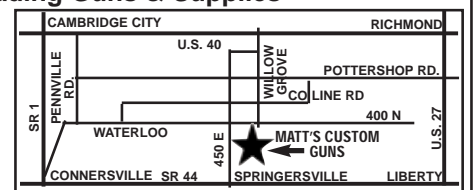
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Brett Cunningham and Keith Lucas with 3rd place fish. (Indiana Slab Masters Photo)



Kirk Wyman and Walter Moore finished 4th. (Indiana Slab Masters Photo)

ed a 1.51lb Crappie to take Big fish on day two.

Final two day results

1st	Larry Yates/Doug Allen	10.33lbs
2nd	Myron Etchison/Jim Kirtisis	10.31lbs
3rd	Brett Cunningham/Keith Lucas	8.83lbs
4th	Kirk Wyman/ Walter Moore	8.68lbs
5th	Jim Long Robert Williams	7.81lbs
6th	Noel Thompson/ Jon Jones	7.20lbs
7th	Rick/Krissy Hancock	7.09lbs
8th	Bob Land/Steve Jeffers	6.92lbs
9th	Bob Bales/ Jason Burnette	6.61lbs
10th	Dan Long/ James Laswell	6.42lbs

team of Larry Yates and Doug Allen proving it doesn't take a multi pole method to be consistent and produce big weights Larry and Doug finished the season with three wins to take top honors in the BnM point's race. Bob Bales and Jason Burnette finished in 2nd with Brett Cunningham and Keith Lucas rounding out the top three. Fourth in points went to Myron Etchison and Jim Kirtisis with Jim and Rob Raymer finishing fifth.

Thanks to all the sponsors of the Indiana Slab Masters for making this tournament series possible please check out www.indianaslabmasters.com and visit the links page to support the club sponsors.

Congratulations to all the teams on a great Classic and also a great season. Winning the points championship for the second consecutive year is the Ohio

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IN STATE POLICE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 76TH RECRUIT ACADEMY

The Indiana State Police is now accepting applications for the 76th Recruit Academy. Individuals who are interested in beginning a rewarding career as an Indiana State Trooper may apply online at <http://www.in.gov/isp/2368.htm>. This website will provide a detailed synopsis of the application process as well as information on additional career opportunities with the Indiana State Police Department.

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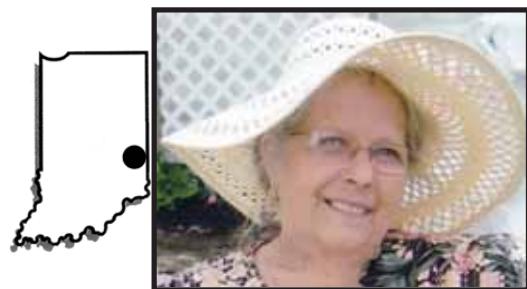
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by Donna Schroeder

President of Fayette County Tourism Bureau

Ride the Rails and Visit Fayette County

Several months ago, the Whitewater Valley Railroad invited our tourism committee to take the train to Metamora. Because we have been working to encourage a “marriage” of sorts between the thousands who come to Connersville to board the train and Fayette County’s other attractions, we deemed this a wonderful way to start!

I took the train a couple of years ago, but the others had never been on the trip. We were a diverse group. I was the senior citizen. None of the others were over forty-five, and it included a couple of teens, as well as several children of elementary school age.

The station is just feet away from the Fayette County Government Center. I call it the Courthouse because, as a stubborn elder, I reserve the right to call it what it was and is. On the second floor of this historic building, you can find the exquisitely painted murals on the ceiling of the court room, painstakingly restored several years ago. To the east, the Whitewater Valley Arts Association is in the process of restoring an 1850’s building for use as its headquarters.

A little further to the east, you will see the Canal House, built in 1842 as the headquarters of the Whitewater Canal Company and restored and maintained by Historic Connersville, Incorporated.

All of the above mentioned are structures we hope to incorporate into a district where visitors can spend time when they come to ride the train.

But, I digress. Our group boarded the train, whistles blew, and we were on our way! In due time, the conductor, in proper attire, came along to punch our tickets and welcome us.

To the west, we could see the Newkirk Mansion, majestically seated atop Third Street Hill. A little to its north is a church that has housed a variety of denominations for over a century and a half. Soon, we pass Elmhurst, the present home of the Masonic Lodge. This building has served as a private dwelling, a girls’ school, a military academy, and a sanitarium. At one time, it was the home of Caleb Blood Smith, Lincoln’s Secretary of the Interior during the Civil War.

The train tracks are built on the towpath used by the horses that pulled the canal boats between Lawrenceburg and Hagerstown. The canal itself is now no more than a dry ditch until the train reaches Metamora, but much of its intricate stonework can be seen along the way. The locks are marked with signs. For those of you not familiar with the canal, the locks were built with strong wooden gates which



Singing cowboy aboard the Overland Express Wild West Train. (Author Photo)

controlled the water. When the elevation changed, the canal boat would enter the lock, and the water level would be raised or lowered by opening and closing the two sets of gates. The boat would raise or lower with the water, sending it safely on its way.

Along the way, you will see a part of the country not seen from Highway 121, the road that follows the canal much of the way to Laurel. You pass by Nulltown, originally known as Null’s Mills, an early settlement where the Null brothers built a large woolen mill. The Wawasee paper mill was here, too, but was destroyed by fire. The paper produced there was made from rags, and many newspapers printed on it survive today/. My great grandfather’s enlistment papers say that he joined the Union Army at Null’s Mills.

Soon, we come to Alpine, another early village. High atop a hill is the Christian Church. It was built in the early 1800’s as an offshoot of the Baptist circuit that began in Franklin County around 1807.

There is also a sign that marks Camp Bidawee, a popular getaway for the rich. There were cabins on the hillside in those days, and the camp could only be reached by taking the train. As names always intrigue me, I had to find the origin of this one. It’s a Scottish term that means “stay a little while”. Makes sense, when you think of it as “abide for a wee time”.

If you’re lucky, you will see an eagle or two nesting near the river. This trip none were spotted, but we saw them a couple of years ago.

Below Alpine, we cross Garrison Creek, the division of Fayette and Franklin Counties. We cross the river on a railroad bridge so narrow that we can look straight down from train to water. In Laurel (originally named Somerset), we pass the Laurel Hotel. On a nearby embankment are the ruins of an inn, a regular stopping place for canal travelers. Its last use was as a dwelling, and the family who owned it told eerie tales of hearing a baby’s cries in the dead of night, allegedly the spirit of an infant whose mother gave birth at the inn while traveling the canal. Both mother and child perished during childbirth.

This might be a good place to pause and reflect on the name of the town we would soon enter. Metamora was named for a play written by John Stone which debuted in 1829. *Metamora, or the Last of the Wampanoags* is the story of an Indian

hero and his downfall at the hand of English settlers in New England in the 17th century. It seems odd to name a town after such a sad tale, but perhaps it seemed timely during the time pioneers were settling in the Whitewater Valley/

Once the train arrives in Metamora, there are several historical sites. The grist mill still grinds out its corn meal. The canal boat takes passengers down the canal and through a lock. The aqueduct is there, too – a bridge built to carry the boat over the river – it’s actually a man made waterway over a natural waterway.

There are eateries,

candy, ice cream, and antiques. Indiana Landmarks recently restored an 1838 building in town. While it is called the Martindale House because Mr. Martindale expanded it and had a hotel there, it was built by Ezekial Tyner, shipping agent for the canal, as a storeroom and office.

The railroad has many themed excursions. This one happens to be the Overland Express Wild West Train. Cowboys, city slickers and their ladies, and a Native American couple are among the passengers. They wander the streets of Old Metamora while we “tourists” are sightseeing.

The whistle blows the signal for us to board for train for home. A few minutes into the trip, a seedy looking cowboy enters our car and announces that we are being robbed. He disappears after a few threatening gestures, but nobody is harmed. (The “loot” he collects is donated later to Riley and St. Jude Children’s Hospitals.)

The train comes to a stop in Laurel. Lawmen and robbers square off in a gun battle which, of course, ends with many casualties, but the good guys win in the end.

On our way again, the Marshall comes to our car, along with his posse and his guitar, and we are serenaded the rest of the way to Connersville. We have had nice trip through pretty fall foliage and a trip through history. It seemed to be a pleasant afternoon for all the passengers, regardless of age..

The next big event for the railroad will be the arrival of the Polar Express in November. Prior to that, the Pumpkinliner will take riders to the pumpkin patch south of town. You can find out more about the railroad and its excursions at

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

CHEATING IN TECHNICOLOR

We're all acutely aware of the influence of modern technology on our lives. We arise in the morning to the melodious electronic sound of a soft female voice on the alarm welcoming us to another day (I'd like to have Ma Kettle yelling "Come and get it"). Our pre-set coffee maker is already automatically brewing a cup of sludge and the microwave stands ready to turn your Pop Tart into something resembling a badly burnt wooden shingle. The car, sitting in the garage idling after being started by a remote push button from the kitchen, stands ready to transport us in comfort and safety, being equipped with all the latest electronic gadgets and infotainment systems. Our workplaces are marvels of technological innovations that relieve us from the need to use such archaic old devices like pencils and paper to determine the final equations of the Unified Field Theory of Relativity. Such terms as "algorithms" have replaced "Hmm, now let me see. If I multiply this factor by this variable----". On the extreme end, my wife demonstrated the latest in ladies eye liners. From a small rectangular case she pulled a brush, shaped I suppose to effectively line her eyes. At the same time, four small LED's in the case illuminated to give light if lining her eyes became necessary at night. I'm waiting for toilet paper that glows in the dark in case I have to visit the outhouse at midnight.

After the development of the first computer it was inevitable that technology would advance at lightning speed, reaching into all aspects of our lives. However, there are certain areas that I feel should remain sacred, exempt from the intrusion of data bits, logics, WIFI and illuminated eye liners.

One of these areas is fishing. For mankind, it has always been a contest to see who can outsmart who by using the same essentially primitive tools of stick, line, hook, and sinker. Admittedly, when mankind discovered that fish like to dine on worms, insects, and other fish, he began experimenting on various types of baits and found that most species of fish could be suckered into striking artificial lures crudely carved from wood. Further advancements included lifelike lures molded from plastic and formed from metals. But, in spite of sticking to the basics, fishing equipment has advanced beyond the stick and line stage. Carbon fiber rods offer flexibility and strength while reels still have to be worked manu-

ally by the old crank method. In spite of these age-old methods that have always been effective, someone has to step in and try to screw it up by offering the latest electronic fishing aides. This is totally unfair, because fish have not progressed beyond the pre-historic stage and still operate on the I.Q.'s of bowling balls. While we developed manual skills, they still depend on instinct. But somewhere in an engineering department, someone who didn't understand the meaning of fairness, brought a gun to a sword fight. The sonar operated electronic fish finder was born.

Rollin, my fishing buddy, has always favored having a slight edge over his quarry, but never took an unfair advantage of them. His boat had always been equipped with the screens, one on the bow and one in the cockpit (my position) that display the bottom topography and any fish within the area. But, after years of use they were falling behind in their efficiency. In spite of his position on the bow and declaring a school of fish under us, all I could see was a bunch of black blobs that slowly scrolled off the screen and were replaced by a few squiggly lines.

Our conversations would go like this:

Him: "There are fish all under the boat."

Me: "Which end of the boat?"

Him: "All under the boat."

Me: "Are we in the same boat?"

Since he, sitting on the bow, always arrived at the crappie school before me sitting on the stern, he would snake out six before one of the dumb crappie would amble toward the stern and chomp on my jig. Recently, to add insult to injury, he replaced his old black and white system with the latest in full blown Technicolor. The large screen in the cockpit now blazed in shades of red, yellows, and combinations of other hues. Numerous blobs of yellow bordered in red drifted across the screen above a darker red squiggly line that apparently displayed the bottom contour. Eureka! Now I could see something that might be fish. Or so I thought. Surely, what I was seeing meant that there were fish on my end of the boat. After all, this advanced unit wouldn't trick a poor fisherman who is electronically challenged. I soon found out that he who arrives first at the yard sale will get the pick of someone else's junk. In spite of all those colorful blobs on my end, Rollin was snaking crappie out like a chipmunk stuffing its jaws with acorns while I sat like an abandoned bride.

Me: "What are all these colored blobs supposed to be?"

Him: "Fish."

Me: "How come I'm not catching anything? Is my makeup on straight?"

Him: "Try putting on a jig that doesn't look like a wad of bubble gum."

That hurt. I had been using the latest in crappie tempting lures at the right depth and in spite of a Technicolor display of the underwater world, I might as well been standing at the station watching the train disappear in the distance. I've decided to develop my own form of technology: a lure composed of C4 with an electronically controlled detonator. Just let one of those colorful blobs get within ten feet of my lure and I'm going to push the button. I wonder what color an explosion will show on the screen. ■

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Part 2 by Ray Dickerson

Assisted by Jim Price (Picture Above) Executive Director of Grissom Air Museum

I like to visit the Grissom Air Museum located just north of Kokomo, Indiana. Mostly because it was the home of the 305th Bombardment Group (H) beginning in May of 1959. The motto of the 305th was "CAN DO." As you walk around looking at the aircraft on display at the Museum you will see several with emblems like the B-47 Stratojet near the nose that reads, CAN DO; the B-58 Hustler also has CAN DO emblem near the nose; on the KC-135 Air Refueling Jet near the center above the wings is an emblem that reads, 305th CAN-DO AREFW.

Inside the Grissom Air Museum is a multitude of things to see from World War II up to Desert Storm. To really see and enjoy all that is at the Grissom Air Museum you must see it in person.

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I was stationed at RAF Chelveston in England from April 1960 to October 1961. RAF Chelveston was formerly a key 8th Army Air Force Base during World War II in England. The 305th Bombardment Group (H) moved to Chelveston December 10-11, 1942.

While visiting Grissom Air Museum a few years ago I bought a book entitled, "The Brotherhood of Courage" written by Walther W. Thom, the introduction was written by Curtis Lemay, General U.S. Air Force (Retired). I've never been one to read a lot. But when I began reading that book, I couldn't put it down. I read it from cover to cover in just a few

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The photos above are a few of the aircraft at Grissom that I remember from my time in the Air Force 1959-63. Top Left: Boeing KC-97L Stratotanker. Top Right: Boeing KC-135L Stratotanker 305th Aerial Refueling Aircraft (The only Jet I ever flew on was the passenger version of this plane, a Boeing 707, enroute to Stewart AFB, NY). Middle Left: T-33A Shooting Star US Air Force Version - (A T-33 made a emergency landing at Bakalar AFB near Columbus, IN in the mid-fifties. It had to be trucked out, the runway was too short for it to take off from; Middle Right: North American F-100 Super Sabre 1954 - 1971 (After a pistol match in Bitburg Germany, Oct 1961 we boarded our C-47 to return to England. Taxiing to the runway we were held to let the Air Force Thunderbirds take off, 4 F-100's. When the first F-100 got in front to take off he kicked in his after burner and our C-47 rocked from the force of his take off followed by the other 3). Bottom Left: McDonnell F-101 Voodoo Fighter Plane (While in England, RAF Alconbury hosted a Armed Forces Day Air Show June 17, 1961. It seemed that the European aircraft were allowed more leeway than our pilots until a F-101 pilot came barreling across the field, right in the middle he suddenly shot straight up in front of the crowd, the mouths dropped as he roared upwards, however we were smiling broadly); Bottom Right: Convair B-58 Hustler, Capable of Mach 2. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

days. It's right here beside me now. Anyone who was ever at RAF Chelveston would enjoy reading about it in World War II and looking at the many photos in it. There is a map of WWII Chelveston on page 41, compare it to the 1957 thru 1961 maps. The only thing I recognize is the Main Gate entrance and the road to the town of Chelveston and Yeldon. There was a lot of visits there by notables including the King and Queen of England, Prime Minister Anthony Eden, The Duchess of Kent, Captain Clark Gable, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, Colonel Jimmy Stewart, Actor James Cagney, Comedian Bob Hope, Singer Francis Langford, Entertainers Kay Francis, Mitzi Gaynor, Carole Landis and Martha Ray.

The 305th Bombardment Group (H)

Here is a short history of the 305th Bombardment Group (H).

The 305th Bombardment Group was activated on January 28, 1942 in the 8th Air Force located at Savannah, Georgia.

The late General Curtis E. Lemay, then a Lt. Colonel, took command of the 305th Bombardment

Group (H) on June 4, 1942 at Salt Lake City. He led the group through its formative stages, took it overseas, and molded it into an effective fighting force during its first days at Grafton-Underwood and Chelveston, England. He relinquished command on May 15, 1943.

The 305th Bombardment Group (H) is the group that invented precision daylight bombing under the leadership of Colonel Curtis Lemay. Initially they were sent to Grafton-Underwood England, soon to be renamed Grafton-Undermud due to the English mud that stuck to everything imaginable. On December 10-11, 1942 the 305th made the move to Chelveston including Squadron's 364th, 365th, 366th and the 422nd plus the 983rd MP Co, 413th Air Service Gp and the 2nd Sta Comp Sqdn. During the course of their being in Europe 787 valiant members gave their lives to preserve freedom.

"It was deactivated Christmas Day 1946--four years, one month and seven days since November 18, 1942, when the group had flown its first combat mission, from Grafton-Underwood. The 305th was

reactivated July 1, 1947 at Andrews Field, Washington, D.C., designated the 305th Bombardment Group (Very Heavy), and assigned to the Strategic Air Command with very few, if any personnel. It was deactivated again September 6, 1948, and re-designated the 305th Bomb Group (Medium). On January 2, 1951, it was reactivated once more, assigned to the Strategic Air Command, and equipped with B-29 bombers. It later became one of the two bomb groups in the U.S. Air Force to fly the B-58 "Hustler" jet bomber, See above photo. (Information taken from the last two paragraphs of *The Brotherhood of Courage*, written by Walther W. Thom, *the History of the 305th Bombardment Group (H) in World War II*. Copies sold at the Grissom Air Museum, Kokomo, IN.)

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A beautiful Fall day at Hueston Woods State Park. Top Photo: This is my favorite Ohio State Park, this Lodge has 94 rooms, it opened in 1967. Middle Left Photo: Looking out of the Lodge at the 625 acre Acton Lake. A favorite fishing lake for both Buckeyes and Hoosiers. Middle Right Photo: I couldn't resist taking this photo, looking out of Lodge entrance at the flags waving and the beautiful Fall colors. Bottom Left Photo: A lone canoe passes the now empty Acton Lake Marina as I was talking to a bank fisherman. He told me he saw a Eagle swoop down from the distant tree line grab a fish and return to its tree. I told him he must have really good eyesight to see it at this distance. He pointed to his binoculars. Bottom Right Photo: A cougar paces back and forth in his roomy pen in the Hueston Woods Nature Center. On the other side I viewed a Bald Eagle and his mate. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Visiting Hueston Woods State Park with Ray Dickerson

I hadn't visited Hueston Woods State Park located near Oxford and College Corner, Ohio for some time. Back when I was delivering my September Gad-a-bout I had extra copies so I traveled to Hueston Woods and left copies at the Park Office and Marina. I delivered Gad-a-bouts there for many years, but stopped going there until now. I now have them at Lodge and Park Office. The Marina is closed for the winter.

I took the November issue to Hueston Woods on October 23rd, it was a beautiful Fall day. As you can see by the above photos the leaves were spectacular just about everywhere I looked. I stopped to talk to a fellow who was raising the main sail on his sailboat in the Marina parking lot. I asked if he was going out on the lake. He told me he wanted to get out one more time before the weather changed. Everyone I met was friendly and didn't mind a bit my asking them questions. It was a peaceful and pleasant day, a day that hasn't come my way in such a long time.

In the past you would find me out in the woods hunting squirrel at this time of the year. Now I just feed them at home and wish I was out in the woods.

See page 17 I have put a map of Hueston Woods I

got from the Park Office. They said I could put it in The Gad-a-bout. I hope it printed okay, the print was quite small and was blue and green. Mixed colors (colors that require a mixture like green is a mix of yellow and cyan blue, small green print will sometimes have a shadow look to it. I use Magenta and Cyan blue a lot for small print because they are two of the colors of the 4 color print process.)

I visited about every inch of the park except the beach. Just before leaving I stopped at the Nature Center and talked to the Bald Eagles, an Owl and a Cougar. Yes I talk to animals, it's refreshing - they never disagree with me. Last night one of my rabbits stopped in front of me. I told it not to go into the street, so when I moved he darted back into the yard. He or

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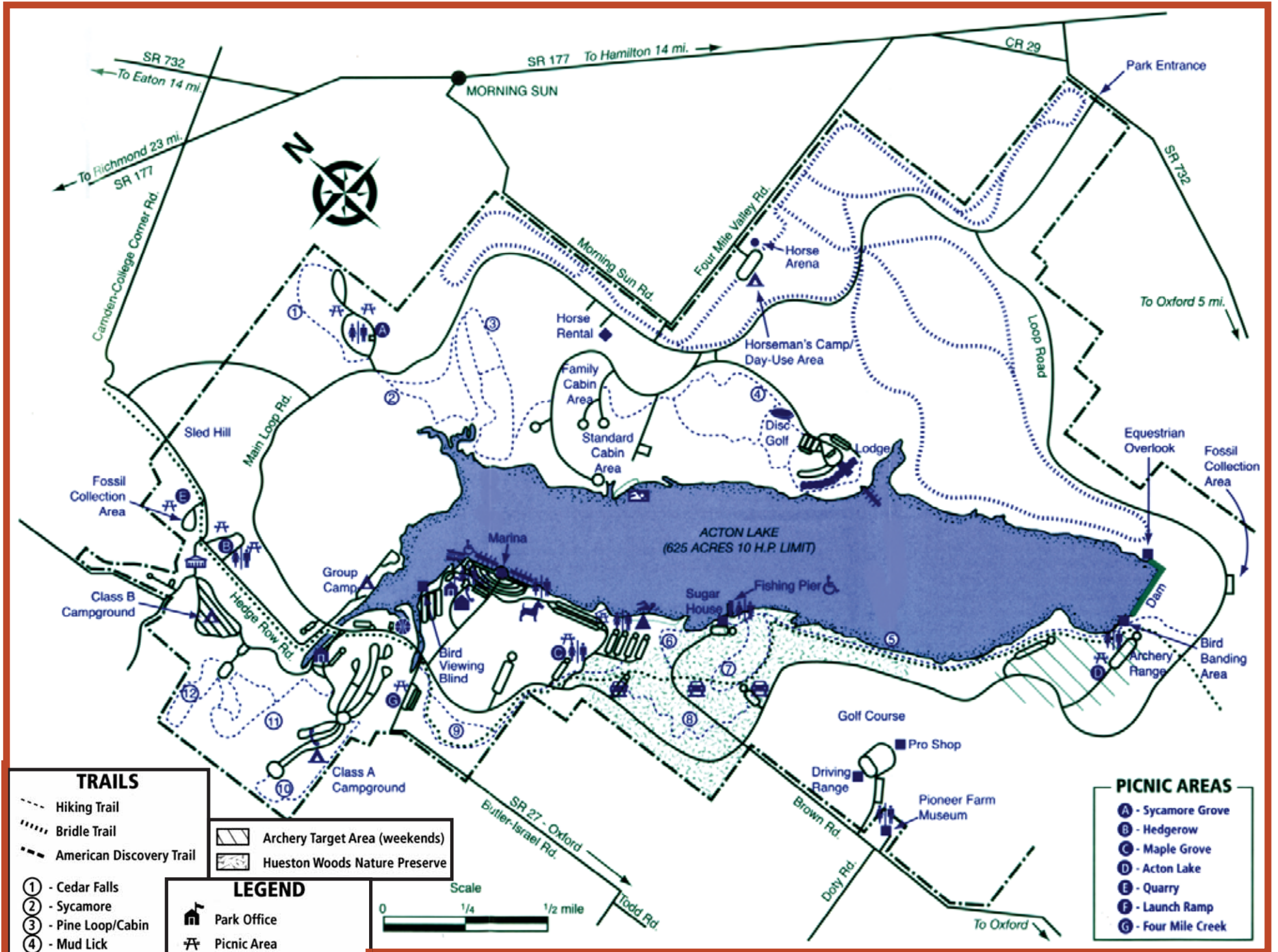
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she has more sense than a lot of people I run into. Here are some facts about Hueston Woods State Park you may be interested in knowing.

The history of Hueston Woods area dates back to 1797 when Matthew Hueston visited southwestern Ohio while serving with General "Mad" Anthony Wayne. When Indian resistance subsided, Hueston began to buy land for farming in what is now Butler and Preble counties. Hueston, one of Ohio's earliest conservationists, preserved a portion of his forested land as did his descendants.

When the last of the Huestons died in the 1930's Morris Taylor, a conservationist from Hamilton, purchased the woods and held it in trust until state funds could be allocated for its purchase. Cloyd Acton, a Preble County legislator, proposed the purchase to the state legislature and in September 1941 the Hueston property was bought by the state and officially designated as a state forest. The Oxford Honor Camp was established in 1952. This camp, set up

under the supervision of the Ohio Board of Corrections, housed honor status inmates for the next twelve years. Buildings of the former camp now serve as the park office, meeting rooms and nature center. Early in the summer of 1956, the 1,200-foot earth fill dam across Four Mile Creek was completed, and the following year Acton Lake was impounded. Shortly thereafter Hueston Woods was dedicated as a state park. Throughout the 1960's, development continued at Hueston Woods with the addition of campgrounds, cabins, lodge, marina and golf course.

The Hueston Woods State Park Lodge has 94 rooms opening in 1967, it offers a dining room, snack bar and lounge areas. Recreational facilities for guest include an indoor pool, outdoor pool, game room, lighted tennis courts and floating boat docks. For Lodge and Cottage reservations call **888-711-4725**.

There are 25 Cabins family housekeeping cabins that sleep six with two bedrooms, bath, kitchen, living room and screened porch. Ten standard cabins combine a living room-dining room, with sleeping facilities for four and a private bath. Two premium cabins offer master bedroom suites. All cabins are equipped with cooking and eating utensils, towels and bedding.

The family campground offers 252 electric sites and 143 non-electric sites, along with showers, flush toilets, laundry facilities and a trailer waste station. Pets are permitted at designated sites. One fully equipped Yurt is reservable. Three group campsites and horsemen's camp are also available.

Launch ramps and public docks, some of which are wheelchair accessible, are provided for boaters. There is a 10 H.P. limit on motors; canoes using motors have a limit of 4 H.P. The marina offers boat rentals, fuel sales and winter boat storage. Boat camping is permitted at the marina docks and cottage area.

The lake has populations of largemouth bass, crappie, channel catfish and bluegill. Deer hunting with bow and primitive weapons is allowed in season. Waterfowl and raccoon hunting are by permit. Valid fishing and hunting licenses are required.

The park offers over 16 miles of hiking trails and 12 miles of mountain biking trails. A horsemen's staging area and 18 miles of bridle trails are located off SR 177 on Four Mile Valley Road. Orienteering trails are located at the campground with maps available at the campstore. The American Discovery Trail passes through the park.

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Left: This huge bear was taken by a lady while we were in camp. Right: Some of the many grouse in the area surrounding the resort. (Photos Courtesy of The Timbers Resort)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

A Trip to the UP

Last February found Susie and me at the Indy Boat, Sport, and Travel Show. Actually, at the Deer and Turkey Expo part of the show. Each year, we visit this 10 day event to gather information for our frequent travels. We pick up brochures and other literature, talk to the exhibitors, then go home and sort through all the material for locations which are suitable for our purposes. Then, we go back to the show and talk in depth with those choices.

This time, one of our favorites was The Timbers Resort in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We re-visited the booth and talked to Sarah Long, who along with her husband Tim, owns and operates the resort. I was talking fishing, hunting, and other outdoor activities. When Susie found out Sarah was a quilter, the subject matter quickly changed. We soon decided we would be heading to the UP.

Our biggest challenge with scheduling a trip is finding a free spot on our calendar. We finally agreed on mid-September. We booked our dates with Sarah for a three day fishing trip. We drove up through Wisconsin to the very top at Ironwood on the WI/MI border. After turning east, we drove

about 35 miles to Bergland and The Timbers Resort. (A word of warning—before leaving Ironwood, stock up on any groceries you need for your visit. It's the closest grocery!)

We arrived at our destination and checked in at the office. Sarah gave us our cabin key and pointed us across the drive. (They have 11 cabins of various sizes.) We carried our gear across the wide wooden porch, through the spacious kitchen, and into our room. A queen size bed, TV, couch and easy chair were in this room while two twin beds were in another. A refrigerator, stove, sink, microwave, table with four chairs, and maybe a coffeemaker (not sure about that since I don't drink coffee) were present in the kitchen.

We walked back across the road and asked our hostess where the local eateries were since I wasn't planning on cooking anything. She quickly named three. One was the Hoop N' Holler for which we had seen several advertisements. It was about four miles back west in the town of Merriweather. Sarah asked if she and her husband Tim could join us there for dinner. They introduced us to the owners, George and Carolyn Maves. Carolyn joined us while George had to go back to the kitchen to cook.

The establishment was situated on the northern end of 14,000 acre Lake Gogebic and was popular with the locals and visitors year

round. It served sandwiches and sides and beverages for both youth and adults. Several items were things we had never seen on a menu back home. As we dined, we watched a few boats returning to the dock. Apparently, a walleye tournament had been going on and most of the boats were coming in. After buying a couple of souvenirs for our grandson, Benjamin, we headed back to our cabin for an early bedtime. It had been a long day.

Next morning found us up early to begin our quest for Lake Gogebic walleye. Blue sky, bright sunlight, and high winds. The waves on the lake were too rough for us to enjoy time on the water, so we went to plan B.

We took a short drive north toward Lake

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Left: Join in on the snowmobile fun in the Upper Peninsula. Right: ATV action in the northwoods. (Photos Courtesy of The Timbers Resort)



Left: Huge perch taken through the ice on Gogebic Lake. Right: One of the many beautiful waterfalls in the area around Timbers. (Photos Courtesy of The Timbers Resort)

Superior. On the way, we stopped at a small road side park Sarah had told us about, took a short hike, and came to a secluded, scenic waterfall. Some quick pictures, then a few miles to the beach along the lake. We took a leisurely walk in the sand, looked for some beach glass, then headed back to the truck.

Next was an hour drive through the back roads of the Porcupine Mountains. We were the only vehicle on the road, so I drove slowly, watching for wildlife. We had made a large loop and came out twenty miles or so west of the resort. We had to drive past the Hoop N' Holler on the way back, so we stopped for lunch there.

For the next two days, the high waves were subsiding, but we like fishing in calmer waters and decided on other activities. We spent our time metal detecting on the beach around the piers, riding around the area roads with our camp hostess looking at numerous gorgeous waterfalls, learning the history of the county, and eating at the various dining establishments.

Breakfast found us at Antonio's two days. I ordered the three blueberry pancake choice with ham and potatoes. Unlike hotcakes down here, these were dinner plate size with the entire bottom covered with blueberries. Two

large pieces of ham and half a platter of fried potatoes completed the entrée. All for under \$10. JW's BBQ, also in Bergland, was our dinner choice. Sandwiches and entrees from the smoker and burgers from the char-broiler headed the menu. I chose an outstanding beef brisket sandwich. Sarah and Tim were able to join us for lunch one day on the far side of the lake at Gogebic lodge owned by Brian Berquist, his dad and sister.

Tim guides both hunting and year round fishing trips. (This area has great bear and grouse hunting) Guy Sibley, www.fishwithguy.com, a Clam Pro Staffer also guides fisherman for Timbers in winter. (Gogebic Lake is known for great ice fishing. There is a local ice fishing derby with numerous prizes on March 5, 2016. Entry fee only \$25.) Timbers also has live bait and tackle if you need that on your visit. While I've never been snowmobiling, I know some of you are enthusiasts. Check with Tim or Sarah about all the snowmobiling opportunities available in the area.

Of course, on the morning we left, the lake was calm. We never got on the water while at Timbers Resort. We never caught any of the smallmouth bass, walleye, perch, northern pike, crappie or bluegill which inhabited the lake. We didn't partake of the bear and grouse hunting which was in season. Of course, we were too early for the snowmobiling, skiing, and ice fishing so popular in this area in the winter. Be we were just in time to enjoy the hospitality and new friendship of Tim and Sarah Long, owners of The Timbers Resort. You can contact them at 905-575-3542 or e-mail them at fishhuntstay@thetimbersresort.com

for information on booking your own trip. Their website is www.thetimbersresort.com.

You can meet Sarah at the Deer and Turkey Expo in Indianapolis next February and learn more about this quality operation. (Tim has to stay in camp and work.) We already have made our plans to return next summer.

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Scott & Chase Sivulich and Cathe Rhodes from Wasilla, AK. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Chase Sivulich holding King (Chinook) Salmon he caught in Alaska. (Photo by Scott Sivulich)

Alaskans Cathe Rhodes, Scott & Chase Sivulich visit Centerville

by Ray Dickerson

ALASKA

On May 28, 1958, the United States House of Representatives approved a statehood enabling act for Alaska. The Senate approved the act on July 7, 1958 and President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the act into law. On August 26, 1958 the Alaskans voted in favor of statehood. On January 3, 1959 President Eisenhower officially declared Alaska to be the forty-ninth state of the union.

My father who was a Navy Seabee in World War II was stationed Kodiak Island Alaska from May 1943 to September 1944.

Some time ago in my barn attic I found a copy of the Centerville newspaper "The Crusader" published by Joel and Carrol M. Rhodes who live here in Centerville. It was dated Thursday, June 28, 1990. Carrol Rhodes wrote, "Local Man Shares Memories of WWII - Raymond Eugene Dickerson, Sr. remembers it all...including the spectacular beauty of the Alaskan wilderness. And the interminable waiting for the order to begin the invasion of Okinawa." I had never seen that article before, as I read it, Carrol had facts about Dad's war time experiences I had no clue of because he never talked about the war. Carrol, 94 now, lives here in Centerville and we talk as often as we can, she keeps me informed about a lot of things happening here and I can always count on getting really nice comments from her in the mail and e-mails when she reads something in The Gad-a-bout she likes. I deliver her copy in person.

Carrol Rhodes sent me a note in the mail June 20, 2015 that read, "Thanks for delivering the fine July Gad-a-bout to me. Possible interview opportunity. My grandson Scott and his seven year old son, Chase live and fish in Alaskan waters. They plan to visit me in October.

I sent my reply to Carrol by e-mail, telling her I would definitely like to interview the two of them in October.

On Wednesday, September 30th I got an e-mail from Carrol telling me Scott and Chase would be arriving in Centerville on October 25th, but would be leaving on the 27th. She said they would be staying at the farm with Connie and Bob Coddington, and for me to call them to make the appointment to interview

Scott and Chase.



Some time between her first contact with me in June and the September contact Carrol had sent me the above photo of Chase (her great grandson) holding a nice Salmon earlier and it appeared in Gad's Corner. Some of you readers of the September Gad-a-bout might remember seeing Chase's photo. He was hiding behind those great looking sun glasses on Page 31. The caption read, "Chase Sivulich from Wasilla, Alaska caught his first King Salmon. He is the great grandson of Carrol Rhodes who lives in Centerville, IN. (Photo submitted by Carrol Rhodes)."

On Friday, October 23rd I called the contact number asking what day and time would be best for me to meet with Scott and Chase at Westcott Place Farm. Connie Coddington told me Monday at noon would be best for them, they would only be in Centerville a very short time.

So on Monday I drove the lane back to Westcott Place farm, it had been a very long time since I visited their farm. I parked my van and was met by three people coming from the house. It was very windy and chilly, so we all went inside and sat at the kitchen table.

I figured the guy to be Scott Sivulich and the youngster to be Chase, and assumed the lady was Connie, the one I called to set up our interview.

After sitting I said I wanted to get their names first. I looked at the guy and said, "Your are Chase." He replied, "no, I'm Scott Sivulich."

He added, "this is my son Chase Sivulich. I wrote Chase down and said, "I'll just ditto his last name."

He added pointing at Connie, I thought, "and Katherine Rhodes."

I replied looking at her startled, "is it Katherine?" She replied, "please call me Kathy, spelled



Seven year old Chase Sivulich standing by the Little Susitna River in Alaska where he caught this salmon. (Photo by Cathe Rhodes)

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Left: Photo: Scott Sivulich, helping his son Chase hold the King (Chinook) Salmon he just caught. Middle Photo: Seven year old Chase Sivulich holding the really nice silver salmon (coho) he caught while fishing with his dad on Little Susitna river in Alaska. Right Photo: Scott Sivulich holding a whopper Alaskan Silver (Coho) Salmon. (Photos by Scott Sivulich)

Cathe."

I replied, "Cathe, now that's different, has it always been that way?"

Cathe replied, "yes."

I looked around the room telling them I remembered it from when Joel and Carrol published The Crusader from 1967 to 1992 at the farm.

I told Cathe I didn't remember a whole lot about Joel and Carrol's children. I remembered a few glimpses of you kids when all of us Troop 16 scouts met at your farm to leave for Isle Royale National Park back in 1958. Joel was our Scoutmaster.

I asked, "how many brothers and sisters do you have?"

She answered, "I'm the oldest, next is Connie, then Crisann and Joel III."

Cathe told me Scott Sivulich was her son and seven year old Chase was her grandson. They all live in Wasilla, Alaska in a duplex, Cathe lives at one end, Scott and Chase live at the other end. Chase's mom, Megan Vincent, also lives in Wasilla, Alaska.

I asked Cathe when did she move to Alaska and

what does she do there.

Cathe replied, "I moved to Alaska in 1982, I taught school until retiring in 2003. Since then I have become a statewide mentor with the Alaska Statewide Mentor Project. I fly to the far reaches of Alaska mentoring teachers who come to Alaska to teach. These teachers teach all subjects to all ages of Alaskan children in schools that often have only one or two rooms in them. I fly in a larger version of bush planes. It is dangerous work due to weather conditions and distance of the flights, but my trips are necessary."

I asked Scott what he did in Alaska.

Scott replied, "I work for the Alaska Department of Commerce in the Information Technology section."

Scott added, "living out where my mom travels to is not like living in the U.S., there isn't a grocery on one corner and a McDonalds on the other. He said two thirds of Alaska has no roads. There are only two roads out of Anchorage, one north, one south. The Alaskans living out beyond the roads live off the land hunting and fishing. The teachers mom mentors are recruited from colleges like Indiana's IU, Purdue and others. The college graduates must sign a two-year contract, in return the teachers get help to pay off their student loan. It's very hard for them though being in Alaska's back country. What Cathe does is provide them a life line back to civilization. It's uncivilized in a lot of situations. These young teachers get disillusioned easily living in the back country, it's mom's job to help them finish their two year teaching contract."

I asked Chase if he hunted and fished in Alaska.

He replied, "I fish, but I want to hunt some day."

He added, "I have a bb gun and like shooting it."

I told him I had one too when I was his age..

I asked Chase what he liked to fish for in Alaska.

He replied, "salmon and trout."

I asked if they fished in a river or a lake.

Chase replied, "in the river."

Cathe asked Chase, "don't you sometimes fish in a boat?"

Chase replied, "yes."

Scott added, "yes, I have a Lowe Roughneck boat we use on the river, Chase and I fish in the Little

Susitna river.

I asked Chase what kind of bait did they use.

Chase replied, "salmon eggs and spinners, but the salmon really like those salmon eggs!"

Scott added, "they used Blue Fox spinners mostly."

I asked Chase if he used a medium or heavy fishing pole.

He replied, "a heavy one because the big king salmon can break your pole right in half."

I asked what pound test line did they use.

Scott replied, "15 pound. test line"

I asked Chase, do you cast the bait or what?

He replied, "I cast it out into the river and reel it back, it kind of makes a u-turn when I start reeling it in."

Scott added, "we cast it upstream and let it drift along the bottom with the current, reeling it back in about thirty seconds and repeating as necessary to catch the salmon or trout."

I asked how big do the King salmon get?

Chase replied, "over 60 pounds."

Scott added, "when I was twelve I caught a 72 pound king salmon, I had help bringing it in."

Cathe added, "it was as long as he was tall, his dad helped him bring it in!"

I asked Chase if they had any bass in their rivers.

Chase replied, "no I don't think so."

Scott added, "they fished in the Little Susitna River for Chinook salmon, Coho (silver) salmon and trout, the water was too cold for any other species, like bass."

I asked Scott about the life of the salmon.

Scott replied, "have you ever heard of euryhaline fish?" I replied, "no."

He continued, "salmon are born in fresh water, then they go out into the ocean and live in salt water for four to five years in the ocean, then they return to the fresh water stream where they were born to spawn, and die. The bright red salmon are newly returned and the darker red ones are beginning to degrade and perish."

Scott told me about the fishing seasons. In the spring and summer the salmon spawn. Fishing lasts from May 30 (memorial day) to about the last week of June. The second week of July the silvers (coho) fishing lasts until the end of August. Then the rain-

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For the outdoor person, the best time of the year has arrived. The leaves have gone through their fall color changes. The air is drying out and the temperatures have moderated indicating that winter is just around the corner. Deer Bow season has been open for a while, and hunters are getting ready for gun season. A few trapping seasons, fox and coyote are open, but the rest open in a few weeks. We will even have an otter season this year. The successful hunters and trappers will be taking to Face book, Twitter, and Snap Chat, etc., to show their friends, and the world, their success. Ray always appreciates people sending him pictures of their success and he publishes them regularly within his Gad-A-About paper. Just look in the back, for two (2) pages, that will give you the fever to get out and ABOUT. (Pun intended.) However, PLEASE be careful of what you post and what you say with that posting. The world may come back to bite you in the rear end.

Recently, a young veterinarian in Texas, Kristen Lindsey, DVM got herself in a barrel of trouble over a Face book post. She had been practicing with a new crossbow in her parent's yard, that she was planning to use for hunting, deer and hog. A "feral" cat appeared in her parent's yard, and she shot it in the head. She then posted a picture, that her mother took, of her holding the dead cat up by the arrow that was through its head. Big mistake. Further, she bragged on the shot and asked to be nominated "Vet of the year." (Bigger mistake.) This Face book page posting ignited a firestorm against her that has resulted in the probability that she may lose her license to practice veterinary medicine in Texas, on the grounds that she committed animal cruelty and acted in an unprofessional manner.


The cat is presumed to be "Tiger", who has been missing since the incident, and belongs to a neighbor a few doors down. Tiger had been a patient at the Veterinary Hospital that Dr. Lindsey was employed at, though she is not thought to have seen Tiger as a patient. The Hospital fired her over her actions and her statement on Face book. A Grand Jury that looked into the incident declined to indict Dr. Lindsey for any criminal charges. The Texas Board of Veterinary Examiners (TBVE), however, decided to recommend that Dr. Lindsey surrender her license to practice veterinary medicine after they were barraged with 700 written complaints, and over 27,000 emails from people in 77 countries.



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Left Photo: Phil Philips, Colin Philips (10 1/2), Fred Philips with Lake trout caught in Canada in 2002. Guess which was who's. Right Photo: Fred's largest raccoon from 2014. A cat food eater. (Author Photos)

(But it is okay for ISIS to decapitate innocent human beings.)

There are so many things wrong about this that I do not know where to begin. Tiger was out of bounds by roaming loose in the neighborhood. Dr. Lindsey's Face book post was in poor taste. She was wrong to brag about this kill the way that she did on Face book, but what does that imply about any deer she may take? The TBVE cites Dr. Lindsey's "lack of empathy" and "poor professional character" in recommending that she surrender her license. The TBVE judged her guilty of violating two (2) sections of the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act that concern illegal or dishonest veterinary practices AND also judged her guilty of professional misconduct. Finally, the TBVE judged Dr. Lindsey guilty of animal cruelty, even though a Grand Jury returned no indictments and declined to prosecute any case against her. What does all of this mean to other Veterinarians who enjoy the outdoors and participate in the consumptive use of wildlife or even those practicing large animal medicine where some procedures may be seen by the common person as downright barbaric?

How does the TBVE view the castration of calves in a catch chute without any anesthesia? I am sure that the veterinarians of Texas, who practice large animal medicine, are looking at this case closely. How about any other Veterinarian who hunts and shoots a deer, white tail or mule, in Texas? Will they be charged with animal cruelty and be asked to surrender

Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by Lt. Bill Browne

Winter in the Indiana Outdoors

Hello again from the Law Enforcement Division of the DNR. December brings cold temperatures and a time to enjoy the bounty of our harvests from our fall hunting and fishing trips. For all of you who lawfully and ethically enjoyed this year's hunting seasons, I appreciate you.

Winter time does not have to find you hovering around the wood stove and fighting cabin fever, however. Take time to bundle up and get out and enjoy the winter outdoors that Indiana has to offer.

Frozen lakes and ponds provide great opportunities for ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and hiking but, there are several concerns that a person must consider before venturing out on the ice. A key phrase that Indiana Conservation Officers use is to "know before you go". At the very edge of the ice covered body of water drill a hole in the ice and do not go out onto it unless there is at least 4 inches of good, clean ice (6 inches for snowmobiles).

Key equipment to have with you includes:

- a life jacket
- ice rescue picks
- warm clothing (layers)
- warm boots
- ice cleats
- 50 feet of rope
- an ice auger
- a buddy

Always tell someone where you are going and about what time you plan to return. Never go onto ice that has flowing water such as rivers or streams.

Being prepared for the winter will provide hours of fantastic outdoor experiences and I believe that the more fun you have in the winter the bigger the mushrooms will be in the spring.....and we all want that!! Happy Holidays everyone.

Lt. Browne

Indiana State Trappers Ass'n Cont'd.

their license over a legal hunt just because they are a Veterinarian? Will these Veterinarians have to respond to public opinion every time that they "hurt" an animal? Every injection that I give, hurts. If you don't believe me, stop by and I will stick a needle in you.

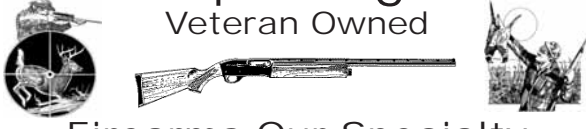
I believe in animal welfare, not animal rights. I believe in the "one shot, one kill" philosophy taught to me by my Grandfather, Fred Bartz. In the consumptive use of wildlife, I do my very best to keep any pain that I inflict on an animal to a minimum, as do most other competent, compassionate hunters. I even thank the Great Spirit for the life that I have taken. It is a shame that Dr. Lindsey did what she did, and I bet she regrets her past actions, especially posting what she posted on Face book. Should she lose her job over it? That, is her employer's decision. Should she lose her Veterinary license over it? I don't think so. I don't even think that it should have ever reached the TBVE. So as we go into this year's hunting, trapping, and even fishing seasons, **THINK BEFORE YOU POST**, you never know how many people will really see what you put up, and how they, or your employer, will react to it.

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

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM
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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Boots, the unsung heroes of your equipment

When thinking about hunting gear, one often overlooked, yet vitally important item on your checklist should be boots. Sure, all hunters have them, but sometimes not enough importance is placed on them.

A good pair of hunting boots is as important as the bow you shoot or the ammunition you use. But in reality, a pair is not enough.

A prepared hunter will have a few pairs. For deer hunting here in the Midwest for example, knee-high scent free boots are the norm. Make sure they are of an ankle-fit design for the best in comfort and mobility. If you are a multiple-season deer hunter, then you also know that depending on whether you are bowhunting in October or Muzzleloader hunting in late December that the temperatures can vary tremendously. For this reason, one pair won't cut it. I use the AlphaBurly or AeroHead boots from LaCrosse Footwear for all of my deer hunting and I have them in pairs ranging from uninsulated to heavily insulated to ensure that I am covered regardless of what the temperature may be. My uninsulated pair also serve me quite well during the spring turkey season.

When upland bird hunting or elk hunting in the mountains, per say, a different type of boot is needed altogether. The amount of walking or uneven terrain call for more of a hiking type boot.

On a recent elk hunt in the Colorado Rockies, I chose Danner boots for my son and me to wear. I sported the new Gila's while Nick already had a pair of their Steadfast boots.

Believe me, you may think you have a pair of boots broken in, but until you traverse the mountains for a week, you never really do. The constant shifting, climbing and descending will let you know really quickly if the boots you are wearing cut the mustard. And trust me, coming down off the mountain is not any easier than scaling up it.

Luckily for us, our decision to wear quality boots didn't fail us. Nick had had his for a while so his were already pretty well broken in. Mine, on the other hand, were fairly new and I had only had a month or so to do my best to break them in. Turns out I had nothing to worry about. As is the case with many of today's quality boots, my Gila's provided



Top Photo: Knee-high rubber type boots Like the Lacrosse AlphaBurly series are perfect for deer and turkey hunting. They come in ranges of insulation so a couple of pairs will get you through most seasons. Bottom Photo: When in mountainous or upland terrain where you will be doing a lot of walking, a hiking type boot is best. The author loves his Danner Gila's, pictured here. (Author Photos)

plenty of support in the grueling conditions and gave me no blisters to slow me down.

If hunting in the south, snake boots should be in your line-up as well.

If you are a multi-season or multi-species hunter, having one pair of hunting boots to try cover all of your hunting endeavors just doesn't make sense – and it can even be painful. Do yourself – and your feet - a favor and have enough pairs to adequately cover the temperatures and terrain you will be in.

Just as importantly, do not buy cheap boots! There are some things you can get away with skimping on, but your boots should never be one of them. The better you take care of your feet, the better of a hunter you will be. Period. Keeping your feet dry, warm, comfortable and injury free will do more to improve your hunting than just about anything else you do, so protect them!

I have loosened up on badgering my wife about the dozens of pairs of shoes that she has since I also have my share of boots, and she doesn't badger me about them. They keep me out of the house longer!

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by Glenn Kelsey

Connect Yourself To Hunter Safety in the Woods

As we are planning for the 2015 Fall Deer Hunting Season we get all excited about the idea of meeting with our buddies and heading out to the woods to scout the new or old hunting grounds. To set trail cameras look, for deer sign and try to decide on that perfect ambush spot. With the September evidence of a buck rubbing a tree to scrape off his velvet antler cover, then we can at least realize that there are buck deer in that area. After looking a little deeper you may find deer droppings along the trails and possibly a bedding area on a nearby hillside or thicket of honeysuckle. Now you have zeroed in on that area that looks pretty darn good.

All you have to do now is select a tree that you can install your tree stand. There are several types of stands of choice:

SAFTY NOTE: ALWAYS USE A SAFTY RESTRAINT LINE and HARNESS / BELT ASSEMBLY. BEFORE CLIMBING or LEAVING THE GROUND. HAVE A BUDDY ASSIST YOU WHEN INSTALLING YOUR STAND.

1. Strap-On Stand w/climbing sticks w/a hang-on stand platform.

These stick ladders are made of metal and 4' strap n stack-on sections to a straight pole tree. Usually 12-16 feet are the best heights. Some cases you may need one more or less 4' section to achieve your desired height depending on the grade of forest floor. After installing your steps, I use a pulley or strap-on step act as a pull up anchor point for my rope assembly. Then pull up my stand platform to the position for final strap on and placement.

2. Self-Climber Stand w/top and base attaches to your feet.

These stands take some practice getting use to before you go into the hunting zone. All of these stands usually issue a demo disc for safe operation. Review it to become familiar with your new tree stand before heading out to hunt. Several types of trees work better for climbing stands. It's all about the bark type and straightness of the pole tree.

Try to pick a tree 6-12" in diameter so the strapping at base of tree is simple. Place your stand base (outer) with a slight upward-level to allow for the tree base thickness / as you rise usually becomes a bit smaller. This will level out the base as you climb. Don't go any higher then you feel comfortable. Avoid loose or shag bark trees.

NOTE: The higher you get the harder angle you have for a vital bow shot. 12-18' is my usual

height. That depends on my branch obstacles as I leave the ground level.

3. Ladder Stand w/ this attaches to the tree as a pre-set 15' perch.

The store bought ladder stands are great for sneaking in the woods for a quick, quiet, effortless hunt. These stands have to be placed in a tree choice prior to the hunt. I like a cedar grove tree, bushy tree in a cluster of others that give you better concealment. Osage orange or Hedge Apple trees work well too. The deer usually will not notice a hunter in these type of surroundings unless they SMELL YOU. These stands are easy but, your closer to the deer trail level. Follow the MFG. Instructions on setting / installation of these stands. **DO NOT TRY TO INSTALL BY YOURSELF.**

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Range Finder on MAPPING

On your maps you can go to the base of the screen (L) and click Ruler

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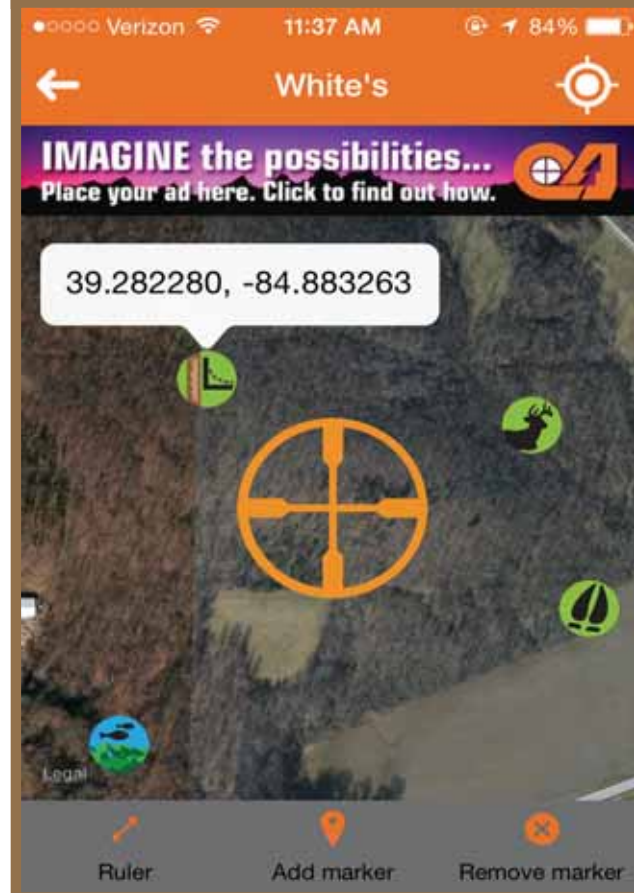
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Red Ribbon Week

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Jeff Mathews, retired Navy Submariner, father and grandfather from Liberty got up to the podium and asked ten students to get up on the stage with him. He lined them up behind him. He looked out at the students and told about his children and grand children how he loved them. How he enjoyed seeing and being with them just liked being with the students that day. He talked about the students sitting in front of him, how soon they would be bullied into doing things they shouldn't do. Every now and then he would instruct the students standing behind him to lie down. Soon there was five students standing and five laying down. He turned around and pointed to those lying down, he said something like, they are dead. That's how serious drugs are, don't be bullied into taking drugs. (See photo on page 9).

Conservation Officer Corey Norrod got up on the podium and talked to the students about his job being a K-9 Handler and his K-9 fellow officer "Libby" who was trained to find objects, drugs and take down the bad guy. He asked all the students in an orderly fashion to get up and go out the big door at the back of the room. He would be showing them how Officer Libby and he performed their duty. He let Libby run around a little bit as all the students lined up, then he got down to business giving her a command to find. Libby sniffed out a handgun. Corey then talked to the students and asked them to go back inside the building. I asked Officer Norrod if Libby had a badge, he said yes showing it to me. It was neatly attached to its collar. (See photo on page 9)

Conservation Officer Travis Stewart got on the stage to talk to the students about safety riding on off-road vehicles. He had real-life issues showing them video's of mishandling atv's and accidents as a result. You could hear the students react to the more serious accidents. Travis told them about an atv that had run under the back of a pickup truck. Then he asked for a student to get up on the stage, he used him to run through a series of questions and answers about safety equipment, use and size of atv's. He had several students tell him the size of the atv's they rode at home. He told all of them their atv was to powerful for them. At their age they all needed smaller cc motors. Later one of the students asked what happened to the person on the atv that hit the pickup truck. Travis told them he had died. You could have heard a pin drop. He added that's how serious it is to operate your atv incorrectly. (A personal story, I had a friend whose son was riding his atv in the back yard of their home alone, no one was home. The boy flipped the atv which landed on top of him, suffocating him to

death. I heard the report on the radio. I felt sad afterwards. Thats how serious it is too.)

Next all the students were asked to go out into the parking lot and take their positions to form the human bright red ribbon. Someone told me there was going to be a photo taken from a drone. I asked who, where, they pointed over there. I saw a guy standing at the corner of the building holding what looked like an iPad. As I got closer I said hi Richard. It was Richard Pruitt who works at Woodruff's Supermarket, he was operating the drone. It was on the ground, then it was soaring above. I watched in awe as he positioned it above the parking lot. I asked him if he could send me a copy. See page 8 for the photo he sent me and also there is one on the cover. (See drone pic on page 8)

I had to leave shortly thereafter to work on the November Gad-a-bout. I e-mailed Alvin Day for information on others that were involved with the program that day. They were Butler County Sheriff Tim Andrews, Excise Police Officer Adam Crider, College Corner Fireman Don Jackson and Shaun Johnson. Guardsmen Lennon, Taylor and Jones from Connersville were there too. ■

Visit Fayette County, Indiana

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While you're in town, plan to join us for Winterfest, November 21st in downtown Connersville. Santa will be there, along with carolers, trolley rides, and tours of the Courthouse murals and Canal House. The merchants will be there to welcome you, as well. The train goes to Metamora, but the trip begins and ends at Connersville! For more information, call (765) 825-1523, email us at unfo@tourconnersville.com. You can also visit us online at www.toursonnersville.com or on the Tour Connersville Facebook page. ■

Grissom Air Museum Part 2

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In May of 1959 the 305th Bomb Group with B-47 arrived. On May 12, 1968 Bunker Hill Air Force Base was renamed Grissom Air Force Base in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, a native of Mitchell, IN, who was killed in a fire that took his life in an Apollo capsule at Cape Kennedy, FL.

On January 1, 1970, the 305th Bomb Group was replaced by the 305th Air Refueling Wing and Grissom became one of the largest bases in the United States. On October 1, 1994 the 305th Air Refueling Wing was deactivated for the final time. Grissom Air Force Base was renamed Grissom Air Reserve Base on October 1, 1994 home of the 434th Air Refueling Wing and one of four Air Reserve Command Bases in the nation.

The story of the 305th did not end October 1, 1994, it will be carried on long after the last Veteran who served in it passes. The written word honors all the brave men and women who serve and served their country honorably throughout the history of our great nation.

In 2007 I accidentally found www.Rushden.org while surfing the internet for information on RAF Chelveston. I had been thinking about England and Chelveston, remembering back when I was stationed there, just reminiscing about the past. Well that website was put together by a man and his wife who was also stationed at RAF Chelveston and it was about

the base and their friends and acquaintances. On the website they had a message page for former Airmen to leave a message about themselves in hopes of finding former buddies and maybe meet some new friends along the way.

I posted a message and through time found 3 former friends who were at RAF Chelveston when I was there. Jim Eubank and his wife Brenda who live in Richmond, KY now. Jack Petruska and his wife Patsy who live in Iron, MN and Howard Ragan who lives in Beaverton, OR. I found others who were stationed at Chelveston the same time, but we didn't know each other back then. Bob and Cathy DeCesare who live in Austin, TX (met them in April 2014 in Austin), Henry "Hank" Howard who lives in Vallejo, CA, Air Policeman Walter Stolpa and I saw one another on a C-47 searching for a downed B-66 that went down in the North Sea, but didn't know each other at the time. We and others had volunteered to fly on the search plane out over the North Sea. There's been others I've found, but have since forgotten. I occasionally read messages on that website, but haven't found anyone lately. I'm on another website for RAF Alconbury, but haven't found anyone on it I knew. I didn't want to leave RAF Chelveston and finally did reluctantly. I spent just about every weekend back at Chelveston until rotating state side. I had a 1956 Ford Popular that an Air Force friend, Airman Olein J. Fritz helped me keep running. Fritz and I got together after coming back to the states for a long time, but have since lost touch.

The older we get the more we miss seeing friends we've known here and abroad knowing we will never see them again. But happy to have known them and as long as the memory pictures them in the mind they will live forever..... ■

Alaskans Cathe, Scott & Chase Visit Centerville

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bow trout hang around eating salmon eggs and salmon flesh. They get really big and you can catch them on a fly, like a pink bunny or a egg sucking leech (looks like a salmon egg with a leech attached to it).

He added, "We catch and release the rainbow."

I asked if they ever went up in the hills or mountains to fish?

Chase replied, "no we don't fish below the mountains, we never go up in the mountains.

I added, "you got those big teddy bears up there too, don't you?"

Scott replied, "you have to keep your awareness level up, because where we fish on the little Susitna it flows through an area called Point Mackenzie, it is a well-known bear habitat. There are bears around. Bears don't want to be around us, we don't want to be near them, so often times you don't see them. If they can detect you or smell your presence in any way they will usually avoid that area. They are not interested in us, but the thing is if the wind is blowing at us that bear over there can't smell us, he can't see us, he might just walk right upon us without even knowing! So you do have to keep your awareness level up, it's not something you should be worried about that a bear is just going to walk out and maul you.

I added, "I think that many times if a problem arises, it's the human being that causes the problem." Scott replied, "absolutely."

I said, "sometimes when I watch on TV they show

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brown and grizzly bears catching salmon on the river."

Scott replied, "you mean salmon trying to jump the falls, Brooks River in western Alaska, it does happen. People do watch these bears do that. It is highly regulated to keep people from having bear encounters where it ends up badly for people.

Cathe added, "its a fantastic opportunity to see bears in the wild because they come there because of the fish and they're not interested in the people around as long as the people are respectful like Scott has been saying. A Ranger is there, they give you a talk about bear activity, if you encounter a bear on a trail. You back off, you're going to be talking and making noise so the bear knows where you are, they are not looking for an encounter and it's like you said, it is the human that causes most problems.

I asked, "is there a lot of lakes in Alaska?"

Cathe replied, "there's over a million lakes in Alaska."

I asked them if they ever did dog sledding? Cathe replied, "you mean mushing, no we never have done that."

I asked if anyone wanted to volunteer something, I had run out of questions.

Cathe asked, "what do you love about fishing Chase?"

Chase replied, "umm, when the fish strikes."

I added, "when the fish strikes?"

Chase replied, "yeah when the fish goes bam and hits it, it's like a split second reaction."

I asked Scott and Cathe to send me some photos of fish they all have caught. They said they would. See page 22 and 23, also the front page to see the photos they sent to me by e-mail.

I asked them if they liked living in Alaska and they all said, yes!

I told them I wanted to get a photo of them before I left so we all went outside to take the photo.

Before leaving I told them I really enjoyed talking with them, I learned a lot about Alaska I didn't know.

I said goodbye and wished them a safe trip back home to Alaska.



Hunter Hawkins took this spike buck on 9-26-15 in the Youth Season. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Alexis Tucker took this 12 pt, 175 lb. buck on 9-26-15 in the youth season. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)

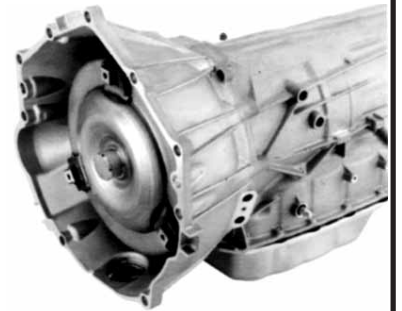


Mike Lemen, owner of C&T Cycles in Scottsburg took this 386 lb. bear in NW Ontario in August 2015 with a 50 cal. Muzzleloader. Of 3 bears he's taken it's his biggest. so far.



Cody Case with his Kentucky 8 point. buck taken 10-10-15 on his friend Jessies' Farm. (Photo submitted by Alex Case from Greensburg, IN)

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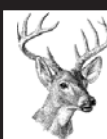
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Joseph Brinson took this 8 point, 145 lb. buck on October 17, 2015. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Wyatt Case from Greensburg, Indiana with the Pronghorn Antelope he took in Wyoming on 10-6-15. Submitted by Alex Case.



Jacob Strange took this 7 point buck on 9-26-15 during the youth deer season. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



This is my nephew and Luke's cousin, Cooper Horstman, who also lives in Oldenburg. This was cooper's first attempt at deer hunting. He took this nice doe at about 40 yds with a Ruger 357 rifle. It was taken on 9-26-15, an evening hunt. He made a great double lung shot and the deer went 50 yds and expired. He was hunting with his grandpa Butch Nunlist on a family farm in Franklin county. So proud of both boys. Submitted by Jim Czerniak.

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Raymond Hoke from Liberty, IN. took this buck in Fayette County on private land with a crossbow on 10-2-15. It weighed 178 lbs at Frames Outdoor, field dressed. He has a wide rack with 8 points, 11 if all are counted. I would enjoy seeing it in Gad's Corner.

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